

Chair: The Rev'd Kerry Davis, Vicar

Enrolled members present:

## ANGLICAN PARISH OF ALTONA/LAVERTON

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

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## 2024 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AGENDA

11am, Sunday 10 November 2024 St Eanswythe's Anglican Church Altona

Also in attendance:			
Apo	ologies:		
1.	Opening Prayer		
2.	Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting		
3.	Parish Electoral Roll		
4.	Vicar's Annual Report		
5.	Parish Council Report		
6.	Wardens' Report		
7.	Financial Report		
8.	Budget		
9.	Parish Groups' Reports		
10.	Election of Auditor		
11.	Election of Parish Nominations Committee (PNC)		
12.	Election of Churchwardens and members of Parish Council		
13.	Other Business		
14.	Grace		

To proclaim God's love and life in Christ: growing in faith \$\psi\$ serving others \$\psi\$ nurturing a common life

## **MINUTES OF 2023 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

11am, Sunday 22nd October 2023 St Clement's Church, Altona Meadows

Chair: The Rev'd Dave Thompson (Locum Vicar)

#### Enrolled members present:

Donita Akatapuria, Pat Baines, Gary Beadell, Constance Chung, Andrew Croft, Elizabeth Croft, Zoya Davies, Vindy Dennis, Brenda Edwards, Heather Francis, Michael Francis, Heinz Greilach, Judy Greilach, Lily Griffin, Robert Griffin, Richard Hallett, Lavinia Hanson, Rosemary Henshall, James Hudson, Jan Hudson, Frances von Kalm, Gloria Keets, Denis Lee, Jan Lee, Dean Mason, Alta McAnda, Anita McAnda, Anton McAnda, Fred McAnda, Lyn McDonald, Cyndy McRoberts, Sarah Meeson, Joan Meiers, Carol Mitchell, Eleanor Saunders, Bryan Stapleton, Jill Stewart, Anna Watts, Soon Ghee Yap,

#### Also in attendance:

The Rev'd Danny McRoberts, Denise Geering, Susan Maddox.

#### Apologies:

Joyce Bayley, Phillis Gregson, Michael Griffin, Sandra Hansen, Louise Mattey, Wilma Porter, Xiao Yang,

- 1. The meeting commenced with prayer led by the Vicar.
- 2. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting
  - i) MOTION: That the minutes of the 2022 Annual Parish Meeting be accepted as an accurate record. (Zoya Davies/Lily Griffin: carried)
- 3. Parish Electoral Roll
  - i) MOTION: That the Parish Electoral Roll be received. (Fred McAnda/Gary Beadell: carried)
- 4. Locum Vicar's Annual Report
  - i) The Locum Vicar's annual report was presented.
  - ii) MOTION: That the Locum Vicar's Annual Report be accepted as an accurate record. (Jan Lee/Anna Watts: carried)

A question was raised about the parish statistics on page 7. Lily advised there was a glitch in the spreadsheet resulting in errors in the totals column. Also, Rev'd Dave advised there are not always figures recorded for the Sunday 5pm service, and therefore they will be understated.

A question was also raised regarding the nursing home statistics. Rev'd Dave advised some of them have been included in the number of public services.

- 5. Parish Council Report
  - i) The Parish Council report was presented, with gratitude for their commitment and ongoing work, noting the contribution of those who are stepping down as members of Parish Council.
  - ii) MOTION: That the Parish Council Report be accepted. (Jan Lee/Anna Watts: carried)
- 6. Wardens' Report
  - i) Wardens' Report was presented.
  - ii) MOTION: That the Churchwardens' report be accepted. (Jan Lee/Anna Watts: carried)

### 7. Financial Report

i) Financial Report was presented by the Treasurer.

Question was raised regarding how Alice Kane's bequest of \$20,000 was used. Gary advised that it had been used for the new sound system and the remainder was put toward the cost of replacing the St Eanswythe's hall floor.

A question was also raised about the parish's financial capacity to support a full-time Vicar, and if an assistant could also be funded. Gary replied that the parish can certainly support a full-time Vicar but it is not the current plan, nor is there capacity, to support an assistant.

The parish acknowledged Pat Baines for her many years of generous and caring service in managing the Planned Giving program.

**Note**: the Auditors Report for the 2022-2023 year was presented to the Parish Council meeting held on the 12th of June, 2024.

ii) MOTION: That the Financial Report be accepted. (Jan Lee/Anna Watts: carried)

#### 8. Budget

- i) The budget for 2023-24 was presented by the Treasurer.
- ii) MOTION: That the Budget for 2023-24 be received. (Jan Lee/Anna Watts: 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. (Jan Lee/Anna Watts: carried)

A question was raised about the status of the St Eanswythe's Sunday School. Fred McAnda responded to say there is only one child attending. The onus, therefore, is on the parish to decide how to proceed with Sunday School.

#### 10. Election of Auditor:

i) MOTION: That Michael Kiernan and Associates be appointed as auditor for the 2023-24 financial year. (Gary Beadell/Anna Watts: carried)

#### 11. Election of Parish Nominations Committee (PNC)

There was no election because we have a PNC currently operating for the next appointment. Anita McAnda made the following statement:

"We have met with +Brad who formally convened the PNC (as mentioned back in September). Since then, the Bishop has received enquiries from a few prospective candidates and one has proceeded to the interview stage. We will provide another update in the coming months/weeks as soon as we are able to. We are prayerfully considering the next steps and ask that you keep us in your prayers too."

#### 12. 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

It was brought to the attention of the meeting that there has been a nomination for a Warden and Parish Council roles that have not been presented to the meeting.

Rev'd Dave moved a motion to take this matter up, to publish the nomination in the pew sheet and to bring this agenda item back to a re-convened meeting in the near future. Rev'd Dave/Gary Beadell

**Note:** Subsequent to this meeting, Denis Lee, Lily Griffin and Soon Ghee Yap were confirmed as Wardens, with Soon Ghee as the Vicar's Warden.

#### **Parish Council members**

Rev'd Dave noted that Gary will be standing down as Treasurer at the next APM, and thanked Gary for his continuing hard work and dedication to the Treasurer role.

Rev'd Dave also thanks Anna Watts, who is standing down from PC, for her commitment and service.

#### 13. Other Business

- i) Fred McAnda spoke to changes to the alter at St Eanswythe's, and requested to know what happened to the top of the alter being removed and if it could be replaced. Rev'd Dave will explore this issue and report back to the next meeting.
- ii) Joan asked where the piano in the hall at St Eanswythe's went. Gary advised it was taken by a piano removalist in preparation for the floor to be done. Anita advised it had been assessed as not able to be tuned and, therefore, de-commissioned. Zoya offered a piano for the parish to consider having as a replacement.
- iii) Joan on behalf of others wanted to express gratitude for how much the Maori community enriched the life of this parish.
- iv) Beryl, on behalf of everyone here, expressed her gratitude for Rev'd Dave's ministry amongst the parish.
- v) Beryl also expressed gratitude to Dean for his work for the parish.
- vi) Rev'd Dave spoke to the current pressures on the parish as a whole, especially as his role is limited to 3 days per week. In particular, there are four different expressions of Anglican expression of faith in the parish, and we are to be encouraged by our capacity to maintain those in such difficulty circumstances. He also encouraged us to have some dexterity, to look further up the road and the need to draw new people in, or to prepare for the consequences.

Rev'd Dave advised we will aim to re-convene within the next four weeks.

The meeting closed with the Grace.

## Vicar's Annual Report 2023 – 2024

As we gather for this year's Annual Parish Meeting, I begin by acknowledging the rich heritage of the land on which we worship, recognising the Kulin Nation as traditional custodians. I pay my respects to their Elders past, present, and emerging, reflecting on their unbroken connection to this land. May we seek a renewed connection with God's creation and a spirit of reverence toward it as we journey in faith.

- 2. This past year has seen faithful parishioners Margaret Hall, Joan Kent, Barbara Harford, Brian Zimsen, Rii Nakau, Rev'd Margaret Burt and Anthony Sell called to their reward in heaven. We commend them, and others in our families and communities who have passed, to God's eternal care and keeping. May they rest in peace and rise in glory!
- 3. 2024 marks a new chapter in my own journey, as I responded to God's call and was commissioned as your Vicar on 23 May 2024. Moving from my ministry at St. Aidan's in Auckland to St. Eanswythe's and St. Clement's in Melbourne has been a significant transition for both Vaoa and I. The words of Jesus in John's Gospel have been a steady foundation: "I am the vine, you are the branches" (John 15:5). Through these words, we are reminded that fruitful ministry stems from our connection to Him and from our collective willingness to serve in unity.
- 4. My commissioning service was a profound moment of worship and celebration. With the liturgy coordinated with the support of Archdeacon Glen Buijs and Bishop Brad Billings, and contributions from parishioners, we celebrated our Anglican identity and the unity we share within the body of Christ. I am particularly grateful to the Wardens and other contributors who made the service so meaningful, reminding us that our ministry is a continuation of God's work that spans ethnicity and generations.
- 5. An integral part of my role has involved participation in the wider diocese, beginning with the Oodthenong Episcopate Ministry Conference led by Bishop Brad. Connecting with fellow clergy provided invaluable insight into the diocesan vision and allowed me to rekindle relationships with those who attended my commissioning. Through shared prayer and fellowship, I sensed a community bound by purpose, united in our common calling as we serve Christ.
- 6. Alongside these gatherings, I have been involved in the EPIC Leadership Programme, which has enriched my understanding of diocesan structures and equipped me with the skills and insights necessary for my role as Vicar. It has been an opportunity to discuss challenges within church leadership, learn best practices, and develop lasting relationships with others on similar paths. This commitment to growth is reinforced by regular monthly clergy meetings in the Williamstown Archdeaconry, where we find support through prayer and shared wisdom in navigating church life.
- 7. The proximity of the Vicar's Office to both the church and the parish office has greatly facilitated day-to-day administration. A laptop with access to parish documents and a mobile phone were thoughtfully arranged for me, enabling seamless communication and integration into parish life. I am grateful to the many who regularly stop by, both to offer their assistance and to share in fellowship.

- 8. Since arriving, I have become deeply aware of the unique character of our liturgical practices. Though united by the Anglican tradition, each service reflects the parish's identity, infusing our worship with a local sense of belonging. Leading mid-week Eucharists and Morning Prayer at both St. Clement's and St. Eanswythe's has been a blessing, allowing us to explore the rhythm of Anglican worship that connects us to both past and present expressions of faith.
- 9. I extend my gratitude to those who contribute to our services as sub-deacons, intercessors, readers, sidespeople, welcomers, hospitality volunteers, counters, and Sunday School teachers, among many other roles. I would especially like to acknowledge Fred McAnda and Bryan Stapleton for their dedicated efforts. The success of our services relies on the teamwork and commitment of all involved, and it is reassuring to know that those on the roster approach their leadership responsibilities with care and attention. I also want to express my appreciation for the many parishioners who undertake various tasks that often go unnoticed. Their contributions truly bring life and vitality to our parish.
- 10. Worship and music hold a cherished place in our services, and I am especially grateful to our musicians, Lyn McDonald, Heather Frances, and Gary Beadell, for their thoughtful preparation, which helps align our music with Scripture and the liturgical seasons.
- 11. Te Wairua Tapu ki Poipiripi, the Māori congregation, remains active, exemplifying cultural heritage and faith in their weekly services. The largest gathering this year was a memorial service for Rii Nikau, a respected elder. Her legacy lives on in the vibrant community she helped nurture. I am deeply appreciative of its leaders Fr. Danny McRoberts, Cindy McRoberts, Cindy Dennis, Donita Dennis, Chico Akatapuria and others whose dedication ensures this congregation's growth and continued vitality.
- 12. The working bees at St. Clement's and St. Eanswythe's brought together around 30 parishioners from both worship centres. It was uplifting to see everyone joining cheerfully in the various tasks—gardening, weeding, vacuuming, cleaning windows, dusting, water blasting, and more—culminating in a delicious morning tea. These gatherings are wonderful for building community and connecting with those we may not often see, and, of course, the results leave our church beautifully clean and welcoming. They also serve as a reminder that we each have unique gifts and talents to contribute, all of which help build up the church. It will be important to hold regular working bees throughout the year to help keep our churches tidy and presentable.
- 13. Our St. Eanswythe's Patronal Day service, followed by a shared parish lunch, was a resounding success and a meaningful time of worship and fellowship. We were blessed to have our Area Dean, Reverend Elizabeth Murray, as our guest preacher, which brought added significance to the day. The success of this gathering was made possible through the many contributions of parishioners, especially those who came in the day prior to thoughtfully prepare the hall and meeting room as our lunch venue. Their dedication greatly enriched the day and strengthened our sense of community.
- 14. The outreach to individuals in aged care is an expanding ministry within our parish, and I want to commend Lyn McDonald, Richard Hallet, Jill Stewart, Eleanor Saunders, and Pat Baines for their outstanding work in this area holding services regularly at St George's Benetas and Estia. As our parish and local communities experience an ageing population, the demands on this ministry will only continue to grow. Looking to the future, it will be important to encourage more people to step forward and serve in various capacities, helping both those in need and our church community to flourish.

- 15. I was invited to address the June meeting of the Mothers' Union. It was a welcome opportunity to introduce myself more fully and share with the group about my life and faith journey before entering ministry, as well as the various church roles I have held since ordination. I was grateful to witness firsthand the enthusiasm and commitment within this valued ministry group, and we are truly blessed as a parish to have such an active Mother's Union. It was a joy to commission three new MU members during our St. Eanswythe's Patronal Day service.
- 16. Ministries like Caritas embody Christ's command to "love your neighbour as yourself." Their monthly meetings and charitable initiatives provide both practical and spiritual support to those in need, serving as a faithful witness to Christ's love in action. I extend my gratitude to Joan Meiers, Susan Maddox, and Alta McAnda for their dedicated leadership of Caritas this year.
- 17. The Tiddlers and Clementines children's playgroups have thrived once again this year, serving as a vital ministry that fosters community, outreach, and support for families. These groups are particularly important for young parents and caregivers seeking connection. Through them, we have created a warm and supportive environment for early childhood socialisation and development, while also offering parents a sense of community and spiritual support. I extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Jan Lee, Lyn McDonald, Frances von Kalm, Jill Stewart, Xiao Yang, Pat Baines, Louise Mattey, Sandra Hansen, and Lily Griffin for their unwavering commitment to this ministry.
- 18. Over the past few months, I have had the joy of conducting baptisms during our services at both St. Eanswythe's and St. Clement's. I sincerely hope that these families will make our parish a regular part of their faith journey, joining us in worship and fellowship. I believe God has been faithful in answering our prayers, guiding new people to share in our community of faith.
- 19. Ensuring the upkeep of our parish properties is an ongoing task. This year, the vicarage received significant attention; a necessary step that impacted our budget but ultimately has addressed this property's needs for the next several years. We must be mindful of the costs and risks associated with deferred maintenance and look to approach future demands with foresight and resourcefulness.
- 20. The Parish Council has collaborated effectively to achieve the priorities of our parish, and I am grateful for the collegial spirit in which it carries out its work. Many members attended the Parish Governance & Management workshop in June at Ormond Anglican Church, which proved to be an informative gathering, outlining our shared responsibilities as Parish Council members.
- 21. As a follow-up, Council members received copies of the documents 'Governance & the Parish Council' and 'Diocese and Property, Insurance & Liability', along with a plain-language guide to the Parish Governance Act 2013. This was an excellent opportunity to deepen our understanding of the legal framework that impacts various aspects of parish work and ministry. I also want to express my appreciation for the support and guidance provided by each of the Wardens—Denis Lee, Lily Griffin, and Soon Ghee Yap—as I have settled into the parish.
- 22. In facing financial challenges, the Parish Council worked prudently within a deficit budget to allocate resources as needed, including addressing essential maintenance for the vicarage. I extend my thanks to Gary Beadell for his dedicated work as Treasurer, who is now stepping down, and to Pat Baines, who faithfully served as Planned Giving Coordinator, now succeeded by Anita McAnda. We remain committed to stewarding our finances responsibly as we continue to serve our community and honour God's mission.

- 23. The deficit budget approved for FY2023-24, while carefully managed, required us to reduce the revenue allocated for mission. This adjustment was necessary to bring the projected budget deficit to a more manageable level. We remain hopeful that in the future, we can return to our original allocation between mission and church support. This year, the hire rates for our church facilities were reviewed. The previous rates, established in 2016, have now been updated to reflect increased utility and general costs over the past eight years.
- 24. Our Op Shop continues to thrive as a vital missional outreach, providing a welcoming space and practical support to the broader community, thanks to the dedicated management of Zoya Davies. Her team of volunteers, drawn from our parish and beyond, fosters connection and a shared sense of purpose through this ministry, offering items to those in need while strengthening community bonds. The revenue generated by the Op Shop plays a crucial role in supporting our church's mission outreach and ongoing maintenance.
- 25. I am honoured to be part of the Interfaith Connections and Reconciliation Leadership group, comprising clergy and community representatives. As we acknowledge the history and heritage of the First Nations people of this area, it is essential that we, as a faith community, seek meaningful ways to support the growing appreciation for Aboriginal culture. By doing so, we can enrich the life and witness of our church, fostering deeper understanding and unity within our community.
- 26. The St Peter's South Sudanese congregation began using St Clement's Church for its worship and youth activities. Our relationship with them is warm and congenial, and we are pleased to support their growing congregation. However, the only available time slot on Sundays is insufficient to meet their ongoing needs. A Memorandum of Understanding between our parish and St Peter's Congregation outlines their use of St Clement's Church, and this agreement will be extended for another year while the diocese actively works to secure a more suitable location for their expanding requirements.
- 27. Regrettably, earlier in the year St Eanswythe's church experienced a break-in. In response, we resolved to enhance security by installing a monitored alarm system in the sacristy, as this was identified as the priority area for coverage. The system is designed for future expansion, allowing us to secure additional areas of the church if needed. Relevant users have been provided with training and a code to ensure proper use.
- 28. I appreciate the work of our Safe Ministry team—Richard Hallet, Sandra Hansen, and Anita McAnda—for their dedication and efforts. Together, we have reviewed the information provided by Kooyoora to ensure that parish members maintain up-to-date Clearances for Service and Safe Ministry Training for their respective roles. Keeping these records current is essential given the vital importance of safe ministry practices in the diocese and across the state.
- 29. I am grateful for Edita Abram, our Parish Administrator, whose dedication, thoughtfulness, and professionalism are evident in her work. Edita is a tremendous asset to our parish, and we are truly blessed to have someone of her energy and integrity as a valued part of our faith community.

30. Looking forward, I am excited about the future God is shaping for us here in this Parish of Altona Laverton. Reflecting on Jesus' call to "abide in me as I abide in you" (John 15:4), I am encouraged by the work we have done and the opportunities that lie ahead. May we continue to serve faithfully, drawing strength from God's Word and the love we share as Christ's body, the Church.

Together in Christ!

Reverend Kerry Davis Vicar

# St Eanswythe's Altona with St Clement's Laverton Parish Statistics 2023-2024

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

## Te Wairua Tapu Ki Poipiripi Annual Report for 2023 – 2024

During 2023-2024 TWTKPP continue their journey with family, friends and loved ones together with the fellowship of St Eanswythe & St Clements celebrating Christ our savior.

TWTKPP Māori community – 2023/2024

- 1. TWTKPP hosted our famous Hi Ti fundraiser in March again bringing us together with our fellow parishioners, a great day of relaxation, joy and wonderful entertainment.
- 2. TWTKPP were blessed worshiping with locum Rev Dave Thompson after the departure of Father Chris and his family, till the arrival of our new Vicar.
- 3. Then doubly blessed we then welcomed St Eanswythe New Vicar Rev Kerry Davis and his family from New Zealand in May
- 4. A truly welcoming great and refreshing change for St Eanswythe, St Clements and TWTKPP.
- 5. Rev Kerry has showed his amazing support to our Haahi and Rev Danny, we are blessed and so thank full to share our Māori service with him and his family each week.
- 6. On Good Friday 2024 our Maori Community and Haahi suffered a great loss when our Whaia; Rii Nikau, passed away, still miss you every Sunday Aunty. We still feel your presence.
- 7. Father Danny continues his busy Ministry and pastoral care in the Māori Community spreading himself close and afar continuing to cater for the needs of our Māori people.

Victorian Maori Minister Representatives – Anglican Church

Father Danny continues his ministry amongst our Maori people working in the inner and outer suburbs around the West or wherever the Lord calls on him to go. The Lord provides help and resources when it is needed. Rev Danny 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, Rev Kerry and Parish council for their continued support throughout this last year.

A blessed steady growth in numbers attracting many Māori from all different walks of life. We have been blessed with a Sunday School teacher for our Tamariki, many thanks, Aunty Phylis

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, Rii Nikau may they rest with the Lord

Donita Dennis
The Secretary TWTKPP

Dated 20th October 2024

## Parish Council Report for 2023 – 2024

The members of Parish Council this year have been:

Vicar: Rev'd Kerry Davis

Locum during Interregnum: Rev'd Dave Thompson Churchwardens: Lily Griffin, Denis Lee, Soon Ghee Yap

Parish Councillors: Gary Beadell (Treasurer), Richard Hallett, Sandra Hansen, Dean Mason

(Secretary), Fred McAnda, Anita McAnda, Scott Pitcher

Attending ex officio: Rev'd Danny McRoberts

*Invited to attend:* Cindy Dennis

This Council has met for ten monthly meetings, usually on the second Wednesday evening of the month, in-person, alternating between the two Parish centres.

In early May we met over dinner to give thanks to Rev'd Dave for his time with us as Locum Vicar, for all the ways he generously served our worshipping and communal life while only officially engaged for 3 days per week.

Welcoming Rev'd Kerry and Vaoa to the Parish at the Commissioning Service on the 23rd of May was a wonderful celebration and a major highlight of our year. We are very appreciative of Rev'd Kerry's caring and expert approach to guiding the Parish Council in all its duties.

Many of us attended a Parish Governance and Management course on the 15th of June. It was held at Ormond Anglican Church and led by Bishop Brad Billings and Mr Malcom Tadgell, the Registrar of the Melbourne Anglican Diocesan Corporation Ltd. This was a very helpful review of our responsibilities with both historical and contemporary perspectives.

Our missional focus has centred on ensuring the Parish as a whole is functioning well and that the buildings and grounds are in good keeping. We are extremely grateful for the many volunteers who support our many ministries, including in regular worship, liturgy, music, Sunday School activities, and also those involved with Aged Care visiting, the Op Shop, Tiddlers and Clementines playgroups, and various other active groups in the parish. Rev'd Danny McRoberts' ministry and the Maori congregation continue to be a much valued expression of our life as a Parish community. We have also been holding some emerging intentions around setting up a community garden, holding more adult formation courses, and developing our relationship with Yalukit Willam and other First Peoples of the land we gather on. Possible initiatives in these areas continue to be under consideration.

Finally, it is with much gratitude we farewell three members of Parish Council who have contributed generously and energetically over these past years. Lily Griffin is stepping down as Warden and Parish Councillor, Gary Beadell as Treasurer and Parish Councillor, and Soon Ghee Yap as Warden. They have each contributed significantly to the life of the Parish. We wish them well and look forward to their ongoing involvement in Parish life.

**Dean Mason on behalf of Parish Council** 

## Churchwardens' Report for 2023 - 2024

This report covers the goods and chattels of both church buildings together with the Vicarage, the Clergy House and the Op Shop.

We have done a property inspection of all the Parish properties with a list drawn up for short term and long-term works.

The Vicarage had been prepared for Father Kerry and Vaoa's arrival.

#### Vicarage Work:

- Extensive painting inside and outside including some large, rotted timber that required repair and replacement.
- Replacement of the old pergola fibre glass roofing with new Laserlight on 3 roofs.
- Tall trees lopped and removed that overhung the Vicarage.
- Vicarage roof gutters cleaned.
- New roller blinds installed in 2 rooms.
- Bathroom cabinet painted & mirror replaced.
- Bedroom wardrobe mirror replaced.
- Garden area was tidied up through a couple of working bees ready for Kerry & Vaoa's personal touch.
- Several other issues were also resolved.

## St Eanswythe's:

- The usual OHS and maintenance was carried out including a new alarm system in lieu of the break in early Jan 2024.
- Reupholstering of several worn-out pew cushion backs.
- A few working bees were organised and accomplished in preparation for Father Kerry's Induction service.

#### St Clement's:

- The usual OHS and maintenance was carried out with some working bees to help maintain the gardens.
- We also invited St Peter's Jieeng Congregation to share our Church for their worshipping on Sundays and their youth group on Saturday afternoons.

#### **Clergy House Powlett Street:**

Considering its age the house is in reasonable condition with normal ongoing maintenance required.

We'd like to thank all the people at both Churches who've contributed so much to the life and wellbeing of this Parish over the last year.

Zoya and her kind workers need a special thankyou for their ongoing work at the Op Shop.

This is your Church, and we couldn't do our job without your help and support.

Also, another special thank you to, Gary for his time as Treasurer, Gary is stepping down, and Lily who has reached the limit of her term as a Warden and must step down for a time.

We also would like to thank Father Dave for faithfully overseeing us while we were in search for a new fulltime Vicar.

Reverend Kerry Davis has joined us this year to faithfully guide our Parish.

We also want to thank the Parish Council for their help and support.

We would also like to thank Edita for the amazing job doing all the clerical work and church service sheets etc.

Edita has been such a perfect fit for the Parish.

The Wardens,
Lily Griffin, Soon Ghee and Denis Lee

## Treasurer's Report for 2023 - 2024

Parish Council 16th October 2024

Accounts as they stand at 30th September 2024.

You can see from the balance sheet the available funds in our accounts. This includes the CBA, Bendigo and ADF accounts:

CBA - \$13,824.85. Bendigo - \$3,213.45. ADF - \$2,338.82 and \$2333.23.

ADF Term deposits - \$50,599.17 and \$51,018.37

The ADF term deposit has been rolled over, on our new rate of 4.1%.

Looking at the balance sheet, the church's total assets come to \$125,023.19, and with liabilities at \$16,341.52 our net assets come to \$108.681.67.

Our income from collections is \$135,668,51 which is down from last year, so that is something for us all consider regarding our stewardship giving. Op shop takings are, this year, \$46805.05, so we acknowledge the work of the Op shop staff with grateful thanks and appreciation. Our mission giving program was \$16,000 for this year, which comes from the Op shop. We will review this amount in the coming years as it is important that we can support our western region charities as well as the

Diocesan groups of ABM, Anglicare and Overseas Aid. Our reasoning for this direction was the increase in vicarage and office refurbishments with the advent of the arrival of Revd Kerry and Vaoa. Our expenses for this year's occupancy was \$93344.73 – overbudget from \$80506.00. There are also some Diocesan Assessment issues the amount at which, at the time of writing, are unclear as to our liability. Parish Council was of the mind to be more prudent with our available cash position regarding our Mission Giving. As mentioned, we will review this amount in upcoming years.

With our extremely welcome new vicar, there was work to be undertaken to upgrade the vicarage and office, not just with painting, cleaning, blinds etc, but also upgrading the alarms and security. There was a change in stipends from our part time locum to taking on the full time package for Revd Kerry. The full year renumeration will become evident once we see a full year's incumbency.

Our regular outside hirers are continuing their respective programs, and our rental income from the church car park of nearly \$10,000 will come in – it hasn't shown up in the figures as yet.

Our bookkeeper, Edita, is our hugely valuable help with administrative matters. Her pew sheets are works of art. Dave Thompson will be fondly remembered as a steadying hand during our interregnum. Your parish council has been wonderful with all of their work un getting the church ready for Revd Kerry and Vaoa, which I believe is an inspired choice.

Thanks to Anita McAnda who is taking on the stewardship from Pat, after many years of wonderful service.

I would like to thank once again the help and support of Dean Mason, and to congratulate Lily Griffin on her term as warden.

**Gary Beadell** 

**Treasurer** 

## **Budget 2024-2025**

## Anglican Parish of Altona/Laverton

Anglican Parish of Altona/Laverton			
Budget October 2024-September 2025			
With Past Two Years' Actuals			
	2024-2025 Budget \$	2023-2024 Actual	2022-2023 Actual
INCOME	Ψ	Ψ	Ψ
Collections	142,596	136,055	127,363
Fundraising	,	,	,
Gifts & Donations	3,511	3,511	2,974
Interest	4,649	4,427	3,499
Maori Fellowship	1,800	1,800	1,750
Ministry & Groups	2,287	1,708	1,657
Op-Shop	49,145	46,805	47,903
Miscellaneous	0	0	4,481
Rent	35,322	27,622	15,495
Grants	24,000	0	0
Reserve Drawdown	0	13,113	85,655
Total Income	263,310	235,042*	290,777
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LESS EXPENSES	2.750	2.750	0
Aboriginal Acknowledgement	3,750	3,750	12.025
Administration	17,331	16,592	13,835
Administration – Parish Administrator	20,007	16,483	12,991
Diocesan Assessment	27,913	22,913	31,245
Ministry – Vicar	88,183	34,286	34,439
Ministry – Locum	1,500	48,520	39,885
Ministry – Assistant Curate & Rent	0	0	47,767
Ministry – Assistant Clergy	10,000	1,909	0
Ministry – Assistant, Student, Locum	0.751	2 202	1.502
Ministry, Outreach & Ed.	2,751	2,392	1,583
Miscellaneous	16,000	16,000	1 2 000
Mission Giving	16,000	16,000	16,000
Occupancy (incl repairs & maintenance)	69,142	81,429	57,877
Op Shop expenses	263	250	12 222
Property Insurance	12,511	11,916	12,232
Total Expenses	269,351	256,440	267,894
OPERATING PROFIT	(6,042)*	(21,398)	22,883
* Rounding			

## **Auditors Report**

Once the Auditors Report from Michael Kiernan & Associates is received, it will be shared with the parish.

## Report for St Eanswythe's Church Complex & Vicarage 2023 – 2024

#### Reflection

In May this year we welcomed Rev. Kerry as our new Vicar together with his wife Vaoa.

Prior to Kerry's appointment significant works were conducted on the Vicarage and the Church complex. These comprised internal and external painting; remediation of the carport roofing; new blinds; appliance servicing and checks; gardens and lawns maintenance.

## **Looking Ahead**

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

- St Eanswythe's Garden still has to be finished. The temporary wooden borders need to be removed and replaced with brick blocking extending around the corner of Bent St and up to the main entrance doorway. Funding permitted, the timber edging on the South-side Garden (between the pathway to the Op-Shop and the Main Entry Door) will also be removed and replaced with brick blockwork.
- Following our inspection we have also identified numerous small maintenance/remediation tasks that need to be completed. We are currently compiling an evergreen 'Maintenance List' which Parish Council will review and where funding allows, deal with these during the 2024/2025 Churches Financial Year.
- Some items we may be able to do in-house, but some may require specialists to complete.

#### **Thanks**

I would like to thank all the people at both centres who've contributed so much to the life and wellbeing of this Parish over the last year.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to Rev. Kerry who faithfully guides and help us in our Christian journey and development.

Lastly, I would like to thank all on the Parish Council for their support and help.

#### **Denis Lee**

St Eanswythe's Church Warden

## Planned Giving Report for 2023 – 2024

During the 12 months relative to this report we have completed the 2023/24 program as at 31/5/2024 and commenced the current 2024/25 program.

Our giving achieved 91% of the total pledged figure for 2023/24.

A total of \$117,938 was received, \$60,212 through the Anglican Development Fund & \$57,726 using the Bendigo Bank & envelope collections during our church services.

Thanks to all who have managed to keep up with their giving over the past difficult year. If you are part of the planned giving program and using the Bendigo Bank make sure you quote your name 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 \$8,537.75 was received through envelopes only and open plate giving.

Our new 2024/25 program promises \$140,504 in pledged giving over 52 weeks – an increase from the previous program of \$204 per week.

38 People from St. Eanswythe's & 28 people from St. Clement's are involved in the current program. The average pledge is \$38.09 at St. Eanswythe's and \$44.80 at St. Clement's.

11 Pledges are in the \$0 - \$10 bracket, 12 are in the \$11 - \$20 bracket, 17 in the \$21 - \$40 bracket, 12 are in the \$41 - \$60 bracket, 5 in the \$61 - \$80 bracket and 9 are in the \$81 to \$120 per week bracket.

Please contact Anita McAnda who is the new co-ordinator 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.

31 People opted for direct debit with ADF, 24 parishioners indicated they would deposit directly into our Bendigo Bank account, 11 use weekly envelopes & 14 use open plate.

Thank you to the many people who have helped me over the years, especially in recent times by delivering letters & envelopes, printing etc..

#### **Pat Baines**

Anita McAnda (Phone 0438 260 374, Email amcanda@hotmail.com)

## St. Eanswythe's Op Shop Report for 2023 – 2024

The Op-Shop has had an excellent year both in donations and sales.

A continuous supply of donations throughout the year has kept us very busy. Many thanks to Heinze Greilach for the extra shelving installed in the sorting room making it easier to store crockery, books, CD's and DVD's, etc. Much of the clothing is stored in tubs after sorting. We continue to sell clothing at 10 for \$1.00 and our outdoor trash and treasure stalls do very well. There are clothing selling from \$1.00 to \$10.00 for Suits, Evening Dresses and Coats and Jackets these are just a few items that can be purchased in the shop.

All manner of bedding with exception of feather filled items, are in demand. Old towels and blankets are very much in demand for pets. Children and baby clothing are always in demand and sell quickly. Mens clothing are also in demand. The recent purchase of 2 extra clothing hanging racks has enabled us to display more clothing inside and outside in good weather. Donations have been constant. The majority of clothing donations coming in have been of very good quality and in good condition. However some items have been very undesirable. StateWide are still currently collecting these items but not as regularly as in the past. The demand for recycled clothing has all but ceased. There is no money to support the infrastructure of collection of old textiles. The price of recycled clothes compared to new clothes produced in China and now Africa, now costs more. This has made it difficult for companies like StateWide. Thus, the current stack of white bags that are waiting to be picked up.

Books [novels only] are very much in demand and sell quickly. Something to consider should the need to downsize your collection of reading matter. Items that are not good sellers are children's hard plastic toys and books.

The Op-shop continues to support Debbie, the young mother and her autistic son, Daniel, with clothing and bedding at reduced cost. We also support Latitude Youth Centre in Summers Parade with sleeping, bags, pillows, backpacks and other suitable items for the homeless youth in the community when these become available. Should anyone have these items that are no longer in use they may be brought to the Op-shop or taken directly to Latitude. They will be well received.

Currently the Op-shop is well staffed with volunteers, however due to the various viruses that are around more volunteers to fill in as emergencies would be helpful, especially on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We are staffed with volunteers from St. Mary's, Uniting Church, Holy Trinity, St Clements and St Eanswythe, and from the local community of Altona and Laverton. Many thanks to all the wonderful volunteers for their ongoing support and commitment to the Op-Shop and making it a most welcoming place to shop and chat. Many thanks to all for donations and for shopping at the Op-Shop. There is no other Shop to compare with the St Eanswythe's Op-Shop.

#### **Zoya Davies**

## St. Eanswythe's Sunday School Report for 2023 – 2024

We have enjoyed working in our ministry to the children of our parish family, meeting each Sunday of the year except during the end of year school term break. The number of children attending average between 4 and 7 at times.

We work with children from pre-school to junior secondary age and have experienced many pleasant and happy lessons. Our teachers work hard in catering for the individual needs required and are rewarded with responsive and positive results. We are supported by parents at times, a much-appreciated contribution.

Our teaching materials connect well, mostly, with the liturgical readings of the day, and at times developing similar themes centred on Christian love and practice. The Sunday School efforts are presented at the conclusion of our Sunday Service where children present a poster or card supported by a story or a musical presentation reflecting their efforts. We thank Rev. Kerry for his support and encouragement and participation in presenting these efforts and to a supportive congregation.

Our teachers supervise and present the lesson planned for the day, in a child – safe environment in committing ourselves to a ministry we love. We remain hopeful that our efforts will encourage growth in this area.

Our underlying theme – expressing God's love through Jesus is put to practice in our outreach to the disadvantaged, this year raised \$1,730.00 directed to Tear Fund Australia through Tear Fund's Useful Gifts in supporting their program, many thanks to Phillis Gregson for her efforts in co-ordinating this effort.

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, Constance Chung, 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 2023 – 2024

Sunday school at St Clements resumed in mid-winter at the 8:30am service. This was due to young families attending the service (currently three (3). Lily, Sandra and Louise wanted to support the families by providing the topic and activities each week based on the weekly readings. When the families were asked if they would like this, they seemed very grateful. The topics and activities are sourced from Sermon4kids, which has been used in previous years for Sunday school sessions.

Louise prepares the Sunday school topic, activities and resources. They are emailed to Sandra and Lily, who have hard copies ready in the Sunday school room for the start of the 8:30am Service. Currently there is no Sunday school teacher at the 8:30am service. This has not hindered Sunday school. Through teamwork and technology, the parents lead the Sunday school sessions using the resources that have been prepared for them. This system seems to be working well.

St Clements Sunday school would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a wonderful and prosperous 2025.

May God bless you, keep you safe and be with you always.

#### **Louise Mattey**

(on behalf of Clementines Sunday School)

## Tiddlers Playgroup Report for 2023 - 2024

We have enjoyed another year of fun and friendship.

After a gentle start to the year our numbers have grown. We have 15 families on our books (2 new baby siblings arriving this month).

We have another 12 on our waiting list. We average 12 children each session. It is wonderful to watch the children grow more confident and the friendship and support among our mothers, grandmothers, one great grandmother and our team

We concluded last year with a picnic and BBQ at Apex Park – always very enjoyable and made more so by our special visitor Santa – thankyou to Barry Hanson for his generosity in time and care. Thankyou to Denis Lee for manning the BBQ.

The children enjoy a relaxing atmosphere, basically free play with shared morning tea of fruit and water – often with the addition of a birthday celebration complete with cake and candles.

Painting, playdough and the sandpit are favourites and it is lovely to watch the children in the home corner with "cooking" and dress ups – we had a little boy in princess dress and a superman cape this week.

We finish the sessions with a wonderful music session that the children take an active part in.

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

I am so grateful to our wonderful team that create the warm caring group of Tiddlers Playgroup.

Many thanks to Pat Bains, Jill Stewart, Lyn McDonald and Xiou Yang, especially for the friendship we share.

Jan Lee

Coordinator

## Clementines Playgroup Report for 2023 - 2024

We have a regular group of families attending Clementines play group. Most of whom have been with us since February 2021. Throughout the year, we have welcomed new families and said goodbye to some of our regulars. Enquiries from new families to join Clementines continue. We currently have seventeen (17) children, whose ages 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 to families they contact Tiddlers. We currently do not have a waiting list.

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

The children seem to know the words to our thank you prayer 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, parents and children help pack up the resources so the session can continue with song and dance, followed by a story. The session ends with a parachute gently waved up and down to the music of Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star. When the parachute is opened, it is beautiful to see the excitement from the children, as they either lie under it or help wave it up and down. The session ends with our 'goodbye' action song.

Thank you to Lily, Sandra, Carol and Jill for all the ongoing support you have given to playgroup over the years to help Clementines run smoothly. Thank you to Chris for organising and running the music during the sessions. Thank you to our dedicated families for all your support and making Clementines a special place.

Clementines playgroup leaders wish all our playgroup families and congregation at St Clements and St Enswathe a very happy Christmas and prosperous 2025.

#### **Louise Mattey**

(On behalf of Clementines Playgroup)

## Mothers' Union President's Report for 2023 – 2024

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

At our AGM in October, the following committee was elected. Lyn is secretary, Jan Lee is treasurer, Pat Baines is vice president, Beryl is Link secretary (who else could write such beautiful letters) and Ros is 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 32 bags. This year we are aiming to contribute at least 35.

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 2024. We did this with hope and confidence that everything would work out fine.

We started the year with a meeting in February, where we conducted the induction service for the executive committees of both Mother's Union and Caritas.

On March the 1st, 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 Catholic Church. 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.

As happened last year, we decided to once again 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 23rd. Our guest speaker was Bev Moss, who gave us a very informative talk and presentation about the art collection of the late Queen Mother. This was interesting, educational, entertaining, amusing and captivating all rolled up together.

In closing, I thank Lyn, Jan, Pat, 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 2024 1st October 2023 to 30th September 2024

Balance Brought Forward	\$2081.07		
Credits		Debits	
Subscriptions x 24	\$1080.00	Subscriptions x 24	\$1080.00
Special effort	\$359.20	Affiliation fee	\$30.00
Tubes	\$38.20	Petty Cash	\$140.00
Donations	\$329.05	Cards, etc	\$268.00
Cards, etc	\$190.00	Donation to Head Office	\$2000.00
Fundraiser	\$720.00		
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		Balance in Bank	\$1279.52
			\$4797.52
		Balance Carried Forward	\$1279.52

Jan Lee Treasurer

#### Caritas Report for 2023 – 2024

October 2023 – A changing of the Guard, so to speak Susan Maddox is now Secretary, Joan Meiers and Alta McAnda remain the Leader and Treasurer. Respectively Anita McAnda witnessed the vote and officiated. The last minutes were read by Zoya Davies, outgoing Secretary.

\* Treasurer's report by Alta McAnda \$148.75 balance in bank, passed by Joyce Bayley.

Susan thanked Zoya for her 19 years of service as Secretary.

November – Planning for Xmas meeting. Father Dave Thompson is willing to take the service and join us for the celebration.

December – The Carol service and readings were well attended as was the Supper afterward. It was a pleasant evening and great to catch up with friends we hadn't seen in a while.

No meeting in January 2024.

February – Meeting was held at St Eanswythe's and planning the program was discussed. This coincided with Pancake Day (Shrove Tuesday) which some members attended.

March – Holiday photos were passes around with explanations and stories plus a good giggle along with reminiscences. It was agreed that a card be sent to Pauline Pelns, wishing here all the best as she now finds the travel difficult from her new home in Wyndham.

April – Unfortunately Kaylene was unavailable for the talk on Skin Care so the meeting was informal, but we caught up on each other's news and enjoyed a cuppa together.

May – Donna Campisi attended representing Cottage By The Sea in Queenscliff. She gave an informative talk illustrated by laptop photos and official brochures on their work. It was decided to support them over the next year or so by collecting useful items such as toiletries, clothes and small presents; as the children who do attend often arrive with nothing. They take these items home in a Cottage Gift Bag.

June – Baby photos of ourselves. More laughter and stories remembered from our childhood.

July – Vaoa Davis, Rev'd Kerry's wife addressed us on her Christian journey up until now, after arriving from NZ. The hall was full on this occasion and it was lovely to welcome her and Rev'd Kerry Davis who also attended afternoon tea. Afterwards gave us and Mothers Union members a chance to mingle.

August – Dinner out as a group. This years was enjoyed at Forestta, formerly known as Crème. This gathering was well attended.

September – Birthday Meeting. The group has been in existence for 61 years and was formerly known as Young Wives. A changing cohort has made MU now call the group Caritas as in Outreach. It was great to welcome Vaoa Davis and Janice Shields to our number.

October 8 – AGM Rev'd Kerry Davis officiated, and pronounced all positions vacant.

Leader – Anna Watts was nominated by Vaoa Davis. Seconded by Sandra Hansen. A motion was carried that the leader's position by shared for a year which was agreed by Joan and Anna.

Treasurer – Sandra Hansen nominated Alta McAnda to continue in the post. Seconded by Jeanette McGrath, passed unanimously.

Secretary – Zoya Davies nominated Susan Maddox. Seconded by Sandra Hansen. Passed by member in attendance.

Outreach – Joyce Bayley was absent, but was agreed by all attendees that she continue in this post if willing.

Meeting closed. Minutes by Susan Maddox 8 October 2024.

Susan Maddox Caritas Secretary

#### ST EANSWYTHE'S CARITAS GROUP

## **Treasurer's Annual report**

## Caritas annual report 30 September 2024

		\$
Balance brought forward 30.09.2023		116.40
Income:	\$	
Caritas membership fees	570.00	
Meeting donations	119.35	<u>689.35</u>
Total Income		805.75
Expenses:		
Caritas membership Fees to MU	570.00	
MU affiliation fee	30.00	
Gifts (Speaker)	20.00	
Stationery	37.00	<u>657.00</u>
Balance carried forward as of 30.09.2024		<u>148.75</u>

## **END OF REPORT**

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