

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA DIOCESE OF BUNBURY PARISH OF DENMARK -WALPOLE

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REPORTS & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



for the accounting period
1 January 2016 – 31 December 2016



RECTOR

I am amazed to realise this is my seventh AMP in the parish. I am in humble awe at the activity and achievements of the Body of Christ in this place and while mindful of the slow nature of progress in some areas, such as buildings, give thanks that we continue to grow and develop.



Revd Sue Lodge-Calvert

State of the Parish

Strengths

2016 was a year of slow continued growth and development as a community of faith with the leadership group being broad and varied across the parish which is a sign of mature health. Our activity level remains astonishingly high both in the church and on behalf of the church within the community.

Vulnerabilities

It remains a vulnerability that so much is done by a relatively small group. Whenever one becomes ill or otherwise engaged we are all reminded how close to the limit we work. Although I suspect that will ever be the case as we just do more whenever we have the capacity!

Pastoral highlights

Sacramental

We continue to meet at least 4 times a week across the parish with Sunday services at St Leonard's and St Georges, and once a month Twilight Meditation on the Sunday evening, Wednesday's 11 am communion service, and Saturday at the Blue Wren Lodge. In 2016 we had 2 baptisms, 2 weddings, 6 funerals and 2 house blessings.

Liturgical

One of our main outreach activities is to provide worship opportunities for locals and visitors who are not regular church worshippers. Over the years we have a repertoire of such services including extras services at Christmas and Easter (numerically very successful this year), Pet Blessings, All Souls, songs of praise as part of the Festival of Voice, the Blessing of the Emergency Services Fleet in Walpole, and then those once off events.

It was wonderful to be able to mark the 60th anniversary of the Anglican Church having a built presence in Walpole during Bishop Allan's pastoral visit in May. This event was well attended by current and past members of the congregation and community.



Also as Alison has commented the events in October that brought people from the Art Trail into the church.

Study

Both Denmark and Walpole had Lent studies again this year. Many individuals also took books of personal devotions for the holy seasons of Advent and Lent. I am also aware that many people have a daily study pattern that they have developed over many years.

Mission

The single biggest mission of the church remains in many ways the Mustard Seed op shop and the



cheerful activity in the community and the good that we are able to contribute to with proceeds from the shop. During the year Jill Rule unfortunately needed to give up her role as Mission Secretary and Management Committee member, although she continues to be very involved in the Mustard Seed. Her creative passionate work is honoured. It was a delight to have Wendy Schwab join us on the committee and marks a fuller partnership with the community in this vital work.

In preparation for my leave and reduction in hours the financial assistance program is now administered by Community Resource Centre which is mainly working very well.

Building and Church Plant

2016 was a frustrating year in that a good deal of effort went into Expression of Interest to Lotterywest seeking a grant of \$347,000 (out of an estimated \$447,000 total cost) to support building an extension to the hall and renovating the existing hall. This was declined by Lotterywest on the basis that 1) Denmark has already had a great deal of money granted to other projects in recent years, 2) That Lotterywest will not fund building or fitting opportunity shops. While other smaller grants are still being sort after it is most likely that we will need to break the project down into smaller component parts and largely pay for the work ourselves.

With Lotterywest withdrawing from Heritage funding this is likely to be the case for future work in the church as well so from now on we need to be even more mindful of staying on top of maintenance issues so that we do not burden future generations with impossible bills.

General levels of maintenance and improvements have continued to be undertaken by parish council and St George's has been returned to a much higher standard of presentation and function over the last two years.

Diocesan perspectives

In November I had the honour of leading the ordination retreat for new deacon Rev'd Esther Leach of Living Waters and preaching at her ordination.

On a personal note

During the year I reduced my hours of work from 5.5 days to 3.5 days with Alison Kershaw working 2 days as a Stipended Licensed Lay Minister. This means the parish is still receiving the same amount of work but from two different people. This has been most welcome for me because of Alison's giftedness and also the reduction of

work for me. I also took the balance of my Long Service Leave during the year and I am so grateful that the whole leadership team, clergy and lay, stipended and non-stipended, were wonderful. The depth and breadth of people's commitment and skills in this community is part of the blessing of serving in this place which is now very much my home.

Stipend arrangements 2016		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Parish Priest	\$55,124.42												
Licensed Lay Minister	\$13,088.64												
	\$68,213.06												
Long Service Leave Fund (drawdown)	-\$7,752.43												
	\$60,460.63												

PROPERTY EXPENSE	Rectory		St Leonard's ⁽¹⁾		St George's		Total	
	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015
Power & water	1,279	1,150	1,038	896	511	553	2,829	2,599
Rates and fees	641	646	1,822	-423	76	77	2,539	300
External redecorating					4,755		4,755	
Internal redecorating					4,440		4,440	
Gardening & garden supplies			895	1,176			895	1,176
Termite inspection	120		479		140		739	
Protector fire services			315	124	104	104	419	228
50% retaining wall	220						220	
Plumbing services		119	64				64	119
Other maintenance			32				32	
Electrical wiring/lighting		304	11			280	11	584
Sound system				11,457				11,457
Replace roof						10,909		10,909
Rectory gutters		2,200						2,200
Commemorative plaque				215				215
Gazebo				205				205
	\$2,260	\$4,419	\$4,656	\$13,651	\$10,025	\$11,923	\$16,941	\$29,993

⁽¹⁾ St Leonard's church building and hall combined. It is not always possible to differentiate (shared services and meters).

CHURCH WARDENS



Harold Luxton



Sally Prickett

Parish Council

Churchwardens

✿ Harold Luxton ^{(1) (2) (3)}

✿ Sally Prickett ^{(4) (5)}

Synod Representative

✿ Paul Mundell

Councillors

✿ Victoria Castiglione ⁽⁶⁾

✿ Jill Rule ^{(7) (8)}

✿ Judy Ross ⁽⁹⁾

✿ Alison Kershaw

✿ Peter Blades

✿ Jan Pattinson

✿ Alison Kenworthy

(1) Parish Treasurer

(2) Synod Representative (Diocese)

(3) Member of General Synod (Australia)

(4) Parish Secretary

(5) Safe Church Coordinator

(6) Minute Secretary

(7) Mission Secretary (until October 2016)

(8) Resigned October 2016

(9) Social Secretary

Parish Council Meetings

✿ 14 March 2016

✿ 18 April 2016

✿ 30 May 2016

✿ 5 September 2016

✿ 17 October 2016

✿ 28 November 2016

✿ 16 January 2017

Ordained Ministry

Rev'd Sue Lodge-Calvert, who has been Parish Priest since 25 July 2010, was on Long Service and Annual leave from 27 June through to 21 August 2016.

Permission to Officiate

Retired Priests Revd Kevin Callegari (who lives in Walpole) and Revd Rodger Bull (who lives in Denmark) have the Bishop's Permission to Officiate (PTO) in the Diocese and we are very grateful that they regularly preside at services at the Walpole and Denmark ends of the parish.

Churchwardens are responsible to see that no person officiates without the Bishop's licence.

Licensed Lay Ministers

Licensed Lay Ministers assist with worship services and lead services in the absence of a priest.

✿ Alison Kershaw ✿ Harold Luxton

✿ Jan Pattinson ✿ Chris Prickett

✿ Sally Prickett ✿ Paul Mundell

Safe Church

Sally Prickett continues to be the Safe Church Co-ordinator for the parish. Bishop Allan has stipulated that every church leader who has not already done so must attend a Safe Church Workshop in March or April this year, which will include all members of the new Parish Council.

Various safety issues systems have been put in place including what action should be taken if a medical incident occurs during a church service and indeed this system worked very well during an episode in January 2017. A Critical Incident Report File has been opened and there have been several reportable incidents all of which have been correctly reported and resolved. Safe Church is an Agenda item at each Parish Council meeting.

Mustard Seed Op Shop

Another highly financially successful year with 43 volunteers. Very much an outreach ministry based venture with approximately 75% of the volunteers being from within the community as opposed to being church members. Management Team consists of Rev. Sue, Jill Rule (who resigned in October 2016), Carol Mundell, Wendy Schwab (who joined the team on 21st October 2016) and Sally Prickett.

The Christmas lunch this year was at the RSL hall with many parishioners providing a scrumptious meal to the volunteers. Rev. Sue thanked the volunteers for their commitment and hard work and gave details of all the donations made through the year both locally, Australia wide and beyond.

Walpole Social Morning Tea

Thanks to Jean Lawrence for this initiative on the first Friday of each month since August 2016. Valued and supported by Walpole people.

Buildings & Property

A list of property expense is on page 4.

During February this year a sound system including a hearing aid loop was installed in St. Leonard's Church Denmark which has been most beneficial to parishioners attending services. The expense for this was incurred in 2015.

All parish buildings were checked by Swift Pest Management in the

first quarter of the year. The only items to note was some old white ant activity near the front entrance of St. Leonard's and also several stumps under the church were suspected to be rotting. 12 white ant stations were installed around St. Leonard's in July on Parish Council's directive and these were checked at the end of October by the Warden and no white ant activity was found. The stumps were inspected and 3 were found to require replacing. This work will be done during 2017.

Coral McDonald resigned as an employed gardener for St. Leonard's Church during the year and we are grateful that Ken Richards, a parishioner, is kindly fulfilling this roll on a voluntary basis. Sam Mayers continues to maintain the church lawn at St. Leonard's and has been kept very busy with odd jobs for which we are very grateful.

The front retaining wall between the rectory and No. 7 Brazier Street has been replaced and during the coming year the same area between No.3. and the Rectory will also require being replaced.

In Conclusion

As you can see working together with parish and community members we have achieved many things in 2016. With confidence we look forward to 2017 being another year of achievements.

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

To the Parishioners
Anglican Parish of Denmark-Walpole
PO Box 277
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Scope

I have audited the attached Statements of Financial Position and Income and Expense of the Anglican Parish of Denmark-Walpole for the year ended the 31st December 2016. The Treasurer is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Financial Statements. The Parish Council has determined that the information contained therein and the accounting policies used are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the Parochial Statute 1994-2010 and are appropriate to meet the needs of Parishioners. I have conducted an independent audit of the Financial Statements in order to express an opinion on them to the members of the committee.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the Financial Statements are free of material misstatement. The procedures included examination 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 Statement of Financial Position (including verification of the assets of the parish) and Income and Expenses Statement are presented fairly so as to present a view of the Anglican Parish of Denmark-Walpole which is consistent with my 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 Statements of Financial Position and Income and Expense of the Anglican Parish of Denmark-Walpole present fairly the financial position as at 31st December 2016 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the period then ended.



Gary Richard Schwab
Certified Practising Accountant

6th February 2017

Financial Position at 31 December 2016

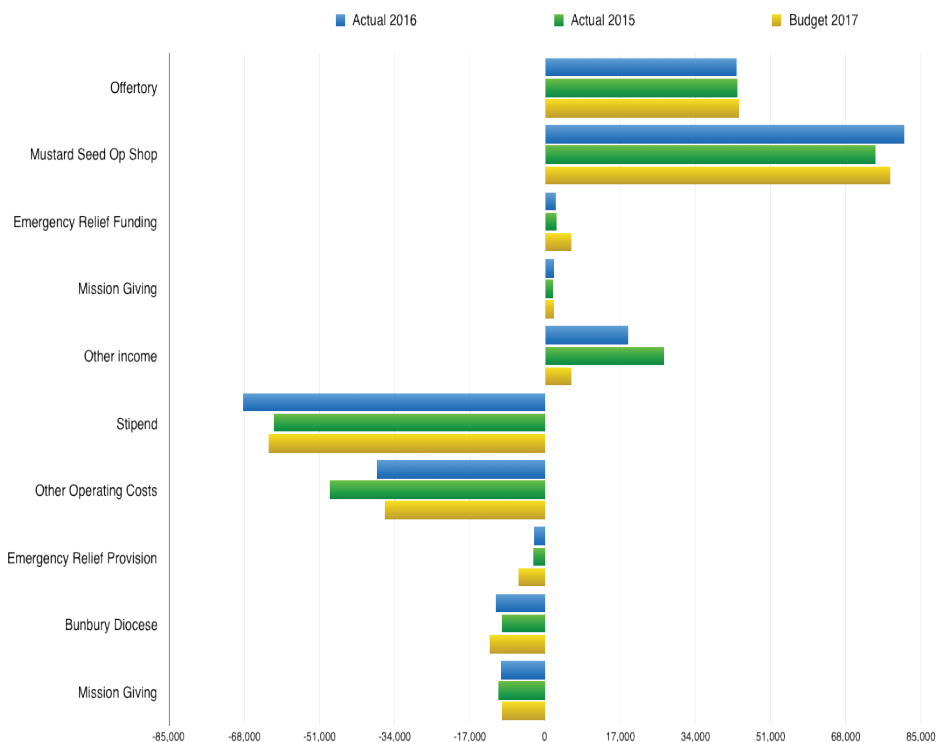
	Actual 31/12/16	Actual 31/12/15
ASSETS		
11100 – Cash at bank	70,132	69,408
11191 – Bequest Edna Brown	82,675	80,517
11193 – Parish Development Fund	15,517	7,131
12200 – Undeposited Funds	2,142	2,826
16300 – Parish Motor Vehicle	12,338	14,514
TOTAL ASSETS	182,804	174,395
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
21120 – Accounts Payable	4,549	6,188
21121 – Other accrued commitment		11,457
21230 – Mustard Seed Mission Projects		3,165
21250 – Emergency Relief Fund		503
21300 – Tax Payable	-764	-1,937
21510 – Unexpended Boniface Care Grant	5,994	
Total Liabilities	9,779	19,376
Equity		
31000 – Opening balance (2007)	109,401	109,401
32000 – Retained earnings since 2007	45,618	28,738
Net Income	18,006	16,879
Total Equity	173,025	155,019
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	182,804	174,395

Income and expense 12 months to 31 December 2016

INCOME	Actual 2016	Actual 2015	Budget 2017
42000 – Offertory, Giving	43,373	43,508	44,000
42300 – Mission Giving (In)	2,060	1,883	2,000
42600 – Donations	3,146	10,201	2,470
42700 – Drawdown from reserves	10,917	11,158	
43000 – Fund Raisers	818	1,220	
43500 – Mustard Seed Op Shop	81,173	74,799	78,000
44240 – Recovered expense	460	863	300
44500 – Interest received	3,478	3,539	3,230
45230 – Emergency Relief Funding	2,529	2,706	5,994

Total Income

147,955 149,878 135,994



EXPENSE	Actual 2016	Actual 2015	Budget 2017
61100 – Stipend	68,213	61,353	62,548
61300 – Supply fees	609	510	500
62010 – Altar Supplies	398	461	400
62040 – Copyright Fees	393	373	400
62051 – Anglican Messenger magazine	482	465	440
62052 – Books & devotion resources	681	248	
62070 – Hospitality	636	354	240
62200 – Memorial Plaques Cost	139	951	
62300 – Priest's Discretion	950	1,282	1,000
63000 – Mission Giving (Out)	10,025	10,506	9,800
63600 – Emergency Relief	2,529	2,706	5,994
64200 – Advertising	2,335	1,801	2,600
64300 – Telephone	916	958	1,020
64400 – Printing and Stationery	660	770	600
64401 – Print pew sheet	2,117	1,822	2,273
64650 – Interest on loan			420
64810 – Contribution to Bunbury Diocese	11,154	9,696	12,492
66050 – Assets purchased (<\$5,000)		205	
66100 – Utilities (power & water)	2,829	2,599	3,420
66210 – Repairs and Maintenance	11,610	15,436	8,000
66241 – Accrued Expense StL sound system		11,457	
66300 – Rates, Taxes and Fees	2,717	346	2,890
66400 – Parish Vehicle Expenses	2,237	3,667	2,300
66500 – Insurance	4,898	1,477	3,960
66600 – Depreciation	2,176	2,560	4,000
67371 – Mustard Seed Op Shop Costs	1,245	996	1,800
Total Expense	129,949	132,999	127,097
Net income	18,006	16,879	8,897

MISSION GIVING

Mission Project	2015	2016
Waroona & Districts Fires Appeal		\$2,200
Foundation For Ministry	\$505	\$2,065
Anglican Board of Missions	\$3,584	\$1,143
Highveld Project ^(a)	\$800	\$800
Seafarers	\$748	\$584
Christmas Bowl Appeal	\$388	\$517
Denmark Primary School	\$700	\$500
Médecins Sans Frontières Aust		\$500
Burundi church ^(b)		\$400
Riding Develops Ability Denmark		\$400
Denmark Arts (Desert Women Choir) ^(c)		\$400
Suryani Institute for Mental Health, Bali	\$383	\$276
YouthCare Denmark		\$146
World Day of Prayer		\$78
Bush Church Aid	\$130	\$17
CARAD Inc ^(d)	\$1,000	
IGWR – Nepal ^(e)	\$1,000	
Compassion Australia ^(f)	\$528	
Hlatikulu Community (Swaziland)	\$345	
Christian Blind Mission	\$250	
Bushfire Appeal (Esperance)	\$88	
Eutopia WA Inc	\$57	
	\$10,506	\$10,025

Mission Giving Source	2015	2016
Congregational Giving	\$1,883	\$2,061
Mustard Seed Mission Projects	\$8,623	\$7,965
	\$10,506	\$10,025

^(a) Parish Council agreed \$200 each quarter 2013-16

^(b) Contribution to building in Burundi South Africa

^(c) Denmark Festival of Voice

^(d) Centre for Asylum Seekers, Refugees & Detainees

^(e) In Giving We Receive (St Paul's Beaconsfield)

^(f) The accounts show since 2006 sponsorship of 2 children: Maribel Luque (Bolivia) and Nzachainyeretse Marceline (Rwanda). One child graduated from the program in 2014 and the other in 2015.

STIPENDIARY LAY MINISTER

Alison Kershaw

I commenced my position as stipendiary lay minister on 30th May after being blessed by Bishop Allan the day before. With Sue needing to reduce her hours, it was decided to extend my role as a lay minister in a two-days a week stipendiary position. While I continue to volunteer some of my time alongside others on parish council and in the team of licensed lay ministers, the stipendiary position has freed me to direct additional time and energy into parish life and building bridges into the community.

Pastoral

Meetings: Most weeks I meet with someone either within the parish, or on the fringe. There are many open-hearted seekers in our community who appreciate the openness of our parish, and welcome invitations to special services, or the opportunity to ask questions.

Prayer Circle: I revised the process for updating and sharing information. The centralised list is not so overwhelming now, and we have held a number of people of prayer in recent months.

Community Outreach

Publicity: I promoted all the special events and services mentioned below in a variety of ways: posters, fliers, newspaper advertisements and feature stories, street banners, our website, and via an email list.

Spring Gathering Flower Festival (30th Sept – 2 Oct): The committee (Marion Nelson, Judy Wiseman, Marney Moody, Betty Wakka, Angela Turner and myself) were very happy with this event, reviving the tradition



of a flower festival. Attendance was quiet with driving hail and gale force winds snapping the tea marquee in half! Hardy visitors, however, were delighted by the magnificent arrangements and moved by the chance to make their own posy in a jar and find a special place for it. Thanks to Kylie Moody (Marney and Ray's grand-daughter) and Rob Castiglione for taking wonderful photos.

Airing of the Quilts at St Georges: This was held on the same stormy weekend as the Spring Gathering. Alison Kenworthy liaised with the Walpole Ladies Art & Craft Group to hang a gloriously colourful collection of quilts which were blessed by Revd. Sue. Despite fallen trees and a power cut, the organisers persisted and gathered sociably around a primus stove.

On Sunday morning, each congregation celebrated creation and the gentle arts of flower arrangement and sewing. As Alison and I wrote in a blog for the Scattered People of the Good Shepherd, both were beautiful and successful community events despite the flight of Spring from the Spring Gathering and there being too much air in the Airing of the Quilts, and it is hoped to build on them next year ... perhaps a little later in the season! (See <http://www.bunburygoodshepherd.com/new-blog/> entry 20 December 2016)

Living Testament: Although not counted in my work hours, it is worth mentioning that I was one of 70 women (and one of only two, as far as I know, from a church) lending my voice to the Living Testament project directed by Silvia Lehmann and Linda Bradbury. I was assisted a smaller group with the draft script, and was delighted to see how powerfully the directors brought together original music, words, personal stories and art-work focused on the Biblical stories of Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Naomi and Bathsheba.

Mustard Seed Lunch: I coordinated volunteers and liaised with Tine Adams (who has undertaken the lion's share of the cooking in the last few years) for the MS Christmas lunch. This annual event is a festive opportunity for the parish to express its thanks for the enormous contribution of those who give their time and energy to the Mustard Seed Op Shop.

Liturgical

Sermons: I alternate preaching with Revd. Rodger Bull on the second Sunday of each month. We also shared the preaching roster when Sue went on long service leave last year.

Prayers: Some years ago, I commenced writing Prayers of the People which I now share with a growing number of parishes (including Revd. Karen Urquhart's in British Columbia!) In November, I ran a workshop for those leading intercessions as part of the worship series organised by Revd. Sue.

Extended Communion: I continue to share the Saturday morning service at the Blue Wren Lodge with Sue, Sally and Jan on a voluntary basis, and have extended communion on a few other occasions.

Twilight Meditations: For the past six years Revd. Sue and I have held a monthly meditation service. I currently prepare and promote most of these. During 2016 we built a core group to lead chanting which has replaced recorded music and deepened the meditational experience. This was initiated by a couple - Robert and Elise - who have now sadly returned to the eastern states and is sustained by Victoria Castiglione's leadership, as well as enjoyable social occasions. It is good to be able to invite those on the fringe of the parish to this service which, with further promotion, has the potential to grow.

Festival of Voice: Revd. Sue and I spent several months liaising with singers and musicians in the lead up to the June festival. The Sunday morning service was full, and it was profoundly moving to worship alongside the Central Desert Aboriginal Women's Choir. The church was also full for a magical Vespers service involving guest singers Molly Black and Lucy Ridsdale.

All Souls: As in the past two years, our riverside service has coincided with the Brave New Works community arts festival. I liaised with Denmark Arts to include the service in the program, and with the Denmark Dragon Boat Club who scattered petals as they glided past.

Christmas Services: Revd. Sue and I revised the Family Nativity and I had a wonderful time raiding the Mustard Seed for costumes and sewing up shepherd's cloaks and sheep ears etc. It was a lively service with about 70 attending. It was encouraging that so many local families responded to a direct invitation. I also assisted Sue in revising Lessons and Carols and coordinating readers.

Funeral: In August, I led a funeral service for the first time (Revd. Sue being absent) – a most rewarding experience involving Eklektika Community Choir. I was grateful for guidance by Revd. Rodger and the moral and musical support of Carolyn and Sally.

Administrative

Clearing: Several days have been dedicated to clearing out the vestry and small office

Parish Roll: Sally and I revised the form to facilitate an up to date directory. I have relieved the parish secretary of the task of updating the roll and am re-designing the resulting spreadsheet.

Roster: I relieved the Parish Secretary of this bi-annual task, which is also an opportunity to encourage participation in parish life.

Website: Harold Luxton undertook the important task of creating our parish website and has been updating it for many years. I am now looking at ways to build upon this and relieve the maintenance load.

Hall Project: I am assisting Revd. Sue in gathering information concerning a possible grants for this project, and will be working with others on fundraising initiatives.

Conclusion

The past nine months have been very full, and there is a constant stream of things that need to be done or could be done, but I am ever grateful that all our busyness as a community takes place against the constant revolution of sacred seasons and is grounded in the deepest peace.



This year we followed the MU theme of **All Over the World**.

In March the World Day of Prayer was held at our St Leonard's this year. Some MU members attended.

In April we provided Simnel cake and flowers for Mothering Sunday. And in April, and again in November, we took afternoon tea to the residents of Blue Wren Lodge.

On 17th May members went to Kojonup and met up with members from Kojonup, Katanning, Williams, Darkan, Boyanup Brook and Albany. Rev'd Rodger Bull and Marilyn joined us.

We also visited Mission to Seafarers in Albany and the volunteer on duty explained the work of Seafarers Centre. We knit beanies and scarves for seafarers. We also knit rugs for Anglicare.

We celebrated Mary Sumner Day on 9th August.

On a sad note our loyal member and Treasurer Muriel Brenton died late September. Muriel was enrolled at Katanning March 18th 1998. Vale Muriel. Our new Treasurer is Betty Wakka.

Members from Albany, Kojonup, and Katanning visited us in October.

During the afternoon Rev'd Dr Desiree Snyman from St John's Albany became a member of MU. Our guest speaker on that occasion was Rev'd Rodger Bull who gave a power point presentation on World Vision. Many thanks Rodger.

In November our stall raised funds for Northern Outreach. And in January 2017 we had another stall and raised \$300 on the day with another \$60 in donations. This was for Disaster Relief through MU. A big thank you to all who supported us.



- * 31/7/16 Soup luncheon held in church hall. 15 parishioners attended. Thanks to the persons who supplied the lovely soup.
- * 20/11/16. Picnic at Peaceful Bay. Fish and chips were enjoyed by 28 parishioners, we were joined by 6 parishioners from Walpole. Which was lovely to see.
- * 29/1/17. Picnic by the river. Only 8 parishioners attended but was enjoyed by all. A big thank you to all of you for your attendance.
- * There were several events planned during the year but for some unforeseen reasons had to be cancelled.
- * Plan to have more outings this year.

ASYNODICAL TRADITION

In the earliest days of Christianity, Christian people gathered together in order to try and identify God's will for them as individuals and as a community of people. Those early assemblies became an important part of the heritage of Christianity. The Synods of the Modern Anglican church derive from that tradition. They represent the belief of the early Christians that God gave gifts to each and that God's spirit guided the whole community. So the whole church was to meet together to seek God's will. In modern times that has happened by Synods which have been made up of representatives of the wider church.

Coming together of God's people

In Anglicanism there is a strong tradition of authority to decide, belonging to the whole church. That is why lay and ordained are both included.

The Synod is a way for us to come together as a group of Anglican Christians to share the concerns that we have about our Christian faith and practice and to discern God's will for us as a Christian community.

This sharing takes place through common worship, legislative processes, considering motions, information sessions and informal fellowship.

The second session of the thirty-ninth synod of the Diocese of Bunbury met 7-10 October 2016. Proceedings are here: <http://www.bunburyanglican.org/synod-proceedings-2016/>

The next planned session of this Synod is 6-8 October 2017.

The business of General Synod continues (<http://www.anglican.org.au/Pages/welcome.aspx>) and the next session of General Synod is 3-8 September 2017.

THE FIVE MARKS OF MISSION

The Five Marks of Mission are an important statement on mission which expresses the Anglican Communion's common commitment to, and understanding of, God's holistic/integral mission.

1. To proclaim the good news of the Kingdom (**TELL**)
2. To teach, baptise and nurture new believers (**TEACH**)
3. To respond to human need by loving service (**TEND**)
4. To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation (**TRANSFORM**)
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth (**TREASURE**)