

ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL

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ANNUAL REPORT - 2017

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Parish Governance Act 2013:
Schedule 1 (3.4)

Notice of Statutory Parish Meeting
Parish of St Peter, Melbourne

to be held on Sunday 26 November 2017
at 11:45am in the Parish Hall.



AGENDA:

1. Convening of Meeting
 - 1.1 Prayer and acknowledgment of country
2. Attendance List & Apologies
 - 2.1 Tabling of the Updated 2017 Parish Electoral Roll
3. Minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting and Matters Arising
4. Vicar's Report.
 - 4.1 Corner Plaza Development
 - 4.2 Volunteer of the Year
5. Parish Council and Churchwardens' Report
 - 5.1 Thanks to Retiring/Resigning members of the Parish Council
 - 5.2 Warden's Report
 - 5.3 Audited Accounts for 1 October 2016 – 30 September 2017
 - 5.4 Parish Budget 2017-18
6. Elections and Appointments
 - 6.1 People's Wardens & Parish Council
 - 6.2 Vicar's appointments - Warden & Parish Council
 - 6.3 Incumbency Committee
 - 6.4 Auditor(s)
7. General Business
 - 7.1. Receipt of Annual Reports
8. Close

Fr Hugh Kempster - Vicar & Chair of the Annual Meeting
Nick Browne - Secretary of Parish Council



Parish of St Peter, Melbourne

Minutes of Annual Meeting held
on Sunday 20th November 2016

in the Parish Hall.



1. Convening of Meeting and Prayer:

The Vicar welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayer, with an acknowledgement of country at 12:07pm.

1.1 Reading of the Notice of Meeting

The notice of the Annual General Meeting of the parish, as displayed and published in the Annual Reports was taken as read.

2. Attendance List & Apologies:

Present :

Fr H Kempster (Chair), A Blackmore (Parish Secretary), R Courtney, C Duff, C Wilson (Churchwarden), P Bryce, H Drummond (Parish Council), G Churchman, K Lam, R Mach, Sr A Dover CHN, L Prideaux, A Raiskums, M Armour, C Martin, P Barnett, C Barnett, P Stranieri, E Newton, D Savige, H Hughes, L Savige, C Angus, S Wuttke, G Warren, P Wild, N Browne, R Ellyard, P Yewers, D Moseley, K Perugia, S Dowe, D Mitterdorfer, W Southey, B Thompson, R Arvidson, R Stuckey (Parish Council), Fr Philip Gill, D Spriggs (Parish Council), B Kellett (Parish Council), P Swindells, S Duckett (Churchwarden), S Southall, A Schepis, S Hibberd (Churchwarden), T Clifford M Sutherland, G Sutherland, T Porter, D Clark, J Newton, J Sturgess, J Munro (Parish Council), Bp G Rutherford, C Rutherford, J Sasse, A Taule'alo (Parish Council), G Wratten, Fr G Brennan, K Shang.

Apologies:

C McCraith, M & W Collins, I Downie, G & D Best, K Barnett, M Henderson, J Taaff, M Bornstein, T Best, A Wuttke, P Ondatjee, R Ashby, N Kellett.

2.1 Tabling of the Parish Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll of the parish, as of 5 November 2016, containing 153 parishioners was tabled.

3. Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting:

It was moved by D Aspin and seconded by N Browne that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 22 November 2015 be accepted and confirmed. CARRIED

There were no matters arising.

4. Vicar's Report:

The Vicar tabled his report, as circulated in the Annual Reports and was taken as read.

Fr Hugh went on to speak to the Mission Action Plan, thanking the Parish Council for their work over the past year in their ongoing work of the governance of the parish. An outline of the finances was given, with the parish coming in at an \$11k deficit for the previous financial year. The Parish Council passed a forecast deficit budget again this year, while noting the work taken to balancing the parish finances.

Staff and volunteers were thanked for the work they do in the parish. Parishioners who had departed over the past year were acknowledged.

The redevelopment of the Parliament grounds was noted. Parliament staff have expressed an interest in the parish's palm tree, with the possibility of purchasing a smaller tree so that we can again harvest our own supply of fronds for liturgical use.

A plan of the proposed redevelopment of the precinct for the corner plaza project was tabled. A bequest from the estate of the late The Hon F Calloway of \$120k to the Charitable Foundation is being released to cover costs. Some concern was raised as to losing the current hedge with security issues and homeless in the grounds. A query was also raised as to disabled access to the church via the Handfield Chapel transept door; the matter of security for onsite residents was also raised.

A retreat is being planned for the incoming Parish Council for 18 February 2017, with the theme of 'Kindness and Forgiveness'.

Children and Youth ministry is to be a development focus for the coming year. A query was raised as to the possibility of developing a ministry to teenagers, so a working group was proposed to be set up to investigate options and develop resources.

The Vicar concluded by announcing the Volunteer of the Year, Peter Bryce; this was received with acclamation.

5. Parish Council and Churchwarden's Report

S Duckett tabled the Churchwardens' Report, as printed in the Annual Reports and was taken as read. Points of mention included the ongoing work on the Mission Action

Plan and the budget planning process, thanking all involved. This year's project has included the relocation of the parish office; future projects could include the corner plaza for next year and possibly the redevelopment of the courtyard area between the church and hall in future years. Fellow churchwardens retiring this year, S Hibberd and C Wilson, were thanked for their work and support. A query was raised as to the possibility of disabled access at the main west door to the church; it was explained that there are heritage concerns with installing a ramp there.

5.1 Accounts for 1 October 2015 – 30 September 2016

S Duckett apologised that there was no balance sheet to go with the finance report and parish accounts. He also reported that the audit of the parish accounts was not complete at the time of the meeting; it was requested that the audited accounts might be sent out via the parish email newsletter mailing.

It was moved by S Duckett and seconded by J Munro that the financial report and accounts (unaudited) for the Church financial year 2015-16 be noted. CARRIED

7.2 Parish Budget 2016-17

S Duckett tabled the budget for the next year, and discussion ensued on the following points:

- A substantially reduced deficit is forecast for the coming year.
- Lay employee costs continue to cover a substantial amount of parish expenses.
- Music and Messiah expenses
- The budget also needs to cover leave provisions and coverage arrangements for employees.
- Some expenses have been rolled over from the previous financial year.
- The budget accounts for the announcement of the retirement of Bp Graeme Rutherford in the middle of next year.
- The Treasurer and the Parish Council were thanked for their management of the parish finances.

Special thanks were given to everyone in the wider parish for their generosity in response to the stewardship appeal made last year.

It was moved by S Duckett and seconded by J Chapman that the approved budget be noted as presented. CARRIED

8. Election of Churchwardens & Parish Council:

6.1 Churchwardens & Parish Council

Two nominations were received for Churchwardens and, as there was no election was required, they were announced as duly elected. They are:

H Drummond

J Munro

Nine nominations were received for Parish Council and, as there was no election required, they were announced as duly elected. They are:

N Browne
J Chapman
T Joyce
C McGovern
K Shang
D Spriggs
R Stuckey
S Wuttke
P Yewers

This was received with acclamation.

6.2 Auditor(s)

It was moved by S Duckett and seconded by D Clark that the parish re-appoint Mr Chris Spriggs as the auditor for the coming year. CARRIED

A request was made that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr Andrew Fisher expressing the parish's gratitude for the many years' service in auditing the parish accounts and at very reasonable rates; this was received with acclamation.

6.3 Incumbency Committee

Two nominations were received, with no nominations for the reserve list and, as there was no election was required, they were announced as duly elected. They are:

P Bryce
B Kellett

No Churchwarden representative to the committee was announced.

6.4 Vicar's appointments

The Vicar announced that S Duckett will continue as the Vicar's Warden for the coming year. He made no announcements of appointments to Parish Council, reserving that right under the regulations of the *Parish Governance Act*.

7. General Business.

7.1 Annual Reports

It was moved by Fr H Kempster and seconded by A Blackmore that the reports as tabled in the Annual Reports booklet be received and noted. CARRIED

Contributors of reports to the Annual Reports were thanked, with discussion on the following matters:

- A reminder that the parish has obligations to tenants in relation to property maintenance.
- It was noted that the Fire brigade used to change bulbs because of an OH&S issue with the use of ladders.
- The contributors of hospitality at the various parish events were thanked.
- C O'Connor and the volunteers in the Bookroom were thanked, with an open invitation being issued for anyone wishing to join the team.
- The Cell of Our Lady of Walsingham is just one aspect of the continuing Anglo-Catholic tradition of the parish.
- A Raiskums and P Bryce were thanked on behalf of the choir and servers for the organisation of the 20th anniversary of the Port Arthur tragedy.
- Christina from Flower Flower was thanked for her generosity and giving of her time for the flowers in recent months.
- The Rev'd Louise Lang, with the organisers and volunteers of the Lazarus Centre were thanked for their continuing commitment to this outreach ministry.
- The parish recorded its grateful thanks to Bp G Rutherford for his ministry to the parish over several years.

It was moved by P Bryce and seconded by C Wilson that the parish record its formal thanks to the Vicar and the clergy for their leadership and pastoral care.

CARRIED

9. Closing.

The meeting ended with the Grace at 1:29pm.

Vicar

Parish Statistics : for the year ended 30th September 2016

	2016-17	2015-16
Number of public services held (excl. weddings, funerals etc)	599	603
Number of public Sunday services held	223	218
Number of public services held in residential facilities	0	0
Total yearly attendance at all public services	12,543	11,678
Total yearly attendance at all Sunday services	8,432	7,567
Total number of acts of Communion in public services	10,294	9,418
Total number of Sunday Acts of Communion	6,959	6,518
Total other Acts of Communion (incl. hospital, homes etc)	134	156
Total attendance at Christmas Day / Eve services	376	409
Total number of Acts of Communion at Christmas Day / Eve services	335	361
Total attendance at Easter Day / Eve	279	250
Total acts of Communion at Easter Day / Eve services	264	241
Number on the Church Electoral Roll presented at Annual Parish Meeting	154	152
Total number of Baptisms	7	11
Number of children admitted to Holy Communion	3	1
Number of persons (non-children) admitted to Anglican Communion	2	2
Number of confirmations	2	0
Number of funerals	12	13
Number of marriages conducted in the churches of the parish	7	9
Number of marriages conducted elsewhere	1	0
No. of continuing home / small groups	6	7
Total no. of persons in continuing home/small groups	135	104
Est. frequent attenders: pre-school	5	7
Est. frequent attenders: primary	15	14
Est. frequent attenders: secondary	3	2
Est. frequent attenders: post secondary (under 25)	4	5

Parish Council Attendance 2016-17

Name	14/12/16	25/01/17	22/01/17	22/03/17	26/04/17	21/06/17	23/08/17	27/09/17	25/10/17	Ratio
Kempster, The Rev'd Dr J H	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	9/9
Browne, Nick	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	-	✓	✓	7/9
Chapman, Judith	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	8/9
Drummond, Helen	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	8/9
Duckett, Stephen	-	-	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	6/9
Joyce, Tye	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2/9
McGovern, Catherine	-	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	-	-	✓	6/9
Munro, Jane	✓	✓	✓	-	-	✓	✓	-	✓	6/9
Shang, Kelly	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	8/9
Spriggs, David	-	✓	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	-	6/9
Stuckey, Rwth	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	8/9
Wuttke, Sue	✓	✓	-	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	-	6/9
Yewers, Peter	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-	4/9

Vicar's Report

Over all it has been a good year at The Hill. There have been numerous encouraging happenings:

- **Forgiveness and Kindness series** – with Parish Council in January, and with the wider parish in October; working on the parish culture, bad habits, and encouraging respectful relationships.
- **Lazarus Centre Coffee Cart and Corner Plaza Development** – we graduated our first barista in June, and now have both Heritage Victoria and Melbourne City Council planning permission to develop our corner site so as to trade during the week. The fundraising is going well, under the leadership of committee chair, Krystyna Campbell-Pretty. We are now nearly ready to go to tender. The aim is to complete the development by Remembrance Day - 11th November 2018.
- **RMIT Chaplaincy** – we have secured a contract with RMIT to deliver a program of chaplaincy services in 2018. RMIT will provide \$50,000 and St Peter's will provide a 0.5 EFT staff member and deliver a team ministry to the University.
- **Klingner Scholarships** – the 2017 inaugural double scholarship, focusing on Children's Ministry, has been a big success. Colleen Clayton undertook her Major Placement in the parish this year, and will be extending the placement for a second year, with a focus on Catholic Evangelism. Colleen will be joined next year by Lynda Crossley, our new Klingner Scholar. Christine Angus graduates this year, and we wish her well as she is considered for ordination in the Ballarat Diocese.
- **Nearing a Balanced Budget** - in years past St Peter's has had the bad habit of running a serious budget deficit and relying on bequests. Over recent years the Parish Council has been working hard to better track and manage our finances. This Annual Meeting we are finally closing in on a balanced budget to present to the Parish.

As always, there have been concerns and struggles alongside our successes. This year has seen the retirement of two beloved half-time clergy, and a long-time parish pastoral worker, within a few months of each other. Due to our commitment to moving towards a balanced budget, I have agreed to restructure our stipended staffing, and reduce the assistant clergy from one EFT to half EFT. In addition to this, because of the RMIT negotiations, I have been without a paid Priest Assistant in the parish since August. This has been challenging!

o Bishop Graeme had been serving as Priest Assistant since I took up the Incumbency in 2012; I think we all miss his wise counsel and riveting preaching! Fr Graeme had been Assistant Priest since 2014 (this time round); his dry humour and genuine pastoral care are the things I miss most about him. Sr Avrill was a non-stipended pastoral worker in the parish for many years; her quiet prayerful loving presence was verging on the saintly!

o On the other side of equation we are blessed by the ongoing Lazarus Chaplaincy of Fr Philip Gill; he is a veritable rock! Fr Greg Davies, the National Director of Education for Ministry (EfM) has joined St Peter's parish this year, and has quickly found his way into parishioners' hearts.

Keeping our heads above water in today's secular world is a challenge for any church community. I have done a little number crunching around our Sunday congregations (see below). When I came to St Peter's a colleague joked that I would spend my first five years burying half the congregation. That's not quite true, but we have certainly said farewell to quite a number of dear souls, and others are now housebound and unable to come to Mass often or at all. Alongside this natural dynamic of an older congregation, we have welcomed significant numbers of newer parishioners over the past year or two. I am encouraged by the feedback I get from most newcomers, that St Peter's is a welcoming and lively parish. As you reflect on the table below, and on the congregation you belong to, I wonder what challenges you see? And what ways forward do you sense that God may be drawing us into? Working with the newly elected Parish Council, I will be fostering a series of congregation-specific discussions on Catholic Evangelism in 2018.

Congregation Averages	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
8am BCP Mass	17	19	18	16	14
9.30am Family Mass	57	51	42	44	45
11.00am High Mass	65	67	68	72	79

A Task for Next Year - Shaping our Mission Action Plan 2019-21

The 2016-18 Mission Action Plan (MAP) is serving us well. Most months on Parish Council, a primary agenda item is to reflect on goals and progress in one of our seven Mission Areas: Outreach, Social Justice, Families Children and Young People, Pastoral Care, Stewardship, Anglo-Catholicism, and Faith Development. The current MAP was developed in the wake of the 2015 Parish Mission, led by Bishop Stephen Cottrell. Next year another English Bishop will be joining us in the first week of July for a mini-Mission. The Rt Rev'd Rob Gillion will be performing his play "The Visit" based on a short story by the English author Adrian Plass. It will be a good opportunity to gather as a parish community for a mid-winter Christmas celebration, and also to reach out to others. Another major Mission focus for 2018 is the development of the Corner Plaza and restoration of the Wayside Cross of Sacrifice, which will be completed in time for Remembrance Day. Our aim is to replicate the original opening, which was attended by the Governor General and a host of parishioners and dignitaries. It is hard to over-state the significance of the opportunity we have been given to deliver Chaplaincy services to RMIT. This will be a third major mission focus for 2018. In the midst of these Mission activities next year, we will also set aside time to pray and work together as a parish on our 2019-21 Mission Action Plan, which will then be presented at the 2018 Annual Meeting.





Context Plan - St Peter's Eastern Hill, East Melbourne



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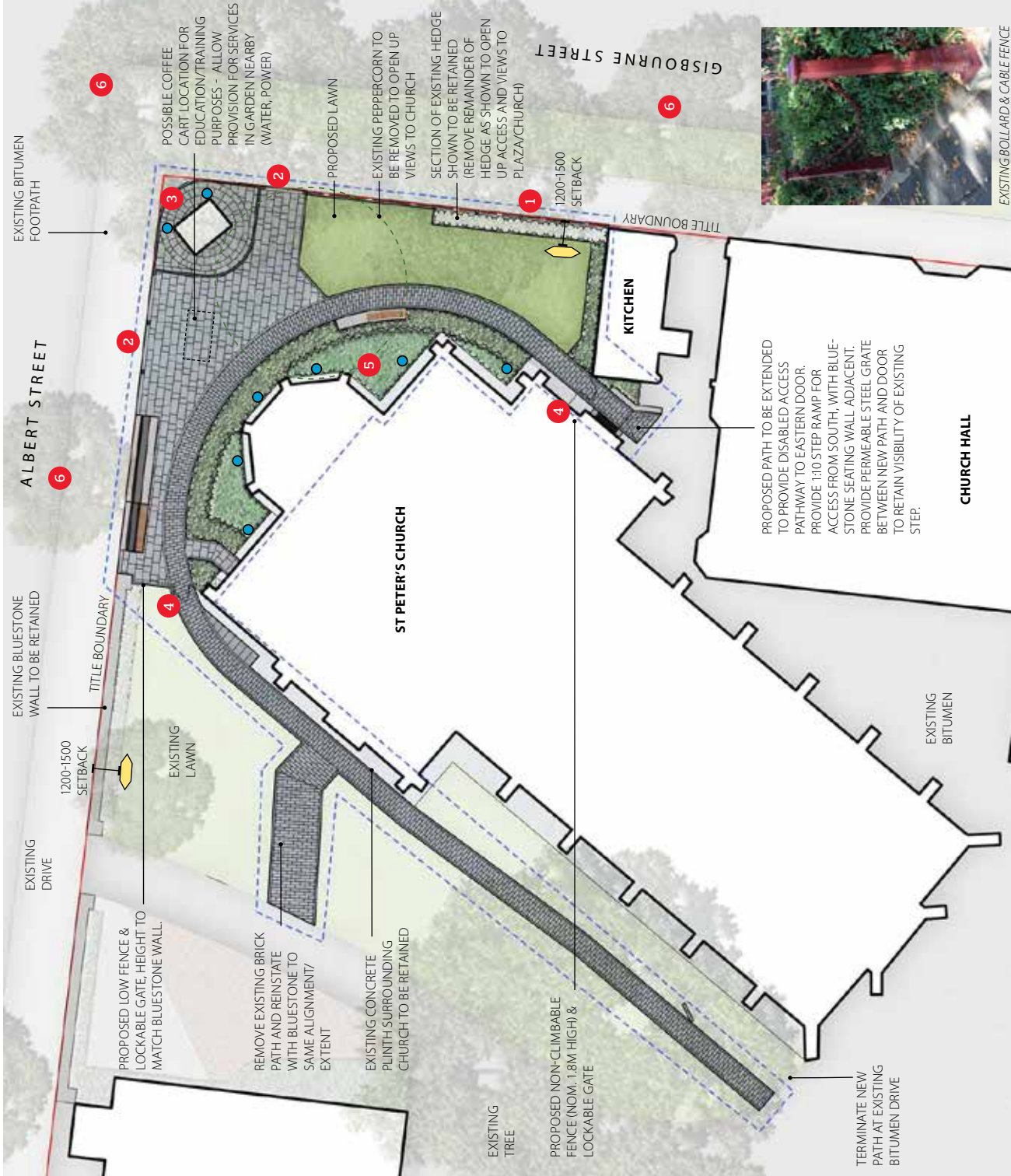
- 1 THE WAYSIDE CROSS
- 2 ST PETER'S CHURCH
- 3 VICARAGE
- 4 EXISTING CARPARK
- 5 EXISTING COURTYARD
- 6 KITCHEN/TOILETS
- 7 CHURCH HALL
- 8 KITCHEN
- 9 KEBLE HOUSE
- 10 EXISTING BITUMEN DRIVEWAY
- PROPOSED ENTRY PLAZA EXTENT OF WORKS
- ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL TITLE BOUNDARY



SCALE 1:500 (A3)

Context Site Plan

St Peter's Eastern Hill, Entry Plaza



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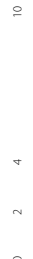
- LIMIT OF ENTRY PLAZA WORKS**
- BLUESTONE PAVING TO PLAZA**
Sawn bluestone unit pavers, staggered bond, mixed unit sizes. Flush bluestone edge.
- BLUESTONE PATH (TYP. 1200mm WIDE)**
Sawn bluestone unit pavers with smaller size unit. Flush bluestone edge surrounding. 1200 width unless noted otherwise.
- "ALBERT STREET" FEATURE SIGNAGE**
Refer LDM022c for details
- BLUESTONE PLINTH & TIMBER SEAT TOP**
Bluestone plinth with timber seat top to one side (with back & arm rests). Note: possible integration of interpretive signage to highlight memorial garden (steel text plate fixed to top of bluestone, refer material palette for example)
- PROPOSED HEDGE / BORDER PLANTING**
Proposed low hedge / border planting, max. 1m high as per current planting. Refer example plant list.
- PROPOSED GARDEN BED**
Proposed shrubs & groundcovers, max. 1m as per current planting. Refer example plant list.

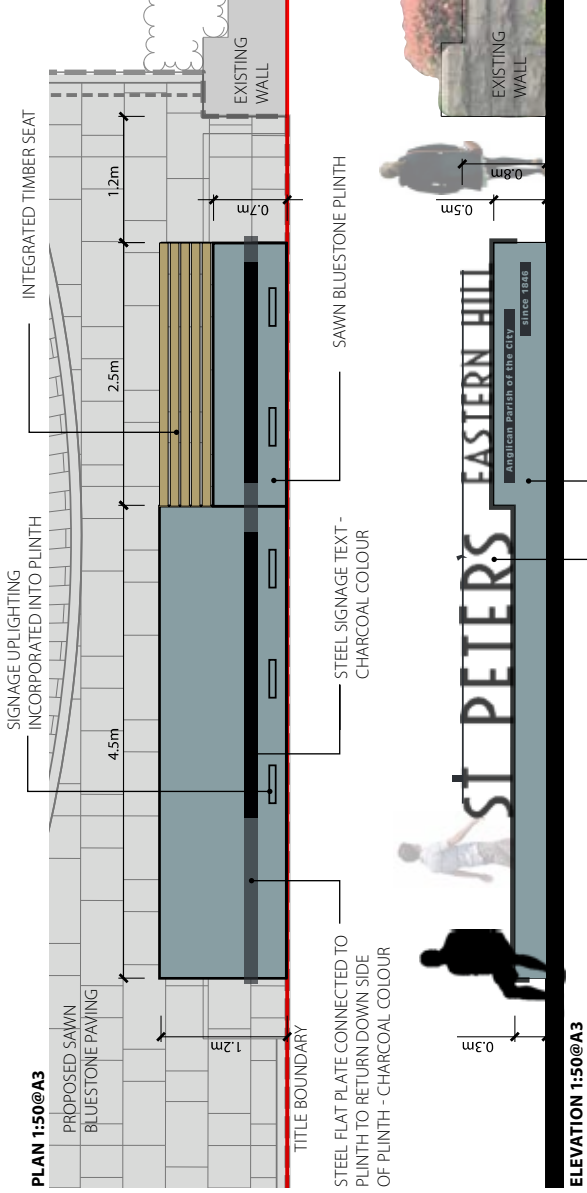
- PROPOSED SIGNAGE DISPLAYS**
Refer images on LDM022c. Approx locations shown.
- PROPOSED CHURCH UPLIGHTING**
Proposed uplighting to highlight Church facade & Wayside Cross.
- EXISTING BOLLARD & CABLE FENCE**
Retain existing bollard & cable fence and plinths adjacent retained section of hedge and new lawn (Gisbourne st frontage)
- REINSTATE BOLLARDS (WITHOUT CABLE)**
Retain 3 no. existing bollards (& square plinths) to Albert St. Frontage. For any removed section of bollard & cable fence, store on site. Retain all bollards to Gisbourne Street frontage. Remove all cables between bollards where adjacent new pavement (to facilitate access into site). Remove all raised concrete edges between bollards where adjacent new pavement to facilitate access into site - this is currently a trip hazard and does not provide equal access into the site (refer AS 1428.1-2009 Design for Access and Mobility, Item 7.2 for notes regarding acceptable tolerances between pavement types for more information). - Refer LDM022D for more information.
- WAYSIDE CROSS**
Retain raised plinth around Wayside Cross and re-lay/make-good bluestone pavement as shown (salvage where possible). Install up-lighting.
- PROPOSED FENCE AND GATE**
Fencing & lockable gates, style to reference existing site fencing (refer Material Palette). Ensure 1.8m high fence & non-climbable.
- MEMORIAL GARDEN**
Contains a scattering of ashes. To be retained and sensitively re-planted. Possible interpretive signage in seating adjacent (refer separate above).
- EXISTING STREET TREES**
Existing street trees provide shade to proposed Entry Plaza.

Entry Plaza Masterplan

St Peter's Eastern Hill, Entry Plaza

SCALE 1:200 (A3)





“St Peter’s” Entry Signage - Albert Street

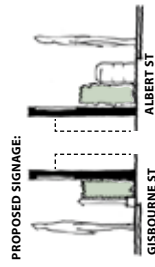
STEEL SIGNAGE TEXT ON STEEL FLAT PLATE CONNECTED TO PLINTH - CHARCOAL COLOUR, REFER BENCHMARK IMAGERY

Signage Benchmark Imagery



EXISTING SIGNAGE BOARDS: THESE EXISTING SIGNAGE BOARDS VARY IN NUMBER & CONTENT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF CHURCH SERVICES/EVENTS. THEY OFTEN BLOCK VIEWS TO THE CHURCH.

Signage Panels



PROPOSED SIGNAGE: THE EXISTING SIGNAGE BOARDS ARE PROPOSED TO BE CONSOLIDATED INTO TWO SMALL SIGNAGE PANELS, LOCATED TO BOTH GISBOURNE AND ALBERT STREET FRONTS, PROVIDING SIGNAGE FOR CHURCH INFORMATION AND EVENTS.

BENCHMARK FOR NEW SIGNAGE PANELS WITH SIGNAGE COMPONENTS TO BE 2.2M IN SIZE

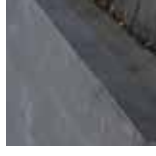
BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	MATURE SIZE (HxW)
<i>Agapanthus 'Snowstar'</i>	Snowball Milk Lily	0.3m x 0.6m
<i>Antipodanthus crinitum</i>	New Zealand Rock Lily	0.6m x 0.6m
<i>Banksia sempervirens 'Blauer Heinz'</i>	English Box	0.6m x 0.6m
<i>Chilomenaria</i>	Fire Lily	0.5m x 0.5m
<i>Heliconia 'Queen of the Night'</i>	Heliconia	0.4m x 0.4m
<i>Hebe 'Purple Palace'</i>	Purple Coral Bells	0.6m x 0.4m
<i>Liriodendron 'Evergreen Giant'</i>	Evergreen Giant Lily Turf	0.6m x 0.4m
<i>Mitrasacme 'Mitsumata'</i>	Dwarf Orange Jessamine	1.0 x 1.0m
<i>Myrica palustris 'Miss Muffin'</i>	Low Pittosporum	1.0 x 1.5m
<i>Plectranthus argenteus</i>	Silver Spillflower	0.3m x 0.6m
<i>Platanus 'Coral Pink'</i>	Indian Hawthorn	1.0m x 1.0m
<i>Stachys byzantina</i>	Lamb Ear	0.3m x 0.6m
<i>Streptocarpus</i>	Bird of Paradise	0.7m x 1.0m
<i>Voile 'Reddancer'</i>	Native Violet	0.3m x 0.3m

Planting Palette

Material Palette



SAWN BLUESTONE PAVING



BLUESTONE PLINTH



CHARCOAL STEEL SIGNAGE



SEATING - TIMBER HARDWOOD BATTENS / BLUESTONE PLINTH



STEEL GATES (TO MATCH EXISTING STYLE/COLOUR)

Details & Benchmarking Images

St Peter's Eastern Hill, Entry Plaza

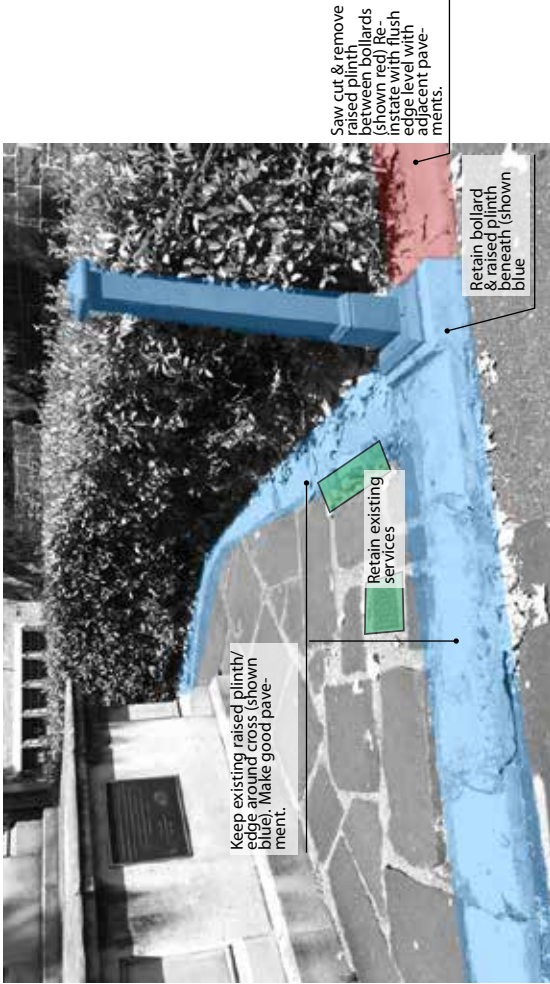


IMAGE 1 -- NORTHERN BOUNDARY WAYSIDE CROSS PLINTH

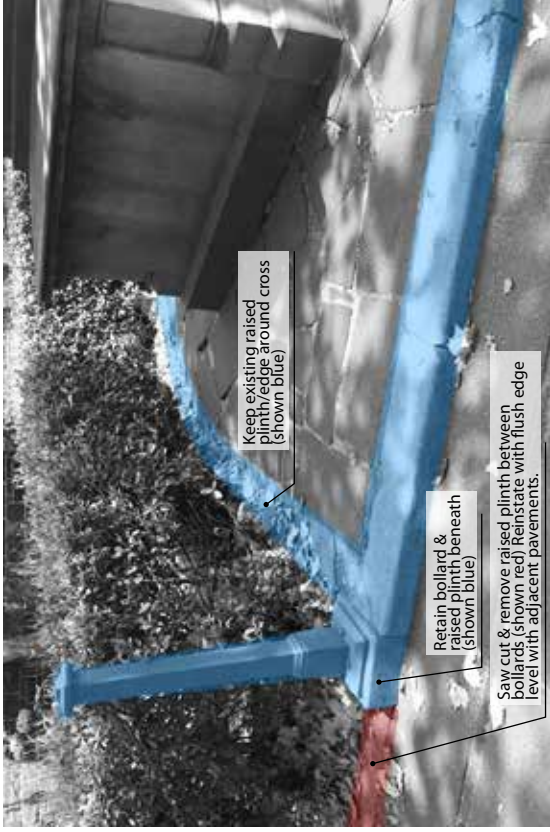


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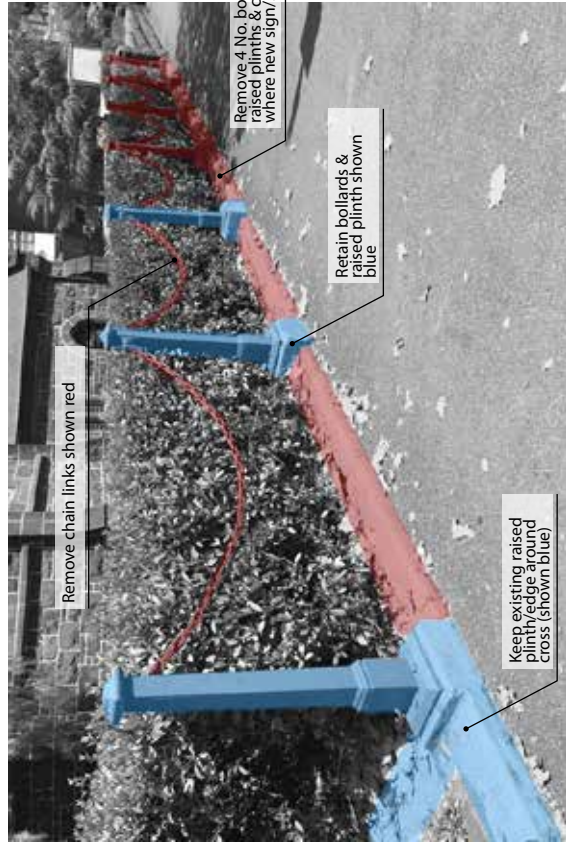


IMAGE 3 -- NORTHERN BOUNDARY ALBERT ST FRONTAGE

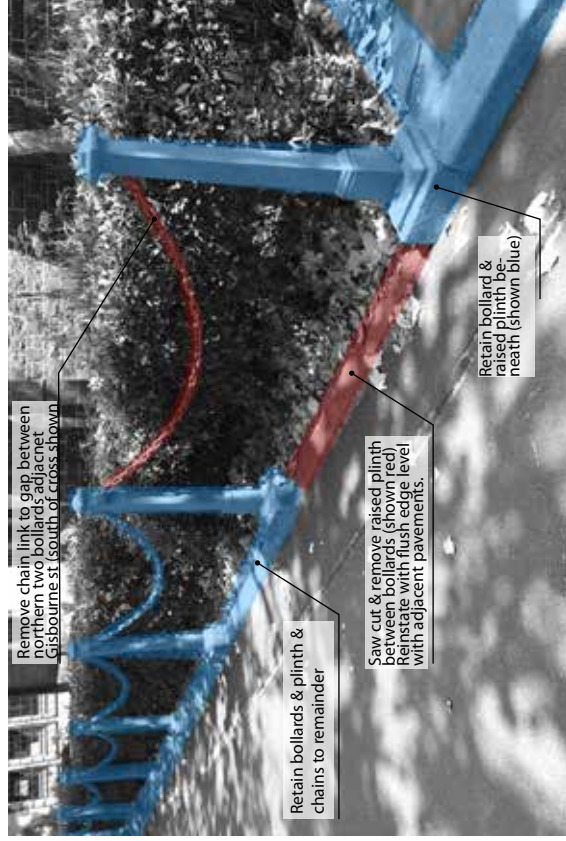
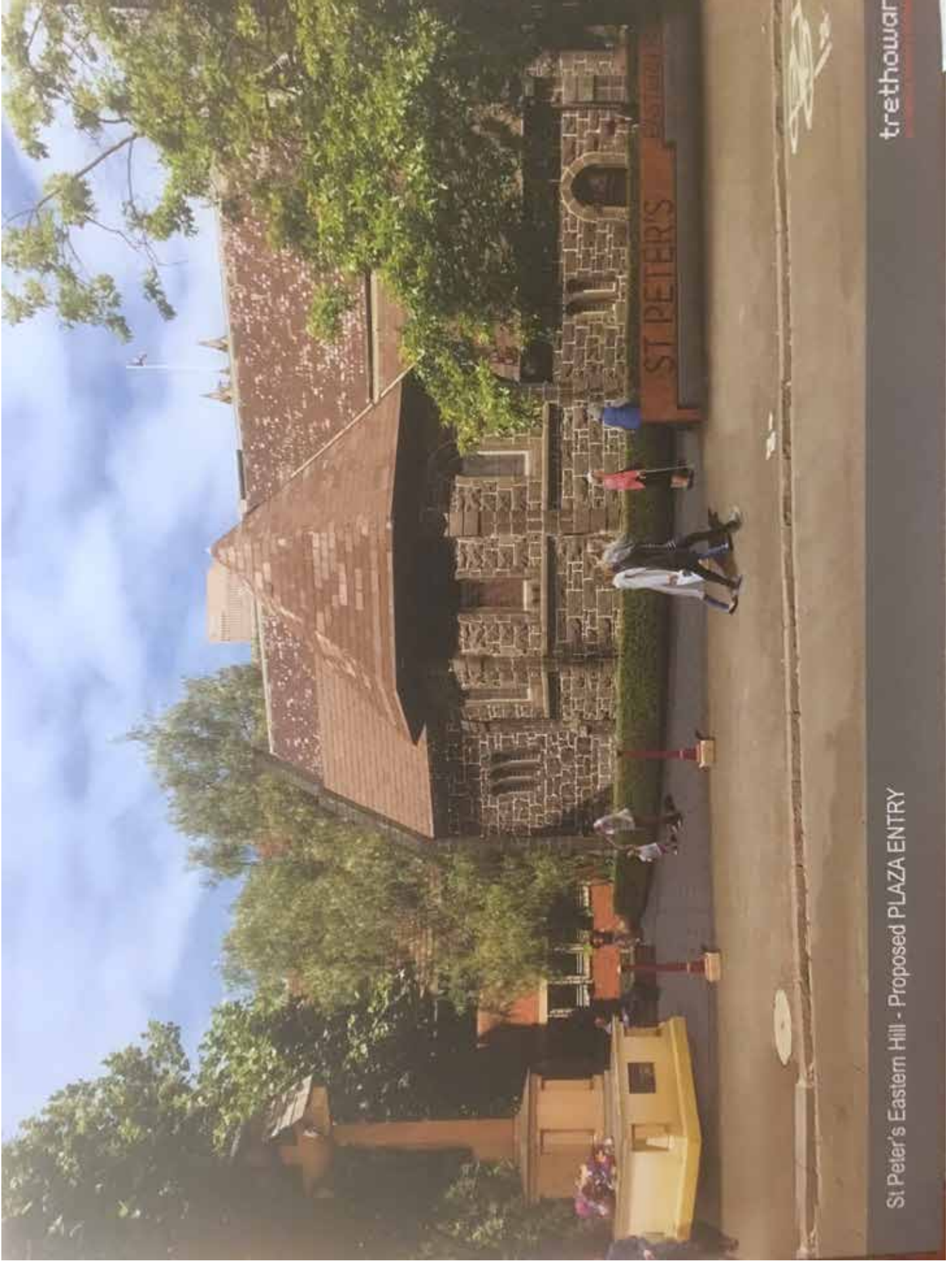


IMAGE 4 -- EAST BOUNDARY GISBOURNE ST. FRONTAGE

Plinth Removal / Retention Details

St Peter's Eastern Hill, Entry Plaza



St Peter's Eastern Hill - Proposed PLAZA ENTRY

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Church Wardens' Report

Thanks to the wonderful work of our priests and parishioners, 2017 was a great year for St Peter's as we progressed on many aspects of our Mission Action Plan. It was also a year where we laid the basis for further growth and development in future years. This year's report is organised around our seven Mission Action Plan goals.

Outreach

We again celebrated 'Ashes to Go', on Ash Wednesday, a form of Catholic Evangelism on the streets of Melbourne offering imposition of ashes to people arriving at Parliament station. A great many people stopped for ashes or a blessing. A second aspect of Outreach is that we built on our music tradition. Again in 2017 we had a great performance of Messiah but mid-year we also launched a major fund-raiser for the choir to improve its financial footing. This, led by Andrew and Alae – to whom we offer our thanks, \$22,500, most of which will be held in an endowment to support choral scholars into the future.

Pastoral care

Building on our commitment as an affirming church, we made our support for marriage equality known and offered support to those who felt at risk during the postal survey. In addition, the pastoral care team continued to support parishioners who were home-bound or in hospitals or aged care.

Families, children and young people

In a major development, we created a 'double scholarship' under the Klingner Trust for a student to study and accept a role promoting children's ministry at St Peter's. We were blessed that Colleen Clayton applied for that role and has developed and strengthened our children's program and we look forward to her second year with us.

Anglo-Catholicism

We continued our role as a leading Anglo-Catholic Parish, with our beautiful liturgy at High Mass and on Feast days, as well as our teaching/preaching at all services, and social outreach.

Faith development

2017 was another busy year in terms of Faith Development. Many parishioners are participating in development programs run by the Parish or of their own initiative. Fr Hugh started offering a Pilgrim Course for exploring (new) Christians and those seeking baptism/confirmation, we had an active and productive Institute of Spiritual Studies year, as well as many well-attended ad hoc seminars during the year at 1pm on Sundays.

We welcomed Fr Greg Davies as a non-stipendiary Assistant priest. Fr Greg, also serves as National Director of EfM (Education for Ministry) and will take a lead role in faith development in the Parish, as we establish an EfM group here in 2018.

Social Justice

The Lazarus Centre breakfast program, in co-operation with Anglicare, continues to be a strength of St Peter's, providing breakfast to now up to 100 people each morning and Friday lunch as well. The Parish objected to the redevelopment proposals at the old Peter Mac site because they did not provide any social housing. Thank you to David Spriggs who presented to the panel hearing on our behalf.

An important long-term development for the Lazarus program is the opening up of the North East corner of the site which will make the church more visible and create a plaza for locating the coffee cart. This in turn will allow training of unemployed people to work as baristas. The Plaza development has been an ongoing issue and finally heritage approval has been signed off and the Melbourne City Council has given us a permit to have the coffee cart operate from that area when it is complete. It is hoped the tenders being sought to do the work will allow us to proceed in the New Year. A grant

application to refurbish the Wayside Crucifix is in hand. The cross has had no attention since its installation in early 1924. When this work is done, in ground LED lighting will illuminate three sides of it.

A difficult issue this year has been the dramatic increase in the number of people rough sleeping on the site. This is an area where we need to balance our commitment to social justice with the needs of the broader community who visit the church and work on site. We are working with Anglicare to set limits on rough sleepers, including ensuring that the site is always welcoming for visitors.

Stewardship

We are slowly bringing our spending and earnings into balance and our forecast deficit is being reduced again this year. Parish Council is committed to continue this trend. Unfortunately it has meant that we are reducing clergy staffing from 2 equivalent fulltime to 1.5.

Incidental property issues for the church buildings and surrounds, as well as the tenants' spaces have been addressed this year. Special thanks are due to Craig Wilson, who having stepped down as a warden last year for a break, has hardly had that, instead being a tremendous help to Helen behind the scenes, especially with reference to heritage issues with the security system, which is finally to be installed very soon. When this is done, attention will be given to light bulbs/spots, so we can make use of the scissor lift that is required to reach higher locations. The new security alarms are already in place.

We submitted a grant application to Heritage Victoria to re-slate and repair the church building roof and were successful. The grant was for \$160,000 but they only give half, so we will need to use some of our own funds – in this instance, those donated by parishioners to the National Trust – as well as raise about \$40,000 to meet our share. A brief reminder that donations to the Parish via the National Trust are tax deductible and are used to support ongoing issues, such as maintenance of the buildings, organ and so forth. Due to a world-wide demand on Welsh slate, the roof tiling has been delayed again and will now start after Easter, with the project to be finished in June.

Major vicarage renovations are now complete and we are most grateful to Fr Hugh and Ree for all the redecorating and painting they have done at their own time and cost, saving the Parish a considerable amount of money. Mark from Tarneit Cabinets has also done a wonderful job in refurbishing the very outdated toilet and downstairs bathroom.

People

This year was also the year dear Bishop Graeme retired from active parish duties. Originally joining us as a locum, we were blessed that he stayed on as a half-time stipendiary assistant priest particularly helping with stupendous preaching and teaching. We wish him well in his well-earned (second) retirement.

Fr Graeme Brennan also retired as a part-time priest this year. Fr Graeme is a priest of many talents and responsibilities in pastoral care and was a tremendous asset to the parish and loved by all. We also wish him a great retirement.

We'd again like to thank all those parishioners who accept leadership and volunteering roles in the parish. These are not only those in visible and designated roles but everyone who helps on the various rosters that make St Peter's what it is. We would especially like to thank one of our number, Helen Drummond, who is stepping down as a warden this year after serving in that role – with only a one year break – for more than ten years. Helen has given the parish sterling service and is a friend of many. She will continue to work behind the scenes and contribute as a parishioner as she now steps down in line with the new diocesan rules on term limits.

Stephen Duckett (Vicar's warden), Helen Drummond, Jane Munro (People's Wardens)

Finance Report - 2017

This year's accounts suggest a relatively healthy end of year result, returning an apparent surplus of \$61,300. This top line figure is somewhat misleading however as the Parish received an unexpected bequest during the year of around \$50,000 and also sold \$24,000 in shares to fund our ongoing operations. In addition, there were monies allocated and unspent this year that also impacted our final results. Adjusting for these anomalies would deliver a deficit of around \$23,000 though, which would still have been ahead of forecast by around \$10,000.

Both the forecast budget and the end result, even allowing for variances, represents an improvement in the Parish's finances. Whilst we continue to run deficit budgets, these have fallen substantially over the last five years.

It is also worth noting that our Balance Sheet has improved over the year despite our share sales. At end of year, the Balance Sheet reports Total Equity as \$1.722 million compared to \$1.673 million last year, an improvement of nearly \$50,000. It should be noted however that this equity is below that reported on the 2013-14 Balance Sheet of \$1.765 million.

In terms of the variances in our accounts, there is some positive news. Following a significant stewardship campaign last year, Offertory came in higher than an already optimistic forecast. Forecast offertory was \$151,000 with an end result of \$164,000, a positive variance of \$13,000. Thank you to all parishioners and contributors for your help in achieving such a positive outcome.

Donations and Grants were also ahead of forecast, largely due to the bequest mentioned earlier. Also captured within Donations and Grants is the exceptional fundraising undertaken in relation to music and the choir and reported in the Choir Report. Well done to all involved.

Other variances included Commercial Income which was below forecast by \$10,000 and the Bookroom, which delivered close to forecast despite facing a difficult retail environment. Overall our Gross Profit was \$75,000 over forecast, almost exactly the amount of the bequest and our share sales.

Expenditure has come under budget by around \$20,000, largely in Parish Support and Commercial Costs. Some of these variances are due to inaccurate forecasting whilst others reflect underspend against forecast. Parishioners will note that maintenance, always a challenge for the Parish, came under budget this year. Whilst reflecting ongoing focus on this line item, this also reflects the fact that some of the monies allocated in Project Maintenance were not spent for a variety of reasons. These allocations will be made in the 2018 financial year.

Budget 2017-18

Budget 2017-18 reflects the commitment by Parish Council to improve our budget position over a three year period. Whilst not yet able to deliver a balanced budget, the proposed Budget for the coming year moves us closer to this, albeit with some sacrifices made, particularly in regards to staffing with the Parish moving from 2 full time equivalent clergy to 1.5. The forecast deficit is \$18,000 compared to last year's forecast of \$33,000.

We have budgeted conservatively on income and, given the significant increase to Offertory last year, assumed no increase in parish giving. We have also forecast no increases across a number of line items, such as the Bookroom, and decreases in some areas. Our projected dividend income for 2018 is lower than 2017 due to the sale of shares in previous years.

As highlighted above, the number of clergy staff will be lower this year and costs, given that a new staff member will not begin until calendar year 2018, will be further impacted. Our lay staff profile remains the same and, in line with the annual diocesan directive, an increase of 2% will be provided to staff. Recognising the fundraising efforts of the music team last financial year, additional funds have been allocated to music scholars.

An increase in maintenance expenditure is anticipated. Some of this relates to items carried over from 2017 and additional project maintenance requirements with the rest attributable to our regular maintenance and ongoing work on the vicarage. Thanks are also due to the Vicarage family in relation to the work they undertake on the vicarage and the savings this delivers to the Parish. Naturally not all work can be undertaken this way, however, with finances allocated annually to ensure that appropriate maintenance can be carried out.

Parish Council recommends the budget to the AGM.

Catherine McGovern
Treasurer

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St Peter's 2016-2017 Actual vs Budget with 2017-2018 Projection

	Actual 16 -17	Budget 16-17	\$ Over Budget	Budget 17-18
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
4000 · Income				
4100 · Revenue from Church Ministries				
4110 · Offertory				
4111 · Offertory - Pledged	40,314.52	43,562.35	-3,247.83	40,314.52
4112 · Offertory - Open Collection	69,737.21	52,666.20	17,071.01	69,731.21
4113 · ADF Planned Giving	53,595.62	54,610.26	-1,014.64	53,595.62
Total 4110 · Offertory	163,647.35	150,838.81	12,808.54	163,647.35
4120 · Donations & Grants				
4123 · Grants from Trusts	39,235.55	10,000.00	29,235.55	42,220.55
4124 · Grants - Clergy Related	89,811.29	93,999.00	-4,187.71	93,598.09
4125 · Grants - Court	5,000.00	20,000.00	-15,000.00	5,000.00
4126 · Donations - Legacies & Bequests	50,291.12	500.00	49,791.12	
Total 4120 · Donations & Grants	184,337.96	124,499.00	59,838.96	140,818.64
4130 · Sundry Church Income				
4133 · Events	23,088.81	17,000.00	6,088.81	18,668.41
4135 · Weddings & Funerals	10,365.00	30,000.00	-19,635.00	12,000.00
4136 · Christian Seminars & Courses	1,156.00	1,700.00	-544.00	1,500.00
4140 · Donations-General	20,386.07	17,000.00	3,386.07	17,000.00
4145 · Donations - Specified	4,245.50	3,999.96	245.54	4,000.00
4150 · Flowers Income	5,870.00	5,000.00	870.00	5,500.00
4155 · Children & Youth	0.00	250.00	-250.00	
Total 4130 · Sundry Church Income	65,111.38	74,949.96	-9,838.58	58,668.41
Total 4100 · Revenue from Church Ministries	413,096.69	350,287.77	62,808.92	363,134.40
4200 · Commercial Income				
4210 · Property				
4211 · Hall Rent from Non Related Org	36,461.04	37,000.00	-538.96	35,000.00
4212 · Other Rent - Non Related Org	143,915.88	143,915.00	0.88	139,751.88
4213 · Rent-Hot Dish	10,708.00	20,000.00	-9,292.00	10,000.00
Total 4210 · Property	191,084.92	200,915.00	-9,830.08	184,751.88
4220 · Bookroom				
4221 · Bookroom Sales	182,258.88	185,909.86	-3,650.98	182,258.88
Total 4220 · Bookroom	182,258.88	185,909.86	-3,650.98	182,258.88
4230 · Dividends, Interest & Other				
4231 · ADF Interest	1,963.83	375.00	1,588.83	700.00
4233 · Bank & Other Interest	250.20			300.00
4235 · Dividend External Investments	89,769.59	90,000.00	-230.41	80,000.00
4236 · Ang Funds Distributions	1,476.52	1,600.00	-123.48	1,600.00
4245 · Realisation on Asset Sale	23,693.96			
4260 · Insurance Recoveries	920.91			
Total 4230 · Dividends, Interest & Other	118,075.01	91,975.00	26,100.01	82,600.00
Total 4200 · Commercial Income	491,418.81	478,799.86	12,618.95	449,610.76

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St Peter's 2016-2017 Actual vs Budget with 2017-2018 Projection

	<u>Actual 16 -17</u>	<u>Budget 16-17</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>Budget 17-18</u>
4300 · Donations for Missions				
4370 · Monies on Behalf of Others	459.60	2,000.00	-1,540.40	500.00
Total 4300 · Donations for Missions	<u>459.60</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>-1,540.40</u>	<u>500.00</u>
Total 4000 · Income	<u>904,975.10</u>	<u>831,087.63</u>	<u>73,887.47</u>	<u>813,245.16</u>
Total Income	904,975.10	831,087.63	73,887.47	813,245.16
Cost of Goods Sold				
5000 · Cost of Sales				
5141 · Bookroom Cost of Sales	96,887.91	98,141.88	-1,253.97	96,887.91
Total 5000 · Cost of Sales	<u>96,887.91</u>	<u>98,141.88</u>	<u>-1,253.97</u>	<u>96,887.91</u>
Total COGS	<u>96,887.91</u>	<u>98,141.88</u>	<u>-1,253.97</u>	<u>96,887.91</u>
Gross Profit	808,087.19	732,945.75	75,141.44	716,357.25
Expense				
6000 · Expenses				
6100 · Church Ministry Costs				
6110 · Clergy Costs				
6121 · Clergy -Stipends	137,978.05	141,088.52	-3,110.47	96,897.73
6122 · Clergy - Fringe Benefits	71,449.80	71,449.88	-0.08	68,380.37
6123 · Clergy - Superannuation	24,563.02	24,932.24	-369.22	21,011.99
6134 · Clergy - Long Service Leave	7,354.51	3,081.00	4,273.51	3,493.01
6135 · Sickness & Accident Insurance	959.00	1,416.84	-457.84	1,485.00
6136 · Stipend Continuance Insurance	862.50	1,608.72	-746.22	2,158.75
6141 · Clergy - Utility Costs	6,423.48	4,306.80	2,116.68	4,175.00
6161 · MV Depreciation Costs	6,080.00	6,080.00	0.00	6,270.00
6162 - Provision for Housing				8,775.00
6163 · MV Running Costs	1,349.37	2,541.08	-1,191.71	2,670.60
6162 · MV Standing Costs	3,589.17	2,272.52	1,316.65	4,400.00
6170 · Training - Clergy	780.00			
6171 · Conferences & Seminars -Clergy	0.00	800.00	-800.00	800.00
Total 6110 · Clergy Costs	<u>261,388.90</u>	<u>259,577.60</u>	<u>1,811.30</u>	<u>220,517.45</u>
6230 · Other Ministry Costs				
6239 · Annual Leave	5,054.56			
6231 · Ministry Related Costs	3,735.95	2,800.00	935.95	2,624.79
6232 · Sacristy - Worship Supplies	7,664.77	11,955.03	-4,290.26	9,692.96
6235 · Other	350.00			350.00
Total 6230 · Other Ministry Costs	<u>16,805.28</u>	<u>14,755.03</u>	<u>2,050.25</u>	<u>12,667.75</u>
Total 6100 · Church Ministry Costs	<u>278,194.18</u>	<u>274,332.63</u>	<u>3,861.55</u>	<u>233,185.20</u>

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St Peter's 2016-2017 Actual vs Budget with 2017-2018 Projection

	<u>Actual 16 -17</u>	<u>Budget 16-17</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>Budget 17-18</u>
6240 · Parish Support Costs				
6245 · Employee Costs				
6248 · Permanent Lay Emp Salaries	137,915.85	143,390.13	-5,474.28	138,323.59
6249 · Permanent Lay Emp Super	13,632.91	14,017.47	-384.56	13,682.37
6250 · Casual Music-Verger Costs	13,561.82	15,000.00	-1,438.18	21,000.00
6251 · Contract Costs	0.00	750.00	-750.00	
6253 · Workcover	3,433.19	2,499.96	933.23	2,940.66
6258 · Honorarium Payments	650.00	1,250.00	-600.00	650.00
Total 6245 · Employee Costs	<u>169,193.77</u>	<u>176,907.56</u>	<u>-7,713.79</u>	<u>176,596.62</u>
6260 · Other Parish Support Costs				
6261 · Assessments Paid	33,735.00	39,306.00	-5,571.00	34,000.00
6262 · Travel Expenses	298.01	900.00	-601.99	300.00
6263 · Financial Related Costs	6,804.54	4,560.00	2,244.54	7,000.00
6265 · Telephone & Other Communicatio	7,673.57	8,000.00	-326.43	8,000.00
6269 · Maint & Repairs - Equipment	1,161.40	750.00	411.40	900.00
6272 · Hospitality Expenses	8,671.26	10,000.00	-1,328.74	17,000.00
6274 · Flowers Exp	7,001.68	8,000.00	-998.32	8,000.00
6275 · Bookkeeping and Audit Fees	19,619.48	19,119.48	500.00	23,664.93
6276 · Sundry Expenses	144.95	1,500.00	-1,355.05	175.00
6277 · Events	8,415.45	8,000.00	415.45	
6280 · Advertising & Promotion	5,529.55	2,250.00	3,279.55	2,500.00
6285 · Copyright Fees	0.00	250.00	-250.00	
6286 · Subscriptions & Publications	540.00			589.09
6290 · Stationery	3,352.48	3,000.00	352.48	3,000.00
6291 · Photocopier	7,730.98	10,000.00	-2,269.02	8,500.00
6292 · TMA Publication Charge	561.50	725.00	-163.50	600.00
6294 · Postage	-208.10	100.00	-308.10	
6295 · Computer Software	303.74	600.00	-296.26	325.00
6296 · Computer - Other	294.25			2,000.00
Total 6260 · Other Parish Support Costs	<u>111,629.74</u>	<u>117,060.48</u>	<u>-5,430.74</u>	<u>116,554.02</u>
Total 6240 · Parish Support Costs	280,823.51	293,968.04	-13,144.53	293,150.64
6300 · Commercial Costs				
6310 · Property				
6311 · Lighting Heating & Cooling	18,414.53	18,100.00	314.53	18,782.82
6312 · Land Tax	6,473.80	7,250.00	-776.20	6,750.00
6314 · Cleaning Costs	32,204.90	30,000.00	2,204.90	33,000.16
6320 · Council & Water Rates	7,799.54	9,300.00	-1,500.46	8,000.00
6322 · Equipment Purchases	2,655.36	750.00	1,905.36	1,000.00
6323 · Equipment Hire	309.09			
6325 · Other Services	2,328.28	3,000.00	-671.72	2,200.00
6330 · Maintenance Garden & Grounds	0.00	250.00	-250.00	250.00
6331 · Property - Ongoing Maintenance	30,143.64	25,000.00	5,143.64	29,290.00
6332 · Property - Project Vicarage	9,719.45	10,000.00	-280.55	10,000.00
6334 · Property - Project - General	12,563.75	25,300.00	-12,736.25	315,000.00
6335 · Property Agent Fees	7,070.64	6,500.00	570.64	6,000.00

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St Peter's 2016-2017 Actual vs Budget with 2017-2018 Projection

	Actual 16 -17	Budget 16-17	\$ Over Budget	Budget 17-18
6336 · Parish Insurance Premiums	37,302.09	36,300.00	1,002.09	
6340 · Interest Paid to ADF	5,422.02	6,700.00	-1,277.98	6,000.00
6346 · Utilities Recovery	-375.23			
Total 6310 · Property	172,031.86	178,450.00	-6,418.14	190,993.71
6350 · Bookroom				
6355 · Bookroom General Admin	9,321.78	10,072.00	-750.22	9,321.78
Total 6350 · Bookroom	9,321.78	10,072.00	-750.22	9,321.78
Total 6300 · Commercial Costs	181,353.64	188,522.00	-7,168.36	200,315.49
6500 · Donations paid to Missions				
6510 · Anglican Missions				
6512 · EFM				1,000.00
6516 · CHN	4,374.00	4,374.00	0.00	
Total 6510 · Anglican Missions	4,374.00	4,374.00	0.00	
6520 · Other Missions and Appeals				
6522 · Other Mission/Outreach	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	2,000.00
6523 · Monies on behalf of Others	412.60			
6525 · Court Funds	1,636.08	3,200.00	-1,563.92	5,000.00
Total 6520 · Other Missions and Appeals	2,048.68	5,200.00	-3,151.32	7,000.00
Total 6500 · Donations paid to Missions	6,422.68	9,574.00	-3,151.32	8,000.00
Total 6000 · Expenses	746,794.01	766,396.67	-19,602.66	734,651.33
Total Expense	746,794.01	766,396.67	-19,602.66	734,651.33
Net Ordinary Income	61,293.18	-33,450.92	94,744.10	-18,294.08
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Other Income/Expense				
8000 · Other Income				
8050 · Klingner				
8120 · Klingner Dividends	20,000.66	12,543.00	7,457.66	
8110 · Klingner ADF Distributions	7,038.86	4,892.00	2,146.86	
8100 · Klingner Interest Received	13.87			
Total 8050 · Klingner	27,053.39	17,435.00	9,618.39	
8500 · Prior year adjustments	8.26			
Total 8000 · Other Income	27,061.65	17,435.00	9,626.65	
	27,061.65	17,435.00	9,626.65	
9000 · Other Expenses				
9050 · Klingner Expense				
9110 · Klingner Scholarships	29,018.18			
9160 · Sundry Expenses	1,413.29	1,380.00	33.29	
Total 9050 · Klingner Expense	30,431.47	1,380.00	29,051.47	

These figures are subject to audit and may change

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	<u>Actual 16 -17</u>	<u>Budget 16-17</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>Budget 17-18</u>
9200 · Prior Year Adjustments	878.97			
Total 9000 · Other Expenses	<u>31,310.44</u>	<u>1,380.00</u>	<u>29,930.44</u>	
	<u>31,310.44</u>	<u>1,380.00</u>	<u>29,930.44</u>	
Net Other Income	<u>-4,248.79</u>	<u>16,055.00</u>	<u>-20,303.79</u>	
Net Income	<u>57,044.39</u>	<u>-17,395.92</u>	<u>74,440.31</u>	

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St Peter's Eastern Hill
Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison
 As of September 30, 2017

	Sep 30, 17	Sep 30, 16	\$ Change
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Chequing/Savings			
1100 · Bank			
1110 · Access Cash SAV 05005124	25,455.73	13,255.42	12,200.31
1112 · Petty Cash Advance	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
1113 · Westpac Current Account	6,185.91	8,044.27	-1,858.36
1114 · Planned Giving SAV 05004666	745.42	730.31	15.11
1116 · Klingner SAV 05005158	4,754.49	9,346.46	-4,591.97
1130 · Bookroom Westpac 86 1077	7,928.17	782.85	7,145.32
1131 · Bookroom Petty Cash	100.00	100.00	0.00
1140 · NT Appeal	35,555.51	24,120.36	11,435.15
Total 1100 · Bank	81,725.23	57,379.67	24,345.56
Total Chequing/Savings	81,725.23	57,379.67	24,345.56
Accounts Receivable			
1351 · Accounts Receivable	13,722.62	8,023.12	5,699.50
Total Accounts Receivable	13,722.62	8,023.12	5,699.50
Other Current Assets			
1410 · Inventories			
1455 · Bookroom Stock	36,129.00	32,841.00	3,288.00
Total 1410 · Inventories	36,129.00	32,841.00	3,288.00
1600 · Investments			
1610 · Harold Klingner Bequest TF8377			
1611 · Harold Klingner Bequest Ext In	272,690.21	275,576.41	-2,886.20
1615 · Harold Klingner Endowment Fund	163,685.00	112,107.21	51,577.79
1616 · Harold Klingner Bequest CPF	20,027.72	72,426.48	-52,398.76
Total 1610 · Harold Klingner Bequest TF8377	456,402.93	460,110.10	-3,707.17
1620 · General Bequest TF8375			
1621 · General External Investments	275,624.31	280,125.89	-4,501.58
1622 · General Cash Plus Fund	7,256.41	2,884.57	4,371.84
Total 1620 · General Bequest TF8375	282,880.72	283,010.46	-129.74
1630 · Other Investments			
1631 · St Peter's Endowment Fund 7055	47,426.21	46,384.73	1,041.48
1632 · ISS Cash Plus CF7931	370.16	370.16	0.00
Total 1630 · Other Investments	47,796.37	46,754.89	1,041.48
1640 · Richard Johns Bequest			
1641 · Richard Johns Shares	942,385.79	941,040.64	1,345.15
1642 · Cash Account TF 8807	21,913.08	15,120.87	6,792.21
Total 1640 · Richard Johns Bequest	964,298.87	956,161.51	8,137.36
1650 · Bookroom CF7964	15,439.63	15,067.48	372.15
Total 1600 · Investments	1,766,818.52	1,761,104.44	5,714.08
Total Other Current Assets	1,802,947.52	1,793,945.44	9,002.08
Total Current Assets	1,898,395.37	1,859,348.23	39,047.14
TOTAL ASSETS	1,898,395.37	1,859,348.23	39,047.14
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable			
2000 · Accounts Payable	17,879.68	16,571.98	1,307.70
Total Accounts Payable	17,879.68	16,571.98	1,307.70
Other Current Liabilities			
2100 · Other Current Liabilities			
2500 · Bond Deposits	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
2260 · Tax Clearing Ac	-2,216.00	0.00	-2,216.00
2200 · Group Tax Payable	0.00	7,200.00	-7,200.00
2250 · GST Tax Payable	-573.66	-4,113.61	3,539.95
2300 · Superannuation Clearing Account	11,679.29	13,956.20	-2,276.91

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Accrual Basis

St Peter's Eastern Hill
Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison
 As of September 30, 2017

	Sep 30, 17	Sep 30, 16	\$ Change
2400 · Funds Awaiting Disbursement			
2450 · Anglican Diocese Fixed Charges	10,244.11	5,994.64	4,249.47
2460 · G Rutherford Benefit Account	-898.87	7,597.57	-8,496.44
2461 · P Gill Benefit Account	1,039.42	5,319.56	-4,280.14
2462 · H Kempster Benefit Account	-109.70	-4,225.80	4,116.10
2480 · G Rutherford MV Replacement	0.00	6,660.00	-6,660.00
Total 2400 · Funds Awaiting Disbursement	<u>10,274.96</u>	<u>21,345.97</u>	<u>-11,071.01</u>
2540 · Provisions			
2520 · Annual Leave	5,054.56	0.00	5,054.56
2542 · Clergy LSL	9,223.51	3,000.00	6,223.51
2541 · Lay Employee LSL	17,706.86	16,330.50	1,376.36
Total 2540 · Provisions	<u>31,984.93</u>	<u>19,330.50</u>	<u>12,654.43</u>
Total 2100 · Other Current Liabilities	<u>52,649.52</u>	<u>57,719.06</u>	<u>-5,069.54</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>52,649.52</u>	<u>57,719.06</u>	<u>-5,069.54</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>70,529.20</u>	<u>74,291.04</u>	<u>-3,761.84</u>
Long Term Liabilities			
2600 · ADF COM444000641	105,595.97	111,105.95	-5,509.98
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>105,595.97</u>	<u>111,105.95</u>	<u>-5,509.98</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u><u>176,125.17</u></u>	<u><u>185,396.99</u></u>	<u><u>-9,271.82</u></u>
NET ASSETS	<u><u>1,722,270.20</u></u>	<u><u>1,673,951.24</u></u>	<u><u>48,318.96</u></u>
EQUITY			
32000 · Retained Earnings	-62,047.10	-93,183.20	31,136.10
3000 · Equity			
3770 · Funds in ADF/AF	99,952.90	94,272.16	5,680.74
3775 · Funds in Equities	92,674.02	101,778.12	-9,104.10
3800 · Opening Bal Equity	1,536,955.77	1,536,955.77	0.00
3900 · Current Year Earnings	-2,309.78	2,992.29	-5,302.07
Total 3000 · Equity	<u>1,727,272.91</u>	<u>1,735,998.34</u>	<u>-8,725.43</u>
Net Income	<u>57,044.39</u>	<u>31,136.10</u>	<u>25,908.29</u>
TOTAL EQUITY	<u><u>1,722,270.20</u></u>	<u><u>1,673,951.24</u></u>	<u><u>48,318.96</u></u>

St Peter's Eastern Hill Melbourne Charitable Foundation

The Foundation had its most successful Annual Appeal ever raising over \$55K. People were extraordinarily generous and these monies will allow us to continue to support the Lazarus Centre and the St. Peter's Eastern Hill precinct.

Our expenditure this year included re-wiring the kitchen at Fitzroy Lazarus and a new hot water service at St. Peter's Lazarus. We also purchased appliances such as jugs, toasters, dishwashers, refrigerators, and ovens. We supplied sleeping swags for the homeless as well as paying for emergency accommodation. The Foundation periodically supplies food vouchers and Myki cards, and covers the cost of the Annual Lazarus Christmas Party. We also support the Wardens and Parish Council towards the maintenance of various precinct buildings. We could not do this without your generous support.

Judith Chapman resigned as a Trustee and Churchwarden and Jane Munro was appointed as a Trustee. We want to thank Judith for her time and valuable contribution to the Foundation.

The next few years will be challenging for the Foundation as we restore the Cross of Sacrifice and build the Gisborne Street Plaza. We have been fortunate enough to receive a bequest for \$135K specifically for this project. We also anticipate additional support via State and Commonwealth grants. We had a very successful soirée at the magnificent home of Krystyna Campbell Pretty which raised \$14k+ towards this project. Our next function will be a celebrity chefs dinner in Queens Hall, Parliament House.

I want to particularly thank Krystyna Campbell Pretty for chairing the fundraising committee and to the committee members, Alex Bialock, Helen Drummond, Helen Speers, Craig Wilson, Fr. Hugh and Sam Nadde.

Once the Cross of Sacrifice and Plaza project is completed we then commence The Lazarus Centre building project. This will include a new Hall roof, kitchen and toilets, roofing and paving the courtyard, a new Parish Office and Lazarus office. Our heritage architect Bruce Trethowan is currently drawing up the plans.

We will have to cast our net far and wide to raise funds for this project although we are encouraged by the support we are getting for our Plaza project.

The Trustees sincerely thank everyone who has supported us this year. We also warmly thank Kosta Soterio for his tremendous work as Secretary/Treasurer.

*John Taaff (Chair) Rachel Ellyard, Jane Munro, Fr. Hugh Kempster, Michael Gronow,
Canon Ray Cleary.
Trustees*

Music at St Peter's

Early in 2017, the Music team initiated a Choir Scholarship campaign - designed to bring in moneys to support and grow the system of Choir Scholarships at St Peter's; also to raise the profile of the Choir, both inside and outside of their usual duties. TMA ran an article on the campaign and word was put out to our parishioners, other parishes and their clergy, and other people with fundraising &/ or sponsorship connections.

This campaign has been extremely successful. Calculating an annual cost of one scholarship at \$2,000 the target of the appeal was \$8,000. That is to raise one scholarship per vocal line. As of November 2017, the appeal has raised in the order of \$23,000 in this calendar year - almost four times what we were aiming for.

We have also secured ongoing funding through the Lazarus Centre, subject to annual review, of a choir scholarship to be used for a capable singer in necessitous circumstances. In view of the extraordinary success of this appeal we are increasing the value of our scholarships to make them more competitive. We now pay scholars \$75 per service rather than \$50 - this is in line with other comparable churches in Melbourne. Allocation of new scholarships will be seen to in the new year, most likely at the start of the academic year.

We believe there is huge opportunity to build the choir financially, including the creation, as needed, of a corpus of funds that can generate ongoing income for the choir. We have been moved and at times even surprised by the good will and support for the choir, including outside the parish. This demonstrates that the choir has an established place in the cultural psyche of Melbourne - our annual performance of Handel's Messiah, for example, has become an event in its own right, attracting audience that otherwise wouldn't come to St Peter's.

Part of the campaign was also to establish a series of annual concerts at St Peter's - again, to build outreach, promote the work of the choir and to raise funds. Our first concert as part of the campaign was a performance of Fauré's Requiem in August - which attracted an audience of 150 and raised a further \$1500. The challenges that lie ahead include resourcing strategic ongoing engagement with patrons to bolster the choir's financial situation. The kind of ongoing patronage we'd like to see will require ongoing relationship building and relationship management. Some of the most generous donors towards the appeal have been external to the parish. How can we get the best out of these relationships and encourage ongoing dialogue, and not only financial dialogue?

Andrew Raiskums - Director of Music

St Peter's Bookroom & Church Supplier

WARNING! This AGM Report comes with a health risk: it talks personal.

Next February 2018 will mark my 20th year of stewardship of St Peter's Bookroom. Earlier this year (before each left St Peter's) I sat down for morning tea with Bp Graeme Rutherford, and at a later date had luncheon with Fr Graeme Brennan. I asked each of them how did they know, like really know, when the time comes to leave ministry at St Peter's? Unexpectedly, they each had quite a different answer: for Bp Graeme, in T. S. Eliot fashion, it was the Holy Spirit quietly leading and affirming him by hints and guesses. For Fr Graeme, it was more, I sensed, like being a sailor who smells something of the whiff of sea air and so sets sail for new lands. Personally, I felt like those stay-at-home animals in *Wind in the Willows* who in the *Wayfarer's All* chapter watch the migrating birds and ask: 'Why this craving for change? Why not stay here and be jolly?' Both Graemes told me of their deep love for St Peter's Eastern Hill, and unfailing link with our Parish, but each expressed what Ratty in *Wind in the Willows* names as 'the call of the South.' When I put forward my concern to Fr Graeme that I didn't seem to have this 'call of the South' and wondered what was wrong with me, he kindly said: 'Carol, you have a vocation here.' And I was inwardly amused to think that for nearly 20 years I have never, when ordering stationary for the shop whether it be bookmarks or business cards, put my name down as manager. What does vocation mean?

Recently St Peter's Bookroom 'represented St Peter's and sold books' (a turn of phrase I often use to show how the Bookroom is inextricably linked into our parish) at Melbourne Synod. I have traced back through my diaries and I have been in attendance at Synod with the Bookroom each year since 1999. Those Festival Hall days were grand, especially for sales because the venue was so depressing and people wanted to cheer themselves up with a good book, and then later the Dallas Brooks Hall became a heavenly respite for arm chair comfort and lack of shivering drafts. Over these years there has always been about 8-10 different organisations present on the sidelines: Ridley Bookshop (sadly departed), Brotherhood of St Lawrence, Anglicare, Anglican Board of Missions, Mother's Union, Trinity Theological College.....As one of these small Anglican not for profit organisations at Synod, it's the most peculiar position to be in - part of the scene, on the sidelines, seen, but unseen. Synod is currently held in St Paul's Cathedral and you can find us on Saturday morning right down the front over to the far, far left along the 'ambulatory'. Not seen unless you venture left behind the Archbishop in Council and discover that path which leads around the choir stalls. During services we lot sing Synod hymns deciphering the words projected translucent and backwards through the large white screen that faces the Houses of Clergy and Lay. A vocation in ministry from another angle, from the ambulatory margins.

But, 'vocation' is not only about 'I' but 'we'. This year, early on Saturday morning at Synod, as I pulled out books from the dozen or so boxes I'd brought down in my car, Joy Freier actively found us some more tables then began to spruik amongst clergy and lay alike for the shop, Fr Greg Davies helped out with sales, someone else brought us coffees, and together we chatted and laughed with our friends from Mother's Union and BSL and ABM....and I had this very strong sense of being one piece of a jigsaw in a much bigger picture. It was more, as Ben Myers (who recently spoke at St Peter's for ISS) has said elsewhere, a sense about 'theological learning itself' which is 'the knowing of our deeper call which is to serve the human heart and the glory of God'.

This Bookroom-on-wheels has become a regular mainstay for our shop. We have a reputation and people look out for us and remember us at different events around the Diocese. If you know of an Anglican event where our presence would be welcome and supported please let me know. It's not easy work this packing and carting around boxes of books in my car, but always very satisfying to see so many that have been sitting on the New Release table for some time, suddenly find their true home. (They sometimes revisit for a period in the second-hand section as well). It was great later, after Synod, to travel back to the shop with only half the number of boxes I took down - sold within only 4 1/2 hours. This year, we 'sold books and represented St Peter's' in July at the Clergy

Conference at the Pulman Hotel in Kings Rd; we also had a presence at Trinity Theological College at the Year of Matthew Day last November (thanks be to Jan Crombie). Our connection with Trinity has strengthened and we attended four events there this year. Our links with Anglican parishes have been strong, including St Paul's Cathedral who continue to order a dozen boxes of tapers nearly every month which I deliver, and last January we attended the Conference at St George's Malvern. But it's not just parishes and Cathedrals, we attended the clergy Retreat in Queenscliff last November (thanks be to Joy Freier). And also, not just the Anglican Diocese; we sold books at the Carmelite Centre Conference in June. In each of these parishes, wider diocese and ecumenical connections we - St Peter's as well as the Bookroom - have friends and become known and valued as a church who provides the latest thought provoking, insightful spiritual and Anglican works. When I take the Bookroom to an event, I am sharing something of the 'human heart and glory of God' that we partake of here at St Peter's.

And this 'something' includes the active participation on the part of many people, and not only parishioners. Firstly, the Bookroom Committee, and Treasurer, to whom I am accountable: Fr Hugh Kempster, John Taaff, John Rickard and Catherine McGovern. John Rickard keeps an expert eye on the monthly figures, and in his financial reporting he concludes:

The St Peter's Bookroom delivered another set of solid results for the 2016-17 financial year. Gross sales turnover was around \$182,000 for the period compared to budget of \$190,000. Book sales of \$102,000 were under the budget of \$113,000, while sanctuary sales had another strong year with \$46,000 delivered against budget of \$41,000. Expenses were tightly managed down to around \$82,000 compared to the yearly budget of \$95,000. This contributed to an overall result for the year of a positive surplus of \$2,433 versus the budgeted outcome of a loss of \$2,963. However, this was achieved through late payment of one salary plus overheads payment of \$4,737 and one month's rent to the church of \$1,486. These sums were held back at the time for cash flow reasons until catch up payments for both items could be paid in full in October following the annual Book Sale. These sums will show up in the October progress report and in next year's results. Allowing for this carryover aspect, the annual result for the Bookroom can effectively be regarded as a modest loss, not far from the loss of \$2,963 which was budgeted for the 2016-17 financial year.

Furthermore, the balance sheet continues in good shape with net assets/total equity of \$39,688 after allowing for trade creditor liabilities and stored up long service leave for the Bookroom manager. This is a solid position for the business to be in at the end of September, with stock in hand to value of \$36,129 plus cash in bank of the order of \$8,000 providing a sound position for stocking up before Christmas.

But secondly, the shop would not be what it is without the incalculable commitment of volunteers nurturing the human heart of the Bookroom: Janet Lea West, Helena Hughes, Anne Kerrin, Jan Hannon, Ross Smith, Cath Place, Susan Southall, Stuart Hibberd. Sadly this year Arnold Kan – our longest serving volunteer – retired. But we have gained the talented Daniel Ferguson, and more recently Noelene Horton. Marlene provides us with beautiful bunches of flowers. I particularly wish to thank Jan Hannon and her husband Jeff, who financed the upgrade of our two computer systems in 2017. Their generosity has given us the security of knowing our systems are reliable and up to date. Once more our very successful Second-Hand Book Fair, which raised over \$4 400, brought together a great team of many parishioners and friends. To all of those - I don't want to mention names in case I leave someone out - a big thank you! It was wonderful again to see the hall a sea of books, many donated from Xavier College courtesy of Ian Thornton, and so many people from all over Melbourne piling in to buy the books. In particular, Rachel Rai was a tower of strength, not only present every day for nearly two weeks, but provided delicious sustenance during the whole journey of the Book Fair. And we wouldn't have been able to have so many books without Jenny Sasse's storage facility.

Sue Deutscher continues to be on hand to assist with the website. Our online presence is kept updated and well maintained. Over time some of our volunteers are taking on this task. Thank you to Kosta Soteriou in the office for his support when needed and to Ian Retford for his translation of our figures onto the parish budget.

Customers continue to find little gems on the .50cent second hand book table. A big thank you to the many people who have made such excellent donations for the second-hand section of the shop – donated books always go to a good home. In particular, I wish to thank the Carmelite Library for the donations they have contributed.

The ministry of St Peter's Bookroom calls out the talents of many people, and though it is small shop and serves a niche market, it is known far and wide. To be its steward is a vocation that I continue to celebrate and find amazing.

Carol O'Connor
Bookroom Manager

Sacristy

As mentioned in last year's report, the historic green frontal has been retired for the time being until funds are available for its restoration. Thanks to Guy Churchman for the loan of his green frontal and superfrontal, as well as a white frontal that is attached to the back of the green one – both of these are from his personal collection. Thank you too, to Bruce and Natalie Kellett for attending to the necessary work required fitting the material to the wooden frame. Natalie has also been instrumental again in making up new amices, purificators and other linen as needed. As part of funding approved in the budget, a number of new albs and girdles/cinctures have been purchased for the Servers' Guild.

Jenny Sasse and a small but committed band of volunteers continue to sew away at some new kneelers. There are several at varying stages of completion and it is hoped that a couple will be ready in the near future to commission for use. Anyone who is interested in helping would be most welcome, please speak to me or to Jenny.

There are many of you to thank for your assistance in various ways: volunteers at the working bees; Shrove Tuesday organisers; launderers of linen; Simnel cake bakers of; palm cross makers – and the Parliament grounds team for the fronds; donators of fronds and olive branches. I am most grateful to you all who contribute in these and many other ways that contribute to the work of the Sacristy.

I wish to again express my personal gratitude to Bruce Kellett and to my partner, David, for all the help with the weekly work and other odd jobs around the precinct; and to Peter Bryce for his continuing support as Head Server. Thanks are also due to Eugene Chin for filling in as Acting Sacristan in recent months.

Adam Blackmore - Sacristan

Lazarus Centre Chaplaincy

My position as Lazarus Centre chaplain continues one day per week. A now well established pattern also continues with early Mass on Friday then breakfast at the Lazarus Centre followed by meetings. A highlight is mixing with the Lazarus Centre participants at the lunchtime Barbeque. I am involved in worship at St Peter's on most Sunday mornings or evenings. When I can, I take part in Anglicare staff meetings. I have the deepest admiration for the tireless work of staff and those who volunteer with the Lazarus Centre. Overcoming homelessness is about more than putting a roof over someone's head – it has to be about enabling the creation of a place to call 'home'.

As part of his creation of a home, Alfie invited me to bless the unit into which he had just moved. The Reverend Louise Lang, support worker Sarah Ward and I gathered at Alfie's place very aware of the hard work done by Alfie and all those supporting him to find him this new place and to help him make a home. It was a privilege to be part of a team offering prayers for God's care of every aspect of life from the hospitality of the kitchen to the industry of the laundry.

I was a member of a group who met with Archbishop Philip Freier to raise the issue of Melbourne City Council's proposed bylaw change affecting rough sleeping in the CBD. The group highlighted that more than 2000 submissions were received by the Council regarding the proposed changes to the by-laws. Fifty-four homelessness and welfare organisations jointly submitted a Proposed Framework for Responding Effectively to Homelessness in the City of Melbourne. The framework makes several proposals. Some important longer term solutions to keep in mind include: allowing those experiencing homelessness to have a say in solutions; to consider the evidence for what works in the homelessness sector; to communicate with all stakeholders more effectively; insuring adequate access to mental health services, and; addressing the reality of the lack of housing available for those experiencing homelessness.

I produced four editions of The Lazarus Centre Chaplaincy Newsletter in the last twelve months. The newsletter highlighted aspects of the breakfast program including our partnership with RDNS. The RDNS Homeless Persons Program (HPP) is a specialist unit of RDNS, funded to address the primary health care needs of people experiencing, or at risk of homelessness. Thanks to Theresa who wrote about the work RDNS do in conjunction with the breakfast program. Thanks also to Jason who shared his journey through homelessness to becoming an advocate for the homeless and a volunteer at St Marks Community Centre as well as St Peter's breakfast program. Volunteers Kelly and William shared their encouraging stories noting both what they do for the breakfast program and what they receive from helping. There was also opportunity to highlight the contribution of the Order of St Lazarus. The Order of Lazarus has contributed \$120,000 to the breakfast program over the past ten years.

It is a privilege to serve as the Lazarus Centre chaplain in a way that is a real witness to our social outreach ministry. I thank all those who support this ministry. The Lazarus Centre chaplaincy is funded by the St Peter's Charitable Foundation. Details of how to support this ministry can be found at <http://spehcf.com.au/church/public/>

Fr Philip Gill - Lazarus Center Chaplain

The Server's Guild of St Peter

We currently have twenty-nine men and women as active members of the Servers' Guild - about the same as last year. That may seem a healthy number, but it does not necessarily imply that the roster is able to be filled week by week. Some servers have limited availability and not all are qualified by training and experience to fill every role. In fact, as you may have noticed, we are often operating with less than a full team.

I am grateful for the commitment and co-operation of our servers and for their willingness to do more, when called upon. Likewise, I am conscious of the genuine care which our servers have one for another. Although our Guild does not have a formal structure, we are much more than just a list of names.

I acknowledge with gratitude the support and encouragement of the Vicar and the clergy team. It is our privilege to assist them in their ministry. Likewise it is right to acknowledge the good working relationship which we have with the parish musicians and choristers.

I am particularly appreciative of the support which Adam Blackmore gives, not only as Sacristan, but as an assistant to me. He and I regularly work together in the preparation of rosters and it is good to have at least two people who have experience in this matter.

Adam, and Bruce Kellett have also done their best to be available to assist at mid-week funerals.

We servers are not a breed apart. We are the representatives of the laity and are as much a part of the congregation as we are inhabitants of the sanctuary. However, if we are to preserve our Anglo-Catholic worship in its beauty and fulness, we need to expand our numbers. Existing servers have been trained to take on added responsibilities - for example, in the past year, three additional Masters of Ceremonies (for High Mass) have been trained. Our greatest need, however, is for more servers to join us at "entry level".

I would encourage all our people to consider whether this special ministry might be right for them. We used to have some thirty-five servers on the books - could we aim to achieve that again?

Peter Bryce - Head Server

Klingner Scholar - Colleen Clayton

The period of my initial appointment as Klingner Scholar concludes today. I am honoured and delighted to have been awarded this scholarship for a second year and I look forward to building on my learning from this year and enjoying a second term in your fellowship when I return on February 4th, 2018.

Throughout this year I have been blessed by the support of people from across the parish and I would like to thank you all, for the friendliness of your welcome, for shared laughter and for your encouragement of me in my learning. I would specifically like to thank;

- Fr Hugh for his ongoing supervision and guidance
- My Field Committee; Chris Martin (chair), Helen Drummond, Rwth Stuckey and Peter Yewers
- the Children's Ministry Team, especially Katherine Barnett
- the Servers Guild, especially Peter Bryce and Adam Blackmore
- Jenneth Sasse for her collaboration on St Peter's involvement with Science Week at the Cathedral.

I would also like to acknowledge the support given to me by Bp Graeme Rutherford and Fr Graeme Brennan prior to them leaving the parish.

Involvement in Children's Ministry

My main task this year has been to explore ways in which we might further develop our children's ministry. The long-term, faithful work of Katherine Barnett provides a stable base on which to explore what we might offer in addition to support and encourage the faith development of children of different ages.

We trialled the 'Seasons of the Spirit' material for part of this year. Although it is excellent material, because it is based on a lectionary different from the one we follow, we have decided not to continue with it.

In the second half of the year I have begun a small group for teenagers. They said that they would like something 'just for them' so we have made a beginning. I am hopeful of continuing and extending this next year.

St Peter's is blessed by the regular attendance of approximately a dozen children. I look forward to beginning next year equipped with knowledge of the parish and ready to continue to explore and develop this ministry.

Children's Talks & Preaching

Prior to coming to St Peter's I had not had the opportunity to exercise the discipline of preparing weekly talks for children. This is hard work and the necessity to prepare something most weeks has been excellent preparation for my future ministry.

Preaching for the first time at St Peter's was a daunting task. I have been appreciative of the privilege of preaching on five occasions this year and hope to have further opportunities in 2018.

Participation in other initiatives

- 'Ashes to Go' at Parliament Station.
- Maundy Thursday Children's program – a morning of story-telling, activities and cooking based on six stories leading from Palm Sunday to Easter morning.
- 'Thy Kingdom Come' – an all age morning of prayer, including interactive prayer stations in the church. Bp Graeme and I ran this jointly as part of a worldwide initiative of the Abp of Canterbury, supported by the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne.

- Science Week at the Cathedral – a guest preacher and Q&A panel on the topic Future Earth
- Children’s Mission – with Jenny Inglis, planned a parish partnership visit from The Hill to St Peter’s Fawkner. Colleen preached and arranged children’s activities for All Saints’ Day. Seven parishioners from The Hill attended.

Anglican Diocese of Melbourne Conference

The trustees of the scholarship provided extra funding for me to attend the ADoM Conference this year and to stay on site. This was a wonderful opportunity to be involved in learning and discussion about future directions in the church, within and beyond Australia. It also provided me with wonderful opportunities for networking within the Diocese.

I was delighted to be asked to be crucifer for the commencement Eucharist.

Study

The Klingner Scholarship has enabled me to study full-time this year. One more year of full-time study will mean that I complete my Master of Divinity at the end of 2018. The plan is that I would then be ordained Deacon in February of 2019.

Colleen Clayton

Flowers

We have all enjoyed the artful display of flowers from week to week this past year. Cristina does a wonderful job, with a minimum of fuss and she is very accommodating. (There is no 'h' in her name!)

Needless to say, this costs us more than if we did it ourselves, as we have in the past. Our costs this year have increased. We rely on the generous people who sponsor flowers in memory of loved ones, as well as the monetary allowance for flowers at weddings and funerals. If you do not already do this and would like to sponsor flowers, then I would encourage you to please do so, so that we can continue to adorn our beloved church with seasonal flowers. Parishioners are also very generous when we ask for extra funds for Christmas, Easter and St Peter's tide.

I really need one of you to step up and take over coordinating this. Having taken on the job of the Australian Anglican Church Calendar (AACC), I am going to be busy throughout the year! You will be given a document, which is a ready made liturgical calendar for 2018 with all the major feast days and Sundays, and with a record of who has donated in the past. It involves contacting these people to see if they wish to do it again and also to seek new people to add to the list. The colours for the seasons are also shown.

Please do give this serious consideration.

Currently, I liaise with Cristina on a monthly basis and at other times, such as for funerals and weddings. She also makes the wreaths for ANZAC and Remembrance Day.

*Helen Drummond
Flower coordinator*

Open House Melbourne - 2017

This year marked the 10th anniversary of Open House Melbourne (formerly Melbourne Open House). As indicated in last year's report, we wanted to mark this year as bigger and better than 2016.

So the Organising Committee met early this year to begin planning and start up a roster of volunteers. As last year's event was very successful, it was decided to keep a similar format, including activities from last year, such as: the photographic display, coffee cart and Devonshire teas, music in the church, Icon School display – to name a few.

What was new this year, was that the Icon School had some of its members actually writing icons while visitors watched. A "show bag" was put together containing parish information, a printed fridge magnet and a sweet surprise! A slideshow was also prepared to highlight the 25th anniversary year of the Lazarus Centre. Additionally, we had parishioners stationed at various points in the church with a specially prepared set of notes to inform visitors of the numerous historical aspects of the church fabric. The choir also gave a wonderful prelude to their fundraising concert.

Over the course of the event (on the last weekend in July), we had around 1,000 visitors to the precinct, with many providing very positive feedback and even committing to return. While there was some expense in preparing for this, it was offset by donations and monies received from the sale of Devonshire scones.

A big thank you is due to the very large contingent of parishioners and others who helped out in one way or another – to list you all would practically be a reprint of the parish roll! The contributions of one and all made this another successful event and again showcased our community to the wider public.

From the OHM Organising Committee

Hospitality at St Peter's Eastern Hill

Hospitality is central to our commitment to our mission at St Peter's Eastern Hill, Melbourne, where hospitality and welcome finds expression in various aspects of our life and ministry. During 2017 this has found expression in the following ways:

- Enjoying Fellowship in our Diverse Community - The community of St Peters is diverse, welcoming and inclusive. Morning teas are offered after each of our three services on Sunday mornings so that we might enable parishioners to enjoy regularly a sense of friendship and fellowship at the same time as offering a warm welcome to those who are new to our parish. Our Welcoming team is present at all services to provide information and encourage newcomers feel a part of our Christian family. Regular lunches are held with senior members of our community to enjoy fellowship and provide mutual support. Special appreciation is expressed to those parishioners who organize arrangements and rosters for these acts of hospitality and those who cook and prepare food and clear up after events.
- Celebrating Feast Days in the Liturgical Calendar- A special meal is held each year to celebrate St Peter's Day. In addition evening meals are shared after High Mass on important feast days in our liturgical calendar, including: the Annunciation; Ascension Day; Corpus Christi; Assumption of the BVM; New Guinea Martyr's Day. This year we moved to having these feast day meals in local eateries.
- Being Uplifted by Glorious Organ Music and Choir Singing - Music and the arts are at the heart of our worship at St Peter's. The quality and standards of organ and choir music of St Peter's is widely known and respected and is an inherent part of our Anglo-Catholic worship at weekly services. In addition to special recitals, annual musical events such as the Messiah and the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols are accompanied by refreshments to provide communities of music lovers to share in the beauty of holiness evident in the life of St Peters. This year it was a special thrill to celebrate the launch of the choir scholarship fund and celebrate special occasions for members of the musical team.
- Addressing Inequity, Social Disadvantage and Homelessness - The Social Enterprise Coffee Cart which provides coffee after morning services is one of the many initiatives of The Lazarus Centre and the Charitable Foundation of St Peter's Church, providing opportunities for refugees, homeless and others experiencing challenges in their lives to develop new skills, share in a sense of belonging and find new sources of hope and possibilities. Our wonderful barista and his assistants have a special place in our hearts.
- Belonging to a Church Enriched by History and Tradition - St Peter's is the oldest Anglican parish church in the City of Melbourne. This historic church is located on land adjacent to the Parliament of Victoria. Governor La Trobe laid the foundation stone on 18 June 1846. Each year a special morning tea is held with members of the La Trobe Society to celebrate our sense of belonging, continuity and place in the history of Australia and the City of Melbourne.

Special acknowledgement is given to all those who volunteer their services to all aspects of hospitality at St Peters. We deeply value their contributions to this aspect of important ministry in our parish.

Sue Wuttke and Judith Chapman - Hospitality Committee

The Welcome Table

When you arrive for worship at St Peter's Eastern Hill you will be warmly welcomed by our Sidespersons. You will be able to join in the service at your own pace, including singing hymns, joining in with prayers from our Order of Service, hearing God's Word read and preached and participate in Communion as a practicing Christian or receive a Blessing.

Following the service you will be invited into our hall for a brewed cup of coffee or tea and to chat with those at the service.

When you decide to make St Peter's your home, you will be invited to fill in an expressions of interest form indicating your preferences of participation from where you will be able to get to know others from the congregation better. You are always welcome to ask questions from the Welcome Table Team.

There will then be many and varied opportunities to join groups and to serve in a variety of ways.

The Welcome Table provides you with the most up to date guide to our details of "Who, What, When, Where and How" ... Who is the event for.... What is the event When and where is it.... How much does it cost and how do I register together with a sign-up sheet for your expressions of interest to attend.

All of the above information is available from the Welcome Table in the Parish Hall – if it is not on the Table then it is not happening at The Hill!!!

All Parishioners are warmly invited to be part of this vibrant Team so please consider this opportunity favourably to join us. Speak to either Di Clark or Rhonda Mach to discuss further – too bad, so sad should you miss a golden opportunity to be on the Welcome Table and be part of the Welcome Face of St Peter's Eastern Hill.

Rhonda Mach - Welcomers' Team

The ‘Sixty Plus Group’ at St Peter’s

For over 20 years, the 60+ group has brought together members of the various congregations of St Peter’s as well as visitors from outside. We are particularly grateful for the guidance of our vicar Fr Hugh and the Reverend Jenny Inglis in our faith, fellowship and outreach and for officiating at the quarterly Wednesday Mass.

We continue to enjoy our association with our sister parish of St Peter’s Fawkner and look forward to building on this association in 2018.

We would especially like to thank David and those in our group who assist in the setting up and serving of lunch after Mass

To all parishioners and friends we say: “Come and join us for Mass, lunch and fellowship in 2018.

Gilbert Best - Coordinator

The Cell of Our Lady Of Walsingham

The Cell of Our Lady of Walsingham has 17 members. Throughout the past year the membership of the Cell has decreased, due to various reasons: sadly, one member has died, and two have found that, with the passage of the years, they can no longer face the relatively long journey to St Peter’s. Each month members attend a Mass in honour of Our Lady of Walsingham. This Mass is combined with the 9.00 a.m. Mass on the third Saturday in the month. The Mass is followed by Marian Devotions, and then breakfast in the Hall.

Each year, on the Feast of the Translation of Our Lady of Walsingham, (15th October) we remember before God, by name, the members of the Cell who have gone before us.

The Cell of Our Lady of Walsingham is a devotional group. We pray with Our Lady for those in need and for our world and our church. We pray particularly for those who ask for our love and prayers, recorded in the book in the Lady Chapel. Members also take the names of those that ask for our prayers, and remember them in their personal prayers.

Through our contact with the Anglican Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham at Walsingham, and through the quarterly magazine, we are assured of our connection with the heritage of the church in England and the richness and strength of our Anglo-Catholic family. The Cell of Our Lady of Walsingham offers a real contribution to the devotional life of St. Peter’s and to the spiritual life and growth of its members.

We thank Father Graeme and Father Hugh for their support

Liz Prideaux - Secretary

2017 Synod Report

A Summary of the Archbishop's Charge to Synod

GENERAL SYNOD. Melbourne's Synod begins only five weeks after the end of General Synod, where the national church met for the first time since 2014. Dr Freier noted that many of the decisions taken at General Synod were "historic" and would directly affect the work of Melbourne's Synod. "A significant part of our legislative agenda arises directly from the historic decisions taken at the 17th General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia," he said.

CHILD PROTECTION LEGISLATION AND REDRESS SCHEMES. Dr Freier noted that Synod's legislative agenda, informed as it is by the agreements made at General Synod, was so complex that it necessitated beginning Synod a day earlier than usual, but added it was essential that all business was attended to. "The legislation for consideration from tomorrow night is significant," he said on 17 October. "The protection of children with the national church is vital and urgent. The range of measures to be adopted may appear daunting but I hope, with careful explanation, members of Synod will understand why they are a necessary and essential next step." Dr Freier also informed Synod that in the last year the Diocese had implemented an interim redress scheme for survivors of child sexual abuse, and now had the opportunity of participating in the Commonwealth redress scheme. He also noted that the costs of redressing historical sexual abuse would "challenge our future budgeting" and that a variety of options needed to be considered to make up any shortfall.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. Dr Freier informed Synod that the University of Melbourne, with funding from the Victorian Minister for Multicultural Affairs, is undertaking a review of the diocese's Think Prevent domestic violence program to "hopefully establish the evidential basis of this work and encourage its wider application".

SAME-SEX MARRIAGE. Dr Freier said he was unsurprised that "an ugly side of pushing the debate" has emerged during the protracted same-sex marriage campaign, given that the postal survey had placed "more burden on community level groups and individuals to debate the pros and cons At some point our elected leaders have to embrace their responsibility and have a parliamentary debate on same-sex marriage. It will be the worst of all worlds if once the opinion poll results are announced that we descend into a debate about the legitimacy of the poll, the proportion of the electorate who returned their forms and so on," he said, noting that religious freedom should be ensured in any future bill. "We have wasted valuable time that could have been spent on real community consultation about the form of the legislative changes to be debated."

EUTHANASIA. This year's Synod coincides with the Victorian Government's efforts to push through legislation legalising euthanasia through State Parliament. Dr Freier, along with a number of Christian leaders across the state, has voiced his opposition to the proposed changes to the laws, and used his Synod address further outline his position. "I recognise that among us there are those who hold passionate alternate views," he said. "It is right to seek to eliminate pain, but the ethical decisions in this desire always fall under the proscription of the sixth commandment, 'You shall not murder'. Euthanasia and assisted suicide risk abandoning those who are in greatest need, who deserve our care and support."

NEW GROWTH INITIATIVES. With Melbourne growing by roughly 150,000 people each year, the diocese has been planning for ways to better reach people in the Greater Melbourne and Geelong region, Dr Freier said. Given the costs associated with brick-and-mortar installations in these new areas, though, a new focus was needed. "The Anglican ministry presence we seek to establish in such places will be the work of our pioneers and church planters and the leaders of fresh expression Church, those with the God-given gifts for this demanding type of ministry," Dr Freier said.

ONGOING MINISTRY AND MISSION SHAPING. Dr Freier said that the Church's leaders of tomorrow were currently being trained, with around 40 candidates for ordination, as well more than 50 assistant curates in their first few years of ministry. He concluded: "The list of functions and ministries in the diocese is very great just as it is in the most vital place where ministry happens - at the grassroots. Thanks to you all in your own distinctive place of ministry and worship for what you do in parishes, authorised congregations, chaplaincies and in many other contexts. This is the vital work of the church, as we seek to 'Make the Word of God fully known'."

Controversy Over the Confessional

Synod this year adopted legislation passed by General Synod exempting grave offences involving child abuse from the absolute confidentiality of the confessional, after one of the liveliest debates of its five-day meeting at St Paul's Cathedral. Bishop Brad Billings (Monomeeth Episcopate), the Director of Theological Education for the Melbourne Diocese, said in his mover's speech that the Canon Concerning Confessions (Revision) Canon 2017 inserted in the principal legislation, passed in 1989, a section that would create "a single, narrow exception to the principle of the otherwise absolute confidentiality of the confessional, where the confession concerns a 'grave offence' involving 'child abuse'". He added, "I believe we do need to make this important change to our Canon law, at this time – the work of the Royal Commission (into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse), and what we already know its recommendations will be, do constitute the exceptional and compelling circumstances that warrant us voluntarily taking the initiative to make this statement of our intent and resolve to put victims first."

Bishop Lindsay Urwin, Vicar of Christ Church Brunswick, expressed "deep unease" about the Canon. "So what is a confessor to do when he's faced with the very sorts of things that we are concerned about in this Synod and have been concerned about for so long – when a penitent confesses a grievous sin, for which amendment of life clearly needs to go beyond the confessional itself in order to signify true repentance," he said. "In other words, they have to 'fess up, as the young people say, not simply in the confessional but beyond it. It is this, and it comes from Scripture: that is the withholding of absolution. This is a serious matter. I myself, in the hundreds of confessions I have heard, have only twice withheld it." Bishop Urwin said there was "a faulty logic" about the Canon. Bishop Urwin said that although the civil law may require it, the Canon would not require him to reveal the secrets of the confessional: "and I will not! But I will withhold absolution, which is the tradition, and I will offer to walk with the person who has committed the abuse right to the end. One final irony, if I may. Those who have committed murder may heave a sigh of relief for I am not required to do anything with that information at all. One, two, three murders and I am not required by this Canon to reveal it. This is a gift in the healing ministry that from my point of view may be compromised, changed unnecessarily and frankly be fruitless in its hope."

After a heated debate, Archbishop Philip Freier, as Synod President, declared that the Bill had passed (on the voices in the House of Clergy and House of Laity) to applause. The Vicar of St George's Malvern, the Revd Canon Dr Colleen O'Reilly, successfully proposed that a report be made to the 2018 Synod on similar legislation concerning "vulnerable persons" to provide a more precise definition of who was involved.

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