



All Saints – Greensborough | 168 Years

Annual Report - 2023



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Thanks to the 2023/23 Parish Council Members:

Hugh, Bev, Andrew, Ru, Jayne, Janie, Ruarri, Sue, Bill, Richard and Michele



“We have seen the Lord do many beautiful things... We have witnessed a strengthening of his Church in community and being a church of the community.”

Senior Minister's Welcome

All Saints' Anglican Church Greensborough has had a year of growth and renewal. We have seen The Lord do many beautiful things in people's lives, displaying God's faithfulness and inviting more people to experience His abundant life. We have witnessed a strengthening of His church in community and being a church of the community.

Weekly worship services, growth in Life groups and significant celebrations together along the way have seen a community strengthen and grow in godliness. Discipleship of men and women, children and youth has continued throughout the church year with some highlights including: our cultural immersion trip to Nungalinga College; The Super Sunday of baptisms and dedications; our 168th Birthday celebrations; the efforts of the Biblical Justice group to facilitate peaceful dialogue and understanding for prayerfully considered voting around The Voice; and the regularity of fellowship and working bees in varying capacities.

My thanks go out to the excellent staff team and volunteers who have not only been a delight to partner with in the gospel, but also have worked to strengthen us as a Jesus-Centered and community-engaged church. This year, we have laboured towards equipping and releasing people into areas of giftedness and need. With this, more people are ready for the works of service God has prepared for them. Specifically, we've seen this with Alpha teams, ESL classes, Worship teams, life groups, Sunday service volunteers, and Kid's Learning Time. We've celebrated the appointment of a Youth Engagement Officer for future Youth Leadership in church and to serve the needs of local youth in the area.

We've made significant advancements in making our property fit for future community-engaged mission and ministry, with ongoing mission make-overs, urgent maintenance and larger research and planning around future stewardship of shop front space and car park. We look forward to rolling out a mission partnerships strategy aimed at strengthening our global partnerships and increasing passion and prayerfulness.

Thanks to everyone for your earnest desire to love God well, to love each other and to put your hand to the plough as we co-labour in the gospel together.

The report includes many activities that took place at All Saints' in the previous year. I'd like to thank the excellent staff team (Kamwende, Jake, Gail, Joy, Catherine, Christine, Michele, Johanna and Toni) and Parish Council (Hugh, Bev, Andrew, Ru, Jayne, Janie, Ruarri, Sue, Bill, Richard and Michele) for their needed and good support. I'd also like to thank each person who volunteers and contributes their time and talents towards raising up God's Church in Greensborough. What a joy it continues to be, to follow Jesus alongside you.

To God be the Glory!

Julie Blinco-Smith

Senior Minister
All Saints' Anglican Church - Greensborough

A BRIEF HISTORY OF

ALL SAINTS

PRE-1835

The Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people lived on these lands

1835- CENSUS

177 White People
35 females

1850s

THE GOLD RUSH

Edward Green donated land for church to be built upon
Uni of Melbourne
Parliament House
Constitution for Victoria

1855- CHURCH SCHOOL

Fundraisers to start Church School with Bible Study prayer and worship



1920

Renovation after building deemed unfit for use



1967

Diamond shaped Worship Centre built

1978

Multi-million Greensborough Plaza developed

1980

Christian Bookshop and Turning Point Cafe established



2022- ONGOING MISSION AND DISCIPLESHIP

Partnership of praying, giving, going, caring, preaching, turning up



As we look at our communal history, it would appear that every 50 years or so, we have entered a significant season of change/ expansion. In part, this is due to necessary upgrades of physical buildings, in part a likely readiness of people to embark with faith and respond to the needs of the church in their time, and perhaps this is part of God's timing and cycle for All Saints.

The joy of any generation is to treasure what they have seen and heard God do amongst them and pass this on as a testimony to the next generation. We are people who need to walk with open hands and receptive hearts.

Our spiritual heritage is rich with good gospel ministry, discipleship of those gathered and a desire to reach the lost, locally and abroad. We have recorded an abundance of good works and lives changed; followers of Jesus growing and helping others to grow for the glory of God, here.

Key Figures

Communion



| FY23 | FY22 |
|------|------|
| 3300 | 2696 |

Confirmations



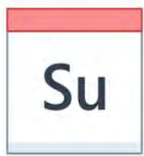
| FY23 | FY22 |
|------|------|
| 0 | 5 |

Nursing Home Visits



| FY23 | FY22 |
|------|------|
| 34 | 0 |

Sunday Services



| FY23 | FY22 |
|------|------|
| 142 | 145 |

Funerals



| FY23 | FY22 |
|------|------|
| 6 | 5 |

Small Groups



| FY23 | FY22 |
|------|------|
| 15 | 14 |

Mid-week Services



| FY23 | FY22 |
|------|------|
| 56 | 37 |

Memorials



| FY23 | FY22 |
|------|------|
| 0 | 1 |

Home Visits



| FY23 | FY22 |
|------|------|
| 104 | 27+ |

Baptisms



| FY23 | FY22 |
|------|------|
| 7 | 1 |

Marriages



| FY23 | FY22 |
|------|------|
| 4 | 0 |

The Parish Council has met regularly each month at the church and via Zoom. The meetings have been conducted in accordance with Diocesan Regulations, with presentations of minutes, reports on finance, receipt of correspondence and reports from the Greensborough Christian Book Centre and various other committees operating under the direction of the Parish Council. Discussion has taken place on matters concerning the month to month running of the parish.

Staff Members



From Left to Right: Gail Pinchbeck, Michele Pilmore, Johanna Boutros, Catherine Rae, Kamwende Gatende, Julie Blinco-Smith, Jake Wilkins, and Toni Freeman



Joy Sandefur



Christine Kollaris

Meeting our Strategic Goals

2023 Priorities

1. Expanding and equipping the volunteer base to lead ministries which make, mature and mobilise followers of Jesus, in every generation.
2. Building a vibrant and discipleship-minded Life Group Ministry.
3. Reviewing and refining pathways of outreach and community-based programs.
4. Preparing a property fit for future mission and ministry.

Progress Achieved

- Key volunteers trained and equipped in ESL Classes, Alpha Course, Kid's Learning Time, Mainly Music, Youth Ministry, Worship Teams, Service Teams, Life Groups, Bookshop, Parish Council and evangelism.
- Growth of Life Group ministry by 3 Life Groups and training of existing leaders.
- Appointment of Youth Engagement officer.
- Consolidating Welcome Teams and forming pathways.
- Ongoing maintenance of existing property, roof repairs, roof replacement is intended, lease of car park reviewed and renewed future plans for stewardship of car park, bookshop, supper room and front foyer underway, regular working bees occurring and other improvements planned.

Church Financials - Income

Financial Report for the year ended 30 September

| | Notes | 30/9/2023 | 30/9/2022 |
|-----------------------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Income | | | |
| General Church Giving | | \$ 330,357 | \$ 315,853 |
| Mission Giving | 1 | \$ 20,673 | \$ - |
| Specific Mission Giving | 2 | \$ 44,962 | \$ 4,692 |
| Outreach | 3 | \$ 20,357 | \$ 4,637 |
| Donations | | \$ 100 | \$ 6,354 |
| Lease - Car Park | | \$ 30,618 | \$ 37,397 |
| Commercial Hall Hire | | \$ 14,572 | \$ 12,378 |
| Interest Received | | \$ 8,948 | \$ 760 |
| Church Plant "City to City" | | | \$ 25,000 |
| Total Income | | \$ 470,587 | \$ 407,071 |

| | 30/9/2023 | 30/9/2022 |
|--|------------------|-----------------|
| Note 1: Mission Giving | | |
| CMS | \$ 67 | 324 |
| Wycliffe - D & S Healey | \$ 200 | 500 |
| BCA | \$ 170 | 1092 |
| City to City - J Laird | \$ 2,860 | |
| Nugalinya Church | \$ 318 | |
| General Mission Giving | \$ 14,034 | |
| Tear Fund | \$ 3,024 | 2776 |
| | \$ 20,673 | \$ 4,692 |
| Note 2: Specific Mission Giving | | |
| Building Mission Appeal | | |
| - Roof and Gutters Repair | \$ 25,840 | |
| - General Building Upgrade | \$ 19,122 | |
| | \$ 44,962 | |
| Note 3: Outreach Income | | |
| Community Meal | \$ 1,001 | |
| Friendship Club | \$ 2,505 | |
| Weddings/Funerals | \$ 3,179 | |
| Kids Club | \$ 860 | |
| Mainly Music | \$ 690 | \$ 681 |
| Play Grooup | | \$ 10 |
| Nugalinya Trip | \$ 11,632 | |
| Photos | \$ 80 | |
| Womens Retreat | \$ 410 | |
| | \$ 20,357 | \$ 691 |

Church Financials - Expenses

Financial Report for the year ended 30 September

| | Notes | 30/9/2023 | 30/9/2022 |
|--|-------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Expenses | | | |
| Admin & Office - Sundries | | \$ 1,654 | \$ 8,624 |
| Bank charges | | \$ 1,062 | \$ 1,247 |
| Church Supplies | | \$ 307 | |
| Cleaning - Church | | \$ 25,728 | \$ 23,947 |
| Computer, Printing, Internet | | \$ 1,876 | |
| Diocesan Assessment | | \$ 37,932 | \$ 44,022 |
| Hospitality, Gifts and Visitor Fees | | \$ 723 | \$ 2,875 |
| Health and Safety | | \$ 883 | |
| Insurance - property | | \$ 15,324 | \$ 13,676 |
| Licences & Certificates | | \$ 8,778 | \$ 4,346 |
| Loan Interests | | \$ 935 | \$ 1,134 |
| Missions Donations | 4 | \$ 21,644 | \$ 21,260 |
| Outreach Expenses | | \$ 21,109 | \$ 5,688 |
| Church Plant "City to City" | | | \$ 39,833 |
| Specific Church Giving | | \$ 44,682 | \$ 4,692 |
| Office Equipment <1,000 | | \$ 3,091 | \$ 6,714 |
| Phone & Fax | | \$ 9,061 | |
| Professional fees- Audit & Bookkeeping | | \$ 1,913 | \$ 7,794 |
| Professional fees- Bookkeeping | | \$ 1,019 | |
| Repairs and Maintenance | | \$ 6,539 | \$ 11,643 |
| Rates | | \$ 2,270 | |
| Rental Property Expenses - Other | | \$ 5,000 | |
| Staffing Costs | | \$ 221,479 | \$ 240,162 |
| Training | | \$ 2,930 | |
| Stationery & Photocopying | | \$ 3,029 | |
| Travel & Accommodation | | \$ 1,199 | |
| Utilities - Electricity, Gas Water | | \$ 18,407 | \$ 20,895 |
| Waste Disposal | | \$ 600 | |
| Total Expenses | | \$ 459,170 | \$ 458,552 |
| | | 30/9/2023 | 30/9/2022 |
| Surplus / (Deficit) | | \$ 11,416 | -\$ 51,481 |

Church Financials – Expenses Notes

Financial Report for the year ended 30 September

| Notes 4: Mission Donations | 30/9/2023 | 30/9/2022 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| OMG - A& N Fung | | \$ 960 |
| Wycliffe - D & S Healey | \$ 9,600 | \$ 7,200 |
| City to City - J Laird | \$ 3,200 | \$ 2,400 |
| CMS - Andrew and Claire Livingstone | \$ 1,617 | \$ 2,400 |
| Interserve - J & C Thorne | | \$ 3,000 |
| Melbourne Indigenous Fellowship | | \$ 500 |
| G & K Hay | \$ - | \$ 2,400 |
| Paul Worsnop | | \$ 1,200 |
| Bursaries for equipping All saints' people | \$ 1,350 | |
| BCA | \$ 600 | \$ 600 |
| Ridley | \$ 600 | \$ 600 |
| Nugalinya College | \$ 453 | |
| Online Mission - Barnabas Aid | \$ 375 | |
| Online Mission - Arab world media | \$ 375 | |
| Local Mission - Christmans | \$ 450 | |
| Tear Fund | \$ 3,024 | |
| | \$ 21,644 | \$ 21,260 |

Church Financials – Balance Sheet

Balance Sheet

| Account | 30 Sep 2023 | 30 Sep 2022 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Assets | | |
| Bank | | |
| Bendigo Bank Building Fund - 137306528 | 0 | 0 |
| Bendigo Cash Management Account - 130453715 | 63,673 | 68,694 |
| Bendigo Club Account - 633000 - 130451156 | 5,438 | 2,703 |
| Total Bank | 69,111 | 71,397 |
| Current Assets | | |
| Accounts Receivable | 2,132 | 277 |
| ADF Savings A/c - Church Investment Account | 297,486 | 288,549 |
| ADF Savings A/c - Giving 05009271 | 1,072 | 1,061 |
| ADF Savings A/c - Organ Fund | 5,665 | 5,665 |
| Bendigo Bank - Debit Card | 63 | 0 |
| Petty Cash | 250 | 250 |
| Total Current Assets | 306,668 | 295,802 |
| Fixed Assets | | |
| Fixed Asset - Property Plant and Equipment | 1,377,931 | 1,377,931 |
| Total Fixed Assets | 1,377,931 | 1,377,931 |
| Non-current Assets | | |
| Investment Account - Property Plant Project | 83,661 | 83,661 |
| Total Non-current Assets | 83,661 | 83,661 |
| Total Assets | 1,837,371 | 1,828,791 |
| Liabilities | | |
| Current Liabilities | | |
| Accounts Payable | 14,757 | 6,539 |
| GST8 | (10,044) | 0 |
| Intercompany loan | (2,787) | (2,759) |
| Total Current Liabilities | 1,926 | 3,780 |
| Non-current Liabilities | | |
| Accruals | 1,350 | 1,989 |
| ADF Loan - 444000795 | 7,454 | 23,835 |
| City to City Church Planting | 25,000 | 0 |
| Annual Leave | 9,111 | 8,838 |
| GST Paid/recd to/from ATO | 7,918 | (1,539) |
| Specific Church Building Mission Appeal | 17,448 | 36,140 |
| Other Liabilities - Donations for Church Upgrade | 78,387 | 78,387 |
| Total Non-current Liabilities | 146,668 | 147,649 |
| Total Liabilities | 148,594 | 151,430 |
| Net Assets | 1,688,776 | 1,677,361 |
| Equity | | |
| Asset Revaluation Reserve | 405,572 | 405,572 |
| Accumulated Funds | 1,271,788 | 1,323,266 |
| Current year Surplus/(Deficit) | 11,416 | (51,480) |
| Total Equity | 1,688,776 | 1,677,358 |

Church Financials – Audit Report



MARIANNE HARRIS MIPA
Public Accountant
Registered Tax Agent

13th November 2023

The Treasurer
All Saints Anglican Church
14 Church Street
GREENSBOROUGH VIC 3088

To the Parish Council and Members of All Saints Anglican Church Greensborough

Re: Audit of Financial Statements for the year ended 30th September, 2023

I have audited the financial statements of All Saints Anglican Church Greensborough for the year ended 30th September, 2023 as presented in the report to the annual congregational meeting. The parish council members, treasurer and bookkeeper(s) are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements and the information contained therein. I have conducted an independent audit of the financial statements in order to express an opinion on it to the members of the church.

The audit has been conducted in a way to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly and in accordance with the requirements of the All Saints Anglican Church Greensborough and other mandatory professional reporting requirements so as to present a view of the church which is consistent with the understanding of its financial position and the results of its operations and cash flows.

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

Audit Opinion

In my opinion the financial statements have been presented in a way to exhibit a true and reliable summary of the finances of the All Saints Anglican Church Greensborough for the year ended 30th September, 2023.

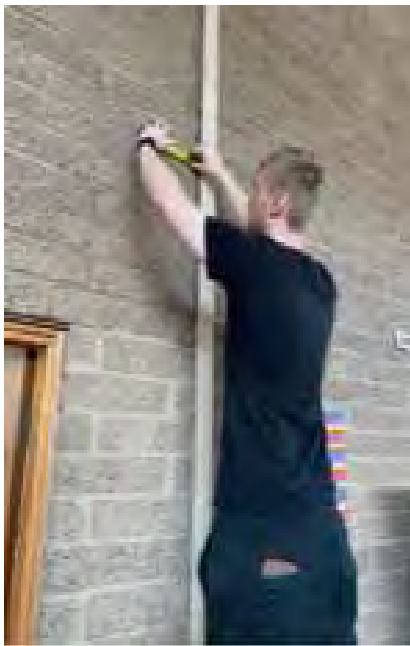
Dated this 13th day of November, 2023.

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Property Warden Report – Andrew Denke



Property Warden Report – Andrew Denke

This year has been a busy year at All Saints in many departments & Property Maintenance was one. I would like to thank previous property warden Andrew Moore for his assistance in providing information & support to me with this Position. Also a big thanks to Julie Blinco-Smith, Bev Burgoyne & Hugh Bryant-Parsons for there support to me in this position.

Key highlights:

- AV system repairs to improve Livestream
- Network cabling upgrade
- Wonderful working bee helpers

Key challenges:

- Finding reliable tradesmen for roof quotes
- Break-ins to All Saints Building multiple times
- IT Network issues
- Roof Leaks

ALL SAINTS ROOFING UPGRADE

Thanks to money generously donated in 2022 from the Maintenance Appeal towards roof repairs/replacement, the company began this project in late December & completed by January 2023. Unfortunately due to increased building costs this maintenance project cost \$46,450 to replace only the section of flat roof above foyer to main doors to sandpit & above utilities room. The roof section above bookshop was not replaced however it was cleaned, sealed with a high grade fibreglass membrane where penetrations were rusted.

AUDIO VISUAL & TECHNOLOGY NETWORKING

With the aging networking system continuing to become unreliable, the new phone system & livestream at church were consistently unreliable. Thanks to Peter Ellicot from Perfection Audio & Andrew Moore most of the AV issues had been addressed however this system is in need of an entire upgrade which will be at a high cost.

The network cabling then needed to be addressed & we had reached out to an electrical company who wasn't prepared to give a written quote however estimated the job would cost at least \$25,000. Thankfully we have some generous people who were prepared to volunteer there time & efforts. I'm so thank-full for Andrew Moore's many hours sourcing cabling/materials for this project in a challenging building. Also by doing this project with volunteers we saved \$20,000. So I would also like to thank Stuart Armitage ,Fraser Thomas, Ben Palad, Josh Rae & Ishaq Chandy for there assistance. Also Bill Tuckwell who kindly loaned us his scaffolding equipment that enabled reduced costs, a big thanks to Bill.

VICARAGE

The Vicarage is also in need of repairs/maintenance & Andrew Smith is kindly volunteering his time to replace the rotting timber deck, however we plan to hold a working bee to address gardening maintenance in the new year. there are also other issues that need attention & should be addressed.

- stove top ignition issues
- plaster repairs in stairway
- gutters cleaned

Property Warden Report – Andrew Denke

SECURITY

All Saints this year unfortunately has been broken into on a few occasions & come at a cost not only in repairs to the exit door near the piano in Auditorium where entry was accessed but also a cost with food supplies taken which also disrupts Michele Pilmore & Christine's preparations. Thankfully there was no major damage or equipment stolen. We are currently looking at a security system that will best provide security & safety to All Saints Greensborough.

OH&S

With the findings from our OH&S committee we were able to achieve & address many of the findings. Installing an Exit sign above exit doors to sandpit area, replace mat at the same location avoiding trip hazard, utilities room upgrade etc. Thanks Richard Sutherland, Bev Burgoyne, Richard Pranker, Sue Moore & Johanna for there time meeting together with these issues. A HUGE thanks to Ann & John Anderson for there hard work with the Utilities room restoration.

MAINTENANCE PROJECTS AHEAD

\$5800 has kindly been donated towards front garden restoration & we will be obtaining quotes to light up All Saints cross & lighting to the outside tree in front garden.

We are currently in the process of replacing the Hall roof & due to the roof containing Asbestos this is once again an expensive cost to our finances, however due to continuous water leaks Parish Council have voted to replace the roof with a colorbond roof.

The Asbestos removal is a separate company however both work in conjunction with each other to organize when this project will begin. This Roof Replacement Project will cost approximately \$92,000 to complete.

WORKING BEES

Its been fantastic to spend time with many volunteers to maintain Gods church throughout the year & I would like to thank ALL who gave there time & efforts at the 6 weekly working bees maintaining the gardens & buildings to a safe, clean & tidy standard. Thanks to Peter Jacobs & Dennis Fitzgerald for there ongoing maintenance that has saved All Saints from extra cost.

SUMMING UP IN SCRIPTURE

ISAIAH 61:4 "However ruined and devastated things may appear to be, God can rebuild, Restore, and Renew", that goes for churches too.

IN GOD WE TRUST

Book Centre Report – Christine Kollaris



Book Centre Report – Christine Kollaris & Julie Blinco

How this ministry worked towards/achieved the Mission of All Saints this year:

GCBC is a place where people encounter Jesus –

- We welcome people of diversity (who keep returning) as well as reaching out into the community with our various activities including High Teas, Devonshire days, the Repair Café, handing out food parcels, coming alongside - people living it rough, those who are lonely or in distress, those needing prayer.
- We continue to equip Christians locally and into the greater community in their faith and ministry through selling Christian books and gifts which teach and encourage. The customers spread Jesus love into places we can't reach.

Key highlights:

- It seems like, this year more than ever we are having people coming seeking God. At least once a week we will have someone wanting a Bible and some questions answered as they respond to a longing they are experiencing.
- I am so grateful to have Moira on board as a new volunteer.

Key challenges:

- Our key challenge remains encouraging people to buy books, to read and grow in their faith. Some of this is a challenge with people not reading books anymore, some from sourcing and buying their reading elsewhere (online or at Koorong) and also from a changed market in a post-covid world.
- Another key challenge is trying to reach a wider customer and volunteer base which represents the diversity of population in our local suburbs and churches. All of the above create a challenge with financial sustainability.

Other significant events, occurrences or personal testimonies:

We have had 2 author dinners in the last year – both excellent – Sisters in Arms (well attended) and The Barefoot Disciple (a bit light on numbers). The Repair Café continues to reach out to the community with us being invited to the Mayor's Gala Ball for our contribution to community. SUTS was a wonderful encouragement and experience for us with Christine being asked to do story-time with SUTS Kids again.

Scripture that would sum up what God has done through this Ministry this year:

“Seek first the kingdom of God” – we keep our eyes on the prize and endeavour to point people in the right direction.

Number and key people involved in the ministry:

Thank you Jenny, Maggi, Moira and Kerryl for all your hard work – also Linda and Michele who are dab hands at helping out with our catering events.

Book Centre Report - Financials

Comparative Financial Performance for Year Ended 30th June 2023

| | <u>Year ended</u> <u>30/6/2023</u> | <u>Year ended</u> <u>30/6/2022</u> |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Sales | 173,340 | 129,616 |
| Less Cost of Sales | 84,557 | 67,431 |
| GROSS PROFIT | 88,783 | 62,185 |
| Less Expenses | 100,179 | 89,159 |
| TRADING LOSS | 11,396 | 26,974 |
| Other Income | 341 | 43,552 |
| NET PROFIT/LOSS | (\$11,055) | \$16,578 |

Comparative Financial Position as at 30th June 2023

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <u>Assets</u> | | | |
| | Cash, Bank & ADF | 70,484 | 82,438 |
| | Debtors | 43 | 220 |
| | Stocks | 75,736 | 73,887 |
| | Plant & Equipment | 8,593 | 8,533 |
| | | <u>154,856</u> | <u>165,078</u> |
| <u>Less Liabilities</u> | | | |
| | Creditors | 19,184 | 19,191 |
| | Provision for Long Service Leave | 10,130 | 9,290 |
| | | <u>29,314</u> | <u>28,481</u> |
| | EQUITY | <u>\$125,542</u> | <u>\$136,597</u> |

Notes:

For the year 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 we have not charged any depreciation of fixed assets to the accounts. During the current financial year a policy of depreciating fixed assets will be developed and actioned in retrospect to the last two years.



Life Groups Report – Kamwende Gatende

How this ministry worked towards/achieved the Mission of All Saints this year:

Life Groups have enabled the All Saints community to remain Jesus-centred by helping people engage with God’s word and grow in their discipleship of Christ together. This year, we’ve had the privilege of having several people who live in the North-Eastern suburbs join the church and get connected into a life group thus finding community and some coming to faith.

Key highlights:

- 3 new life groups started this year bringing the number of life groups at All Saints to 15
- Having 4 set sermon series study materials over the year helped life group leaders to plan in advance and also have flexibility to cover different material in the interim periods
 - **26 Feb- 2 April** - Content and Connected (very well received due to its practical nature)
 - **May** - Nehemiah (many enjoyed the manuscript discovery style of this study)
 - **July** - Wisdom from Proverbs (appreciated for its focus on application)
 - **Sept-Oct** - Ripple Effect (helpful in debunking myths about evangelism)

Key challenges:

- Life group involvement in mission

Steps taken to overcome these key challenges:

- Continuing to encourage each life group to take on a global mission partner to support

Other significant events, occurrences or personal testimonies:

- Life Group Encouragement Afternoon 19th March 2023
- A lady came to church, wasn’t a believer, was invited to Alpha, got connected in to a life group, gave her life to Christ through Alpha and is now being discipled by members of her life group and getting baptised!

Scripture that would sum up what God has done through this Ministry this year:

1 Corinthians 1:4-9 'I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge— God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you.

Number and key people involved in the ministry:

15 life groups, 20 life group leaders, over 100 people involved in life groups on a regular basis

Children and Families Report – Catherine Rae

Nativity Play combined with
Living Faith Church



Jurassic July Holiday Kids Club



Dig into the Bible Minecraft
Holiday Kids Club



Children and Families Report – Catherine Rae

How this ministry worked towards/achieved the Mission of All Saints this year:

Mission – Our Chifam programs seek to be a place where children and families can encounter Jesus and we are so grateful for the opportunities we have. From Mainly Music (MM) songs telling the children that God loves them, Holiday Kids Club (HKC) stories, dramas and crafts, Kids Learning Time (KLT) activities and 10:30 service Kids' Spot songs and activities, all point towards Jesus as the centre of our faith.

Key highlights:

- Restarting our Early Years KLT group for toddlers and preschoolers, after several years of having very few children in this age group.
- The flexibility of the MM team in different leadership roles and the growth in numbers and diversity of families attending (mums, dads and grandparents).
- The excitement of the children at our 'Dig into the Bible' (Minecraft) and Jurassic July (Dinosaurs) HKC programs, and seeing our teens really step up and try new things as they become part of our Chifam team.

Key challenges:

- Low program numbers have been dispiriting at times.
- Finding enough volunteers for KLT has also been challenging.

Steps taken to overcome these key challenges:

- Prayer, and lots of it! We have also rostered parents as helpers where needed. At the end of 2022 we decided it was time to close Illuminate, in the hope that this type of ministry will have a new opportunity some time in the future.

Other significant events, occurrences or personal testimonies:

- Weekly Kids' Spot (talk or song) in the 10:30 service, presented by many different people of all ages.
- Christmas Eve family service focussing on the love God showed us through Jesus.

Scripture that would sum up what God has done through this Ministry this year:

Faith makes us sure of what we hope for and gives us proof of what we cannot see. Hebrews 11:1 (CEV). This was the memory verse from Jurassic July, but also represents the faith we have had that we would see growth again after struggling for numbers in many areas since the pandemic. That hope (and much prayer!) is now starting to bear fruit in all areas of children & families ministry as we see more families become involved.

Number and key people involved in the ministry:

Special thanks to Janie Beasley, Heather Mann, Michele Pilmore, and there are too many other volunteers to list so thanks to you all! Typical numbers: KLT – 5 regular team + parent helpers / 20+ children and teens; MM - 7 team / 12-15 families; HKC 20+ team / 40 children, Kids Spot – 12+ different presenters.

Youth and Young Adults Report - Jake Wilkins



Friday Night Youth - Youth Alpha

A safe space for teenagers to connect with other youth, have community, and good conversation.

We host dinner together followed by Youth Alpha where we explore life's bigger questions. We also occasionally host games nights, quiz nights, dance & karaoke, sushi-making, house parties, and chill-out nights.

*Fridays 6pm-8pm every fortnightly during School Terms
@ The Church Lounge (access via rear carpark)*

Growth Group

A weekly gathering for teenagers to catch-up, explore the gospel, study the Bible, pray for each other, and talk about life and faith.

Tuesdays 4pm-5pm weekly during School Terms



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How this ministry worked towards/achieved the Mission of All Saints this year:

- Youth Growth Group has encountered Jesus as we've journeyed through Proverbs, an Overview of the Bible Story, the Sermon on the Mount and *Jesus Revolution*.
- Friday Night Youth explored the gospel through the *Youth Alpha course* and has grown in size (regularly averaging 8 youth) and the community has bonded beautifully as we've shared delicious meals together and welcomed new teenagers.
- Young Adults Growth Group has devoted to a regular weekly prayer meeting, going deeper into the sermon series, worship & prayer nights, and social nights including a Trivia Night with other local churches.
- Dinner after the 6pm Service has served as a unique space for fellowship and pastoral care particularly among young adults and the congregation.

Key highlights:

- Mentoring a new Christian young adult regularly has been energising for me.
- Friday Night Youth has blossomed into is a safe, encouraging and non-clicky community of diverse teenagers which is a beautiful picture of God's Kingdom.
- The network of Young Adults connected with our church has grown by around 10.

Key challenges:

- A survey of the Young Adults revealed that young people desire a strong community and fellowship most of all. However, it's been a challenge to sustain regularity of connection and community and we have a diverse age-range of young adults.

Steps taken to overcome these key challenges:

- More opportunities for connection and more structured social nights for Young Adults.

Scripture that would sum up what God has done through this Ministry this year:

Deuteronomy 32:2 "Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants.."

Number and key people involved in the ministry:

- **Youth volunteers:** Moira Wilkins, Andrew Denke & Angeline Mather
- **Young Adults volunteer:** Andrew Laird

Hot Pot Meal Report – Gail Pinchbeck



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How this ministry worked towards/achieved the Mission of All Saints this year:

- Our monthly Community Meal continues to engage with our local area.

Key highlights:

- A source of encouragement this year this year has been the return of a few regular attendees from the pre-COVID lockdown era.
- We are now self-funding so this enabled us to include some gospel input at Easter and Christmas.

Key challenges:

- The number of attendees remain in the mid 30's and the challenge is to find ways of increasing these figures.

Steps taken to overcome these key challenges:

- Recently, some opportunities have arisen which will be followed up.

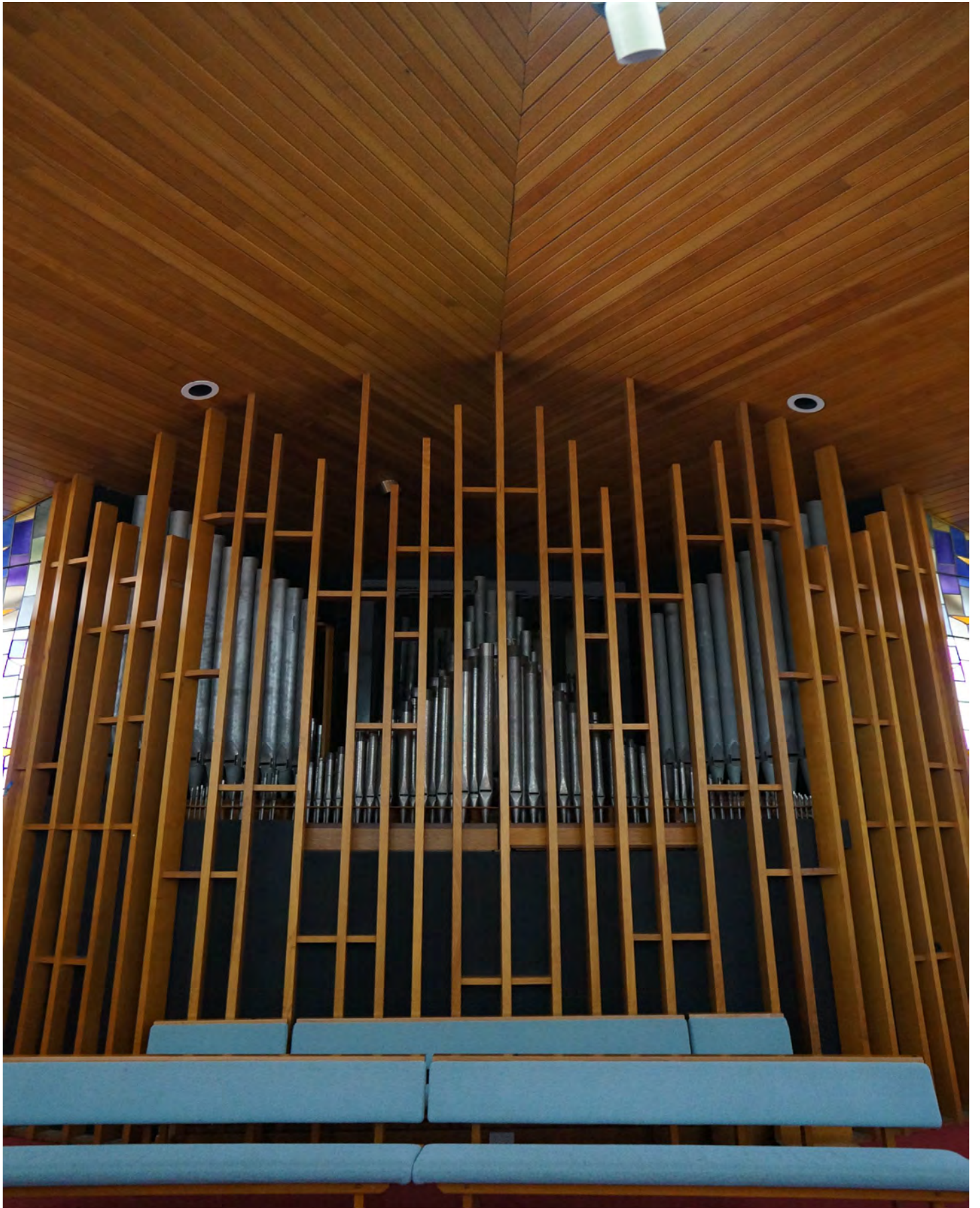
Scripture that would sum up what God has done through this Ministry this year:

Acts 20:35 "It is more blessed to give than to receive"

Number and key people involved in the ministry:

A highly committed team of people works hard to make the serving of the meal possible. In particular, our thanks go to Michele Pilmore and her helpers in the kitchen who continue to organize meals that fulfill our motto: "simple, nutritious, delicious" to Kaye Duckworth and Peter Jacobs who organise the setting up of the hall for each meal, as well as to those people who assist in many ways on the day.

We thank God for his provision and pray for even more opportunities to build relationships with those who come to the Meal.



Friendship Club Report – Michele Pilmore



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How this ministry worked towards/achieved the Mission of All Saints this year:

- Outreach program for Adults with disabilities living in supported care and otherwise socially isolated.
- We provide a Christian base for social interaction and friendships.

Key highlights:

- Finished the fruits of the spirits lesson including learning a new song that teaches them the different fruits of the spirit.
- The members being more open and eager to learn and asking questions about Jesus.
- Teaching them lessons about being Baptised. What is involved?
- Biggest highlight, 3 friendship club members being baptised and one member receiving a blessing.

Key challenges:

- The members are getting older and not regularly attending. Houses not communicating when members are not coming

Steps taken to overcome these key challenges:

- Have done door drops when we haven't seen a house attending.
- Constant emails, lots of prayers

Other significant events, occurrences or personal testimonies:

- What a joy to bring members forward for Baptism. The joy, love and smiles they showed as they were baptised. It was also a great showing for the church to see how far the members have come.

Scripture that would sum up what God has done through this Ministry this year:

Psalm 3:5 "Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act".

Number and key people involved in the ministry:

- Thank you to Ian, Janie, Kerryl, Susan, Rosemary and Anand for everything you do for Friendship club.

Mission and Mission Partners Report

All Saints' has a long legacy of missions partnerships: equipping & training; releasing, supporting and funding missions, both locally and abroad. This year was no different, with a strong commitment remaining, to partner with others, to ensure as many as possible have the opportunity to hear The good news of Jesus Christ.

A Global Missions Strategy has been formed as volunteers met and shaped an approach which intends to encourage prayerfulness, care and support of existing mission partners. This plan has been shared with and refined by Staff, approved by Parish Council and will shortly be implemented across The Parish.

This year, new mission partnerships have included Nungalinya College, Arab World Media and Barnabas Aid.

"We walk beside Muslims on their journey to faith in Jesus. We support seekers and new believers through personal contact and online discipleship, and we connect them with local believers where possible".

Impact statement of Arab World Media.

An All Saints' team of eleven people spent a week in Darwin, learning from and staying at Nungalinya College. It was a great success and an incredibly rich time of peer-learning, understanding more of indigenous culture and contributing towards supporting the college in empowering indigenous Christians.



Term 3 Sermon Series went through The Ripple Effect, a resource created by Julie-Anne Laird (City To City Mission Partnership).

This year All Saints tried a modified approach to the financial giving aspect of our missions partnerships. Our missions giving was taken through an appeal in the first quarter, with one-off and ongoing support pledged. Giving can be seen below. This was hoped to raise individual awareness, engagement and eventual momentum in our global partnerships and will continue in 2024 with some modifications.





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