



# ANGLICAN PARISH OF ALTONA/LAVERTON

St Eanswythe's, Altona :: St Clement's, Altona Meadows :: Te Wairua Tapu Ki Poipiripi

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Locum: The Rev'd Dave Thompson

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**11am, Sunday 22 October 2023**

**at St Clement's, Laverton**

### AGENDA

The business of the annual meeting is to include after prayers:

- (a) The minutes of the previous annual meeting and of any subsequent statutory parish meeting;
- (b) The reception of the parish electoral roll;
- (c) The annual report by the vicar that includes the entries in the registers of the Parish for the financial year, including numbers of baptisms, persons received into communicant membership, confirmations, marriages, funerals, Sunday services, acts of communion and such other statistics from the registers as Archbishop in Council determines;
- (d) An annual report on the proceedings of the parish council and together with a report by the parish council on the pastoral care, evangelism, social and ecumenical programmes of the parish and on future plans for the parish;
- (e) A report by the churchwardens on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the worship centre and the vicarage and other buildings of the parish;
- (f) The audited or independently examined accounts and financial statements of the parish and any accompanying papers required by the Act;
- (g) The budget approved by the parish council for the year in which the meeting is held;
- (h) Reports by other parish groups;
- (i) The election of churchwardens and members of the parish council;
- (j) The election of an auditor or independent examiner;
- (k) The election of lay representatives to the parish incumbency committee;
- (l) Any other matters of parochial or general church interest.

*To proclaim God's love and life in Christ:  
growing in faith ✠ serving others ✠ nurturing a common life*

## MINUTES OF 2022 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

11am, Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2022  
St Eanswythe's Church, Altona

*Chair:* The Rev'd Chris Lancaster (Vicar)

*Enrolled members present:*

Joyce Bayley, Gary Beadell, Beryl Brown, Joy Carlsson, James Chiarezza, Karly Chiarezza, Zoya Davies, Heather Francis, Michael Francis, Phillis Gregson, Judith Greilach, Heinz Greilach, Lily Griffin, Rob Griffin, Peggy Griffin, Richard Hallett, Sandra Hansen, Lavinia Hanson, Rosemary Henshall, James Hudson, Anna Lancaster, Denis Lee, Jan Lee, Edith Makotore, Dean Mason, Louise Matthey, Alta McAnda, Anita McAnda, Anton McAnda, Fred McAnda, Lyn McDonald, Cyndy McRoberts, Sarah Meeson, Joan Meiers, Eleanor Saunders, Frances von Kalm, Soon Ghee Yap, Xiao Yang.

*Also in attendance:*

The Rev'd Kathryn Bellhouse, The Rev'd Danny McRoberts, Jane Hallett, Ray Nicholas.

*Apologies:*

Pat Baines, Brenda Edwards, Christopher Hansen, Jan Hudson, Doris LeRoy, Wilma Porter, Julie Rees, Margaret Rice, Eddie Said, Bryan Stapleton, Jill Stewart, Anna Watts.

1. The meeting commenced with prayer led by the Vicar, and an Acknowledgement of Country.
2. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting
  - i) MOTION: That the minutes of the 2021 Annual Parish Meeting be accepted as an accurate record. (Fred McAnda/Michael Francis: carried)
3. Parish Electoral Roll
  - i) MOTION: That the Parish Electoral Roll be received. (Joan Meiers/Dean Mason: carried)
4. Vicar's Annual Report
  - i) The Vicar's annual report was presented, beginning with an acknowledgement of those parishioners who have died in the past twelve months. Comments from members echoed the needs and opportunities outlined in the report, and also expressed the parish's thanks to Anna Lancaster for her contribution to Chris's ministry and to the life of the parish.
  - ii) MOTION: That the Vicar's Annual Report be accepted as an accurate record. (Chris Lancaster/Zoya Davies: carried)
5. Parish Council Report
  - i) The Parish Council report was presented, with gratitude noting the contribution of those who are stepping down as members of Parish Council.
  - ii) MOTION: That the Parish Council Report be accepted. (Lavinia Hanson/Lily Griffin: carried)
6. Wardens' Report
  - i) Wardens' Report was presented, noting in particular that the structural remediation of the roof at St Clement's was the major item of property expenditure this year.
  - ii) MOTION: That the Churchwardens' report be accepted. (Sandra Hansen/Soon Ghee Yap: carried)

7. Financial Report

- i) Financial Report was presented by the Treasurer, with particular thanks to Alta McAnda and Pat Baines for their assistance in managing the finances and planned giving, and to Dean Mason for assisting in the transition to a new treasurer. A presentation was made to Alta in recognition of her stepping down from this role after many years of faithful service.
- ii) MOTION: That the Financial Report be accepted. (Gary Beadell/Anita McAnda: carried)

8. Budget

- i) The budget for 2022-23 was presented by the Treasurer.
- ii) MOTION: That the Budget for 2022-23 be received. (Gary Beadell/Lily Griffin: carried)

9. Parish Groups Reports

- i) The reports from the various parish groups were presented
  - Thanks were expressed to everyone involved in their production
  - The hard work and dedication of Zoya Davies and the op shop team was noted with much gratitude, together with the continuing need for more volunteers to join the team.
- ii) MOTION: That the Parish groups reports be accepted as an accurate record. (Michael Francis/Dean Mason: carried)

10. Election of Auditor:

- i) MOTION: That Michael Kiernan and Associates be appointed as auditor for the 2022-23 financial year. (Gary Beadell/Sandra Hansen: carried)

11. Election of churchwardens and members of Parish Council

The Vicar thanked all those who had nominated for these positions. Elections were held with ballots counted at the conclusion of the meeting. The following appointed and elected positions were announced the following Sunday:

**Churchwardens**

*Elected:* Lily Griffin, Scott Pitcher

*Vicar's appointment:* Soon Ghee Yap

**Parish Council members**

*Elected:* Richard Hallett, Sandra Hansen, Denis Lee, Anna Watts

*Vicar's appointments:* James Chiarezza, Dean Mason

*Treasurer appointed by the churchwardens:* Gary Beadell

12. Election of lay representatives of the Parish Incumbency Committee:

The Vicar thanked all those who had nominated to serve on the Incumbency Committee. Elections were held with ballots counted at the conclusion of the meeting, and the following positions were announced the following Sunday:

*Elected by the parish:* Dean Mason

*Elected by St Eanswythe's members:* Anita McAnda

*Elected by St Clement's members:* Gary Beadell

(One of the churchwardens also joins the Incumbency Committee.)

13. Other Business

- i) Gemma Lancaster was thanked for the joy and blessing that she has brought to the parish as part of the vicarage family.

The meeting closed with the Grace.

## Acting Vicar's Annual Report 2022 – 2023

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Hello everybody. As we gather at our Annual Parish Meeting to reflect upon our year, I would firstly acknowledge that we meet on the Lands of the Kulin nation. We pay our respect to their elders; past, present and emerging and we acknowledge that the first nations' people are the longest living continuous human community in human history.

We give thanks for the energy and witness of this parish and to the many people who contribute to its' life. A special thanks to all of you and I continue to praise God for your commitment and contribution to our faith and worship here.

I would like to acknowledge the lives of many people who passed over to God this year: Peggy Griffin, James McGrath...there have been others within our brothers and sisters community: O Te Wairua Tapu Ki Poipiripi and those who I have missed as I was not present. Our Registers are still being processed at the time of writing this report, so I apologise for significant events that I have missed.

Our parish has faced a number of significant challenges including the covid years of illness and lockdown which still affect us, and there has been and continues to be much change to the circumstances of many people who can longer worship with us. Some join with us over our media coverage and I thank God for this. We said goodbye to Rev'd Chris, Anna and Gemma who have completed their ministry with us and have moved on after 8 years of providing ministry to our parish. I'd like to acknowledge Rev'd Chris, his ministry and all that he and his family contributed to our parish here at Altona.

My thanks must go to Rev'd Kathryn Bellhouse, and I also acknowledge Kathryn's ministry at our parish over the previous two years. We have been blessed to have been supported by Rev'd Canon Professor Dorothy Lee and Rev'd Doctor Alan Smith who acted as our acting vicars (locums) during the early part of 2023. I (Dave Thompson) arrived in late April 2023 and have been the acting vicar up until now. I also acknowledge my colleague and offer my thanks to Rev'd Danny McRoberts. Rev'd Danny and O Te Wairu Tapu Ki Poipiripi are a great blessing to us, and Danny has covered for me when I could not be present. So thanks Danny. It continues to be a great Blessing to me to have reconnected with you all.

My thank goes out to all those people who contribute so much to the life of our parish. We do indeed have many energetic people who work tirelessly for the activity groups that our parish maintains. I thank: Zoya Davies and the 'Op-shop' team; Fred McAnda, Louise Matthey and Jan Lee for your ongoing support with our Sunday school; Mothers' Union with Sandra Hanson, musicians in Lyn McDonald, Heather Francis and Gary Beadell and of-course Chico Akatapurua! ....the leaders of Morning prayers, study groups and forming 'life-groups' ....there are still people who clean, tidy, sort, remind, greet, read and pray.....the team of people who join with me to provide ministry services and visiting to the nursing homes we attend.....my thanks to you all! A special note of thanks to Fred McAnda for all that you do! All of you contribute to the life-thread of our parish and I thank you all for your service to our Lord. I would also like to pass on my thanks to the Wardens and Parish Council who have continued to manage the parish exceptionally well. A special note of thanks must go to Gary Beadell his work with our finances...and once again to Pat Baines for work in Stewardship! A special thanks to Edita Abram for her work in our office and her creativity....that has really supported our parish so well.

Most of our lives are complicated and unpredictable, and so a big thanks from me for your commitment and stick-ability! I thank you all for easing me into the parish life and guiding me on the

many issues that I could have overlooked. Together, we are a great team of committed faithful people and it is amazing to see the amount of issues we confront and even though at times challenged, through faith and zeal we overcome and find a way forward! I thank you all for your warmth and generosity in reaching out to me as I reacquaint myself to this parish. You have all been very patient and kind. A special thanks to our lay ministers, Richard and Michael, sorry if I missed others, our sub-deacons who have had to stand with me as I continue to adapt some liturgies to our more well known format! Sometimes, this has been quite surprising, if not hair-raising!

The stats will be presented by the time we are meeting...and so I look forward to seeing these with you. Overall, our people attendances have remained pretty stable. The morning services are holding well and we have adapted to the changes in priest rather well! (???) The 5.00pm service at St Clement's which was an experiment continues to be a great worship and more relaxed expression and I thank God for this. The 5.00pm service allows for more lay expression and sometimes a variety of clergy....so it is rarely the same service. This is a really good opportunity to explore various themes and style and I hope and pray more people from the broader community can be drawn towards worshipping with us.

We moved the mid-week services around a bit this year....and I apologise for that. It has been tricky to balance the 3 day locum position with the services and admin tasks expected. The nursing home services continue at both St George's and Estia. These continue to be quite profound services of support and sometimes, hope for the people who attend. I am incredibly thankful for our people who attend with me and I am exceptionally happy that we maintain these services as many parishes and faith traditions have moved away from providing this ministry; sadly. It is a great privilege to continue this with our team....so thanks so much!

I am placed here only temporarily...I come with gifts, skills and style that maybe different from who preceded and no doubt will vary from who follows. There is always some variation. The Incumbency committee is working hard at locating a new vicar and so we continue to hold them and the Bishop in our thoughts and prayers. The new vicar will come with vitality and resources and maybe a slightly different style and approach. However, I am confident that the new vicar will come with church ecclesiastical style will fit our varied expression. I am writing this as a lead into a reflection on the future.

The future: The local community is an ever-changing sea of building and redevelopment. This will continue to effect a change of demographic with people who make Altona/Laverton their home. These changes will continue to impact upon the life of the church as we consider how to reach-out and contribute to the form of the community. There will continue to be a variety of culture and life expression coming into all areas of the broader community and this will invite further consideration of what the worshipping life of the church and our parish activities can be as we engage more with people that come to us with a different faith expression or from a non-church background. Over the next few months we will consider this more closely and invite further exploration and discussion from resources that we have both locally, with the Diocese and the Bishop.

These influences are broad and present throughout the entire Diocese. All parishes are considering what, as we call it; 'reimagining the future' can look like. It does not always mean change but moreso a consideration of what constitutes being people of faith and following our Lord who still leads us on. There is much reflective work being achieved with regard to Anglican worship, parish life etc and this is generating much vibrant variation in style and expression as we consider these influences. There is

always some tension that arises with such consideration. We already spend time at parish council discussing these matters and will continue to do so.

In the nutshell, contemporary expression is being introduced into the Diocese and amalgamated into our Anglican liturgical style. The style remains, but sometimes the language may vary. This does not mean an erosion of our traditional dignity or reverence. There is much development throughout the diocese where a combination of both relaxed expression and higher liturgical liturgies are combined depended upon the day (feast days etc. as an example) and the need of people as the parishes engage with these changes in people. Often this is achieved with a variety of service styles being introduced so that we hold our people who are used to one style and develop others to reach-out to new people or those who seek variety. Our worship will continue to explore various facets of faith expression considering the realities of a changing community and complex life pressures that people face. However, to a certain extent, we have already incorporated this variety into our parish service life! As we already provide a variety of worship styles in the 4 service styles that we do. We already have illustrated the ability to engages different people at different levels and to some extent manage the variety that this entails which many other churches yet have to develop. This is a really good thing and is a clear indication that we can walk into the future confidently as we are already doing it.

To conclude, my time with you can only be short as it is a locum position, and, I have to minister within the limits of what I am 'licensed' to provide. (as the Bishop keeps reminding me!) Yes, I wish it was different. However, our parish deserves ministry that is vital, grounded and energetic; that walks with you and explores this future that is upon us. This is best provided in the next vicar who can support you and what we currently do and apply a vision. The Altona/Laverton Anglican church is a wonderful parish consisting of fantastic people....you can do this! I thank you and thank God to have reconnected with you. Praise be to our God! Grace & Blessings to you all.

Regards

Rev'd Dave T.

## St Eanswythe's Altona with St Clement's Laverton Parish Statistics 2022-2023

	St Eanswythe's	St Clement's	Te Wairua Tapu	TOTAL
Number of public services*	87	120	39	246
Number of public Sunday services*	47	78	39	164
Number of publicised services in residential care facilities	15	15	0	30
Total attendance*	2644	2282	633	5559
Total Sunday attendance*	1681	1774	633	4088
Average weekly attendance	12	6	0	18
Average Sunday attendance	34	36	16	86
Average weekly attendance at non-English services	0	0	16	16
Total Acts of Communion*	2021	2126	624	4771
Total Sunday Acts of Communion*	1611	1721	624	3956
Total other Acts of Communion	122	15	0	137
Number of Live streamed services	0	39	0	39
Total attendance at Christmas Day/Eve services	145	95	0	240
Total Acts of Communion at Christmas Day/Eve services	141	46	0	187
Total attendance at Easter Day/Eve services	283	133	17	433
Total Acts of Communion at Easter Day/Eve services	269	80	17	366
No. on Church Electoral Roll	59	31	4	94
No. of baptisms	0	1	10	11
No. of infant baptisms	0	1	10	11
No. of adult baptisms	0	0	0	0
No. of children admitted to Communion	0	0	0	0
No. of persons received into the Anglican Communion	0	0	0	0
No. of confirmations	0	0	0	0
No. of funerals conducted in churches of the parish	2	2	7	11
No. of funerals conducted elsewhere	0	0	0	0
No. of marriages conducted in churches of the parish	0	0	0	0
No. of marriages conducted elsewhere	0	0	0	0
No. of continuing home/small groups	1	1	0	2
Total No. of persons in continuing home/small groups per week	7	6	0	13
Estimated no. of frequent attenders: pre-school	1	2	6	9
Estimated no. of frequent attenders: Primary School	5	4	8	17
Estimated no. of frequent attenders: Secondary School	3	6	5	14
Estimated no. of frequent attenders: Post Secondary (under 25)	1	2	0	3

\*excluding weddings, funerals, private baptisms, services in residential care facilities, home/hospital communions

## Te Wairua Tapu Ki Poipiripi Annual Report for 2022 – 2023

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“Te Wairua Tapu Ki Poipiripi - The Māori Community fellowship”

During 2022-2023 TWTKPP have continued their journey with family, friends and loved ones together with the fellowship of St Eanswythe & St Clements celebrating Christ our savior, with Covid restrictions now a time in the past.

With a steady climb in numbers attracting Māori from all different walks of life we are seeing a slow but much welcomed growth.

### TWTKPP Māori community – 2022/2023

1. TWTKPP have welcomed many new members through baptism into our family of Christ throughout the year and Father Danny has joined 2 loving couples in holy matrimony.
2. TWTKPP Hi Ti fundraiser brought us together with our fellow parishioners October 22nd, 2022, where we shared laughter and joy in great company. A great highlight in 2022
3. Sadly, we said Bon voyage to Rev father Chris, Anna & Gemma Lancaster of whom the 8 amazing years of his ministry journey with St Eanswythe, St Clements & TWTKPP came to an end. He is very much missed, he nurtured many of us through our ministry journey and supported our identity as Māori. We especially miss our services when Father Chris would do them in Māori. Many blessing to Father Chris and his family as he continues Gods work wherever that may lead him
4. With Father Chris leaving we have been blessed with Locum Rev Dave Thompson
5. Father Danny continues his busy Ministry and pastoral care in the Māori Community spreading himself close and afar catering for the needs of our Māori people.
6. With the use of the new technology at ST Eanswythe we have able to do our services via the projector screen bringing a whole new atmosphere to our services.

### Victorian Maori Minister Representatives – Anglican Church

Father Danny continues his ministry amongst our Maori people working the inner and outer suburbs around the West or where ever the Lord calls on him to go. He continues Gods great work sharing his love and care to all in need and sharing the word of the Lord.

The Maori Community fellowship - Te Wairua Tapu Ki Poipiripi once again are thankful to St Eanswythe, St Clements, Father Dave and Parish council for their continued support throughout this last year.

May we remember the great inspirations of our Maori Ministry in Altona Parish. We remember those who have passed away, Lay Minister Kate Smith, Rev Soraya Christie & Rev Victor Wilson, Waka Paku, Grace Ngatai, Jack Smith, Peter Mallitte may they rest with the Lord.

Donita Dennis  
The Secretary TWTKPP  
Dated 19th October 2023



## Parish Council Report for 2022 – 2023

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The members of Parish Council this year have been:

*Current Locum:* Rev'd Dave Thompson

*Previous Locum:* Rev'd Canon Professor Dorothy Lee

*Churchwardens:* Lily Griffin, Scott Pitcher, Soon Ghee Yap

*Parish Councillors:* Gary Beadell (Treasurer), Sandra Hansen, Dean Mason (Secretary), Anna Watts, Soon Ghee Yap, James Chiarezza, Dennis Lee

*Attending ex officio:* Rev'd Danny McRoberts

*Invited to attend:* Cindy Dennis, Rii Nikau

This council has met for eleven regular monthly meetings on Sundays.

We have continued to hold our regular meetings on Zoom on a Wednesday evening until approximately June 2023 and then in person which has served us well and is further complemented by seeing each other in person when we gather for worship and evening prayer.

Thank you to all Parish Council members for their commitment to our meeting and work together this year. Particular thanks to Anna Watts who will be stepping down due to personal circumstances. Each person's voice and contribution has been an important part of our work together this year and making our parish successful.

We also greatly thank our current Locum, Rev'd Dave Thompson along with Rev'd Canon Professor Dorothy Lee and Rev'd Alan Smith who are and have assisted this parish while we search for a new incumbent.

Lily Griffin on behalf of Parish Council

## Assistant Curate's Report for 2022 – 2023

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Curate Rev'd Kathryn Bellhouse who helped to prepare and lead offerings of worship with Rev'd Chris Lancaster (who left at the end of January '23) also left the parish in April this year. Until that date, she also assisted Rev'd Dorothy Lee.

## Churchwardens' Report for 2022 – 2023

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### Reflection

When we wrote our last report in 2022 we'd not long come out of the lock down years and back into the rhythm of life, and then we discovered that our vicar Chris was leaving. That's caused a fair few changes to happen within the group of people who look after the church, but changes that were probably needed anyway and continue to happen. We've also completed quite a few major tasks this year:

- A new AV system was installed at St Eanswythe's with projector screen and wireless mikes. This is major upgrade that will benefit us for many years.

- The hall floor at St Eanswythe's was finally replaced. This has been a long time in the planning at a cost of close to \$20K, and was completed over the school holiday break with the help of many hands.
- Gardens, lawns and essential OHS and maintenance inspections continues at both centres.

### **Looking Ahead**

For the next year we have a number of tasks to take care of:

- St Eanswythe's Memorial Garden needs to be finished, with it's temporary wooden borders replaced with brick around the corner of Bent St. There is scope to make the area between the corner and the church door more welcoming and of more utility to the parish.
- Gary Beadell is stepping down as Treasurer after the 2024 Annual Parish meeting and we'll need someone to step up into this role.
- We'll continue to work to streamline the parish processes and prepare for a new vicar.

### **The People**

We'd like to thank all the people at both churches who've contributed so much to the life and well being of this Parish over the last year. This is your church and we couldn't do our job without your help and support. We also thank Father Dave who continues to faithfully guide us and help us, well beyond what we expect. And lastly we want to thank the Parish Council for their help and support.

### **The Wardens,**

Lily Griffin, Soon Ghee and Scott Pitcher

## **Treasurer's Report for 2022 – 2023**

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For the 2023 financial year the parish recorded a total income of \$246,995.01, similar to 2022 of \$246,527.28.

Referring to the balance sheet, the church's total assets, including the term deposits and available cash at bank come to \$177,620.77

With our liabilities, we have drawn down on the Alice Kane bequest of \$20,000.00, which we used for St Eanswythe's Hall flooring of \$16,457.00, and the sound system as well. The balance of the liabilities will be \$20,027.07 rather than the \$40,027.07. Due to lack of time, the final figures have yet to be entered.

As of current reporting, our total equity is \$131,655.52, being our term deposits and cash at bank.

The figures are stronger this year as we have been paying a locum on a part time basis, and we have also not being paying rent on Kathryn Bellhouse' Karingal St unit from Easter.

Our Op Shop takings are \$43,605.45 and is providing a major community service as well as assisting in our mission giving pledges of \$16,000.00. We have adjusted our giving amount from last year of \$16,500.00. An amount of \$8,893.00 is yet to be entered which is the rental amount from Hobsons Bay

council for our car park. That will show up in the rental income amounts which at present looks less than 2022.

We have our regular outside hirers of our halls and buildings which is again a valuable community involvement.

My thanks to Edita Abram who has been a marvellous help this year to both myself and Dave Thompson.

Your parish council, particularly the wardens, has been very industrious and active in getting much done and our thanks must go to them.

The church is strong, and we are well placed for the future.

Gary Beadell  
Treasurer

## Budget 2023-24

### Anglican Parish of Altona/Laverton

Anglican Parish of Altona/Laverton			
Budget October 2023-September 2024			
with past two years' actuals			
	2023-2024 Budget \$	2022-2023 Actual \$	2021-2022 Actual \$
<b>INCOME</b>			
Collections	138,896	127,363	137,605
Fundraising			
Gifts & Donations	0	2,974	6,590
Interest	2,500	3,498	2,933
Maori Fellowship	1,750	1,750	1,000
Ministry & Groups	1,100	1,297	2,250
Op-Shop	45,000	47,903	42,013
Miscellaneous		4,482	
Rent	35,185	25,277	21,888
Grants			50,086
Reserve Drawdown	13,113	85,655	
<i>Aboriginal Acknowledgement</i>			2,250
<i>Curacy grant from diocese</i>			
<i>Maintenance</i>			
<i>New ministry development</i>			
<b>Total Income</b>	237,544	300,199	266,615
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Aboriginal Acknowledgement	3,750		6,000
Administration	14,527	13,835	14,311
Administration – parish administrator	16,697	12,991	
Diocesan Assessment	32,807	31,245	18,747
Ministry - Vicar	39,591	34,439	82,025
Ministry - Locum	43,679	39,885	
Ministry - Assistant Curate		39,076	62,799
Ministry - Assistant, Student, Locum			8,460
Ministry, Outreach & Ed.	1,662	1,583	4,884
Miscellaneous			8,369
Mission Giving	32,095	16,000	16,500
Occupancy (incl repairs & maint)	67,662	66,568	55,768
Op Shop expenses	50	40	
Property Insurance	12,842	12,231	6,321
St Clement's roof repairs			98,417
Transfer to reserves			
<i>Online worship</i>			1,000
<i>St Eanswythe's memorial garden</i>			4,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>	265,362	267,893	387,601
<b>TOTAL SURPLUS/DEFICIT</b>	-27,818	32,306	-120,986

# Balance Sheet

## St Eanswythe's Altona & St Clement's Laverton Anglican Churches

### As at 30 September 2023

30SEP2023

30SEP2022

#### Assets

<b>Bank</b>		
Bendigo Bank – St E's & St C's	8,120.15	14,622.10
Comm Bank – St E's & St C's	49,318.08	37,379.08
<b>Total Bank Current</b>	<b>57,438.23</b>	<b>52,001.18</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
ADF489: Eanswythe's General	20,096.70	66,300.86
ADF621: Electronic Planned Giving	(3,227.00)	2,019.64
Petty Cash	150.00	150.00
Prepayments	1,545.30	1,545.30
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>18,565.00</b>	<b>70,015.80</b>
<b>Non-current Assets</b>		
ADF437: Eanswythe's Term Deposit	50,599.17	50,123.97
AF: Blyth St Land Sale CPF	51,018.37	51,018.37
<b>Total Non-current Assets</b>	<b>101,617.54</b>	<b>101,142.34</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>177,620.77</b>	<b>223,159.32</b>

#### Liabilities

<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Aboriginal Acknowledgement Reserve	4,800.00	4,800.00
Accounts Payable	439.70	302.69
Accrued Expenses	(2,556.44)	2,556.44
Alice Kane Bequest for St E's outdoor area (reserve)	20,000.00	20,000.00*
*GST	(1,560.40)	(1,301.32)
Lay Professional Development	929.68	929.68
Mission Giving Payable	-	10,847.95
Online Worship - Specified	1,000.00	1,000.00
Reserve - Assistant Curate costs	-	15,000.00
Rounding	(0.01)	(0.01)
Special Project Funds: Clements Mem Garden	1,186.51	1,186.51
Special Project Funds: Eanswythes Mem Garden	7,401.35	7,401.35
St Eanswythe's Repairs and Maintenance (reserve)	8,175.25	8,175.25
Suspense	211.43	-
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>40,027.07</b>	<b>70,898.54</b>
<b>Non-current Liabilities</b>		
Clergy House Repairs and Maintenance (reserve)	1,938.18	1,938.18
New Ministry Development (reserve)	-	50,654.94
St Clement's Repairs and Maintenance (reserve)	1,000.00	1,000.00

\* Bequest money will be used for St Eanswythe's new sound system and hall flooring

# Balance Sheet

## St Eanswythe's Altona & St Clement's Laverton Anglican Churches

### As at 30 September 2023

	30SEP2023	30SEP2022
Vicarage Repairs and Maintenance (reserve)	3,000.00	3,000.00
<b>Total Non-current Liabilities</b>	<b>5,938.18</b>	<b>56,593.12</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>45,965.25</b>	<b>127,491.66</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>131,655.52</b>	<b>95,667.66</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Current Year Earnings	35,987.86	(120,794.92)
Opening Balance Equity	172,643.42	172,643.42
Retained Earnings	(135,722.15)	(14,927.23)
Revaluation of AF Assets	58,746.39	58,746.39
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>131,655.52</b>	<b>95,667.66</b>

# Profit and Loss

## St Eanswythe's Altona & St Clement's Laverton Anglican Churches

For the year ended 30 September 2023

	2023	2022	2021
<b>Income</b>			
Reserve Drawdown	65,654.94	2,250.00	12,500.00
<b>Collections</b>			
Collections: ADF Electronic Giving	54,416.00	70,658.57	72,665.00
Collections: Envelopes - St Clement's	26,219.90	26,959.95	20,546.75
Collections: Envelopes - St Eanswythe's	19,221.75	22,154.80	31,089.93
Collections: Open Plate - St Clement's	6,256.95	7,340.90	4,964.30
Collections: Open Plate - St Eanswythe's	5,306.45	10,490.75	2,544.30
<b>Total Collections</b>	<b>111,421.05</b>	<b>137,604.97</b>	<b>131,810.28</b>
<b>Fundraising</b>			
Fundraising: Other Fundraising	-	-	30.50
<b>Total Fundraising</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30.50</b>
<b>Gifts &amp; Donations</b>			
Gifts & Donations: Specified	2,550.00	6,000.00	5,000.00
Gifts & Donations: Unspecified	300.00	589.50	1,000.00
<b>Total Gifts &amp; Donations</b>	<b>2,850.00</b>	<b>6,589.50</b>	<b>6,000.00</b>
<b>Interest</b>			
Interest Income: ADF Interest	608.74	615.80	1,623.73
Interest Income: Bank Interest	57.92	39.78	42.16
Interest Income: CPF Interest	1,138.49	2,276.98	2,323.44
<b>Total Interest</b>	<b>1,805.15</b>	<b>2,932.56</b>	<b>3,989.33</b>
<b>Ministry</b>			
Ministry Income: Maori Community F'ship	1,550.00	1,000.00	400.00
Ministry Income: Pastoral Services	700.00	1,850.00	2,350.00
Ministry Income: Playgroup Clements	196.60	-	-
Ministry Income: Playgroup Eanswythe	400.00	400.00	-
<b>Total Ministry</b>	<b>2,846.60</b>	<b>3,250.00</b>	<b>2,750.00</b>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>			
Grants: Diocese	2,500.00	30,000.00	17,000.00
Grants: Government	-	-	26,170.08
Misc Income: Insurance Recoveries	1,981.82	-	-
<b>Total Miscellaneous</b>	<b>4,481.82</b>	<b>30,000.00</b>	<b>43,170.08</b>
<b>Op Shop</b>			
Op Shop	43,605.45	42,012.75	22,395.60
<b>Total Op Shop</b>	<b>43,605.45</b>	<b>42,012.75</b>	<b>22,395.60</b>
<b>Rent</b>			
Rental Income: Car Park	-	8,408.00	7,925.00
Rental Income: Clergy House	12,140.00	11,440.00	12,480.00
Rental Income: Spanish Baptist Church	400.00	500.00	150.00

## Profit and Loss

### St Eanswythe's Altona & St Clement's Laverton Anglican Churches

For the year ended 30 September 2023

	2023	2022	2021
Rental Income: St Clement's Venue Hire	240.00	-	-
Rental Income: St Eanswythe's Venue Hire	1,150.00	1,540.00	760.00
<b>Total Rent</b>	<b>13,930.00</b>	<b>21,888.00</b>	<b>21,315.00</b>
Westgate Prostate Donation	360.00	-	-
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>246,955.01</b>	<b>246,527.78</b>	<b>243,960.79</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>246,955.01</b>	<b>246,527.78</b>	<b>243,960.79</b>
<b>Less Operating Expenses</b>			
Aboriginal Acknowledgement	-	6,000.00	3,750.00
<b>Administration</b>			
Admin: Stewardship	184.00	340.00	360.00
Admin: Bank Fees & Other Charges	22.05	33.64	20.00
Admin: Bookkeeping	4,140.00	7,100.91	3,790.91
Admin: Clearances and Compliance	276.38	280.00	-
Admin: Equipment Purchases	-	-	226.21
Admin: Office Expenses	199.09	160.91	241.71
Admin: Other Expenses	-	-	0.26
Admin: Printing, Stationery and Postage	3,218.98	3,432.28	3,203.00
Admin: Professional Fees	981.82	-	-
Admin: Software Expenses	654.21	1,020.34	789.29
Admin: Subscriptions	246.26	486.50	741.13
Admin: Website Costs	345.82	129.00	16.21
<b>Phone/Internet</b>			
Admin: Phone/Internet - Clergy House	-	-	254.10
Admin: Phone/Internet - Karingal St	-	-	36.35
Admin: Phone/Internet - Mobile	109.08	236.34	236.34
Admin: Phone/Internet - St Clement's	318.10	218.08	339.33
Admin: Phone/Internet - Vicarage/Office	800.72	872.60	1,136.02
<b>Total Phone/Internet</b>	<b>1,227.90</b>	<b>1,327.02</b>	<b>2,002.14</b>
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>11,496.51</b>	<b>14,310.60</b>	<b>11,390.86</b>
<b>Diocesan Assessment</b>			
Diocesan Assessment	27,079.00	18,747.00	24,996.00
<b>Total Diocesan Assessment</b>	<b>27,079.00</b>	<b>18,747.00</b>	<b>24,996.00</b>
<b>Ministry, Outreach &amp; Education</b>			
Ministry, Outreach & Ed: Advertising	315.00	-	-
Ministry, Outreach & Ed: Ed Mat'ls & Supplies	-	407.17	-
Ministry, Outreach & Ed: Hospitality	-	828.76	113.64
Ministry, Outreach & Ed: New Ministry Development	-	-	12,323.00
Ministry, Outreach & Ed: Other	19.82	251.83	1,163.86
Ministry, Outreach & Ed: Parish Activities	-	7.09	-



# Profit and Loss

## St Eanswythe's Altona & St Clement's Laverton Anglican Churches

### For the year ended 30 September 2023

	2023	2022	2021
Ministry, Outreach & Ed: Professional Develop. - Other	236.36	654.55	78.62
Ministry, Outreach & Ed: Sacristy Exp	910.63	2,335.73	701.83
Ministry, Outreach & Ed: TMA Subscription	100.91	478.00	153.00
<b>Total Ministry, Outreach &amp; Education</b>	<b>1,582.72</b>	<b>4,963.13</b>	<b>14,533.95</b>
<b>Occupancy</b>			
Occ Rent: Karingal St	8,691.40	20,856.00	12,166.00
<b>Property Insurance</b>			
Property Insurance: St Clement's	2,378.56	1,336.46	1,781.54
Property Insurance: St Eanswythe's	8,154.04	4,984.19	6,105.84
<b>Total Property Insurance</b>	<b>10,532.60</b>	<b>6,320.65</b>	<b>7,887.38</b>
<b>Repairs and Maintenance - Buildings</b>			
Occ Repair/Maint Buildings: Clergy House	2,293.64	12,128.21	-
Occ Repair/Maint Buildings: St Clements	-	-	400.00
Occ Repair/Maint Buildings: St Eanswythe's	3,709.09	-	12,454.54
<b>Total Repairs and Maintenance - Buildings</b>	<b>6,002.73</b>	<b>12,128.21</b>	<b>12,854.54</b>
<b>Repairs and Maintenance - Equipment</b>			
Occ Repair/Maint Equipment: Clergy House	2,039.09	-	-
Occ Repair/Maint Equipment: St Clement's	4,752.10	76.99	314.05
Occ Repair/Maint Equipment: St Eanswythe's	14,084.43	1,036.96	1,175.81
Occ Repair/Maint Equipment: Vicarage & Office	830.00	1,152.00	299.09
<b>Total Repairs and Maintenance - Equipment</b>	<b>21,705.62</b>	<b>2,265.95</b>	<b>1,788.95</b>
<b>Repairs and Maintenance - Grounds</b>			
Occ Repair/Maint Grounds: St Clement's	1,250.00	1,067.27	1,610.00
Occ Repair/Maint Grounds: St Eanswythe's	1,750.00	2,076.32	157.45
<b>Total Repairs and Maintenance - Grounds</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>	<b>3,143.59</b>	<b>1,767.45</b>
<b>Repairs and Maintenance - Running</b>			
Occ Repair/Maint Running: St Clement's	2,232.80	1,950.82	1,097.73
Occ Repair/Maint Running: St Eanswythe's	2,004.32	3,129.59	1,800.64
Occ Repair/Maint: Karingal St	145.45	-	-
<b>Total Repairs and Maintenance - Running</b>	<b>4,382.57</b>	<b>5,080.41</b>	<b>2,898.37</b>
<b>Utilities - Electricity</b>			
Occ Utilities Electricity - St Clement's	1,250.80	1,107.44	996.44
Occ Utilities Electricity: Clergy House	-	187.53	-
Occ Utilities Electricity: Karingal St	445.82	453.25	239.23
Occ Utilities Electricity: St Eanswythe's	1,481.10	1,539.00	1,174.90
Occ Utilities Electricity: Vicarage & Office	705.17	585.21	854.32
<b>Total Utilities - Electricity</b>	<b>3,882.89</b>	<b>3,872.43</b>	<b>3,264.89</b>
<b>Utilities - Gas</b>			
Occ Utilities Gas: Karingal St	367.77	581.12	171.91

# Profit and Loss

## St Eanswythe's Altona & St Clement's Laverton Anglican Churches

### For the year ended 30 September 2023

	2023	2022	2021
Occ Utilities Gas: St Clement's	540.08	406.90	379.54
Occ Utilities Gas: St Eanswythe's	1,157.96	1,264.30	809.73
Occ Utilities Gas: Vicarage & Office	964.87	1,148.49	1,138.42
<b>Total Utilities - Gas</b>	<b>3,030.68</b>	<b>3,400.81</b>	<b>2,499.60</b>
<b>Utilities - Water</b>			
Occ Utilities Water: Clergy House	629.29	870.47	822.81
Occ Utilities Water: Karingal St	124.64	306.56	58.60
Occ Utilities Water: St Clement's	851.06	554.45	541.05
Occ Utilities Water: St Eanswythe's	728.03	464.87	496.29
Occ Utilities Water: Vicarage & Office	1,707.19	929.48	1,041.91
<b>Total Utilities - Water</b>	<b>4,040.21</b>	<b>3,125.83</b>	<b>2,960.66</b>
<b>Waste and Fire Levy</b>			
Occ Waste & Fire Levy: Clergy House	327.00	411.34	489.90
Occ Waste & Fire Levy: St Clement's	492.00	613.30	735.90
Occ Waste & Fire Levy: St Eanswythe's	459.00	578.07	694.25
Occ Waste & Fire Levy: Vicarage & Office	369.00	461.85	96.25
<b>Total Waste and Fire Levy</b>	<b>1,647.00</b>	<b>2,064.56</b>	<b>2,016.30</b>
<b>Total Occupancy</b>	<b>66,915.70</b>	<b>62,258.44</b>	<b>50,104.14</b>
<b>Op Shop</b>			
Op Shop Expenses	-	-	400.91
<b>Total Op Shop</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>400.91</b>
<b>Parish Mission Giving</b>			
Mission Giving Exp: Parish Giving	-	16,500.00	20,000.00
<b>Total Parish Mission Giving</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,500.00</b>	<b>20,000.00</b>
<b>Staff</b>			
<b>Assistant</b>			
Clergy Exps: Assistant Curate Benefits	14,250.60	24,243.24	10,397.22
Clergy Exps: Assistant Curate LSL	1,212.00	1,197.00	360.42
Clergy Exps: Assistant Curate Removal Exps	-	-	604.55
Clergy Exps: Assistant Curate Stipend	15,543.87	26,242.93	10,478.90
Clergy Exps: Assistant Curate Stipend Insur.	-	-	98.10
Clergy Exps: Assistant Curate Super	4,468.24	7,488.36	3,132.40
Clergy Exps: Assistant Curate Vehicle Replacement	2,470.00	2,280.00	2,280.00
Clergy Exps: Assistant Curate Vehicle Running Costs	513.00	1,005.00	215.00
Clergy Exps: Assistant Curate Vehicle Standing Costs	-	-	905.20
Clergy Exps: Assistant Curate Workcover	305.71	342.80	101.79

# Profit and Loss

## St Eanswythe's Altona & St Clement's Laverton Anglican Churches

### For the year ended 30 September 2023

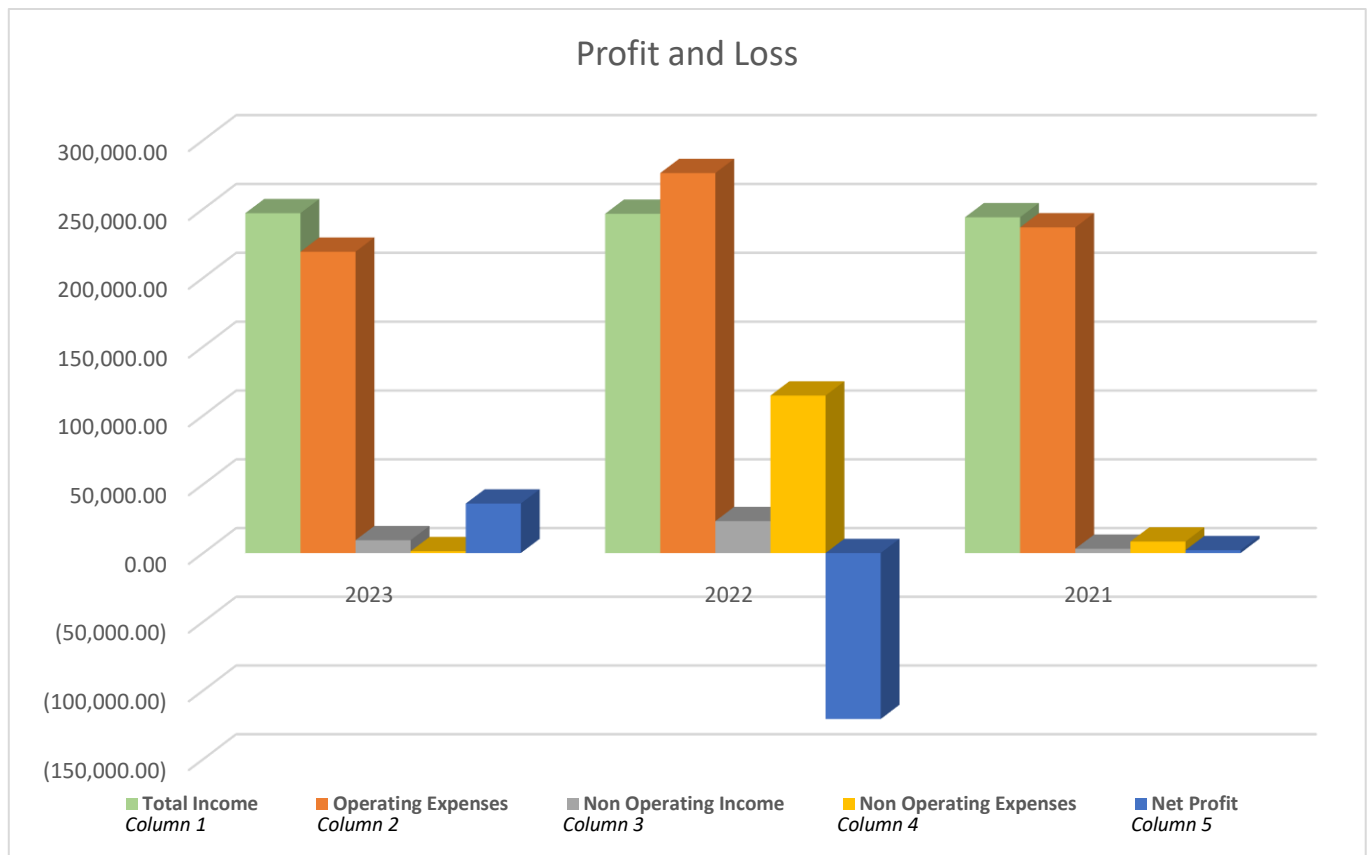
	2023	2022	2021
Clergy Exps: Theological Student	-	-	750.00
<b>Total Assistant</b>	<b>38,763.42</b>	<b>62,799.33</b>	<b>29,323.58</b>
<b>Locum</b>			
Clergy Exps: Locum Other	6,667.21	-	52.50
Clergy Exps: Locum Service Fees	18,220.92	7,356.80	1,950.72
Clergy Exps: Locum Superannuation	3,733.22	1,103.52	243.43
<b>Total Locum</b>	<b>28,621.35</b>	<b>8,460.32</b>	<b>2,246.65</b>
<b>Vicar</b>			
Clergy Exps: Professional Development	-	605.50	63.53
Clergy Exps: Vicar Benefits	12,167.23	28,549.08	28,126.92
Clergy Exps: Vicar LSL	1,063.39	1,995.00	1,629.90
Clergy Exps: Vicar Stipend	14,381.28	33,853.92	33,052.47
Clergy Exps: Vicar Superannuation	3,982.28	9,360.48	9,176.88
Clergy Exps: Vicar Vehicle Replacement	1,870.77	4,560.00	4,560.00
Clergy Exps: Vicar Vehicle Running Costs	293.00	881.00	356.82
Clergy Exps: Vicar Vehicle Standing Costs	-	1,773.59	1,755.14
Clergy Exps: WorkCover Expenses	680.75	446.50	1,139.28
<b>Total Vicar</b>	<b>34,438.70</b>	<b>82,025.07</b>	<b>79,860.94</b>
<b>Total Staff</b>	<b>101,823.47</b>	<b>153,284.72</b>	<b>111,431.17</b>
Admin: Office Admin Workcover	30.14	-	-
Admin: Office Admin Super	957.06	-	-
Admin: Office Admin Salary	9,081.28	-	-
<b>Total Less Operating Expenses</b>	<b>218,965.88</b>	<b>276,063.89</b>	<b>236,607.03</b>
<b>Operating Profit</b>	<b>27,989.13</b>	<b>(29,536.11)</b>	<b>7,353.76</b>
<b>Non-operating Income</b>			
Misc Income: Reimbursements	7,780.60	1,099.00	809.72
Misc Income: LSL Board	-	10,489.50	-
Misc Income: Other	292.40	9,596.26	-
<b>Mission Giving</b>			
Mission Giving: A.B.M.	205.00	270.00	235.00
Mission Giving: BCA Boxes	719.30	1,466.40	420.00
Mission Giving: Christmas Bowl/Act for Peace	278.10	-	1,418.80
Mission Giving: Other	65.00	306.15	200.00
<b>Total Mission Giving</b>	<b>1,267.40</b>	<b>2,042.55</b>	<b>2,273.80</b>
<b>Total Non-operating Income</b>	<b>9,340.40</b>	<b>23,227.31</b>	<b>3,083.52</b>
<b>Non-operating Expenses</b>			
Miscellaneous Expenses: reimbursed	2,350.54	658.20	809.72
Miscellaneous Expenses	828.27	8,368.61	150.00

# Profit and Loss

## St Eanswythe's Altona & St Clement's Laverton Anglican Churches

### For the year ended 30 September 2023

	2023	2022	2021
Transfer to Reserves	-	5,000.00	-
<b>Mission Giving</b>			
Mission Giving Exp: ABM	-	270.00	235.88
Mission Giving Exp: BCA Boxes	719.30	1,466.40	420.00
Mission Giving Exp: Christmas Bowl/Act for Peace	-	-	1,418.80
Mission Giving Exp: Other	-	306.15	200.00
<b>Total Mission Giving</b>	<b>719.30</b>	<b>2,042.55</b>	<b>2,273.80</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>			
St Clements Roof Repairs	(2,556.44)	98,416.76	5,112.88
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>(2,556.44)</b>	<b>98,416.76</b>	<b>5,112.88</b>
<b>Total Non-operating Expenses</b>	<b>1,341.67</b>	<b>114,486.12</b>	<b>8,346.40</b>
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>35,987.86</b>	<b>(120,794.92)</b>	<b>2,090.88</b>



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## **Audit Report To The Parishioners** **Anglican Parish of Altona-Laverton**

On the basis of information provided by the wardens of your organization, I have audited in accordance with Australian Accounting and Auditing Standards, the special purpose Income Statement and Balance Sheet for the period ended 30 September 2023.

The wardens are solely responsible for the information contained in the special purpose financial report and have determined that the accounting policies used are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of The Anglican Diocese of Melbourne.

### **Scope**

Our procedures use accounting expertise to collect, classify and summarise the financial information, which the wardens provided, into a financial report.

Recorded revenue includes offertories and fundraising. Control over such revenues prior to being recorded is limited and there were no practical review procedures that I could perform to confirm that all such revenue was properly recorded. I relied on assurances from the wardens.

To the extent permitted by law, we do not accept liability for any loss or damage which any person, other than the service, may suffer arising from any negligence on our part. No person other than the wardens and members of your parish should rely on the special purpose financial report. It is not prepared on the basis of providing investment or bank finance information.

### **Audit Opinion**

I, Michael Kiernan, have examined the books and accounts of the Anglican Parish of Altona Laverton. In my opinion the accounts and financial records give a true and fair view of the parish's operations for the year and the attached Income Statement and Balance Sheet correctly summarize the transactions for the year ended 30 September 2023.

The special purpose financial report was prepared exclusively for the benefit of the wardens and members of your parish and the purpose identified

above. We do not accept responsibility to any other person for the contents of the special purpose financial report.

Potential Impact of Subsequent Event COVID – 19 and other significant events:

I have communicated with the wardens regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I may identify during the audit. Potential Impact of Subsequent Event COVID - 19 : There may be a material change in the assets of the organisation related to events and conditions due to COVID - 19, subsequent to balance date. These events may cause a significant change in asset values of the association and there may be a material change in income earning capacity of the organisation. These events may also have an impact on future income and continued viability of the organisation. However, the financial impact to the organisation or any decline in asset values, cannot be reasonably estimated. In extreme conditions the organisation may also cease to continue as a going concern.

Inherent limitations

Due to the inherent limitations of an assurance engagement, together with the internal control structure it is possible that fraud, error, or non-compliance with the listed provisions may occur and not be detected. A reasonable assurance engagement for the year ended 30 September 2023 does not provide assurance on whether compliance with the listed provisions will continue in the future.

We draw attention to the effects of the corona virus pandemic. The pandemic poses significant risks to the organisation for the current year and for future years. It is beyond the scope of the audit to account for those risks to the assets of the organisation. The auditor takes no responsibility for how the wardens account for and plan for the effects of the virus upon the organisation's assets. The auditor urges the wardens to take reasonable steps to mitigate the risks of the virus.



MICHAEL KIERNAN FCPA

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## **Planned Giving Report for 2022 – 2023**

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During the 12 months relative to this report we have completed the 2022/23 program as at 31/5/2023 and commenced the current 2023/24 program.

Our giving achieved 92% of the total pledged figure for 2022/23.

A total of \$119,608 was received, \$67,823 through the Anglican Development Fund & \$51,785 using the Bendigo Bank & collections during our church services.

In 2015 our weekly pledged figure was \$2,514, average pledge was \$33.08. In 2018 it was \$2,741, average pledge \$31.51. In 2022 it was \$2,497, average pledge \$33.29 & in 2023 it was \$2,498.

Thanks to all who have managed to keep up with their giving over the past difficult years. If you are part of the planned giving program and using the Bendigo Bank make sure you quote your envelope or new reference number given to you at the beginning of this current program. For all other deposits your reference would be open plate or the specific purpose of your contribution such as social function, lenten booklet, Christmas Appeal, departing gift etc. Your contribution could end up in the wrong income ledger account in our accounting system if it is not itemized. The direct debit system through the diocese works very well.

A further \$1,097.75 was received through envelopes only and \$16,561.80 through open plate giving.

Our new 2023/24 program promised \$129,849 in pledged giving over 52 weeks – an increase from the previous program of \$1 per week.

41 people from St. Eanswythe's & 29 people from St. Clement's are involved in the current program. The average pledge is \$36.12 at St. Eanswythe's and \$35.07 at St. Clement's.

12 pledges are in the \$0 - \$10 bracket, 16 are in the \$11 - \$20 bracket, 19 in the \$21 - \$40 bracket, 12 are in the \$41 - \$60 bracket, 3 in the \$61 – \$80 bracket and 8 are in the \$81 to \$120 per week bracket.

Please contact me if you have any questions about our planned giving program or you need to make any adjustments to your giving. Envelopes are available at any time for anyone who would like to use them.

29 people opted for direct debit with ADF, 28 parishioners indicated they would deposit directly into our Bendigo Bank account, 13 use weekly envelopes & 16 use open plate.

Pat Baines

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## **St. Eanswythe's Op Shop Report for 2022 – 2023**

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The op-shop is doing very well. We are extremely busy with donations. At times it has been necessary to forgo some donations. Storage for goods that have been sorted is limited. Much of women's and children's clothing are stored in tubs until there is room on tables to lay out. These are sold 10 for \$1.00. Books sell very well and are in demand. [only novels, children's books are not good sellers.] Crockery and all manner of kitchen items are also in demand. All manner of bedding and towels are

good sellers also. Worn out towels and blankets are made available for pets and are also in demand. Sometimes we may receive more of one type of goods than other but in general donations are quite varied. 80% of donations have been of good to very good quality. Most recently donations from 3 deceased estates have been very nostalgic for many of us. One household had magazines dating back to 1943. They were a great read.

The op-shop continues to help a young mother with clothing for her autistic adult son at reduced cost. We also supply items such as sleeping bags, pillows, small tents and back packs when available to Latitude Youth Centre in Summers Parade. State Wide continue to pick up unsalable and unwearable items monthly.

The op-shop is currently blessed with enough volunteers. However more would be very helpful to fill in as emergencies. We have volunteers from, Mary, Help of Christians Church [St. Mary's], Uniting Church, Holy Trinity, as well as from St. Eanswythe's and St. Clements and the wider Altona/Laverton community. Some of our volunteers have served in the op-shop for 30 odd years. Some for a few months. However all are of great value. Volunteers are priceless. And to this end I thank each one for their on going commitment and dedication to making St. Eanswythe's op-shop a most welcoming and friendly place to shop and chat. Many thanks to all for donations and for shopping at the Op-Shop. And if you are someone who has not shopped in our op-shop than you are missing out on some wonderful treasures.

Zoya Davies

## **St. Eanswythe's Sunday School Report for 2022 – 2023**

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The numbers of children attending our Sunday ministry declined significantly over the past year with little encouraging hope that they will increase. As teachers and instructors of a ministry we love we continue to be hopeful that the future will yield better.

Our teaching materials connect well, mostly, with the gospel reading of the day, and then presented to a very supportive congregation. Encouragement indeed that we have a child presenting a poster or card, sometimes a story, or song representing the effort of the instructor of the day in conveying the Gospel story and to Rev. Dave for his support and encouragement in each presentation.

We have adult accredited teachers who supervise and present the lesson planned for the day, in a child – safe ministry environment. On occasion some parents will join in and share our experiences - this participation is welcomed.

Our underlying theme – expressing God's love through Jesus is put to practice in our outreach to the disadvantaged, this year our children raised \$306.15 directed to Tear Fund Australia Lenten Appeal in supporting famine relief, many thanks to Phillis Gregson in co-ordinating this fundraiser.

Our teaching group meet regularly to collaborate and coordinate teaching rosters and lessons, appreciative thanks are extended to Phillis Gregson, Jan Lee, Frances von Kalm, Xiao Yang, Alta and Fred McAnda for their hard work, their efforts, and the encouragement they provide each other.

Fred McAnda  
Co-ordinator



## St. Clement's Sunday School Report for 2022 – 2023

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Sunday school this year continues to be periodic. We currently have a regular attendance of two children. The children are keen for Sunday school to run, so we manage to include it into the Sunday evening services.

There is a real sense of unity, friendship and support from the children. My impression of Sunday school is, it is not only a place where the children learn about God, but a place where they feel relaxed, safe and supported by each other.

The children continue to grow in confidence. This is demonstrated through their sharing God's message to the congregation at the end of each service, as well as taking part in the service through the readings.

Our weekly topics are sourced from 'Sermons for Kids', an American based Christian website, although this year it seems not to align closely to the theme of the weekly sermons. However, the sermon topic can be found in their search menu. This ensures that both the children and congregation are sharing the same message from God each week.

We are in the process of packing the Samaritan Purse shoe boxes we have, and we are waiting for more when Gary can get them. We are pleased we can once again continue to pack shoe boxes for children who would otherwise not receive a gift at Christmas.

I would like to thank

- The children for their rich conversations, their teamwork and making Sunday school an enjoyable experience.
- We said goodbye to Reverend Chris in January and Reverend Kathryn in April. I would like to thank them for their support, help and guidance in my teaching of God's message, love and work to the children over the years. We at Sunday school wish them all the best as they embark on new paths.
- We said goodbye to Anna Lancaster in January. I would like to thank Anna for supporting me in running the Sunday school sessions over the years.
- Lily and Sandra for supporting me during the Sunday school sessions.
- Gary and Lily for sourcing the Samaritan Purse shoe boxes.
- The congregation for their support and words of encouragement to the children.

St Clements Sunday school would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a wonderful and prosperous 2024.

God be with you all,  
Louise Matthey

## **Tiddlers Playgroup Report for 2022 – 2023**

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After another year of “fun and games” our playgroup seems to be going from strength to strength.

We have 13 families on our books with 20 children (2 families haven’t attended for a while for various reasons). We average about 14 children per session.

Once again, we have a short waiting list (4 families at present).

I feel we have a warm and welcoming atmosphere and it is a pleasure to watch how well the mothers, grandmothers and one amazing great grandmother communicate and help with each other’s children.

We finished last year with a great BBQ picnic at Apex Park – the highlight being a visit from Santa (many thanks to Barry Hanson who does such a wonderful job).

The program is basically free play – outside and inside including Jill’s very popular play-dough and of course the painting easel. After a shared morning tea of fruit and water we conclude with the much-loved music session.

One of the joys of playgroup is to see the children’s friendships develop.

We have had a couple of visits from past members who have fond memories of playgroup days.

We have been able to contribute quite well to Parish Funds.

My sincere thanks to our wonderful team. Rev’d. Kathryn (who left in April), Pat Baines, Jill Stewart, Lyn McDonald and Xio Yang, especially for the friendship we share.

Jan Lee  
Coordinator

## **Clementines Playgroup Report for 2022 – 2023**

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We have a regular group of lovely families attending Clementines play group, most of whom have been with us since February 2021. We have welcomed new families and said goodbye to a few of our regulars, throughout the year. We have had lots of enquires from families to join Clementines. We currently have thirteen (13) children, whose age range from six months (6) to four (4) years. We work closely with Tiddlers, play group at St Enswathe. If we do not have spaces, we suggest they contact Tiddlers. We currently do not have a waiting list and have spaces for two more children.

It has been very rewarding to watch the children grow in confidence, as they demonstrate a feeling of belonging in the playgroup surrounding, and their parents build on friendships. The Church and outdoor garden buzzes with life when the families enter through the gate on a Friday morning.

We continue to say the thank you prayer which Kathryn taught us before each snack time. The children seem to know the words and it has become part of our snack routine. It is lovely hear the children’s voices as we say the prayer together.

“Thank you for the food we eat,

Thank you for the friends we meet,  
Thank you for the birds that sing,  
Thank you, God, for everything”

After snack, the families help us to pack up so we can get ready for song and dance, followed by a story. The session ends with a small parachute gently waved up and down to Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star, whilst the children will either lie under it or help control it, followed by our goodbye action song (sung to Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star). Sometimes Mums and helpers enjoy relaxing under the parachute as it gently waves above us.

Thank you to Lily, Sandra, Carol and Jill for all your ongoing support you have given to playgroup over the years to help Clementines run smoothly.

Clementines playgroup leaders wish all our playgroup families and congregation at St Clements and St Enswathe a very happy Christmas and prosperous 2024.

Best Wishes,  
Louise Matthey (On behalf of Clementines Playgroup)

## **Mothers’ Union President’s Report for 2022 – 2023**

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I begin this report by thanking God that the Altona branch is still operating as strong as ever, and we can continue to pray for one another and for the world.

At our AGM in October, we once again decided to stick with our tried and tested combination as committee. Lyn is still secretary, Jan Lee is still treasurer, Jan Hudson is still vice president, Beryl is still Link secretary (who else could write such beautiful letters) and Ros is still prayer link. I remain as President, and I must say what a joy and privilege it is to serve Mother’s Union in this capacity. My job would be much more difficult and onerous if I did not have this wonderful group of dedicated Ladies beside me. Our branch operates smoothly and successfully because we work as a team.

Later in October, our branch participated in the “Share the Dignity” program. This entailed us filling handbags and backpacks with essential items, ie soap, toothpaste, tissues, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant etc,. These bags are then collected through Bunnings and delivered to several charities that provide relief to women fleeing from domestic violence. Quite often, these women flee with nothing but the clothes they have on. Being given a handbag (with the essential items in it), helps them maintain their dignity in a traumatic situation. Our branch contributed 24 bags. This year we are aiming to contribute at least 30.

In November, we once again met to pack cards for the inmates of the Women’s prisons. We put 5 cards in a pack and the packs are distributed, so that the inmates can send Christmas cards to family and friends. Also in November, we held our traditional Prayer Partner’s dinner in the hall at St. Eanswythe’s. After a very pleasant dinner, the Ladies were able to reveal who they were praying for secretly during the year, and exchange cards.

In January, the executive met to plan our program for 2023. We did this with hope and confidence that everything would work out fine.

We started the year with a meeting in February, where Bev Cottrell conducted the induction service for the executive committees of both Mother's Union and Caritas. Bev also talked at our meeting on March the 3rd, ladies from St Eanswythe's joined with members from other denominations within our suburb for Women's World Day of Prayer, hosted this year by the Salvation Army. We join in prayer with churches around the world, for the women of a different country each year. Also in March, several of our members along with some Caritas members, attended Evensong in the Cathedral to celebrate Lady Day, it was a beautiful service.

To be different this year, we decided to hold our birthday lunch as a private celebration. We had a short meeting in May, followed by lunch at the Altona Bowls Club. This was a very enjoyable social event.

Another highlight of our year was our fundraiser on July 24th. Our guest speaker was to be Bev Moss, but unfortunately, Bev was sick on that day, so we improvised. Bev Cottrell stepped up and gave us a report on the "Holding the Light" service and program. This service highlights and commemorates all the women who have died during the year as a result of domestic violence. This was very informative and thought provoking. Joan Meiers gave a talk about our Op Shop, highlighting some of the funny incidences that have occurred over the years. I also spoke about the founding of Special Olympics, and how the organization runs today. This was followed by a lovely lunch. After lunch, Beryl Brown cut our birthday cake. As this day was actually Beryl's 90th birthday, it was very appropriate for her to cut the cake.

In closing, I thank Lyn, Jan, Jan, Beryl, Ros, and everyone else who has helped make my task easier this year.

Finally, I would just like to say that Prayer is the most important and productive thing that we can do. Every day, we should give God the glory for his many blessings and pray for other people in the world.

Thank God and continue to pray,  
Sandra Hansen

### **St. Eanswythe's/St. Clements Mothers Union Annual Financial Statement 2023**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> October 2022 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

Balance Brought Forward	\$923.07		
<b>Credits</b>		<b>Debits</b>	
Subscriptions x 20	\$900.00	Subscriptions x 20	\$900.00
Special effort	\$230.30	Affiliation fee	\$30.00
Tubes	\$31.10	Cards, etc	\$107.80
Donations	\$50.40		
Cards, etc	\$69.00		
Fundraiser	\$845.00		
Prayer partner dinner	\$70.00		
	<u>\$3,118.87</u>		<u>\$1,037.80</u>

Balance Carried  
Forward

**\$2,081.07**

(NB: Bulk of this still to be sent to Head Office for MU Projects)

Jan Lee  
Treasurer

## **Caritas Report for 2022 – 2023**

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This report begins with the November meeting held in the meeting room. It was agreed that meetings would take place in the afternoon from 3pm to 5pm. Members agreed to pay \$50.00 to MU which would cover the membership fees and the affiliation costs.

Caritas and MU members came together for the Prayer Partner Dinner. It was wonderful to be able to celebrate this moment together after the uncertainty of the past.

The December Christmas service was held in the Lady Chapel with Rev'd Chris Lancaster presiding over a lovely service. A dinner followed the Christmas service after which "Mrs Santa" distributed gifts. It was a wonderful and intimate celebration to end the year.

At the February meeting the program for 2023 was discussed and set. Summer meetings would be at 7pm and winter meetings would be from 3pm to 5pm.

During the March meeting further discussions took place in regards as to how and in what Caritas can do to contribute to the parish and the wider community. How can we fundraise so that we may once again give.

At the April meeting after the conclusion of business we were enlightened on medieval history by Susan Maddox. Susan is well versed on the subject and participates in the staging of such events.

At the May meeting, member Vicky Smith was our guest speaker.

The June meeting was cancelled in respect of Jeanette McGrath. Jim McGrath passed away suddenly.

At the July meeting Sandra and Christopher Hansen spoke on their involvement and participation over many years with Special Olympics.

In August Phillis Gregson spoke on her time in Malaysia.

Cartas 62<sup>nd</sup> Birthday, in September, was celebrated at the Dragon Temple in Summers Parade.

As we come to an end of another year in Caritas it is quite apparent that all members will continue to meet however and whenever they can. We are friends of many years. We have shared a history. Caritas has been there for all of us in sorrow and in joy.

Many thanks to all members and the parish for the support to Joan, long time leader, to me, Zoya, long time Secretary and to our long time treasurer Alta.

We will return in 2024 with joyful hearts.

Zoya Davies  
Caritas Secretary

## ST EANSWYTHE'S CARITAS GROUP

### Treasurer's Annual report

### Caritas annual report 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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Balance brought forward 30.09.2022 138.35

#### Income: \$

Christmas dinner	150.00	
Caritas membership fees	495.00	
Meeting donations	29.05	<u>674.05</u>
Total Income		812.40

#### Expenses:

Christmas dinner	141.00	
Caritas membership Fees to MU	495.00	
MU affiliation fee	30.00	
Gifts	30.00	<u>696.00</u>

Balance carried forward as of 30.09.2023 116.40



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