

# Anglican Church of Australia

## DIOCESE OF BUNBURY

## PARISH OF DENMARK-WALPOLE

ABN 59 969 823 572

(registered with ACNC as a charity established in 1896)

## REPORTS & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

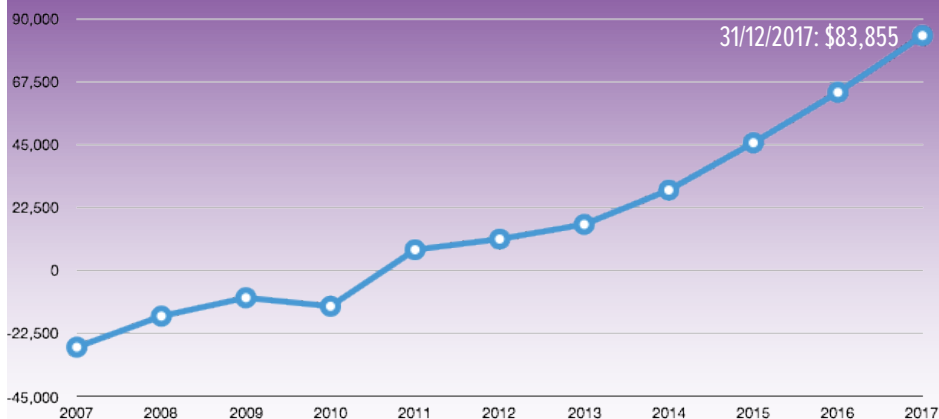
for the accounting period

1 January 2017 – 31 December 2017

presented to the

**ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS**

25 FEBRUARY 2018



**Retained earnings: accumulated total since 2007**



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**LENT  
APPEAL**

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**LENT APPEAL 2018**

-  Leadership formation and training for ABM's overseas partners.
-  The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mission Fund.
-  Philippines Livelihoods Project.



This project aims to support the vision of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council (NATSIAK) to be the primary voice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglicans, promoting Gospel mission, encouraging ministry and generating resources so that they may walk together with God and the wider Church.

**Agenda**  
**Annual Meeting of Parishioners to be held on 25 February 2018**

**The Parish Priest will open the meeting with prayer**

1. The definition of a Voting Parishioner (*The Interpretation Statute 1994-2017*) shall be read:  
    *"A person may be enrolled as a Voting Parishioner provided:*
  - a) *They are a baptized, communicant member of the Anglican Church; and*
  - b) *They have regularly attended public worship during the preceding three months in a parish within the Diocese; and*
  - c) *They have attained the age of 18 years; and*
  - d) *They have taken communion in the parish at least three times in the preceding 12 months; and*
  - e) *They have elected to be on the parish electoral roll of the parish and no other except with the approval of the Bishop; and*
  - f) *They have completed the Declaration found in The Parochial Statute 2017 Schedule 9 which will be kept on the public register."*
2. The minutes of the preceding Annual Meeting of Parishioners, and of any Extraordinary Meetings of Parishioners, shall be read and confirmed.
3. The following reports shall be presented:
  - i. Parish Priest
  - ii. Stipendiary Lay Minister
  - iii. Wardens (including a statement of the Insurance Policies held by the parish)
  - iv. Parish Council
  - v. Synod Representatives
  - vi. Mission Secretary
  - vii. Mothers' Union
  - viii. Social Secretary
4. A Memorandum shall be circulated or statement made by a warden to remind parishioners of the arrangements under which bequests or special gifts may be made to the Diocese or parish. (This must be in the form set out in the Parish Handbook.)
5. The Treasurer shall present the Financial Statements
  - Income and expenditure - Parish Account
  - Balance sheet
  - Auditor's Report - Auditor Gary Schwab
  - Insurance Statement
6. The Treasurer shall present the budget approved by the Parish Council for 2018.
7. The Financial statements must be received and the budget approved by the meeting.
8. The Parish Priest shall appointment:
  - A Warden
  - Two Parish Councillors
9. Elections shall be held by secret ballot on ballot papers in the approved form for:
  - a) Two wardens, with the elected wardens also holding the role of parish nominator
  - b) Four parish councillors
  - c) Two Synod Representatives
10. Appointment of Auditor
11. General Business - Any other business for which proper notice has been given.

**The meeting concludes with the Grace.**

## RECTOR

This is my eighth and final annual report. As I reflect on this last year and the nearly eight years that I have been part of the parish I



Revd Sue Lodge-Calvert

am both heartened by the growth and achievements in the parish and humbled by the slowness and limits of that same growth. It is fair to say that my time here has been more fruitful than I feared and not quite as fruitful as I had hoped. But as St Paul said one plants and another harvests, we cannot claim the fruit for ourselves but for Christ. And in a parish it always a team effort. And as a priest one is always building on what others have done before and paving the way for someone else. So as I review our present situation and our achievements it is a reflection on us and our journey of faith together.

## State of the Parish

As I prepare to step down I believe that we are in a stronger position in many ways than when I arrived which I hope and pray will position the parish well to be able to invite someone vibrant and gifted to the role of Priest in Charge and to grow into the next stage of development – both in terms security and maturity, and intentional risk taking as we seek to reach deeper into the community.

## Strengths

**Growing Congregations:** the congregation has grown slightly over the time I have been here. Given that we have farewelled many of our faithful through death or relocation the actual number of new people is quite significant. This is due largely to the arrival of several people retiring to Denmark and Walpole who bring with them years of experience and commitment as faithful members of the church universal. We are enlivened and refreshed by their experience, commitment and skill. We have also received home several local people who have returned to the church as our more inclusive and contemporary approach provides a safe welcome to those who are spiritually seeking but wary of the church given past hurts and hindrances.

**Increasing engagement with the broader community:** Rev'd Karen Urquhart had established very strong connections between the church and the community before I arrived and I have attempted to build on that firm foundation. We see that clearly in terms of the Mustard Seed and the strong volunteer base in the general community as well as from the congregation. We have also continued to take traditional church worship out of doors and gather up the general community in these sacred moments. We have also become essential to the welfare of the community through the provision of Emergency Financial

assistance even though this is now distributed through the Community Resource Centre.

**Finances:** when I arrived the parish could only afford a priest 3 days a week and was in receipt of a Diocesan grant to pay the other one day. With steady nerves and faith we have seen the stipended position increase, in incremental steps, to 5 and ½ days per week – very nearly full time. This has been due mostly to the increase in the income from the Mustard Seed Opportunity Shop. And also an increase in giving from a growing congregation. With the full support and guidance of the Treasurer and Parish Council we have only increased hours when we were sure we had sufficient income to do so and so have grown slowly and steadily.

**Improved buildings:** When I first looked in the open door of St Leonard's I noticed the sag in the floorboards of the entrance and knew that if I came there would be heritage work to do. And so one of the first things I did was to put in a Lotterywest heritage application which we were successful with. During the last nearly eight years St Leonard's has a new roof, been painted, and had several stumps replaced; St George's has had the roof replaced and a bell tower built and new ramps and steps; and we have worked toward visioning and financing the hall extension and repairs; and the rectory has received significant maintenance.

Of course not everything one tries as a priest and a parish works, or works the way one hoped. And we have all the vulnerability of a small rural parish with an aging population.

## **Vulnerabilities**

**Age of congregation:** every single member is precious and much valued. And most of us are in the second half of adult life. These both reflect the demography of our district but also the fact that many of the traditional Christian denominations are not attracting younger generations. Despite several projects – from Sunday afternoon storytelling to Breakfast Club for several years at the primary school, and many efforts at Carol services we have not drawn many young ones in. Even the few that we have baptised have not become regular attendees. This does mean that our current strong membership needs to be continually refreshed if we are to continue strong into the future. Our present pattern suggests that while Denmark and Walpole remain retirement destinations we will continue to be refreshed by the “young” old. But we do need to continue to seek opportunities to proclaim the love of God to the young.

**Much work falls to a few people:** partly because of the demographics there is a lot of work that falls to a relatively small number of people. This group of faithful workers do need to be refreshed and rested from time to time and need someone to pass

their mantle onto when the time comes. I do encourage all people to reflect on what they might contribute and for those who contribute much to make sure they take regular Sabbath.

**Clerical Vacancy:** my departure provides the parish with a long term opportunity to seek someone more energetic and with a greater or at least different set of gifts and vision for the next stage of parish life. A vacancy however does place a strain on a parish as people live with uncertainty and the necessary maintenance pattern while a new person is found. It is however a great reassurance and gift that Rev'd Rodger Bull, who already knows and is known, has offered to take care of the parish during the locum period and Rev'd Kevin Callegari has offered to continue his ministry in Walpole. Together with Alison Kershaw our Stipended Licensed Lay Minister and the whole team of very experienced LLM's and those who have accepted nomination for the new Parish Council there is a strong team to hold the parish during this time.

## **Pastoral Highlights**

**Sacramental:** the sacraments of the church have been the mainstay of the congregation and we have continued to offer this ancient gift of enlivening to the general community. Not only was the sustenance of the Eucharist available almost every Sunday and Wednesday and Saturday of the year past but we also obeyed our Lord and

baptised a young child at the end of the year in St Leonard's and baptised an 11 year old lad in St George's in the first baptism there since I have been in the parish. And who can forget the tender gift of anointing offered by Bishop Allan at his last pastoral visit in Denmark.

**Liturgical:** We now have a very full calendar of church festivals – ancient and new local traditions which include the Festival of Voice, the Festival of Flowers and the Blessing of the Emergency Services Fleet in Walpole. It remains a sadness that I have not been able to convince Denmark that we need our emergency services blessed.

**Study:** for reasons I have never fully understood we do not tend to be a parish that desires traditional group bible studies but I delight that "holy book club" during Advent and Lent have become a part of our pattern and Alison and I led a quiet half day during Advent. Possibly this suits our busy life style better and also that most of us have been people of faith for so long that we already have undertaken many bible studies. And of course several people regularly join Tine Adams and Rev'd Jim Taylor in their home and study matters of deep theological significance and share joyous fellowship.

**Mission:** I take such great delight in the business of serving others that happens in this parish. Mainly through the Mustard Seed where we



serve the community in so many ways both practical – providing recycling, needed products, and financial return to the community through support of local as well as international projects – and also through the fellowship of working together. We are indebted in a circle of receiving and giving to our community.

Our mission is also expressed through our activity as individuals including membership of other service groups such as St John's, the volunteers at the Blue Wren Lodge, Probus and so on. And while our busyness being a parish often consumes much time and energy I celebrate the amount of non-parish work that many do. All such work is service and brings glory to God and grace to others.

We continue to provide funds from Boniface Care to financial emergency relief through the Community Resource Centre. Hopefully this can continue in my absence. Over the seven years I have been involved we have assisted approximately 140 households, some of them many times, others only once.

With the opening of the new op shop and the return of the hall for general purposes the parish will be in a position to once again consider community meals and other outreach activities.

**Buildings and Church Plant:** During the nearly eight years there has been much improvement in the status of

our buildings and we are now poised for the first new works in sixty years. Please see the separate report.

**On a Personal Note:** my time here has been as productive and deeply joyous as it has for many reasons not least of all the wonderful people that I have been called to serve and serve with. For all who have shared the work of the kingdom I give grateful thanks and ask God's rich blessings upon you. I note that I am not the only one stepping down from significant roles this year and I wish to honour Harold Luxton, Paul Mundell and Jan Pattison in particular as they step away from Parish Council although thank God you all have indicated a willingness to continue to serve as LLM's.

Denmark and this corner of the world is now my home and although I am stepping down as your Priest in Charge I am only transitioning to becoming more fully your neighbour. I hope that once you have a new priest who is comfortably established that I can have a role in the parish. I remain open to what that may be. I will miss the privilege and joy of preaching, administering the sacraments and being present at those most significant moments in people's lives. I look forward to finding other ways of being part of the community including being neighbour, wife, gardener, volunteer, and who knows what else besides. All that happens shall be within the embrace of God and may we each know the love of God in whatever circumstance we find ourselves.

## CHURCH WARDENS



Harold Luxton



Sally Prickett

### Parish Council

#### Churchwardens

- \* Harold Luxton <sup>(1) (2) (3)</sup>
- \* Sally Prickett <sup>(4) (5)</sup>

#### Synod Representative

- \* Paul Mundell <sup>(6)</sup>
- \* Chris Prickett <sup>(7)</sup>

#### Councillors

- \* Victoria Castiglione <sup>(8)</sup>
- \* Judy Ross <sup>(9)</sup>
- \* Alison Kershaw
- \* Peter Blades
- \* Jan Pattinson <sup>(10)</sup>
- \* Alison Kenworthy <sup>(11)</sup>

- <sup>(1)</sup> Parish Treasurer
- <sup>(2)</sup> Synod Representative (Diocese)
- <sup>(3)</sup> Member of General Synod (Australia)
- <sup>(4)</sup> Parish Secretary
- <sup>(5)</sup> Safe Church Coordinator
- <sup>(6)</sup> Resigned Synod Representative, September
- <sup>(7)</sup> Alternative Synod Representative (not PC)
- <sup>(8)</sup> Minute Secretary
- <sup>(9)</sup> Social Secretary
- <sup>(10)</sup> Resigned 25/10/2017
- <sup>(11)</sup> Mission Secretary

### Parish Council Meetings

- \* 20 March 2017      \* 28 April 2017
- \* 3 July 2017        \* 14 August 2017
- \* 18 September 2017 \* 23 October 2017
- \* 4 December 2017   \* 22 January 2018

### Ordained Ministry

Rev'd Sue Lodge-Calvert, who has been our Parish Priest since 25 July 2010 has tendered her resignation and

will leave the parish on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2017. We have been blessed with her spiritual guidance, her obvious theological knowledge which she has shared with us during charismatic and inspiring sermons and her ability to express and discuss complex matters in simple terms. Rev'd Sue will be travelling for an extended period and return to the parish at some time in the future as a parishioner. Our grateful thanks go with her as do our prayers for a blessed future. The search for a replacement Priest will begin after the new Parish Council is elected with the Wardens taking a leading roll. Rev'd Rodger Bull will be the Locum for the parish during the interregnum. Stipendiary Licensed Lay Minister Alison Kershaw has supported Rev. Sue by working in the parish for two days a week and will continue to do so into 2018.

### 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

There has been much work in the parish to bring us up to date and be in compliance with the new Statutes on Safe Church. Indeed we were one of the first parishes to begin this process back in 2014 and have almost completed the renewal process which is necessary after 3 years. It is interesting that the volunteers in the Mustard Seed, who are not parishioners, have also been willing to complete the process. Thank you to all those who have completed the Safe Church process which makes us aware of our obligations to protect and care for the young and vulnerable within our parish and to comply with the Statutes of the Church. There were a number of reportable incidents during 2017 which were correctly reported and resolved.

## Mustard Seed Op Shop

The Mustard Seed continues to be a vibrant and very necessary venture within the parish.



It is a wonderful example of members of the community and parishioners working together to achieve so much more than any of us as individuals can. Making a difference locally, within Australia and beyond into the wider world. We look forward in 2018 to moving the Mustard Seed into its new premises towards the latter part of the year.

## St George's Walpole

Is a highly regarded provider of services and activities in the community.

## Buildings & Property

Very little work was necessary on the 4 parish buildings during 2017. However, during 2018 at least 3 stumps under St. Leonard's church will be replaced and it will be necessary to upgrade the rectory with some new carpeting, a new hot water system and paint work before a new priest moves in.

## In Conclusion

2017 was another really good year in the life of the parish.

Harold Luxton has indicated that he will not nominate for an administrative position in the parish in 2018. We have been most fortunate to have had his dedication to several rolls over many years including as Treasurer where he has shown inspiration with figures and graphs. He has produced the parish pew sheet with flare and detail and has been an informative guide to the parish as a Synod Representative and Warden. Thank you Harold.

We do have a very full year ahead of us in 2018 with the selection of a new priest and a building project to follow through. Exciting times ahead and with the Grace of God we will achieve much.

To the Parishioners  
Anglican Parish of Denmark-Walpole  
PO Box 277  
Denmark WA 6333

### *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 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017. 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 2017 and are appropriate to meet the needs of Parishioners.

I have conducted an independent audit of the Financial Statements to ascertain that the books have been properly kept and record accurately all the receipts and payments of the parish financial year under review in order to express an opinion on them to the members of the Parish Council.

My audit has been conducted and prepared in line with Diocesan requirements 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 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the period then ended.



Gary Richard Schwab  
Certified Practising Accountant

7<sup>th</sup> February 2017

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD

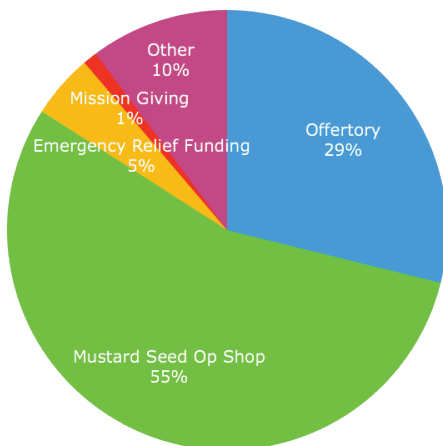
## 1 JANUARY 2017 TO 31 DECEMBER 2017

FINANCIAL POSITION	31/12/2017	31/12/2016
<b>ASSETS</b>		
11100 · Cash at bank	99,998	70,132
11191 · Bequest Edna Brown	84,420	82,675
11193 · Parish Development Fund	26,021	15,517
12100 · Accounts Receivable	565	0
12200 · Undeposited Funds	692	2,142
16300 · Parish Motor Vehicle	10,000	12,338
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>221,696</b>	<b>182,804</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
21120 · Accounts Payable	8,089	4,549
21300 · Tax Payable	-395	-764
21510 · Unexpended Boniface Care grant	20,716	5,994
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>28,410</b>	<b>9,779</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
31000 · Opening Bal Equity	109,401	109,401
32000 · Retained Earnings since 2007	63,623	45,618
Net Income	20,262	18,006
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>193,286</b>	<b>173,025</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>221,696</b>	<b>182,804</b>

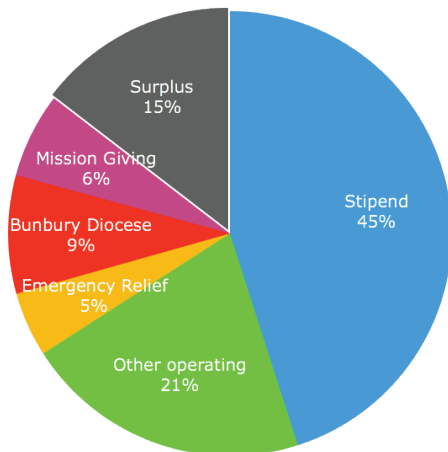
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>Actual 2017</b>	<b>Actual 2016</b>	<b>Budget 2018</b>
42000 · Offertory, Giving	40,061	43,373	40,000
42300 · Mission Giving (In)	1,451	2,060	2,000
42600 · Donations	2,158	3,146	4,300
42700 · Drawdown from reserves	0	10,917	
42900 · Hall Extension Fundraising	8,136	0	
43000 · Other Fund Raisers	424	818	
43500 · Mustard Seed Op Shop	76,680	81,173	76,400
44240 · Recovered expense	420	460	
44500 · Interest received	3,012	3,478	2,500
45230 · Emergency Relief funding	6,528	2,529	6,000

**Total Income**

**138,870 147,955 131,200**



**Incoming 2017  
= \$138,870**



**Outgoing 2017  
= \$138,870**

<b>EXPENSE</b>	<b>Actual 2017</b>	<b>Actual 2016</b>	<b>Budget 2018</b>
61100 · Stipend	62,548	68,213	63,171
61300 · Supply fees	0	609	500
61400 · Safe Church	30	0	
62010 · Altar Supplies	250	398	350
62040 · Copyright Fees	307	393	400
62050 · Books and other recoverables	764	1,302	500
62070 · Hospitality	435	636	460
62300 · Priest's Discretion	630	950	1,000
63001 · Mission Giving (Congregation)	1,451	2,061	2,000
63002 · Mission Giving (MS ±10%)	7,129	7,965	7,640
63600 · Emergency Relief	6,528	2,529	6,000
64200 · Advertising	1,596	2,335	2,600
64300 · Telecommunication	1,121	916	1,200
64400 · Printing and Stationery	629	660	700
64401 · Print pew news	1,998	2,117	2,000
64810 · Contribution to Bunbury Diocese	11,952	11,154	11,760
66100 · Utilities	2,754	2,829	2,980
66210 · Repairs and Maintenance	676	11,610	8,000
66300 · Rates, Taxes and Fees	2,828	2,717	3,100
66400 · Parish Vehicle Expenses	3,417	2,237	5,000
66450 · Professional Services	3,600	0	
66500 · Insurance	3,720	4,898	4,000
66600 · Depreciation	2,338	2,176	1,500
67371 · Mustard Seed Op Shop Costs	1,907	1,245	2,300
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>118,608</b>	<b>129,949</b>	<b>127,161</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>20,262</b>	<b>18,006</b>	<b>4,039</b>

## MISSION GIVING

Mission Project	2015	2016	2017
Anglican Board of Missions	\$3,584	\$1,143	\$3,491 <sup>i</sup>
Médecins Sans Frontières Aust		\$500	\$1,500
Nowanup Healing Country Healing People			\$800
Seafarers	\$748	\$584	\$659
St Luke's Church Palmerston NT			\$500
Denmark Primary School	\$700	\$500	\$400
Christmas Bowl Appeal	\$388	\$517	\$327
Riding Develops Ability Denmark		\$400	\$300
ACT for Peace (Children of Gaza)			\$200
Walpole Primary School (Camp Fees)			\$200
Suryani Institute for Mental Health, Bali	\$383	\$276	\$182
Bush Church Aid	\$130	\$17	\$22
Foundation For Ministry	\$505	\$2,065	
Waroona & Districts Fires Appeal		\$2,200	
Highveld Project	\$800	\$800	
CARAD Inc	\$1,000		
IGWR – Nepal	\$1,000		
Compassion Australia	\$528		
Burundi church		\$400	
Denmark Arts (Desert Women Choir)		\$400	
Hlatikulu Community (Swaziland)	\$345		
Christian Blind Mission	\$250		
YouthCare Denmark		\$146	
Bushfire Appeal (Esperance)	\$88		
World Day of Prayer		\$78	
Eutopia WA Inc	\$57		
	\$10,506	\$10,025	\$8,580

<sup>i</sup>: includes East Africa famine relief, Nungalinga College (Darwin NT), Vanuatu, Water & Sanitation & Lend/Good Friday (Jerusalem)



## INSURANCE: 1 NOVEMBER 2017 - 31 OCTOBER 2018

Sum Insured:	Building	Content	Total	Premium
<b>INDUSTRIAL SPECIAL RISKS</b> [Includes loss of earnings (eg Mustard Seed Op Shop)]				
St Leonard's Church	501,275	60,471	561,747	
St Leonard's Hall	307,661	21,218	328,879	
St George's Church	334,184	7,957	342,140	
St George's Toilets	22,278		22,278	
Rectory	580,312	21,218	601,530	
<b>INDUSTRIAL SPECIAL</b>	<b>\$1,745,710</b>	<b>\$110,864</b>	<b>\$1,856,574</b>	<b>\$1,727</b>
Volunteer Workers Accident				\$31
Public Liability				\$435
Motor Vehicle				\$711
Employee Personal Accident				\$99
Worker's Compensation				\$436
				\$3,439
Less paid in advance				-\$3,101
Balance due 2018				\$338

## 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 third session of the thirty-ninth synod of the Diocese of Bunbury met 6-8 October 2017. Proceedings are here: <http://www.bunburyanglican.org/new-page-84/>

The next planned (fourth) session of this Synod is a special Bishop Election Synod on 16-17 March 2018.

The General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia met 3-8 September 2017. The proceedings are here: <https://www.anglican.org.au/general-synod-sessions>

## PARISH COUNCIL REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions of the Parish Council (PC) of the Anglican Parish of Denmark-Walpole have been passed since the Annual Meeting of Parishioners held on 26 February 2017:

### **Out of session motion by email: 22 - 23 February 2017**

1. That Parish Council supports contributing up to \$120,000 to the hall extension project on the understanding that these funds will be matched by the Dept of Infrastructure and Regional Development if our Building Better Regions Fund grant application is approved. Moved by Alison Kershaw. Carried

### **Amended out of session motion by email: 25 February**

2. That Parish Council supports contributing up to \$126,000 to the hall extension project on the understanding that these funds will be matched by the Dept of Infrastructure and Regional Development if our Building Better Regions Fund grant application is approved. Moved by Sally Prickett. Carried.

### **Resolutions from PC meeting held on 20 March 2017**

3. The Minutes of the meeting held on 16 January 2017 were accepted. Moved by Paul Mundell. Seconded by Alison Kenworthy. Carried.

4. The Treasurer moved that —

(1) the Payments for Verification by Parish Council for the period January through February 2017 be accepted; and (2) the amounts actually deposited from the Mustard Seed be

accepted as the amounts received and any variation be accepted as till error. Seconded by Jan Pattinson. Carried.

5. The Rector moved that the parish donate \$500 to the ABM East Africa Famine Response which works together with African partners, the Episcopal Church of South Sudan & Sudan, and the Anglican Church of Kenya. Seconded by Paul Mundell. Carried.

6. Alison Kershaw moved that she should write to Miranda Pollard and advise that — (a) she can use the church to record music, (b) there will be a \$25 insurance fee, and (c) she is encouraged to make a donation to the church. Seconded by Alison Kenworthy. Carried.

### **Resolutions from PC meeting held on 28 April 2017**

7. Judy Ross moved that the Minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2017 be accepted. Seconded by Sally Prickett. Carried.

8. Sally Prickett moved that — (1) The Treasurer's report be received. Seconded by Peter Blades. Carried. (2) Payments as listed in the report be verified. Seconded by Paul Mundell. Carried. (3) The daily amounts deposited from the op shop be taken as the amounts received and any discrepancy with the till roll be agreed as till use error. Seconded by Judy Ross. Carried.

9. Paul Mundell moved that Parish Council accept the request by

Bamboo Hut to hire the lawn, with special access times to be specified in the hire agreement, at a cost of \$154 (inclusive of GST). Seconded by Sally Prickett. Carried.

10. Sally Prickett moved that — (1) the parish finalise and pay out all donations received regarding Suryani and close the account. Seconded by Paul Mundell. Carried. (2) the parish place in the Mustard Seed a donation tin for an ABM project, specifically for a topical disaster appeal, for a 6 month period to be determined by Parish Council. Seconded by Judy Ross. Carried.

#### **Resolutions from PC meeting held on 3 July 2017**

11. Judy Ross moved that the Minutes of the meeting held on 28 April 2017 be accepted. Seconded by Sally Prickett. Carried.

12. The Treasurer moved that — (1) The variation between the op-shop till rolls and the cash deposits be agreed as resulting from improper use of the till and that the amounts deposited be accepted as correct. Seconded by Sally Prickett. Carried. (2) The Treasurer's account be verified. Seconded by Jan Pattinson. Carried.

13. Harold Luxton moved that money raised at the morning tea on Friday, 7 July 2017 be paid to the Missions to Seafarers. Seconded by Sally Prickett. Carried.

14. Harold Luxton moved that the parish donate the following funds: (1) \$400 to the P&C of Denmark Primary

School for school uniforms; (2) \$200 to Walpole Primary School for assisting families to pay school camp fees; and (3) \$400 to the ABM East African Famine Appeal. Seconded by Jan Pattinson. Carried.

#### **Resolutions from PC meeting held on 14 August 2017**

15. Judy Ross moved that the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 July 2017 be accepted. Seconded by Sally Prickett. Carried.

16. Harold Luxton moved that, upon notification that the camp is going to go ahead, the parish agree to support the equivalent of one family to attend the Teenage Boys on Country camp at Nowanup, up to \$800. Seconded by Judy Ross. Carried.

17. Alison Kershaw moved that the Parish Council agree to commence building Stage 1 as soon as possible and proceed to further stages as and when sufficient funds are available, and that the Parish Council acknowledge that this may necessitate the parish undertaking a loan. Seconded by Judy Ross. Carried.

#### **Out of session motion by email: 15-16 August 2017**

18. That a sign be erected in the parking area at St Leonard's, with the wording "NO PARKING except by arrangement with St Leonard's" with arrows pointing left and right. Moved by Alison Kershaw. Carried.

#### **Revised out of session motion by email: 11 September**

19. That Parish Council agree to a sign being erected in the rear of the church car parking area parallel with

the Civic Centre staircase which reads: “RESERVED PARKING for St. Leonard’s Church” With an arrow to the left and right of the bottom line of the sign indicating all the parking area. Moved by Sally Prickett. Seconded by Victoria Castiglione. Carried.

#### **Resolutions from PC meeting held on 18 September**

20. Alison Kershaw noted a typographical error in paragraph 27 of the Minutes of the meeting held on 14 August 2017. Once the error had been corrected, Judy Ross moved that the Minutes of the meeting be accepted. Seconded by Alison Kershaw. Carried.

21. Sally Prickett moved that the payments listed for verification be verified by Parish Council. Seconded by Jan Pattinson. Carried.

22. Alison Kenworthy then moved that the parish donate \$200 to the National Council of Churches (ACT for Peace) to help provide children in Gaza with medical treatment. Seconded by Peter Blades. Carried.

#### **Resolutions from PC meeting held on 23 October 2017**

23. Sally Prickett moved that the Minutes of the meeting held on 18 September 2017 be accepted. Seconded by Alison Kershaw. Carried.

#### **Resolutions from PC meeting held on 4 December 2017**

24. Sally Prickett moved that the Minutes of the meeting held on 23 October 2017 be accepted. Seconded by Judy Ross. Carried.

25. Alison Kershaw moved that

Graham Kershaw be authorised to commission a feature survey from Denmark Survey and Mapping at a cost of \$700 + GST as indicated in the quote to Graham Kershaw, dated 1st December 2017. Seconded by Sally Prickett. Carried.

#### **Resolutions from PC meeting held on 22 January 2018**

26. Sally Prickett moved that the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 December 2017 be accepted. Seconded by Harold Luxton. Carried.

27. The Treasurer moved that the amount of \$8,136, raised through concerts, donations and produce sales for the Hall Extension Fund (HEF), and held in current assets in reserve for HEF, be transferred to the Parish Development Fund. Seconded by Sally Prickett. Carried.

28. The Treasurer moved that payments for verification in the amount of \$67,277.53 for the period July through December 2017, be verified by Parish Council (PC). Seconded by Sally Prickett. Carried.

29. The Treasurer moved that the Treasurer’s Report be received by PC. Seconded by Judy Ross. Carried.

30. The Treasurer presented his draft budget for 2018. After consideration of the figures presented, PC agreed to amend the draft budget as follows:

- Offertory giving amended from \$43,400 to \$40,000
- Mustard Seed anticipated income amended from \$78,000 to \$76,400
- Mission giving adjusted to reflect lower Mustard Seed income

- Repairs & Maintenance increased from \$6,000 to \$8,000

- Amount of \$500 added for Mustard Seed expenses

The Treasurer moved that the amended draft budget be agreed to. Seconded by Alison Kershaw. Carried.

#### Out of session motion by email: 25 January 2018

31. In regard to the Amalgamation of Lots 230 and 4 Price Street on Crown Lease 1012/1925 now numbered document N105593, that:

(1) Parish Council accept Graham Kershaw's recommendation of Andrew LeFort of Denmark Survey and Mapping as the preferred surveyor, and accepts the quote provided to Graham Kershaw Architect on 1st December 2017 for \$3228 + GST (as indicated under Item 2 of the quote).  
(2) Parish Council agrees to accept Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage fees of up to \$646.00 (incl GST), and associated Landgate registration fees of up to \$165.80. Moved by Alison Kershaw. Seconded by Sally Prickett. Carried.

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## STIPENDIARY LAY MINISTER

*Alison Kershaw*

Since 30th May 2016 I have been employed for two days (16 hours) a week. I also continue to volunteer some of my time alongside others on parish council and in the team of licenced lay ministers.

## Pastoral

Aside from touching base with individuals, I continued to coordinate the Prayer Circle which helps those involved stay in touch with pastoral issues in our parish and community.

## Community Outreach

- Nowanup: Following Noongar elder Eugene Eades' participation in our Festival of Voice service, I attended a workshop where he shared his story as one of the Stolen Generation, and spoke of Nowanup – a Greening Australia property near the Stirlings – where he lives and supporters help rehabilitate the land, and run cultural

and environmental programs. Parish Council donated \$800 towards a camp for young men connecting to country. I have joined the Friends of Nowanup, and hope to visit.

- Spring Gathering Flower Festival (20th-22nd Oct): The committee (Marion Nelson, Judy Wiseman, Marney Moody, Betty Wakka, Angela Turner and myself) ran the festival for a second year. This time, we were blessed with lovely weather, and the associated garage sale and cream teas coordinated by Sally Prickett went well. The church overflowed with wonders, and the Sunday service was joyous. Schoolchildren and visitors contributed with flowers and jars provided.

- Blue Wren Lodge Discussion: At the request of a resident, I ran a series of 7 discussions focused on a dvd series Jesus the Game Changer. John Pate from the Uniting Church and Sally also attended.

- Mustard Seed Lunch: I coordinated volunteers and liaised with Tine Adams to provide this annual celebration as a thanks to Mustard Seed volunteers.

## Liturgical

General: I alternate preaching with Revd. Rodger Bull on the second Sunday of each month in Denmark and when Revd. Sue is on leave. I continue to share the Saturday service at Blue Wren Lodge with Sue, Sally, and Jan as a volunteer, and to write Prayers of the People which I share with several parishes. I publicised and helped organise special services and events:

- Twilight Meditations: For 7 years Revd. Sue and I have held a monthly meditation service. Victoria Castiglione has beautifully led the singing for the past 18 months or so. Numbers have varied widely: e.g., 28 (Dec 2015), down to 4-8 in recent months. I hope it will revive and continue in some form as a number have spoken of their desire for a contemplative service. I plan to expand promotional efforts in 2018.

- Festival of Voice: Local Noongar elder Eugene Eades and the Mixed Mob sang at our Sunday service (sa Community Outreach) and we held a beautiful Vespers service. I also composed and led a Rainbow prayer at the interfaith opening event (in the candlelit IGA carpark!) and artist Nikki Green and I led a workshop, The Prayer of Attunement.

- Lent Study: I led a study on Celtic Spirituality in the Australian Landscape by Simpson and Lyon.

Although not as inspiring as Christ of the Celts by J. P. Newell, it raised interesting points in relation to our local context. It touched on the C of E's Fresh Expressions program, and Sara Gunning shared her experiences of working with the Diocese of Bath & Wells.

- Easter: Three musicians from the community played for the Farandole dance on the lawn after the Easter Day service, and I was pleased that several people contacted through Twilight Meditations and the 2016 Living Testament project came to services.

- All Souls: I liaised with Denmark Arts to include the river service in the Brave New Works festival program, and with Denmark Dragon Boat Club to scatter petals.

- Advent Quiet Day: 16 (mostly non-parishioners) attended a Quiet Day led by Sue and myself at Lyra House on the theme 'Birth and the Divine,' using familiar texts as well as some discovered in the 19th and 20th centuries. This led on from the inspiring Hal Taussig seminar on A New New Testament, that a number of us attended in Albany.

- Christmas Services: The Family Nativity was once again very lively with a number of invited local families and holiday visitors – and colourful with costumes assembled from Mustard Seed finds. I also assisted in revising and organising Lessons and Carols.

- Carols: I helped publicise Community Carols organised by the Uniting Church and Seventh Day Adventists. There was some



confusion in the wider community, with a proposal to participate in the Shire Christmas parade not taking off, and another 'Carols' (but really mostly seasonal songs) taking place on Christmas Eve in the bandstand. Next year we can consider how these events might converge or diverge.

## Administrative

- Ongoing: I relieved the parish secretary of responsibility for the bi-annual roster, and parish roll, and produced a directory. A couple of sorting sessions were held in the office.
- Website: Huge thanks to Harold Luxton for maintaining the website over the past 10 years or so. I recently launched a new website, using a template suited to the non-technically minded!
- Hall Project: I put together a sadly unsuccessful grant application, and worked on general planning. Sally Prickett has coordinated fundraising efforts. See separate report.

## Future Plans

Since taking up my position in May 2016 I have been considering ordination as a deacon. It was my intention to commence study (about 5 years part-time), but as circumstances changed, I came to realise this was too heavy a commitment. After 10 years of tertiary study I am reluctant to devote much more energy in this direction. Also, after reflection upon the call to ministry in relation to other areas of my life, I feel very happy to remain in my role as lay minister with a licence to preach. In light of this, and with Revd. Sue's retirement on 22nd April, my plan is to remain in the stipendiary position until we appoint a new parish priest. While I'm saddened by Sue's retirement, I am glad she has an open prospect before her, and thankful she will continue to be a part of our parish life.

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## ST LEONARD'S HALL EXTENSION PROJECT

*Alison Kershaw  
Sally Prickett*

*Revd. Sue Lodge-Calvert*

### Planning

A faculty for the proposed hall extension was advertised in the parish and approved by the Diocesan Trustees.

### Development Application

This was submitted in January 2018, following a feature survey to work out the optimal size and placement of the extension, and a series of consultations between architect and

parishioner Graham Kershaw and parish council, and in particular with Revd. Sue and warden and Mustard Seed manager Sally Prickett.

Modifications, mainly interior can still be made, before the application for a building licence is made in conjunction with a builder. Our proposed original builder is leaving Denmark, and Graham is seeking a new builder to quote for the work.

**Lot Amalgamation & Survey**

In order to build on the lawn, it is necessary to amalgamate two lots. The Diocese will handle this complicated application. This will cost approximately \$8000 in statutory and surveyor fees.

**Finance**

The Diocesan Trustees approved the funding proposal put to them by Parish Council. This comprised splitting the project into 3 stages:

Costs include fees, and are only approximate pending a new builder’s quote:

Stage 1	Build extension for Mustard Seed, and linking structure	\$175k
Stage 2	Complete extensions (toilets, kitchen)	\$75k
Stage 3	Renovate and upgrade hall and meeting / office space	\$30k
TOTAL		\$300k

Parish Council agreed to proceeding with Stage 1 funded by:

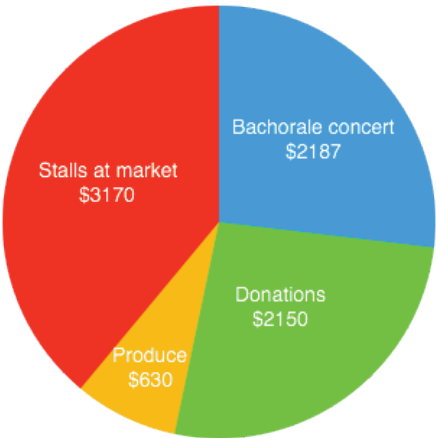
Edna Brown bequest, currently	\$84,420
Parish Development Fund, currently	\$26, 021
Interest free loan from parishioner	\$25,000
Total	\$135,441
and supplemented by a bank loan as necessary.	

Stages 2 and 3 will be completed as funds are available (through fundraising and annual budgets)

**Fundraising**

A Fundraising committee convened by Sally Prickett, met twice in 2017 (currently comprising Rev. Sue Lodge-Calvert, Peter Blades, Sarah Gunning, Alison Kershaw, and Sally Prickett) and discussed a number of small and large projects, and how to approach larger corporate donors. \$8,136 has been raised so far, comprising:

**HALL EXTENSION FUND RAISING**



**Thermomotree**

Alison is organising with a graphic designer to produce a large barometer / tree to be placed near the church sign on Strickland Street, to attract interest in the project and encourage donations. The Bulletin are keen to do a story about the project, when this is installed.

## Grants

### *Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF)*

Encouraged by the Great Southern Development Commission, a very complex and time-consuming application for a grant of \$126,000 was made to the BBRF in February 2017. We were unsuccessful, which was disappointing, following on from the rejection by Lotterywest in 2016. Feedback indicated that we met all the criteria and came somewhere in the middle of the pack of 540 applications, of which 110 were successful.

Many even ‘highly competitive’ applications were not successful, indicating it was not worth re-applying – and in any event we cannot apply once the project is underway. The only point on which we were ‘quite competitive’ was Project Delivery (i.e. we are organised and ready to go!)

One benefit, however, was the production of a Business Plan which Alison has adapted for use in approaching future donors.



DATE	ATTENDANCE	FUNCTION
29 January	8	Picnic at Denmark River
25 June	16	Soup luncheon Nornalup Hall
17 September	27	Bishop Allan's farewell lunch St Leonard's
29 October	22	Lunch at Boston Brewery

We all enjoyed our social gatherings. It's a great way to get to know our fellow parishioners.

Thanks to you all.

Judy Ross



This year there have been many sources and occasions for our reach and spreading the love of Christ.

St Georges has continued its monthly morning teas and due to the hard work of Jean Lawrence they continue to be a good meeting place for many people in our community.

The Church always looks lovely with table cloths, flowers, cakes and produce.

The Mustard Seed continues its magnificent work in Denmark and due to the hard work of volunteers the Church has been able to support many overseas missions and causes including the Rohingya Refugees from Meeamar and the Famine in East Africa.

Alison Kershaw has worked hard to continuing the Flower Festival at St Lennard's and Involvement in "The Festival of Voice". Sunday night contemplation has been a good source of contact and ministry for people. Through technology we have been able to take part in ministry to "The Scattered people of the Good Shepherd" in our Diocese. With Sue's Sermons adding to the spiritual food for this community. The church has also been able to support the Chaplains in our local schools and Riding for the Disabled in Denmark.

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## 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**)