

Holy Cross Melville



Annual Report 2016 – 2017

Annual Meeting of Enrolled Members
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Anglican Church of the Holy Cross
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Locum Priest's Report

Greetings my brothers and sisters and fellow disciples of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Firstly I would like to thank so very much for your welcome of myself, Sue and her mother, Olive, in the parish. Your love and prayers have been felt and received with thanks.

Each year as I have prepared annual reports the Scripture that continues to come to the fore is from Luke as we continue our life of formation as Disciples of Christ. Jesus opened the scroll of Isaiah and read; *"He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.""* (Luke 4.16-19). Then in the power of the Holy Spirit he started his ministry in the world. Today we consider that which bring us closer to that ministry. We do this as we come to worship God and listen and heed the word of the Scriptures.

Our Worship of God

The great and first commandment reminds us of our call to worship. *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength."* (Matthew 22:37) In preparation to come before God to give him his worth we start with a time of quiet as we place the world outside and bring God to our inner presence.

On Good Friday we came together to reflect on the cross and what the death of Christ means to us. In celebration of the risen Christ and the Easter Services it was been heart-warming to hear the positive comments about how the service assisted those attending to feel they have experienced Easter. To start the Easter Triduum we had a Passover Service and foot washing and Stripping of the altar. The numbers attending Good Friday continue to baffle me on why some members of the church do not see the importance on this most holy day. The family service on Christmas Eve was a wonderful start to the celebration of the birth of Christ. Claire your leadership in the drama was very, very good.

The Rector and Liturgical Pastoral Ministers and Liturgical Assistants endeavour to minister in reverent way. Thanks go to Jill Bowman, Beryl Shooter, Adele Arnold and Jacqueline “JJ” Charlton for your faithful service in the sanctuary. Also thanks to David Joachim for assisting with the Cup of Intinction.

Thank you to Emma Charlton along with Jacqueline and Audrey for the Sunday church for the children. This is such a vital ministry that builds a firm foundation for the ongoing Christian growth of our young people. Children in worship are a blessing for us all and we remember how Jesus welcomed children in the gospel.

Thanks to Carol, Sheri, Beryl, Jacqueline and Ida who each week ensure the linen is clean and the sanctuary is ready for worship.

The use of the Data Projector is integral to our worship .Thank you to Peter and Michael for producing the service each week. Thanks go to Peter Bowman who makes liturgy changes and ensures there are adequate service books for the Sanctuary. This is a huge task when changes are made and peter does without complaint.

The "Welcomers" have an important role in the church. For taking time out of your worship to welcome our community into church I give you special thanks Alice.

To the readers, Pat, David, Jill, Beryl, Norma and Jacqueline thank you for the great work you do. For the intercessors, Beryl and Jill thank you for the thoughtfulness and compassion you put into this ministry.

The ladies who prepare and place flowers at the altar for Sundays and special services I truly appreciate your ministry as flowers add so much to the sanctuary. A special thanks to Adele for her beautiful decoration of the Paschal candle.

Each alternate week Beryl takes Holy Communion to Aegis and Opal who are living in these retirement villages. This is an important ministry and thank you Beryl for continuing it. Thank you to Jill for being a reserve as required.

At Christmas and Easter the foyer and front of the church are decorated to announce the good news of Christ. Thank you everyone who is involved in the visual pictures as we enter the church to remind everyone of the season into which we are entering.

Prayer is a vital part of the life of the church. We get to know God as we pray because all other thoughts of the world diminish and our relationship with God increases. It is encouraging to hear how many people start their day seeking God in prayer. I especially encourage everyone to pray before meeting with people to ask God through his Holy Spirit to give the words encouragement.

Jill leads a time of prayer and reflection prior to Mainly Music. It is sometimes difficult to sit prior to organising a ministry with so much to do, so it is a blessing that Jill leads the team and others in this ministry.

“Jesus opened the minds of the people with him about the scriptures” (Luke 24:45). They said to each other, *“Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?”* (Luke 24:31). Prayer and Scripture is the basis of our Christian growth. We do this by reading the Scriptures word and listen to what it is being said through the Word. It important to study the Scriptures and attending to reading the Bible as regular as possible. Thanks to Pat who leads us in studying the Psalms on a Tuesday morning. His insight into the Scriptures is a wonderful testament of his love of God. I encourage all members of our church to become more fully involved in Worship; Bible Studies and Prayer as we continue to learn about proclaiming the Good News of Christ without fear.

This year we used the “Little Book of Advent to prepare us for Christmas and “Spare Minute” for our Lenten journey to Easter. Thank you everyone who participated and shared openly your thoughts. Thank you to Marlene for your hospitality on Thursday nights.

We especially give thanks to Beryl who after many years has decided the Order of St Luke is not to continue. The healing ministry is so important and Beryl is now on Sunday mornings standing at the rear of church for prayer and anointing of anyone who has a need for healing. Thank you Beryl for such a long time of dedicated leadership to the Order of St Luke’s service. On May 28th we held a celebration service honouring that ministry.

Thank you to all the people who bring those who cannot drive to worship on Sundays and to different parish events. It is such a significant thing to do to ensure everyone has the opportunity to attend worship and receive the word of God and the Sacrament

Going Out in Loving Service

As a church we constantly hear this word calling us to be in the world to bring the gospel in thought word and deed to those who do not know God or struggle in their lives. I am aware of so much of this happening quietly in our church in the name of Christ. We pray these people will continue to carry out this ministry but allow the people whom they assist that they know they do this because it is in the very nature and grace of God that draws them into this ministry. The church emergency response has left small parcels of food to help many people who are struggling on meagre income. The food you bring and is blessed at the altar each week helps so many people in putting food on their table for families.

The ministry in bringing those at home out for morning tea is a wonderful imitative by Jill and friends and will continue to grow. Thank you Jill for organising this ministry and those who help.

The ministry of picnics held after the Children's Sunday church is a wonderful idea where parent after church have a picnic and games bringing them as a wider family together. Every week someone tells me of a story where they have been in pastoral and caring ministry. This ministry is growing in our church and is important part of our life and hopes for those who need God in their lives.

These stories of ministry are some of so many more in our church community as we connect with our wider community. We do this because of our love of Christ and because this love is empowered by the Holy Spirit to go out into the world to do the works prepared in advance for us. From the first letter of John *"But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth."* (1 John 3.17).

We are called not only to not withhold material goods from the needy but to also bring compassion. Can God's love be said to remain in us who can spare those in need not even the gift of human concern? Love is action that embodies truth.

We are to be like the seventy two, being Disciples of Christ and going out into the world to do the works we are called to without "fanfare", quietly being Christians in our community as joyful members of the kingdom of God. This ministry is what Jesus says in the second part of the great commandment "*You shall love your neighbour as yourself.*" Or as I think of what Jesus said to his disciples "*love one another as I have loved you, so you must love one another*" (John 13:34) that great call to seek in love the face of the other.

As we journeying together at Holy Cross it is important that we lift our eyes into the community to see where we can be ministers and God's love to those outside of our church.

Kids plus continues and thanks to Lynne for your leadership, for Claire, Elizabeth, Georgia, Jill who all come and assist wherever possible. They all are wonderful people and caring for the children. The work Lynne puts in each week is amazing and designed to offer the best.

Thanks to Jill and team who arrange Mainly music each week. This is a very important foundation ministry in helping young people to know God in songs and dance and then the fellowship after. Thank you to Betty, Sheri, Jenny, Alice, Carol, Adele, Margaret, Ida, Pat, Yvonne and Judith for your ministry on the morning. And thanks must go to Peter who moves the chairs for the morning and then returns them for worship.

Thanks to Claire Tebbutt for accepting the ministry position of Youth Leader. We pray this ministry will grow and that young people come to know a loving god through your care Claire.

In response to the royal commission on response to the institution to child sex abuse we have held the first of our seminars to parents in the community. Thanks to Jill Bowman for arranging donations from City of Melville and the Diocese of Perth. This seminar was very popular and it is hoped the second one in the near future will provide for even more members of our community. Thank you everyone who helped on the afternoon preparing, serving and cleaning up.

The Friday night happy hours are declining in numbers from when I first arrived. These are an important get together in a social setting and for those organising the night it is not helpful when few people respond.

Being Together In Our Community (In)

This year in my tenure with year we had the great event of celebrating 60 years in the life of the parish. It was a terrific night and everyone who prepared and planned for the night, those who helped on the night, the people who donated to the evening goods and money it is all very much appreciated. The night itself was a great festival of joy and love being given from within the parish to all who came for the evening. A grand gala evening to celebrate this special anniversary.

There is the ministry within our church that keeps our church working effectively to go into the world. We give praise and thanks to God for the following who are involved in internal ministry:

- a. Our warden Jill Bowman for her ongoing faithful work to ensure the Parish is healthy and a safe place for people who come to worship God. Jill continues to develop a spirit of unity in the parish and ensure all matters raised by parishioners are dealt with. The onerous requirements of the diocese on Wardens are enormous and Jill handles it with assurance.
- b. The Parish Council who come together monthly. Thanks to the team Pat, David J, David D, Emma, Sue and Sheri. They have been open in discussion and seek God's way in the important decisions that face Council every month of the year. During the year they have been heavily involved in planning and implementing the new works carried out in the parish as well as the ongoing mission within the parish.
- c. A special thanks to Peter Bowman who has the responsibility of managing the revenue and expenditure each year and present realistic budgets for the annual meeting approval. Peter presents accurate reports each month to Council so we are able to make confident decisions on expenditure that allow Council to maintain our assets.
- d. Thank you to Betty and Beryl for making our Palm Sunday crosses.
- e. Thank you for Betty, the President of Mothers' Union and office bearers. The ministry built on the vision of the international union and caring, preparing and nurturing mothers for their role in society today.
- f. Thanks to Peter for preparing the monthly newsletter and printing of it.

g. For those who commit to morning tea each week; Joy, Sue, Hazel, Michael, Adele, Pat, Sheri. A special thanks to Michael who sets the hall area for morning tea each week. It is a ministry that could do with a lot more people in our parish placing themselves on the roster. Thank you to those who come and help in the kitchen ministry for special services. You are appreciated so much.

In reflecting on the above work within and outside of our church it is apparent there is much more. My apologies to anyone who has not been thanked above and have been involved in ministry.

The future

Our relationship with God has to be our main concern as a disciple of Christ. It is a vital part of our salvation journey. In coming to know God we also respond to our ministry as disciples sowing the seed (the Word of the Kingdom) drawing all people through Our Lord Jesus Christ to the father. "We are not be boats moored in a harbour" Oswald Chambers writes. We are not to spend our time in the smooth waters in the harbour, full of delight, but always moored. You have to go out through the harbour bar into the great deeps of God and begin to know for yourself, begin to have spiritual discernment. When you know you should do a thing, and do it, immediately you know more.... It is a dangerous thing to refuse to go on knowing... God wants you to be something you have never been."

A greater commitment to be involved in evangelism; drawing people into the kingdom of God is an area we need to focus on in the coming years. We all are called to use our gifts to go into the world and bring the good news of Christ in truth and action. When we think of the seventy two going out; then with more than that number and in the power of the Holy Spirit we have everything to change lives and build God's kingdom in our community. The ministry of looking to the other, honouring them, bringing peace, love and hope in the lives of those who come and participate is so vital in bringing the kingdom of God to those with whom we meet. The harvest is plentiful, and we have sufficient disciples to change the environment around us. The first disciples went out into the unknown under the power of God's spirit and brought many people to salvation. They took the step into the unknown and so are we called to do the same.

A passage I continue to encourage myself with and to encourage you as we move deeper into ministry "*Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord God, my God is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you until all the work for the service of the temple of the Lord is finished.*" (1 Chr 28:20).

God wants us to move forward to ensure "*the works he has prepared in advance for us to do.*" (Eph 2:10) are completed. As you have been drawn closer to God and are becoming more aware of your discipleship I continue to pray you will have the confidence and trust in the omnipotent God and the Holy Spirit to strengthen you and lead you into new ministry in the coming year.

Also I urge us to remember and live our lives in the last words of the poem from Hopkins:

“... they recognised him as a man so fully from God that the followers of Jesus had to change their ideas about God. God had now shown his face in the person of Jesus, and shown it so vividly that all their notions of God had to be widened to include their experience of Jesus.”

Finally, again, thank you for your support through this last year. My time at the parish is currently until 28th August and then God will determine what happens next. I will endeavour to faithfully serve you in the pattern of Christ, to be the Lord's messenger proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ and be your shepherd loving and serving you to the best of my ability.

Finally, I give a special thanks to my wife Susan. Full of the Holy Spirit she has been constantly by my side as my guide and my help. I really appreciate her support, advice and love.

The Lord be with you

Revd. Graeme
Priest in Charge
23 May 2017

Wardens' Report

Wardens Report 2017

The Perth Diocesan Trustees (PDT) recently commissioned a review of the Diocesan Property Department and how all parish properties are being managed. The review was all encompassing covering rectories, churches, halls and other parish buildings across the Diocese. As a result, PDT have decided to commission Mesh Assets Pty Ltd (MA) as the Diocesan Asset Managers for parish property. They will undertake on behalf of the Diocese most of the functions currently carried out by the Diocesan Office Property area that has now been downsized.

The parish will now be supported by professional property managers who will provide an all-encompassing asset management service including, but not limited to, the following functions:

1. Provide a single point of contact for all property matters relating to parish property, providing general property advice and assistance to Parish Wardens as required.
2. Inspect each property a minimum of once every two years, to identify and report through a centralised database on:
 - a. Occupational, Health and Safety (OH&S) issues and compliance;
 - b. Any obvious and necessary repair and maintenance works required;
 - c. Determine suitability of improvements for their current and ongoing use and occupation; and
 - d. Any other relevant property information.
3. The initial inspection where possible, will be conducted with an approved electrical contractor who can then certify the compliance of each property from an Australian Standards perspective.

4. Working with Parish Wardens to:
 - a. coordinate all repairs and maintenance works required with these being undertaken by trades selected from a pre-approved qualified trade base ensuring appropriate accredited and insurance being in place;
 - b. provide general property advice and assistance to Parish Wardens as required.
5. Co-ordination of all insurance claims.
6. Maintenance of a property database, assessable by the parish that will retain all relevant information relating to properties and will simplify the way parishes render annual returns by simply printing and checking before submitting. MA will continue to update and advance the centralised database system that will also be utilised to log any OH & S issues identified, any rectification works completed and the diarising of the future certification dates, programmed maintenance requirements and any other ongoing property matters applicable. The database will also provide approved contractors' details so that individual parishes can co-ordinate necessary maintenance works as and when required.
7. Provide Property Management services for any property currently leased (formally & informally)

The warden is working through these changes and has found Mesh Assets to be helpful. Our building, on inspection, rated well with only a few repairs needed. It is worth noting we had already identified the repairs. We applied and received a maintenance grant from the Diocese of \$2,000 to contribute to the work which includes, lopping of trees at the rear of the church, repairs to barge boards and facias, gutter cleaning, pest inspection and ant treatment as well as maintenance of fire extinguisher, exit and safety lights and testing and tagging of all electrical devices. This work will be undertaken during the month of June 2017.

We can continue to use our contractors for the grounds and cleaning. Both contractors continue to keep the interior and grounds looking good.

It remains to be seen if this new system will be helpful to small parishes such as ours.

Thanks to those who continue to prune the roses and maintain the garden beds however, we need more volunteers to assist with these jobs. If you see a job that needs doing in the garden please just do it, the warden will not mind!

If you notice any small cleaning jobs that need doing please just clean as any assistance that can be offered in these areas would be greatly appreciated.

God has blessed us in so many ways maintaining the church building is a small way we can give thanks to the Good Lord.

Jill Bowman
Warden

The Way Forward (Fresh Expressions)

The parish council is continuing to work on plans to grow the kingdom in down town Melville. Revd. Graeme Varvell has been a great support and has encouraged the plans. We are still in discussions with Revd. Alison Gilchrist and with Gods help, we will.

Our challenge now is to keep moving forward, listen to the soft whisper of God to direct us while we wait to see his plans for Holy Cross. Please pray that the team can discern what God wants us to do at Holy Cross and ask what part you will play in it.

Jill B

Treasurer's Report

The Parish Council has been very careful stewards of the resources entrusted to them by the parishioners and I am pleased to report that the Parish recorded a surplus of \$9,081.85 for the financial year ending April 2017.

On the following pages I present to you a Statement of Assets and Liabilities which shows that at the 30th April 2017 the Parish's assets exceed its liabilities by \$44,035.43

I have prepared a budget for the coming financial year, 2017/2018. I have used historical information to estimate our income and our expenses for the year and in my opinion the Parish will run a small deficit of \$3,679. Whilst not the best outcome, it is one that the Parish has the assets to be able to afford.

In consideration of the Income shown in the budget, there are two distinct sections:

1. Our Giving: this part of the budget is the responsibility of all members of our parish, it is our commitment to fund to the ongoing mission and presence of Holy Cross in our community.
2. Other Income: from hiring of the facilities, fundraising etc. The responsibility for this income lies with the Parish Council to make sure that we are making the best use of the resources of our parish.

Peter Bowman
Treasurer

Statement of Assets & Liabilities

| | As at 30/04/2017 | As at 30/04/2016 |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Assets | \$ | \$ |
| Cheque Account | 17,341.16 | 10,122.08 |
| Building Fund | 2,541.34 | 2,507.30 |
| Term Deposit | 21,093.51 | 20,635.79 |
| Rectory Trust Account | 1,190.85 | 1,174.90 |
| Undeposited Funds | 3,251.60 | 50.00 |
| Total Assets | 45,418.46 | 34,490.07 |
| Liabilities | | |
| GST | 412.03 | 263.95 |
| City of Melville (Grant) ¹ | 1,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Synod Assessment | -2,619.80 | 0.00 |
| Stipend ¹ | 2,590.80 | -2,000.00 |
| Sundries | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Total Liabilities | 1,383.03 | -1,736.05 |
| Nett Assets | 44,035.43 | 36,226.12 |

Note

1. This grant is from the City of Melville and has been given for the specific purpose of funding the Protective Behaviours Course and as at 30th April 2017 had not been spent.

Income

| | budget 2017-2018 | actual 2016-2017 | actual 2015-2016 |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Income | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Giving | 33,444 | 34,523.60 | 40,177.70 |
| Anglican Messenger | 0 | 18.00 | 111.30 |
| Funerals & Weddings | 1,400 | 2,486.36 | 200.00 |
| Fund Raising | 4,000 | 4,529.15 | 5,900.72 |
| Hall Hire | 9,886 | 10,906.36 | 10,054.56 |
| Tennis Court Hire | 4,770 | 4,253.88 | 5,079.91 |
| Children's Programs | 4,655 | 4,589.15 | 5,287.00 |
| Various / Miscellaneous | 0 | 621.82 | 0 |
| Adjustments & Roundings | 0 | 0.00 | 0.15 |
| Total Income | 58,155 | 61,928.32 | 66,811.34 |
| Other Income | | | |
| Grants | 0 | 0.00 | 3,053.76 |
| Interest Earned | 660 | 604.71 | 873.94 |
| Total Other Income | 660 | 604.71 | 3891.70 |
| GROSS INCOME | 59,093 | 62,533.03 | 70,703.04 |

Expenses

| | Forecast budget 2017-2018 | actual 2016-017 | actual 2015-2016 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Expenses | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Clergy | 30,753 | 21,801.55 | 16,552.52 |
| Synod Assessment | 6,460 | 5,473.49 | 9,059.50 |
| Anglican Messenger | 264 | 238.30 | 302.90 |
| Advertising | 240 | 60.80 | 0.00 |
| Church Stores | 300 | 230.14 | 219.82 |
| Cleaning | 3,666 | 3,666.00 | 3,918.00 |
| Donations | 600 | 420.00 | 450.00 |
| Equipment Purchases | 240 | 2,647.73 | 229.00 |
| Fund Raising | 400 | 804.06 | 640.13 |
| Insurance | 2,000 | 1,795.39 | 1,621.44 |
| Internet | 850 | 684.38 | 590.88 |
| Children's Programs | 1,291 | 1,276.64 | 1,561.99 |
| Licences & Copyright | 600 | 440.56 | 707.59 |
| Maintenance | 6,000 | 5,801.06 | 3,904.77 |
| Morning Teas/Kitchen | 510 | 439.41 | 580.01 |
| Photocopier | 900 | 596.22 | 754.33 |
| Postage/Printing/Stationary | 0 | 0 | 95.54 |
| Security | 240 | 135.45 | 0.00 |
| Sundry Expenses | 240 | 1,377.60 | 130.55 |
| Synod Expenses | 500 | 491.06 | 390.00 |
| Training & Education | 720 | 214.00 | 0.00 |
| Utilities & Rates | 5,720 | 4,857.34 | 4880.49 |
| Total Expenses | 62,494 | 53,451.18 | 46,589.46 |
| Surplus/(Shortfall) | -3,679 | 9,081.85 | 24,113.58 |

Independent Examiner's Report

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

TO THE PARISHIONERS OF THE WORSHIPPING COMMUNITIES OF HOLY CROSS MELVILLE

SCOPE

I have examined the special purpose financial report of the Worshipping Community comprising a Receipts and Payments account for the year ended 30 April 2017 and Statement of Cash Balances at 30 April 2017. The Parish Council is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report and the information therein and has determined that the basis of accounting used is appropriate to the needs of the parishioners. I have conducted an independent examination of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the parishioners. No opinion is expressed as to whether the basis of accounting used is appropriate to the needs of the parishioners.

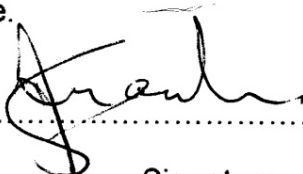
My examination has been conducted to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of any material misstatement. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the cash basis of accounting whereby revenue is recorded when it is received, expenses are recorded when they are paid, and no assets or liabilities, other than cash and bank balances, are recorded. Accounting Standards and other professional reporting requirements are not applicable to the cash basis of accounting adopted by the Worshipping Community.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to parishioners for the purpose of fulfilling the Parish Council's financial reporting requirements in terms of the Order of Worshipping Communities Statute of the Anglican Diocese of Perth. I disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

The opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

EXAMINATION OPINION

In my opinion, the financial report presents fairly in accordance with the cash basis of accounting, as described above, the receipts and payments of the Worshipping Community for the year ended 30 April 2017 and its cash and bank balances as at that date.


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Signature

14-6-2017
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Date

DAVID SAUNDERS
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Full Name

Bible Study Group

The Bible Study Group, at times numbering eight attendees, have met at the Church every two weeks on a Tuesday morning.

We use the Life Guide Study Books, our main theme this year has been the 23rd Psalm which we have just completed. We have also taken part in the Lenten Studies.

We have also had the privilege of having the regular attendance of our Locum, Revd. Graham Varvell, whose experience is priceless.

Our meetings give us the opportunity of informally discussing subject matter followed by morning tea, a time of about an hour and a half.

Our next Study will be Parables and we invite new members to join us. If you can only attend on certain times, let us know and we will try to accommodate you.

MAKE THE EFFORT, YOU WILL ENJOY IT.

Pat Tebbutt

Children's Ministry

Melville Kids plus+

Lynne Holmes has been doing a wonderful job at Kidsplus. Her program is second to none and the kids love her. The numbers have been steady at about 10 children per session however due to ill health Lynne is currently taking a break. So for the first time in quite a few years we have not had kidsplus this term. We are not sure what will happen next term. We need help so if you know of anyone who might like to take on Kidplus please let us know.

Jill B

Mainly Music

Mainly Music continues, supported by a fabulous team although the year has seen a few of us struggling with health issues. Numbers have been a little lower this year and we need extra volunteers – if you or you know someone who might enjoy working with us please send them our way or just come and join us. We continue to see the families bring their new babies and wave goodbye to the babies who have grown before our eyes and are heading to kiddie or school. Several of the families are now bringing their 3rd child to mainly music. Our prayer is that as we sew may the Good Lord Reap. Thanks to all the team for the love and support offered to the families.

Jill B

Sunday Club Report

We have the Children's Ministry / Sunday school gathering 1st Sunday of the month at the Holy Communion Service at 9.00am.

Our current attendance varies slightly, but mainly involves on average 6 to 10 children per session (aged 6 & above), with 2-4 infants.

This has been a vital learning opportunity to the children of the parish to discuss not only aspects of the bible, but how it relates to our every day life within our family, school and community.

They learn about the teachings of Jesus, how to develop a loving and close relationship with Jesus and God, and how to apply Christian values in our thinking, whether we are interacting with others, or whether we are dealing with situations on our own.

Activities, in general, involve re-enactments of passages from the bible, which is later followed by an art activity relative to that Sunday's sermon. Any time remaining is spent playing games in the Church Hall.

In preparation, a lesson plan is constructed, and we follow a set strategy when conducting the classes with an attempt to involve all the children (regardless of their age group) in the activities at the same time, with much assistance from my colleague, Sheree McCarthy.

The children are then brought back into the parish for Communion with their family, and attempt to sing parts of the Thanksgiving, if relevant, using improvised "choir" sheets. One young parishioner is now using the church organ to provide music during this, and latter parts, of the Service.

As evident in other parishes with the closure of children's Sunday programmes, the survival of the church becomes a point of discussion. Families will seek churches that provide an environment for their children to learn about God relative to their age. We are blessed with the opportunity of welcoming young people from neighbouring parishes that have lost their Sunday School, but are now attending the Holy Cross on the 1st Sunday to be included in our Family Service.

Emma Charlton
Sunday School Teacher

Youth

We are blessed to have Claire Tebbut take on the challenge of walking alongside the youth. Late last year a small group formed and has been meeting under Claire's leadership. Plans are still developing. The group is very dynamic, what they lack in numbers they make up in enthusiasm. They are currently meeting every second week. We are looking for opportunities for Claire to grow and develop her skills. Several of the young people have financial challenges any support you can offer would be appreciated. It would be wonderful if we could set up a small financial assistance program to support the activities the youth undertake.

Please pray for Claire as she develops her ministry.

Jill B

Aged Care Services 2016-2017

Opal Aged Care

Holy Communion Services are conducted bimonthly on the first and third Monday. Other services include a Remembrance Service on 11th November 2016 and A Memorial Service on 29th May 2017.

The Christmas Service was conducted by Revd. G. Varvell.

The residents value these services and faithfully attend.

The staff are most welcoming and supportive.

Hospitalised residents have had pastoral care visits.

A funeral service for Mrs Pat Fitzgerald was held in Holy Cross Church on 27th June 2016, with ongoing follow up care.

Aegis Aged Care

During the past year, thanks to an Occupational Therapist's enthusiasm, bi-monthly services are now being conducted on the first and third Monday monthly. The residents value these services, which are now being held in the Occupational Therapy Room. Having the privacy of the OT room has proved to be much more satisfactory.

New Service booklets in large print will soon be in use.

Mrs Beryl Shooter
Lay Pastoral Minister

The Order of St Luke the Physician Perth, Melville Chapter

Perth Melville Chapter has seven members. Membership has not increased during the past year. Members have met for ten services and enjoyed the company of twenty five visitors.

Hospitality has been very much enjoyed and appreciated by members and visitors alike.

Vale

Mrs Val Collins has been a faithful OSL member for many years, who played the organ. Our lives are the richer for having known Val and her generous contribution to OSL. Val was called home to rest on 17th December 2017.

Mrs Betty Rushforth has continued to be a faithful member despite the challenge of ill health.

Mrs Hazel Dagg has been an efficient and supportive secretary, until her retirement in December 2016, due to ill health.

The chaplain has attended all State Executive Meetings, the State AGM in Bunbury, personal education days and delivered a presentation about the healing ministry to the ordinands on 19th October 2016, in Wollaston.

Acknowledgement Of The Following People :

- Hospitality of the Anglican Church of Holy Cross, Melville
- Secretary: Mrs Hazel Dagg until her retirement in December 2016 due to ill health
- Auditor: Mr Croft
- The support of all OSL members

Achievements

The Healing Ministry continues at the Church of The Holy Cross, Melville, following the Service weekly.

The chaplain has appreciated the faithful and prayerful support of members during her time as Chapter chaplain for the past seven years. It has been a time of challenge, spiritual growth, fellowship and blessing.

Due to age, illness and lack of numbers it is with great sadness that the time has come for closure of Perth Melville Chapter.

The W.A. State banner has been re-located to Bunbury Cathedral on 20th May 2017.

Mrs Beryl Shooter
Perth Melville Chapter

MU Australia – Melville Branch Report

Over the last 12 months we have had a lot of ill health within our members which has limited the meetings being held and it was great sadness that we farewelled Elizabeth Jez one of our faithful members in July 2016 and Cecily Smith in March this year.

We may not have had many meetings however we have continue to keep on doing MU duties where we can within the church family. Providing bibles for the newly baptised and encouraging those who assist at mainly music and kidsplus.

In the spring we are planning a garden party to raise funds for our partners in mission in Eldoret.

God's Blessings to all
Betty Rushforth
President MU Melville

Multi-Media Team & Church Website

Thanks to Michael Arnold for his invaluable assistance throughout the year with the Media for our Sunday worship.

All of the equipment is functioning well, but the projector is starting to show its age. No budget allocation has been made for its replacement so we are hoping that it will see out the next financial year.

As always, we would warmly welcome others to the Multi-Media team.

The Website continues to be a source of up to date information about events happening in the Parish.

Monthly newsletters are available for download. This Annual Report is available to view & download from the website, along with past Annual Reports.

Details of Tennis Court bookings are now available from the Website. It is possible to see when the courts are booked or available, making it easier to plan a game. Bookings still need to be organised with Jill or Peter.

Any suggestions of information that should be on our website are more than welcome.

Peter B

Tennis Report

The tennis court continues to be a valuable asset to the Parish, last year producing an income of \$4,250.

Joy Worrall has taken on the task of collecting and accounting for the money from the courts. Thank you Joy.

Located in the heart of Melville, Holy Cross, Melville has one of the best courts in the district. And of course we have the very well maintained lawn and paved area adjacent to the court and plenty of parking. If you know of anyone who is interested in forming a social tennis group, have them contact Peter or Jill.

Court availability is now viewable online. By accessing The Holy Cross Website and clicking on the “Facilities for Hire” area on the main page then clicking on “Tennis Court” details about the tennis court show up including times when the court is booked and available.

Peter B





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