

Holy Cross Melville



Annual Report 2020 – 2021

Annual Meeting of Enrolled Members
Sunday, 27th June 2021
Anglican Church
of the Holy Cross
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mainly music participants

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

Decoration on the eastern wall of the church

Priest in Partnership

I have enjoyed the last year and a bit being your priest in partnership. This is a friendly congregation, and active despite its small size.

Mainly music is a great offering to the community and a great outreach! The street library and the wheelbarrow are also an attractive reach into the community for everybody who walks by.

Covid has slowed us down. I am particularly disappointed that we have not been able to start curly questions and a Saturday afternoon and family services.

Looking forward to when we will be able to share wine together as well as bread in Holy Communion.

My blessings to all of you, grow in grace, Cassandra.

Reverend Cassandra Nixon

Warden

Can you believe another year flown past! We continue on the journey of our Way Forward. This year has seen us develop our relationship with our Priest in Partnership Revd. Cassandra Nixon.

Parish Council had planned several missional activities that Revd. Cassandra was going to join us on. However, the COVID has had other ideas and some of the events will need to go back to the drawing board. Cassandra has engaged with the two aged cared facilities AEGIS and Opal and has been taking monthly services to the residents.

Mainly Music continues to provide a very valued service to the families who attend. EMERGE, the youth ministry, provides a safe environment where the youth can enjoy each other's company while exploring their faith journey. It also provides opportunity for the two parishes, ours and Bull Creek/Leeming to grow in friendship.

This year we celebrated Advent and Lent with the folk of St Thomas's, Willagee. We have had combined studies, services and social events.

Our happy hours continue to be a lovely base for fellowship with each other while meeting folk from our neighbouring parishes.

Christmas and Easter gave us opportunity to invite and celebrate with the wider community. The Christmas Eve service was again a joyous event involving many familiar faces from our fringe dwelling community. Following on from our Lenten study we were joined by some people from Willagee for the Maundy Thursday service. Easter was a quieter time of reflection.

The buildings continue to be maintained, recently completed were repairs to the meeting room from storm damage as well as a few other little jobs.

Warden *(continued)*

The cleaners and contractors continue to provide us with very good service.

Thanks to everyone who helps out in any way around the building. A particular thanks to the rose pruners.

The Street Library continues to be a great success as is the wheel barrow. I have received several comments from community members *"oh yours is the church with the street library"*. We are in need of a new stand for our overflow of fruit for the community, if you have something that might suffice please let the warden know.

The Parish Council (PC) continues to meet and plan the Way Forward for Holy Cross. It seems at times that the path is unclear. We have had several meetings with Bishop Kate to discuss our Priest in Partnership model. The PC has over several meetings determined we cannot afford even a part time locum position, PC believe we would not be good stewards of our finances if we proceeded down this path. The PC believes the current situation with Revd. Cassandra is working very well for both parties – the hope is that we are able to continue as we have for the last year.

A big thank you to the members of PC for their ongoing commitment. A particularly big thanks you to the Treasurer and Secretary for all their hard work - it is sincerely appreciated.

Thank you to Revd. Cassandra for her openness to our Priest in Partnership and her willingness to join us on this journey.

We are blessed in so many ways, our commitment to building the Kingdom here in Melville is a small way we can show and give thanks to our Lord.

Jill Bowman
Warden

Treasurer's Report

A tough year! COVID-19 has certainly financially impacted our church and in surprising ways.

The Archbishop decreed that for many months of last year the church and its facilities be closed. Because we rely heavily on income from the hire of the church hall and tennis court this decision was always going to impact on our income but there was an impact on our expenses also and this more than offset the loss in revenue. The most affected expense item; wages/salaries.

There was an unexpected expense during the year; the photocopier was replaced.

The final result was, before an end of year adjustment (an overpayment of Synod Assessments), the church had an operating loss of **\$4,360** which compares very favourably with our budgeted operating loss of **\$20,199**.

The budget for 2021/2022 has been developed from historical income and expenses and predicts a deficit of **\$10,189**. It is a deficit that the parish can fund.

Thank you to all of our parishioners for their faithful giving of both time and money.

Peter Bowman
Treasurer

Treasurer's Report *(continued)*

Statement of Assets & Liabilities

	As at 30/04/2021	As at 30/04/2020
Assets	\$	\$
Cheque Account	10,882.61	17,897.78
Term Deposits with ACF	67,811.42	66,523.98
Undeposited Funds	150.00	150.00
Total Assets	78,844.03	84,571.76
Liabilities		
GST	-424.77	129.21
Synod Assessment ¹	-7,443.45	-3,204.68
Sundries	0.00	814.15
Total Liabilities	-7,868.22	-2,261.32
Nett Assets	86,712.25	86,833.08

Note 1: An adjustment of \$4,238.77 was made to Synod Assessments and Prior Year profit/loss. This represents an overpayment to the Diocese of Perth by the Parish of Melville over a number of years.

Income

	budget 2021-2022	actual 2020-2021	actual 2019-2020
Income	\$	\$	\$
Giving	18,120	22,298.95	20,615.10
Fund Raising		250.00	529.75
Hall Hire	8,085	7,784.09	10,198.20
Tennis Court Hire	2,600	2,501.67	2,885.27
Children's Programs	1,617	1,515.43	1,450.95
Various / Miscellaneous		604.30	645.00
Bequests			
Interest Earned	660	1,319.99	538.23
Total Income	31,082	36,274.43	36,862.50

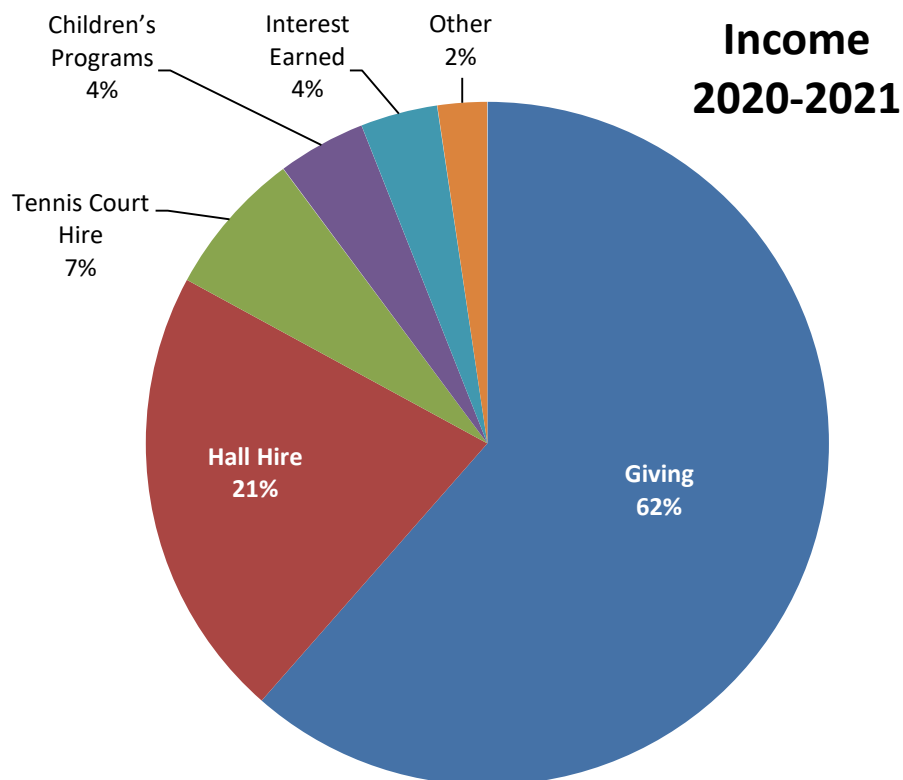
Treasurer's Report *(continued)*

Expenses

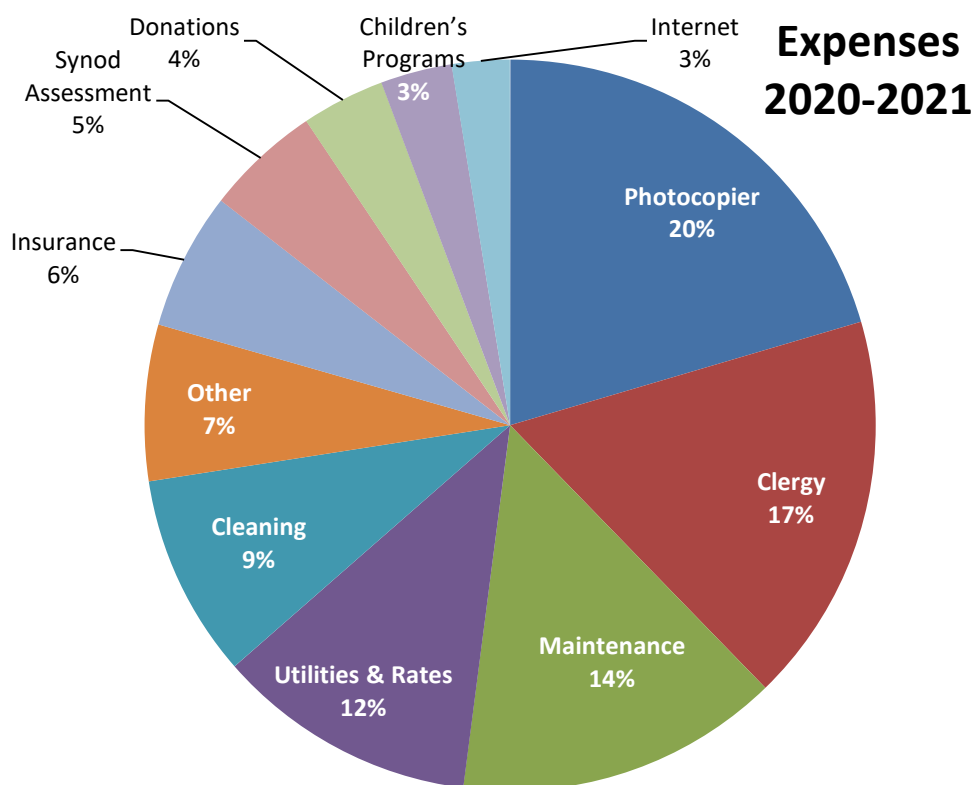
	budget 2021-2022	actual 2020-2021	actual 2019-2020
Expenses	\$	\$	\$
Clergy	5,846	7,026.20	2,279.52
Synod Assessment	2,310	2,066.84	6,000.00
Support Staff			3,653.19
Aged Care Visit	1,462		
Apologetics			
Anglican Messenger			
Advertising			95.12
Bottle Top Hill Project	600		
Church Stores	120	117.72	45.45
Bank Fees & Charges			5.00
Cleaning	4,264	3,653.09	3,526.02
Donations	600	1,495.90	115.25
Eco-Ministry – Bottle Top Hill	600		
Equipment Purchases ¹	240		782.82
Evangelism/Outreach			143.95
Family Service	2,400		
Fund Raising			
Insurance	2,500	2,465.37	2,063.33
Internet	1,200	1,041.96	816.41
Children's Programs	1,029	1,283.08	690.50
Licences & Copyright	400	657.34	507.85
Maintenance	6,000	5,815.78	5,223.36
Morning Teas/Kitchen	360	441.71	487.79
Photocopier	600	8,305.57	998.96
Postage/Printing/Stationary	240	149.58	125.92
Security			
Sundry Expenses	300	482.40	295.79
Synod Expenses	480		320.00
Training/Education/Resc	600	168.71	1,346.48
Utilities & Rates	7,320	4,676.2	6,607.70
Youth Ministry	2,400	512.67	3,071.48
Way Forward		273.91	68.22
Total Expenses	41,271	40,634.03	39,270.11
Surplus/(Shortfall)	-10,189	-4,359.60	-2,407.61

Treasurer's Report *(continued)*

Where did our money come from last year?

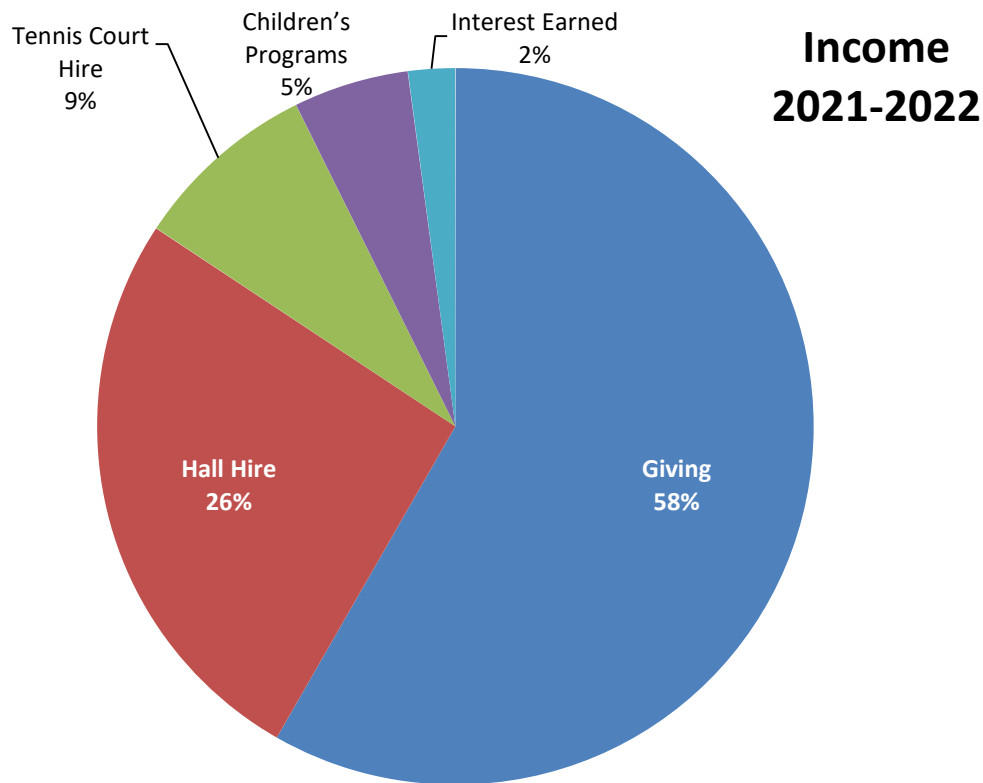


Where did we spend our money last year?

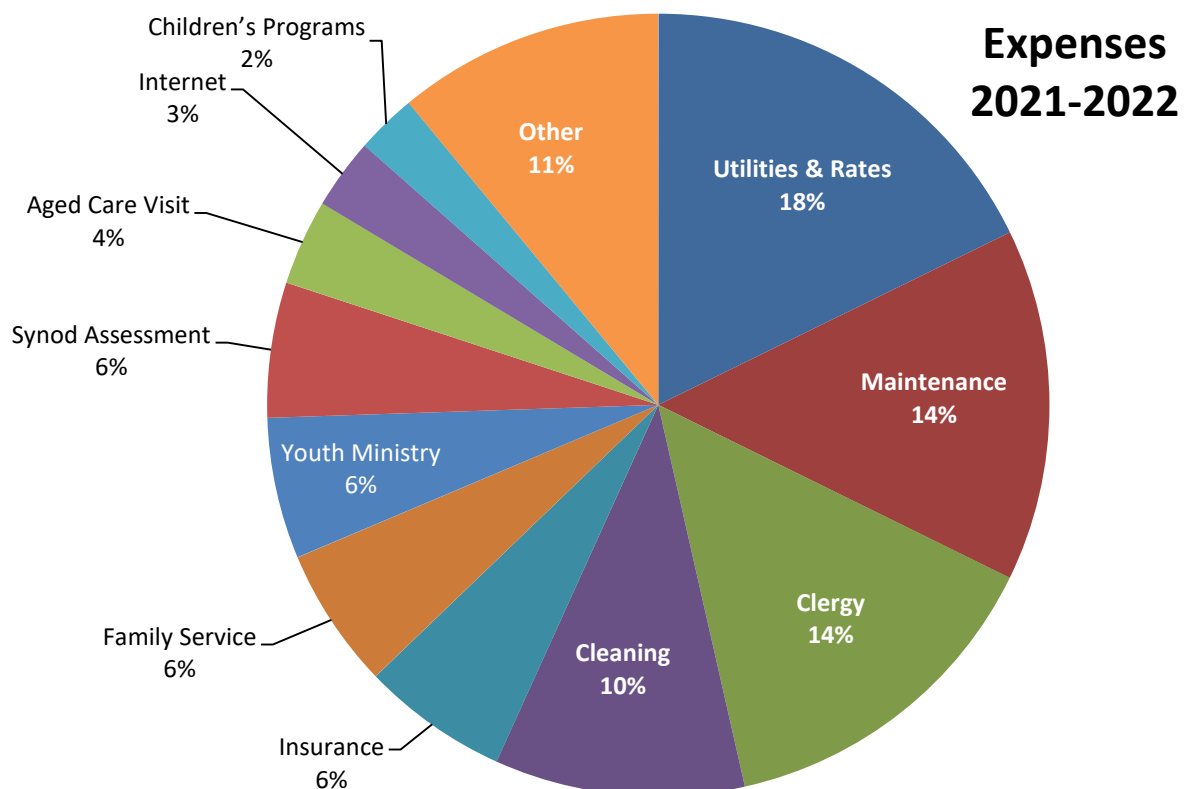


Treasurer's Report *(continued)*

Where's our money coming from this year?



Where are we spending our money this year?



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 2021** and Statement of Cash Balances at **30 April 2021**. 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.

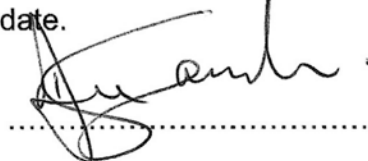
My examination has been conducted to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of any material misstatement. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report. These procedures have been 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 2021** and its cash and bank balances as at that date.


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Signature

23 June 2021

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Date

DAVID MALCOLM SAUNDERS
Full Name

Secretary's Report

I have just completed my fourth year as Secretary. Since March 2020, there have been many changes within our world, country, community and parish due to Coronavirus COVID-19. COVID-19 has impacted our church community and services over the past 15 months. I feel that the changing times are challenging as we continue to support each other and to help 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 2009-2021
- Draft letters
- Assist the Warden whenever possible
- Assist Jill Bowman with parish Registration, Church Safe etc.
- Manage correspondence in and out.
- Forward all Diocese matters and e-Bulletin to all parish councillors and supply hard copies as required

Secretary's Report *(continued)*

Other activities:

- Assisted with implementing COVID-19 recommended infection control measures as they alter, at Church, kitchen and hall use.
- Member of MU
- Member of Partners in Mission (PiM) Committee, Eldoret, Chair- Bishop Jeremy James
- Parish Link person with PIM, Rose Serem (Chemokos), BMMC, Eldoret, Kenya

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

Blessings
Susan (Sue) Saunders

Children's Ministry

Mainly Music

Mainly Music is still attracting families to the church. We are in our 10th year and continue to see families returning who were with us at the beginning and a continued number of new families. Our volunteers continue to do a great job at welcoming and offering a nurturing environment for the families who attend. We don't know where our service will take the families but we will continue to be the hands and feet of our Lord offering true hospitality.

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers. You will notice the newly decorated notice boards in the hall. They have been prepared by one of our community volunteers. A sincere thank you does not seem to express the gratitude we feel for our wonderful volunteers.

Please continue to pray for the volunteers and the families. Pray we can provide a small step in the path of faith development for all involved.



Jill B

Children's Ministry *(continued)*

Sunday Club

Sunday Club is held on the first Sunday of the month. The numbers attending continue to fluctuate. We have a core number of about 4 or 5 families who attend our services. Their attendance is interrupted by the many competing activities the families contend with. We continue to provide the activities either at the rear of the church or in the foyer.

Our plans to develop a family service to be held at a separate time have been thwarted by COVID. This coming year we are going back to the drawing board engaging the families' by meeting and sharing a meal to enquire what they might need/like to help them and their children's faith journey.

Please pray that God will provide the right leadership team to grow and develop our family ministry.

Jill B

Youth Group

“Emerge”

This year has been an exciting one at Emerge. I am constantly reminded of GOD’S goodness in the lives of our young people, and of the real privilege that we have in traveling with them on their faith journey.

The youth leaders and I have seen a real openness and honesty from the young people, as well as a deeper desire to take ownership of their faith. It has been encouraging to see them asking the tough questions, as well as discussing the presence of GOD in their doubts and struggles. Many have gained a greater confidence in themselves, as well as embracing their place in the Christian family.

We have been working hard at raising up the next generation of youth leaders. We have identified those who have a yearning to serve, and have given them responsibility in planning term events, and assisting in carrying out lessons. We have also been looking for opportunities to train them outside of the weekly youth group context.

Last term we completed the ‘Mixing it up with the Simpsons’ program, and this term we have undertaken ‘Jesus the Game Changer’. We have been conscious of providing opportunities to better understand the Anglican faith in the broader context of Christianity and spirituality. We intend to build upon this in term 3, alongside exploring the Prayer Book and 1 John.

Youth Group *(continued)*

“Emerge” *(continued)*

This year's notable events have been the Stations of the Cross event in Perth (thanks to all who assisted us with videos!), as well as our two guest speakers. In term 2, we were visited by Bishop Peter Brain and his wife Christine who led an engaging and inspiring discussion on forgiveness. This term Jenni from Youth with a Mission (YWAM) helped the youth to better understand the harsh realities and conditions faced by refugees living in camps and detention centres around the world.

This term I had an encouraging meeting with the chaplain at Rossmoyne Senior High School, as well as reaching out to Melville Senior High School. We are continuing to look for ways to better engage the local community.

Claire

Youth Group *(continued)*

Youth @ 5

Another thing that we are excited about is the Youth at 5 service that will hopefully be commencing later this year.

Holy Cross has a history of serving our local community for over 60 years and we have been praying and looking for new ways to reach the local younger demographic. After much discussion with Parish Council, we have felt that a youth-focused service once a month is an option worth exploring. It is our desire to make this accessible and inclusive to youth from a wide array of backgrounds – i.e. those with / without a faith; those with special needs; as well as those who may be struggling at school or socially.

The service will incorporate modern praise and worship music, as well as a short sermon by local pastors and other Christians. It is our intent to upload these sermons online, as we are aware of how well many young people embrace technology, and that the internet provides many opportunities to share the Gospel beyond our suburb. The services will also have a dedicated time for youth leaders to mingle with the young people, thus providing opportunities for pastoral care.

We intend to deliver local flyers in the area advertising the service, along with our Emerge and Mainly Music programs closer to the commencement date. As mentioned, we will also have a presence on social media.

We ask for your prayers as we continue to plan this.

Claire

Eco-Ministry

A sustainability initiative was introduced under the project name of Bottle Top Hill in April 2021 which is a partnership of the Anglican Church of the Holy Cross (ACHCM) and a small team of four consisting of one ACHCM parishioner and three non-parishioners who provide logistics and community engagement.

Bottle Top Hill is a unique project that focuses on the reclaiming of plastic drink bottle tops for reprocessing at a WA firm in Welshpool and thereby diverting a particular type of plastic from landfill, whilst at the same time providing a forum for discussion and community participation at the hall of the ACHCM.

Two hours of collecting and removing contaminants on the second Saturday of every month (with a different sustainability theme each month) also permits an outreach for our local community as well as supporting the Mission Statement of Anglican Eco Care, namely:

“to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and to sustain and renew the life of the earth”;

Bottle Top Hill is open to working collaboratively with other local churches, schools and small business entities.

Emma



MU Australia – Melville Branch Report

Our MU branch has been in recess this year.

COVID-19 restrictions have had an impact on our ability to convene meetings. Our members have been keeping in touch by telephone and email.

God's Blessings to all
Betty Rushforth
President MU Melville

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.

Happy Hour

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

Multi-Media Team & Church Website

Our audio visual (AV) facilities continue to be used to enhance our worship. Without an accompanist for hymns in our Sunday worship, we rely heavily on the use of our AV system.

The AV system within the church and the church hall is working well.

Our mainly music sessions on Wednesdays are also reliant on the AV facilities. Thank you to the two volunteers, Yvonne and Sheri, who do so much work for mainly music.

Our youth group makes use of the AV equipment.

The AV system continues to be a valuable and much used resource.

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. 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 no holding a fortnightly study. It would be wonderful to get back into the rhythm and increase the numbers who attend these studies.

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.

The hall has been well utilized over the year.

Our regular users have included; Sing Australia, The Royal Scottish Dancers, Toastmasters, Kindy Dance Time and the Quilters.

One of our regulars, the Korean Presbyterian Church, has moved to their own premises and therefore will not be continuing hiring the hall. They have been using our facilities for many years and we wish them well in their new facility.

Our new sustainability project, Bottle Top Hill, uses the Hall one Saturday each month and our youth group "Emerge" uses the hall every second Friday.

Peter B

Tennis Report

Our tennis court continues to be an asset to both the parish and the local community.

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

We have seen some long time tennis players leave, age finally catching up with them. But we have seen a number of new people make regular bookings.

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 under \$3,000.

What would it take to have this wonderful asset of ours back being used as much as it was in 2016?

Court availability can be viewed online at the following link:

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

Peter B



Photograph:

Tennis court (looking west).

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