



Annual Report

2013 – 2014

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Rector's Report

The church at Holy Cross is a faithful, loving, caring community of Christians who meet on Sundays and through the week to offer Worship to God, support to each other, and anyone else in need, while at the same maintaining their ministry to reach out into the community with the love of God and the message of the Good News.

I would like to thank everyone who has contributed in the running and upkeep of the church buildings and grounds, its worship services, events and those who have worked in the name of Holy Cross out in the community and surrounds as well as all those who have prayed for and donated to the smooth running of our parish. The church, church hall and grounds have been lovingly cared for and this is a visual witness to your love of serving God. Thank you and please keep up the good work.

I would also like to offer thanks to our Warden Jill for her faithful dedication and hard work throughout the year in so many ways and for organising the fantastic Vintage Fashion Parade that we enjoyed again this year, Beryl for leading the Services and prayers for healing and for sharing the ministry to the lovely folk at St Ives and to all the faithful who have served on Council, Synod and various working parties through the year.

Thanks also to Peter our Treasurer who has not had an easy task this year but who has done a great job, Jenny our Council secretary and Norm who looks after the Tennis court bookings.

We are also grateful to Pat and Norma for leading our Tuesday church Bible Study, they are always open to welcoming new people to join them and I can say from first- hand experience that the study is good and the morning tea always goes down extremely well.

We are blessed as a church to have a good number of people serving on some roster or another, Media, Altar, Reading, Intercessions, Flowers, Tea, shopping, mainly music, Kids Plus, Sunday School, Jumble sales, Synod, etc. too many to name here but without you we would not be able to do anywhere near as much or minister as well as we do at present, so thank you sincerely for your ministry in this place, we love you and value your efforts and the work you contribute to in this place is very much appreciated.

Among our blessings this year there have also been some challenges with much of Church Councils time being taken up with discussion about financial sustainability in the parish. We have seriously explored some different possibilities but new ideas are always welcome. The incoming Council will have to continue to look at ways of securing the future of the parish and this year they will have to make some important decisions for the future. Finance will be an ongoing topic for discussion, I do hope that this will not deter or take over from our ministry of outreach and mission and would ask all to be aware of this tension and guard against it.

As part of our exploration earlier this year we ran a Stewardship Campaign using the resource Spirited Generosity. The course looked at all aspects of our stewardship not just financial, from how we care for the earth from an ecological perspective, thinking about the effects and consequences we have on others as consumers in our world as well as how we earn, account for and distribute our finances and material goods. It was a well rounded course and I'm pleased to say that many people in the parish accepted my personal invitation to come and join one of the three study courses we had running on this topic.

Positive results were evident in the church immediately with fair trade and eco friendly products finding their way into our kitchen as well as an increase in planned giving by direct debit and other means. We have made a good start to understanding more of what God was trying to achieve in this world but it is only the beginning, I pray that we can continue to build on our knowledge and continue to look at ways that we can grow in both faith and generosity.

Let's also remember that this has also been an exciting year for our work with children and young families and our ministry has continued to flourish. Mainly music has gone from strength to strength and has continued to welcome many new families into the church. We regularly have 25-30 children in on a Wednesday morning with their Parents/Carers or grandparents. It is also usual for us to have 10-12 extra helpers from our church involved which enables us to be available to chat, listen and help those with children. It is always busy at Holy Cross on Wednesday mornings but the skill and commitment from those who contribute ensure that it runs smoothly and seamlessly. Thank you, it's a ministry that is still growing with the parents now keen to start a playgroup at Holy Cross so maybe this will be a new project for the coming year.

Kids Plus is a group for school age children on Thursday afternoons has also taken off this year with a core of 20 children regularly attending. Lynne, Judith and Yvonne who came to Holy Cross through mainly music have taken the initiative for this Christian outreach group and do a great job in keeping the children keen and interested. We were fortunate to receive a grant of \$10,000 from Melville City council towards running and resources for this group for which we were very grateful. We have been searching for a Family Ministry Co-ordinator to help with our work with young families but so far have been unsuccessful in finding the right person. Please continue to pray that God will present that person to us.

We have come a long way over the last year as we have trusted God for his provision to us and as we have sought to seek and discern His will for the future of the church he has continued to bless us, as Council meet this coming year to discuss and plan ways in which to secure the future finances of the church please pray that they will have discerning hearts and the courage to follow God's will.

May this coming year be a blessing to you all.

Revd. Debbie

Wardens' Report

The building continues to be in good repair however there are some big ticket items looming including the painting of the exterior of the building. All doors and draws in the kitchen had the vinyl wrapping replaced in October. This repair came at a significant cost as the cupboards were out of warranty. All fire extinguishers are due to be replaced. The cleaners continue to keep the interior looking good however occasionally you will notice some dust or small cleaning jobs requiring attention – any assistance that can be offered in these areas would be greatly appreciated.

We have had the lawn mower replaced – thank you for the donation of 2 mowers – If the grounds are to continue to look good we require more volunteers for the lawn mowing roster and the ongoing repairs to our reticulation.

The very good state of the gardens and buildings are in are a credit to us all. To keep it this way we need to continue to support each other – if you feel you would like to contribute in any way please see the warden – she will jump with joy.

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

Secretary's Report

I attended and recorded the Minutes for eight Church Council meetings held during the year and all were confirmed as a true record of events taking place, signed by Rev. Debbie and filed in the Minute Book.

“Mainly Music” and Kids Plus+ were recorded at each meeting as being extremely successful again this year with numbers increasing all the time.

It was pleasing to have twelve (12) Church Council members this year and after changing the meeting time to immediately after Sunday service, it was noted that there was 100% attendance.

The matter of finances, or lack thereof, were once again the main topic at Church Council meetings and it is a matter of urgency that this problem is addressed and solved.

There were only eight meetings held during the year due to Revd Debbie's sick leave last year and her pilgrimage to the Holy Land during March/April this year.

I have enjoyed my time as Secretary and would like to extend my best wishes to Revd Debbie and the incoming Parish Council for 2014.

Jenny Stone

Treasurer's Report

I am pleased to be able to present to the congregation the Financial Accounts for the The Anglican Church of the Holy Cross for the period 1 May 2013 to 30 April 2014.

Comparing this year's figures with last year's, there was a slight increase in the church income of \$2,974. There was a reduction in our expenses for this year when compared to last year of \$6,946. Of note is the considerable increase in insurance costs.

Our Church has incurred a significant loss of \$57,478 for the year. We have been able to sustain this loss because there were sufficient funds to cover the shortfall.

My forecast for next year shows a similar loss. The church does not have the cash reserves to fund this. Consequently the incoming Church Council has some difficult decisions ahead of it.

I ask that you all support and pray for the incoming Church Council to help them to make make wise decisions with regard to these matters.

Peter Bowman
Treasurer

Assets & Liabilities

30 April 2014

Assets

Cheque Account	\$3,967.29
Building Fund	\$2,404.32
Term Deposit	\$19,085.60
Rectory Trust Account	\$1,126.64
Undeposited Funds	\$122.00

Total Assets	\$26,705.85
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Liabilities

GST Collected	\$167.74
GST Paid	-\$279.12
Synod Assessment	-\$780.00

Total Liabilities	-\$891.38
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Income & Expenses (Detailed)

2013-2014

2012-2013

Income

Envelopes	\$22,526.35	\$27,015.45
Open Plate	\$7,822.40	\$3,604.00
Electronic Giving	\$5,729.20	\$5,330.00
St Ives & Myaree Gardens	\$300.60	\$311.85
Anglican Messenger	\$56.05	\$55.65
Baptisms	\$73.00	\$275.00
Funerals	\$300.00	
Photocopier Use	\$79.55	\$290.00
Weddings		\$170.00
Fete		\$2,843.25
Jumble Sale	\$3,315.75	\$3,360.05
Raffles	\$155.00	
Other Fund Raising	\$6,582.30	\$5,307.90
Hall Hire	\$8,543.03	\$8,071.57
Tennis Court Hire	\$3,300.01	\$4,452.54
Kids Plus	\$1,155.40	\$1,000.00
Mainly Music	\$3,925.00	\$4,262.10
Unallocated Income	\$490.00	\$300.00

Total Income	\$64,353.64	\$66,683.41
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Income & Expenses (Detailed)

	2013-2014	2012-2013
Expenses		
Stipend	\$53,944.00	\$52,112.00
Car Allowance	\$8,160.00	\$8,160.00
Long Service Leave	\$1,232.00	\$1,156.00
Housing Allowance	\$14,476.64	\$13,288.32
Superannuation	\$3,506.36	\$3,215.68
Locum	\$422.00	\$160.00
Synod Assessment	\$5,495.50	\$12,963.00
Advertising		\$44.00
Anglican Messenger	\$319.80	\$249.70
Bank Fees	\$0.00	\$4.00
Church Stores	\$316.52	\$440.05
Cleaning	\$3,711.24	\$2,819.88
Donations	\$500.00	
Equipment Purchases	\$1,104.49	\$925.00
Fund Raising - Jumble Sale	\$351.98	
Fund Raising - Other	\$148.73	\$670.02
Insurance	\$7,611.75	\$400.81
Internet	\$91.79	\$609.88
Kids Plus	\$1,924.68	
Licences & Copyright	\$560.91	\$400.86
Maintenance - Buildings	\$995.46	\$925.00
Maintenance - Equipment	\$440.63	
Maintenance - Grounds & Garden	\$540.00	\$1,422.73
Mainly Music	\$769.61	\$2,034.36
Morning Teas	\$138.60	
Photocopier	\$350.42	\$9,823.40
Postage	\$16.35	
Printing	\$160.45	\$305.72
Security	\$13.15	\$1,000.91
Stewardship Envelopes	\$163.00	
Sunday Club	\$188.97	\$209.23
Sundry Expenses	\$747.11	\$1,908.18
Synod Expenses	\$377.60	\$376.30
Training	\$1,020.50	\$1,730.00
Utilities Council Rates	\$1,735.80	\$1,842.60
Utilities Electricity Church	\$1,696.21	\$1,886.40
Utilities Electricity Rector	\$3,033.73	\$3,348.78
Utilities Gas Church	\$134.01	
Utilities Gas Rector	\$780.60	
Utilities Telephone Church	\$1,145.86	\$1,545.57
Utilities Telephone Rector	\$313.05	
Utilities Water Church	\$3,191.89	\$2,798.85
Total Expenses	\$121,831.39	\$128,777.23
Other Income		
Grants	\$11,000.00	\$2,200.00
Music on McLean		\$226.44
Interest Earned	\$1,574.55	\$4,844.44
Gross Income	\$76,928.19	\$73,954.29
Net Profit/(Loss)	-\$57,477.75	-\$62,093.82

Bible Study Group

During the past twelve months we have continued our Bible Studies – initially at our home but now, because of ease of access, at the church.

Meetings are held every second and fourth Tuesday of the month commencing at 9:00 am. We usually hold lively discussion for an hour followed by tea and cakes.

The subjects discussed are taken from the series 'Lifeguide' Bible Study. We have studied 'Faith' and 'Meeting the Spirit'. Recently we have been joined by Debbie who provides depth to our discussions.

We will be continuing our studies at the Church in the coming months, probably with the 'Story of Scripture'. As usual we extend an invitation to all who wish to know a little more about our biblical life. We thank Debbie for her attendance, whenever possible, and look forward to the coming year.

Pat & Norma Tebbutt

St Ives Communion Service



Revd. Debbie and Mrs Beryl Shooter continue to take Holy Communion Services at St Ives on the first and third Mondays of each month. At Christmas we held a Service of Carols and at Easter a Service of reflection was held on Good Friday. We also held a Memorial Service this year for the first time where we remembered loved ones

who had died, flowers were floated in water as we named all of these by name, this was very much appreciated by all who attended.

The residents value the services and attend regularly when they can. The usual monthly services are held in a room just off of the main meeting lounge and the joyous singing of hymns each time is often appreciated even by those who cannot attend! The larger services are held in the main meeting lounge.

Revd. Debbie

Jumble Sale Report

Another successful year for our Jumbles. We had new signage made and we are setting these up on the main streets (Stock Road, Marmion Road, Leach Highway and Rome Road), hoping to increase the people through the door on Saturdays.

Thank you to all of our volunteers and thank you to all those that donate items.

Total amount received from Jumble Sales this year was \$3,316 and this makes Jumble a significant contributor to the church's income.

Peter Bowman



Mainly Music



What a wonderful year we have had at mainly music! We have welcomed many new parents and children as well as seeing our family's that have been with us for a while grow with new additions.

It has been great watching mums, dads and even grandparents interact with their children through music and dance.

We have created such a great sense of community between all the different family's that come and I know that the morning tea that is provided is such a crucial part of the session as it gives time for parent to connect and offer support and encouragement to each other on this journey of parenthood over a relaxed cup of tea.

These sessions would not be able to happen without the great efforts of the volunteers that show up every week to either lead or help in the kitchen. The one thing that all these volunteers have is there enthusiasm to help and support the families of mainly music and it does not go unnoticed by these families.

On behalf of the mainly music community I would like to thank each and every volunteer for the fantastic job that they do.

Leanne Avard

Melville Kids Plus+

This year has been very successful for KidsPlus+.

The leaders, Debbie, Yvonne, Judith and Lynne decided to write their own program. This has proved to be very successful.

Under the guidance of Debbie we planned modules such as The Creation, The Ten Commandments and other Bible stories.

Each week we have games, stories, fabulous crafts, songs, snack foods and prayers.

At the moment we have 21 children who regularly attend. We have regulars bringing friends and that has been great.

It has been pleasing to see the development of the children. The shy ones are starting to come out of their shells, the older ones are happy to help the younger ones and the atmosphere is one of happiness and lots of laughter.

If you are in the Church hall please feel free to see our crafts that are hanging on the display board near the kitchen and especially see our KidsPLus+ “family that shows the we are God’s creations and that He has The Whole World in His Hands.

Lynne Holmes

Kids+

Sunday Club Report

The re-launch of the Sunday Club has taken place effective 1st June 2014. The trial will be conducted over the next six months with a "1st Sunday in every Month" programme running through to December 2014. A review will then take place in January 2015 as to it's future development.

The Sunday School will be co-ordinated and led by Emma Charlton, with the rostering of 1 other assistant (minimum). All leaders and assistants will be required to have a current Working With Children registration where relevant. A roster has already been drawn up for the remainder of the year, with the teachings being complementary to the sermons conducted through the church.

The theme and monthly dates will be posted on our Sunday School Bulletin Banner. It is hopeful that these dates will be embraced by the remainder of the Parish, and that we join together for a family morning tea after service (ie. if some could bring a plate). I hope that this suggested re-launch will encourage future younger members to attend Sunday Services in a welcoming way that can fit in with hectic family schedules.

Emma Charlton

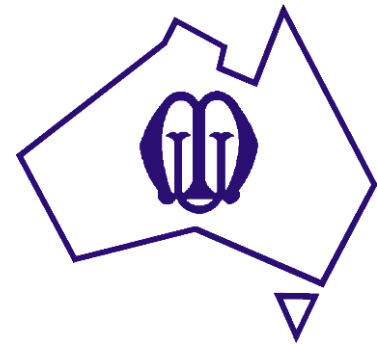
MU Australia – Melville Branch Report

Members continue to participate in all church activities especially in the mainly music programme.

We have joined with Applecross members for some projects and social activities.

Annette hare was admitted to our branch this year.

MU Australia is part of a worldwide organisation of Christians who care about family life and are united in prayer, worship and service to others.



Betty Rushforth
President.



Multi-Media Team & Church Website

I would like to thank Michael Arnold and Peter Bowman for their efforts throughout the year in providing us with the multi-media presentations during our services. It is very easy to upset the sense of worship and the flow of a service if this work is not done in a sensitive and professional manner. It is testament to their dedication and the significance that they place on their ministry that such a high standard is reached.

You will have noticed the new widescreen TV and DVD player situated in the hall. This equipment has been provided primarily for the children's groups but will also prove useful for functions and study groups held in the future.

Our Website continues to be a valuable resource to our members and to the wider community; we are regularly being contacted through and receiving positive feedback about the site. On the website you will find details of the services and readings, an events guide, the Church Magazine, Audio copies of Revd. Debbie's Sermons, Photo Galleries plus a host of other features and information. There is also an exclusive member's area (see Wayne for password) which hosts our Members Directory, Church Council Agendas and Rosters.

Please have a look and let us know what you think.

www.holycrossmelville.org

We also post updates regarding Church activities on our Facebook and Twitter accounts, why don't you become our friend and or follow us?

If you feel that you may be called to serve on the Media Team please have a chat with one of the team members or the Rector.

Wayne

Tennis Court Report

The Tennis Court continues to be a good source of income for the Church.

Although usage has reduced somewhat, the annual income is still about \$4,000.

The court is used mainly during the day by groups comprising senior ladies, who are always looking for new members. Night tennis is nearly always available with only 2 nights booked regularly.

During the next year, approximately \$400 may need to be spent on a new net and remarking the lines.

Vacancies are available, so form a group and tell your friends.

Norm Kidd

Notes



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