

Holy Cross Melville



Annual Report 2019 – 2020

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Anglican Church
of the Holy Cross
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Cover Photograph:

The street front of the church with the main noticeboard, our new street library, share stand and herb garden.

Priest's Report

The Parish did not have a Priest or Locum Priest during last year and so there is no report.

Wardens' Report

Well what a year!!!

The parish continues to be on the journey of discovering our Way Forward and implementing the plan approved at the annual meeting last year. Over the year on the 5th Sunday of the month we visited other parishes sharing services and fellowship. We joined together with the parish of Willagee in bible studies. Not having Sunday Supply available every week we undertook holding Morning Prayer services. Feedback from these services indicated people enjoyed the interaction and discussion within the service.

We also had some great social events, happy hours shared with other parishes and carols with Sing Australia. The Christmas Eve service was attended by many families and was a great celebration of the birth of Jesus. We have continued to facilitate mainly music and the youth group partnership with the Parish of Bullcreek continues.

Our Street library is a great success with the community and is offering opportunity to engage with those who use it. The herb wheelbarrow and share stand has also been a great success especially during the covid-19 lock down. Could I strongly encourage you to contribute items for the stand. If you have excess fruit, cut flowers, seeds from flowers or vegies, vegies, jams, pot plants, pickles anything you may have in abundance. This is a great opportunity to reach out to our community the stand is out on the weekends.

The first half of 2020 was very different with COVID 19 entering the world. It was lovely to hear everyone was keeping in touch and caring at a distance during the isolation period. There was a great deal of “Church” to access online for those of us who have access to the internet. Many churches including the cathedral offered church services online. For those of us without the internet a weekly letter and sermon was hand delivered, the rest received it by email. Letters and emails were also sent to the mainly music families and our “fringe dwellers”. During this time a conscious effort was made to ensure the community knew the “church” was still there for them. Rolls of toilet paper were placed in the St Library, different signs placed in the notice board weekly the herb wheelbarrow and share stand were started. We even joined the community by placing little teddy bears in our front windows and on mother’s day left bunches of flowers for folk to take. Every time one of us visited the church all of these activities gave us the opportunity to engage with the people walking past the church building, the feedback was very positive and very encouraging.

With social distancing the seating and welcome at church is different. We must all continue to be responsible with social distancing to help protect each other. Remember, wash your hands.

General maintenance has been undertaken with the gutters recently cleaned and the trees alongside the tennis court pruned. Our cleaners and gardening contractors continue to provide us with very good service. Thanks to those who continue to prune the roses and maintain the garden beds. It would be great if we could get a few more volunteers for jobs around the buildings. If you see a job that needs doing please just do it, the warden would be most grateful.

The Diocesan Office, Property department continues to source companies to provide maintenance services to parishes. Each maintenance project must be logged in online, the registered contractor then contacts the warden to inspect and provide a quote the work is then undertaken.

God has blessed us in so many ways. Maintaining our church buildings is a small way we can show and give thanks to our Lord.

Jill Bowman
Warden

The Way Forward (Fresh Expressions)

Parish Council has been working on the “Way Forward” plan and has developed a new model of ministry – Priest in Partnership. It has grown out of last year’s plan adopted at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners. An opportunity to engage by financially reimbursing an ordained minister for:

- Sunday Services
- Family ministry
- Apologetic sessions
- Aged care services

The parish cannot afford a full or part time priest. We cannot meet the Diocesan financial requirements for a Locum position either. Parish Council hopes this new model of Priest in Partnership will enable us to develop an ongoing relationship with a priest, an opportunity to implement the plans while meeting the changing needs of the parish, wider community while meeting the budget.

Parish Council has been in negotiations with Reverend Cassandra Nixon to join the Parish in the new Model of Ministry – Priest in Partnership. A Memorandum of Understanding has been developed to support the plan ensuring both parties understand the different roles and responsibilities.

Parish Council is looking forward to the growth of the parish and the Kingdom in Melville.

Jill Bowman

Treasurer's Report

For the financial year ended 30th April 2020 the Parish of Melville incurred a loss of \$2,407.58. The forecast loss for this period was \$2,071 a difference of \$337.

During the year cash was transferred from the cheque account into term deposits with the Anglican Community Fund (ACF). These term deposits earn a higher interest rate than the cheque account.

The COVID-19 pandemic and the closing of the church and its facilities has impacted our income and will continue to impact our income. Sunday collections and the hire of the Church Hall have seen the biggest financial impact. How the pandemic will affect our finances is anyone's guess and making forecasts problematic.

It was decided by the council that the parish:

- engage a priest to officiate for four Sundays per month, (the parish has until recently on had a priest at Sunday services twice per month)
- that we undertake for a priest to attend local nursing homes once per month (it has been a number of years since we have had a priest available to do this) and
- we undertake a program in Apologetics.

A review of these programs will be undertaken after 3 months to determine if they should continue. The budget I have prepared assumes that these new initiatives will be successful and will continue.

Following are Statements of Assets and Liabilities and a report showing the Income and Expenses of the Parish for 2019/2020 and the budget for 2020/2021. The forecast for next year is that the parish will incur a loss of approximately \$20,191.

Peter Bowman
Treasurer

Statement of Assets & Liabilities

	As at 30/04/2020	As at 30/04/2019
Assets	\$	\$
Cheque Account	17,897.78	59,981.30
Term Deposits with ACF	66,523.98	25,793.12
Undeposited Funds	150.00	150.00
Total Assets	84,571.76	85,924.42
Liabilities		
GST	129.21	-487.04
Synod Assessment	-3,204.68	-3,204.68
Sundries	814.15	375.15
Total Liabilities	-2,261.32	-3,316.24
Nett Assets	86,833.08	89,240.66

Income

	budget 2020-2021	actual 2019-2020	actual 2018-2019
Income	\$	\$	\$
Giving	18,950	20,615.10	28,131.10
Fund Raising	0	529.75	647.00
Hall Hire	6,000	10,198.20	11,980.02
Tennis Court Hire	2,438	2,885.27	2,727.82
Children's Programs	1,260	1,450.95	1,738.15
Various / Miscellaneous	0	645.00	492.62
Bequests	0		16,256.00
Interest Earned	660	538.23	765.56
Total Income	29,308	36,862.50	62,738.30

Expenses

	budget 2020-2021	actual 2019-020	actual 2018-2019
Expenses	\$	\$	\$
Clergy	5,176	2,279.52	7,488.04
Synod Assessment	2,030	6,000.00	7,194.11
Support Staff	6,776	3653.19	
Aged Care Visit	2,588		
Apologetics	2,700		
Anglican Messenger			160.00
Advertising		95.12	
Church Stores	100	45.45	53.62
Bank Fees & Charges		5.00	5.00
Cleaning	3,744	3,526.02	4,028.90
Donations	600	115.25	166.55
Equipment Purchases ¹	240	782.82	5,951.06
Evangelism/Outreach	0	143.95	115.89
Family Service	2,700		
Fund Raising			145.31
Insurance	2,000	2,063.33	1,964.66
Internet	850	816.41	795.89
Children's Programs	1,105	690.5	1,470.55
Licences & Copyright	500	507.85	460.36
Maintenance	5,450	5,223.36	4,051.82
Morning Teas/Kitchen	400	487.79	373.33
Photocopier	1,140	998.96	763.33
Postage/Printing/Stationary	60	125.92	113.25
Security	420		414.00
Sundry Expenses	1,080	295.79	1,435.48
Synod Expenses		320.00	320.00
Training/Education/Resc	720	1,346.48	0.00
Utilities & Rates	5,520	6,607.70	7,265.75
Youth Ministry	3,600	3,071.48	4,297.90
Way Forward		68.22	275.69
Total Expenses	49,499	39,270.11	49,310.49
Surplus/(Shortfall)	-20,191	-2,407.61	13,427.81

Secretary's Report

I have just completed my third year as Secretary, during which time there have been many changes within our Parish; some that have resulted in much soul searching about our future church. It has been a very difficult time, and we await input from the Diocese regarding our way forward, as we try to balance our finances and the services of a Minister.

From March 2020, Coronavirus COVID-19 has also impacted our church community and services. I feel that the changing times are challenging, as we continue to support each other and help to grow God's Church.

My duties:

- Monthly Agenda and Minute taking, 11 per annum
- Minute taking of other planning meetings etc
- Update Parish Directory
- Updated Church Facilities Hiring Agreement- Use of Holy Cross Facilities
- Update Baptisms Register 2009-2020
- Write draft letters
- Assist the Warden whenever possible
- Manage correspondence in and out. Forward all Diocese matters and e-Bulletin to all parish councillors and hard copies as required

Other activities:

- Assisted with a Faculty application, and application and installation of the St. John's AED in the Church front porch
- During the two-month COVID-19 shutdown, assisted with home deliveries to our non-tech savvy church community of printed letters, COVID-19 updates and information, Easter treats, ANZAC treats, Mother's Day flowers etc. Thank you, Jill for your constant work with keeping all parishioners updated and in touch

- During the COVID-19 shutdown assisted with the telephone tree to keep in touch
- During the COVID-19 assisted with the recommended infection control measures at Church, kitchen and hall use.
- Certificate of Acknowledgement, eLearning course, Infection Control Training - COVID 19
- Wollaston Certificate in Theology, Liturgy, 5 weeks, Rev'd Patrick King
- First Aid Update with AED, St. John, 1 hour
- Alpha Course, 10 weeks, Rev'd Debbie May
- Church Safe Protective Behaviours, St Basils, Winthrop, 4 hours- renewed
- WWC and National Police Check, WA- renewed
- Joined Mother's Union
- Joined Partners in Mission Committee, Eldoret, Chair- Bishop Jeremy James
- Parish Link person with Partners in Mission, Rose Serem (Chemokos) and Paul Birech, BMMC, Eldoret, Kenya
- LPM Training, Mission 2020+, Saturday 7 March 2020, Wollaston
- Anglican Diocese, Office Bearers Workshop, Wollaston College
- Understanding Human Sexuality from Scripture and Theology, Rev'd Steven Daly and Keith Maskill, All Saints Church, Bullcreek

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

Thank you, Jill for your guidance, knowledge and energy while holding the community of Holy Cross together.

Blessings
Susan (Sue) Saunders

Aged Care

Following the Annual Meeting of Parishioners and the hoped adoption of the new Way Forward plan – New Model of Ministry – Priest in Partnership. Holy Cross Melville will be able to provide ongoing monthly services to people living in local aged care services.

Reverend Cassandra and the Warden visited Aegis and Opal aged care facilities at the beginning of July. It was wonderful to visit again. A warm welcome was extended by both facilities. The services were enjoyed by all.

Regular visits by parishioners to visit Betty Gander-Smith in her new home in Cottesloe were taking place until the COVID 19 restriction took place. Recent word from Betty's daughter indicates we can start visiting again.

Jill B

Children's Ministry

Mainly Music

Mainly music is in its 10th year. When we can, following COVID 19 we will have a wonderful celebration. The great team of volunteer's continue to provide a caring nurturing environment for the families who attend. During COVID 19 isolation we kept in touch with the families. They were most appreciative. It was very hard on young families. Mainly music returned in the second week of June. The families who have been attending have been very grateful to have the opportunity to attend. We have been managing with just a few volunteers working our way through all the requirements of COVID 19 government requirements.

We are looking forward to 3rd term, hoping we can promote mainly music and gather the support team together. Since the church closure we have not held morning prayer prior to mainly music. I have missed Morning Prayer a quiet time of reflection and worship. It offers those who attend a time to reflect on the word as well as an opportunity to pray for the families before they attend, an integral part of the mm's success.

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers a special thank you to Yvonne Kador and Lynn Selby for their help. Please continue to pray for the families and the volunteers. Pray we can provide a small step in the path of faith development for both the parents/grandparents and the children.

Jill B

Sunday Club

On the 1st Sunday of the month a children's talk is given in the service then activities are held at the back of the church for the children. The parents have requested the children stay in the church, several of the children are quite young and do not want to leave their parents.

A key outcome of the last years plan was to develop a family service to be held on either a Saturday or Sunday later in the afternoon. The new Model of Ministry – Priest in Partnership will enable the Parish to develop this service. Working with Reverend Cassandra we hope the service will include teaching for the parents and opportunities for the kids to learn with age appropriate activities. The intention is to follow the service with a meal.

Watch this space for the exciting new development. Please pray that God will walk with us as we develop family ministry in the parish.

Jill B

Youth Group

The youth group management team combined of members from both the Parish of Bullcreek/Leeming and Melville meet regularly to further develop opportunities for positive outcomes for the young people who attend. The youth sessions are held at both locations with a variety of activities. At each session the youth are given an opportunity to discuss a bible study, this term they have been focusing on the Beatitudes.

The youth group is still coordinated by Claire Tebbutt and supported by Stuart Guthrie a wonderful volunteer. They are doing a great job.

Please prayer for Claire and the team as they grow this ministry, may they develop their skills and the leadership team to support the youth and each other.

Jill B

MU Australia – Melville Branch Report

We have been in recess owing to members having health issues. We are hoping to start having some meetings again soon. We keep in touch with our members and hope to become active again when the Corona Virus pandemic is over.

God's Blessings to all
Betty Rushforth
President MU Melville

Volunteers Report

Thank you to the people who volunteer.

The Parish thanks everyone from the dishwashers to the people who prepare and strip the altar. 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.

Happy Hour

The ongoing by monthly Happy Hour social event that take place on a Friday evening have been a great source of connection for us all. Our neighbouring parishes and hall hirers are regularly been represented by more and more people. The Happy Hours provided us with an opportunity to fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ and our neighbours and friends within the community.

Multi-Media Team & Church Website

“Make a joyful noise unto the Lord”

Music and song are important components of worship but our church community lacks musicians. The Sunday congregation’s singing is enthusiastic but ...

Thankfully we have an audio visual system installed in the church to assist.

Currently we have only one person operating the AV system and he desperately wants to double this number.

There are a couple of items that ideally should be updated. For example the radio microphones but at the moment it is not an urgent matter.

The church’s website continues to be maintained and updated.

Peter B

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 time. The studies have given us an opportunity to continue to develop our relationship with the folk of Willagee.

Pat and Norma have continued to provide studies at Holy Cross although this year between COVID 19 and ill health the rhythm of fortnightly study has been interrupted. It would be wonderful to get back into the rhythm and increase the numbers who attend these studies. Thank you to both Pat and Norma for their commitment.

Hall Hire

Our hall is an excellent resource. It is one of the few truly accessible facilities of its type in our local community.

Hirers included the Korean Presbyterian Church, Royal Scottish Dances and Sing Australia.

Last year the money received from the hire of the hall made up 28% of our total income.

The Covid-19 pandemic has had a serious impact on this income. The Scottish Dancers and Sing Australia have many members who fit the high risk profile should they catch this disease. At the moment they are unsure of when, or if, they will be starting up again.

The Korean Presbyterian Church have advised that the construction of their new premises will be completed later this year and once completed they will no longer require the use of the hall.

Peter B

Tennis Report

The tennis court continues to be a significant contributor to the parish income (8% of total income) and a contact point with the local community.

A number of our long term court users have advised that with their advancing years they, reluctantly, can no longer continue with their weekly tennis. I hope they find new activities that provide them with the enjoyment they have had from their tennis.

Interestingly enough, the Covid-19 lockdown saw an increasing number of inquiries from the local community about hiring the court. A number of new people are using hiring the court.

All new hirers and being encouraged to pay court fees by EFT.

Thanks again to Joy Worrall for he assistance with the collection of money and thanks to the Warden for keeping the court in such good repair.

Court availability can be viewed online at the following link:

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

Peter B



Back Cover Photograph:
View of the church tennis courts

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