



ANGLICAN PARISH OF ALTONA/LAVERTON

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

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Vicar: The Rev'd Kerry Davis

2025 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AGENDA

11am, Sunday 9 November 2025
St Clement's Anglican Church Altona

Chair: The Rev'd Kerry Davis, Vicar

Enrolled members present:

Also in attendance:

Apologies:

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 ✠ serving others ✠ nurturing a common life*

2024 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MINUTES

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

Chair: The Rev'd Kerry Davis, Vicar

Enrolled members present (50 in total):

Tim Archer, Pat Baines, Joyce Bayley, Gary Beadell, , Beryl Brown, Joy Carlsson, James Chiarezza, Constance Chung, Elizabeth Croft, Zoya Davies, Heather Francis, Michael Francis, Denise Geering, William Green, Phillis Gregson, Heinz Greilach, Judith Greilach, Lily Griffin, Robert Griffin, Jane Hallett, Richard Hallett, Sandra Hansen, Lavinia Hanson, Vanessa Hodges, James Hudson, Jan Hudson, Frances von Kalm, Gloria Keetse, Denis Lee, Jan Lee, Susan Maddox, Dean Mason, Louise Matthey, Alta McAnda, Anita McAnda, Anton McAnda, Fred McAnda, Lyn McDonald, Sarah Meeson, Joan Meiers, Kath Millichip, Ray Nicholas, Scott Pitcher, Wilma Porter, Eddie Said, Eleanor Saunders, Bryan Stapleton, Ting Wang, Anna Watts, Xiao Yang

Also in attendance: Miroslav Brestovac, Christine Croft, Grace Croft, Vaoa Davis, Peter Forni, Sandy Hollenberg.

1. Opening Prayer – Rev'd Kerry led us in prayer.
2. Apologies received: Elizabeth Ahuriri, Andrew Croft, Christopher Hansen, Alan Henshall, Rosemary Henshall, Edith Makotore, Eva Matheou, Jill Stewart, Soon Ghee Yap.
Moved: Gary Beadell
Seconded: Anna Watts
3. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting – accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.
Moved: Bryan Stapleton
Seconded: Michael Francis
4. Parish Electoral Roll – accepted
Moved: Tim Archer
Seconded: Richard Hallett
5. Vicar's Annual Report – Rev'd Kerry presented his report and it was gratefully received.
Moved: Rev'd Kerry
Seconded: Jan Hudson
6. Parish Council Report – tabled and accepted
Moved: Dean Mason
Seconded: Zoya Davies
7. Wardens' Report – tabled and accepted
Moved: Lily Griffin
Seconded: Sandra Hansen
8. Financial Report – tabled and accepted
Moved: Gary Beadell
Seconded: Scott Pitcher

9. Budget – tabled and accepted

Moved: Gary Beadell

Seconded: Anna Watts

10. Parish Group Reports – reports tabled and accepted from:

- Te Wairua Tapu Ki Poipiripi, by Donita Dennis
- Wardens Report, by Denis Lee
- Planned Giving Report, by Anita McAnda.
Special recognition was given, and gratitude expressed, to Pat Baines for now finishing her many years of dedicated service managing our Planned Giving Program.
- Op Shop Report, by Zoya Davies
- Sunday School at St Eanswythe's, by Fred McAnda with special thanks to all who assist in that ministry.
- Sunday School at St Clement's, by Louise Matthey, with special thanks to all who assist in that ministry.
- Tiddlers Playgroup, by Jan Lee.
- Clementines Playgroup, by Louise Matthey.
- Mothers Union, by Sandra Hansen.
- Caritas, by Susan Maddox

Moved: Denis Lee

Seconded: Lily Griffin

11. Election of Auditor

The meeting accepted Gary's recommendation for the appointment of Michael Kiernan & Associates. MKA audited the accounts for at least the past three years.

Moved: Gary Beadell

Seconded: Pat Baines

12. Election of Parish Nominations Committee (PNC) for 2024-2025

Nominations received, and accepted without contest: Anita McAnda, Scott Pitcher and Anna Watts

Moved: Fred McAnda

Seconded: Heinz Greilach

13. Election of Churchwardens and members of Parish Council

Nominations received, and accepted without contest, for Wardens: Denis Lee, Scott Pitcher and Anna Watts

Moved: Lily Griffin

Seconded: Judy Greilach

Nominations received, and accepted without contest, for Parish Councillors: Richard Hallett, Sandra Hansen, Dean Mason, Anita McAnda, Fred McAnda, Ting Wang and Soon Ghee Yap

Moved: Sarah Meeson

Seconded: Anton McAnda

14. Other Business

- A clarifying question was asked regarding the Parish Council Secretary and Treasurer positions; people will be appointed to these positions at the first meeting of the new Parish Council.
- Judith Greilach requested phone numbers be made available for Wardens or others involved in arranging working bee: Vicar to take on notice.
- Fred McAnda conveyed much gratitude from Salvation Army for our weekly food offerings that contribute to their work in supporting people in need.

15. Grace

16. The meeting was closed at 11.51am, moved by Rev'd Kerry, seconded by Zoya Davies.

Vicar's Annual Report 2024 – 2025

I firstly acknowledge that we meet on the traditional country of the people of the Kulin nation. Our parish has a long history of recognising and honouring the indigenous custodians of this land over many generations, and we offer our respects to their elders past and present. As a people of faith, we remain committed to the path of reconciliation, justice and healing.

2. I recall with thanks for those from our parish who have enriched our lives over many years and have been called by our Lord to their reward in this past year. In loving remembrance, we recall John Ozanne, Kay Goodman, Denise Geering, Avis Swanston, Frank Archer, Eddie Barrow and Doris Zimsen. May their lives and contribution to our parish remain an everlasting example to us. Rest peacefully dear brothers and sisters in God's eternal care.

3. Continuing our tradition of remembering those from our parish who no longer journey with us in this life, we honour their memory and the example they left behind. During the year, we were entrusted with the interment of the ashes of Anthony Sell and Kay and Aaron Goodman in the St Eanswythe's memorial garden.

4. During the year we also farewelled those who moved from the parish. Louse and Colin Matthey relocated to Perth to be closer to family, while Constance Chung and Will Green and their children now worship with an Anglican church in Werribee.

5. At the heart of parish life and why we come together as a people of faith, is to give God praise and worship and serve him in community. Each Sunday our services have continued to draw us closer together reminding us that people who pray together, stay together. I am uplifted each Sunday that our services continue to draw in the faithful as well as new faces who are visiting or those looking for a place of worship to call home. It was pleasing to hold a Newcomers welcome and morning tea earlier in the year. Some of these new faces have remained with us increasing our numbers and serve in different ways adding to the rich contribution each individual makes to our parish.

6. On any Sunday we typically have 100-120 people in attendance across our four services. It is encouraging to come to services knowing that a good number of our people will be present and there is a friendly welcoming greeting extended to those who come through our doors. Although the 8:30am service at St Clement's means an earlier start for some, nonetheless there is normally good consistent attendance. Likewise, the 5pm service with its informal style, contemporary music and shared meal, continues to be well attended. The 10:30am service at St Eanswythe's maintains good numbers as does the 1:00pm Māori Service. Overall, this reflects our churches being well utilised on Sundays but there is certainly potential for us to have more people coming through our doors to know the transformative love that Christ offers.

7. Our midweek Holy Communion and Morning Prayer services help to maintain the rhythm of church life as the place we gather to pray and support one another. Organised worship occurs because we have people who are willing to serve and consistently put themselves forward to lead.

8. I am grateful to Lyn McDonald, Heather Francis and Gary Beadell for their thoughtful preparation of hymns and music to complement the theological theme of the day. It has been enjoyable to have Emmanuel Assiamma and Naw Halar assisting on violin adding a further dimension to our music. Added to them is Leo Wang who backs up when Gary is away, and Andrew and James Croft whose

resounding voices help direct the singing at 5pm. We are blessed to have Fred McAnda overseeing the sacristy and worship roster at St Eanswythe's and Sandra Hanson and Richard Hallett preparing the worship rosters at St Clement's and for everyone who serves across the range of tasks in our churches.

9. Te Wairua Tapu ki Pōipiripi, the Māori Congregation of our parish, led by the Rev'd Danny McRoberts, continues to be a focus of ministry and source of support for the Māori community. Each Sunday, this service and the fellowship that follows brings together Māori from across Melbourne who find spiritual connection and a deep sense of belonging in worshipping together. The vibrant singing led by Chico Akatapurua is a much-loved part of the worship experience. This ministry reflects the Diocese's ongoing commitment to supporting multicultural ministry within the Body of Christ.

10. Following an inquiry from the Diocese the parish agreed to the placement of Reverend Johnwerni Maryoe as Assistant Curate for two years. This aligns with our parish's long-standing tradition of supporting the diocese by fostering the development of new clergy. Johnwerni, Bless and their family have settled well into the life of the parish. He is regularly leading services and gaining experience preaching and presiding and undertaking pastoral ministry at retirement and aged-care homes, as well as participation in Parish Council and the full range of parish activities. The Sacristy has been reorganised to provide him with a suitable workspace. Their two older children are active participants of the Sunday School programme and Johnwerni is also a competent guitarist helping to support the music at the 5pm service. The clergy house at 81 Powlett St is their home which was redecorated ahead of their arrival.

11. We are pleased to have welcomed ordinand Frances Lar Kabaw, currently studying for his Bachelor of Theology at Trinity College. Francis has joined our parish for a six-month placement participating in our services and ministry opportunities to gain experience of church life in another parish setting. On his pathway to ordination, we are pleased that he is supported by his wife Naw, who contributes to the music at our services playing the violin. Their daughter Elizabeth attends our Sunday School.

12. A reality of life is that a number of our congregation have required additional support that can no longer be provided at home. This has meant transitioning to aged care. We remain committed to serving them either through in-home pastoral visits or as part of our regular services of Holy Communion at St George's and Estia and more recently at Port Phillip Village. Extending God's connection into residential homes has long been part of our parish's ministry.

13. The Williamstown Deanery has remained a valuable forum to meet with other clergy and lay representatives for support and the sharing of resources and ideas in this western part of Melbourne. Through these gatherings, we discuss a range of important issues that shape the life and mission of our parishes including provision of safe ministry training, discussions on parish growth, clergy development, pastoral care, recognition of First Nations peoples and the stewardship of church property. The Deanery reminds us that we are not isolated, but part of a wider body of Christ that supports and strengthens one another.

14. Following the retirement of Archbishop Philip Freier in February, Denis Lee, Sandra Hansen, Anna Watts, and I had the privilege of representing our parish at the Electoral Synod to appoint the next Archbishop of Melbourne. We were thankful that the election process was conducted without being lengthy or divisive. Bishop Ric Thorpe from the United Kingdom was elected and we look forward to his leadership commencing in late-November.

15. This year, our parish continued to honour its commitment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples by contributing funds to the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Leadership Fund, Anglicare's Buldau Yioohgen Big Dreams Program, and the Anglican Diocese of Gippsland – Aboriginal Ministry Appeal. These contributions were made from funds previously allocated under the Aboriginal Acknowledgement provision in our budget. Looking ahead, we remain committed to making an annual contribution in recognition of our ongoing partnership and respect, while being mindful of the financial pressures on our parish budget.

16. Symbols speak powerfully and remind us of who we are and tell others what we value. During the year the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags replaced the RSL Auxiliary flags flanking the Australian flag on the west wall of St Eanswythe's. This flag combination is seen at national civic and public institutions, on infrastructure and at major venues reflecting the reality of our shared national identity. For our parish to mirror that same reality within our worship space, is to say that our faith does not sit apart from the community in which we live.

17. Safe Ministry Training is necessary to ensure that all clergy, staff, and volunteers uphold the highest standards of care especially when ministering to children and vulnerable people. It's a central part of the Diocese's commitment to creating safe and accountable church communities. Throughout the year, regular training sessions have been offered, and I'm heartened by the strong response from those in positions of responsibility. Your participation helps ensure that we remain informed, vigilant, and faithful in our conduct. My sincere thanks to Richard Hallett, who has so ably coordinated this training and served as our liaison with the Diocese.

18. Our parish has a valued tradition of celebrating the Patronal Days at both worship centres, alongside the Annual Parish Meeting. This year, we held a combined service on Palm Sunday, marking the beginning of Holy Week. Looking ahead, we will now hold four combined services each year, not including those that occur during the December–January holiday period. These will take place on Palm Sunday, St Eanswythe's Day, Annual Parish Meeting and St Clement's Day. Combined services are a wonderful way for us to come together in worship and fellowship as a community of faith.

19. The Clergy House was recently redecorated and maintained in preparation for the arrival of the Assistant Curate. In line with diocesan requirements, all residential properties—whether rented or provided to clergy—must now meet the standards set out in the Residential Tenancies Act. This means our two parish residences must be maintained to external regulatory standards. While this expectation is understandable, the cost of compliance will require additional funding over the coming years. On top of this, a new compliance regime for all church properties has been introduced, placing further pressure on our budget. As a result, we are having to plan carefully—particularly around property maintenance and associated costs—as we continue to steward our resources responsibly.

20. Regular upkeep of our church properties is important to keep them in presentable condition. With consistent maintenance they looked cared for and reflect a people who take responsibility for the assets entrusted to them by previous parishioners who have gone before us. The Fix and Fellowship monthly gatherings on a Saturday morning has resulted in regular maintenance tasks being attended to and has contributed to the positive sense of community.

21. This year's Lenten Bible Study, held over six weeks in March and April, was a rich and engaging time of reflection and learning. The series concluded with a shared meal during Holy Week, inspired by the seder meal that Jesus and his disciples would have shared. Following this, we continued with the

Enriching Our Faith series to support our ongoing growth in faith and understanding. Facilitated by Richard Hallett, the sessions covered themes that deepen our relationship with God and strengthen faith. I am grateful for the thoughtful participation in both series and encouraged by how these gatherings continue to nourish our faith.

22. The St Peter's South Sudanese congregation had been worshipping at St Clement's Church since early 2024. As a large and growing congregation, they required a venue that could better meet their present and future needs. Working in partnership with the Diocese, they have now secured a new home at St Alban the Martyr, where the worship space and facilities are a better fit for their ministry. We were grateful to accept the invitation to attend their first service in the new location—a joyful occasion of praise and thanksgiving. Although they no longer worship within our parish, we continue to uphold them in our prayers and give thanks for the fellowship we have shared.

23. A number of us were pleased to attend the Commissioning of former Vicar, the Rev'd Chris Lancaster, who has been appointed Vicar of the Anglican Parish of St Silas & St Anselm, Albert Park. The service was well attended and reflected the breadth of Chris's ministry, with representation from many people and parishes he has served over the years.

24. St Eanswythe's played a unique role this year as a location for film production, with companies drawn to Altona's seaside location. During the filming of the Hollywood movie Mongoose, our church carpark, hall, and meeting room were used as a base by the production crew. Later in the year, filming for The Granite TV mini-series took place over the course of a week. This was a major undertaking, with both the church and hall transformed into the fictional setting of the Anglican Parish of Port McKenna for key scenes. We are grateful for the respectful and professional manner in which both film crews used our spaces, and for the fees received, which was welcome revenue that has supported our parish budget.

25. Our planned giving programme this year was successfully supported, and I am grateful to Anita McAnda and Pat Baines and the Wardens for their work in bringing this annual effort together. There was a good uptake and response all of which helps our parish's financial position. Giving by our parishioners is the financial lifeblood of our church and means that we are able to meet our financial commitments and mission objectives.

26. The Op Shop remains one of our most vital ministries, offering a direct connection with the wider community. This year, revenue was 23% below budget, reflecting several factors, including reduced spending capacity among some shoppers, increased competition from similar retailers, and changed shopping habits. To address this, we will soon introduce an EFTPOS terminal, making electronic payment available for the first time. With many customers now carrying little or no cash this convenience should help improve sales. It's important that Op Shop revenue strengthens as it provides the primary funding for the mission initiatives our parish supports. Every purchase contributes to the work we do together in service and outreach.

27. Our Mother's Union and Caritas Groups have continued to meet and support various ministries initiatives this year. This year marks the final year of Joan Meiers Chairmanship of Caritas a role she has held for more than 20 years. We give thanks for Joan's leadership look forward to her continued participation in Caritas events.

28. Our relationship with the Altona Council of Churches remains strong through our participation in the Carols in the Park community Christmas event and the Good Friday Walk of Witness gathering at Cherry Lake and support of the World Day of Prayer meeting held annually.

29. The lifeblood of our parish are our many volunteers. Without their time, energy, and faithfulness, we could not sustain the ministries and mission efforts that form the heart of our parish life. I am very grateful for the many volunteers who serve in our community—intercessors, readers, subdeacons, musicians, children’s group leaders, sacristans, Op Shop volunteers, and many others. Your dedication allows our parish to flourish, and I am deeply grateful for their service. Quite simply, our ministry would not be possible without you.

30. Parish Council has endorsed a deficit budget of -\$3,311.00 for FY2026. This budget has been prepared mindful of the projected income set against the expected expenses we will face. More could easily be spent particularly on property maintenance but that would seriously erode the buffer we have for emergencies. In the year ahead we will need to identify other sources of revenue such as parish fundraising activities in order to supplement our income. This highlights the need for careful financial management throughout the year.

31. I am very grateful for the contribution of the Wardens – Anna Watts, Scott Pitcher and Denis Lee. I particularly wish to acknowledge with thanks Scott Pitcher for his faithful service on Parish Council, who after serving for the past six years, is stepping aside.

32. The parish is well served by Dean Mason, Secretary, and Ting Wang, Treasurer, who have ensured that our financial situation is clear and Parish Council reporting is timely and consistent.

33. Our Parish Administrator, Edita Abram, is multi-skilled and very efficient and we are so fortunate that she is part of our parish.

34. I am deeply thankful for the commitment of our Ministry Leaders throughout the year and for their careful preparation of reports. Above all, I am grateful for the engagement and support of every parishioner who contributes to the life and mission of our parish.

Thank you all for your love, your faith, and your service. May we continue to walk together as God’s people, sharing the love with which He first loved us.

Grace and peace!

Kerry Davis

Vicar

Assistant Curate Report February – October 2025

First and foremost, I want to thank God for His calling into ministry and for enabling me to serve and be equipped in the Anglican Parish of Altona/Laverton. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to grow in ministry and develop my skills in this supportive parish environment, funded by the Diocese and the parish. Second, I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to the Vicar, Rev. Kerry, for his willingness to train me, guide me in developing ministry skills and personal spiritual growth, and for trusting me with various ministry responsibilities. I also want to express my heartfelt thanks to the wardens, parish committees, and all the parishioners. Your warm welcome, genuine care, and unwavering support have made my time here (also to my family) truly meaningful. I am deeply grateful for the kindness, encouragement, and sense of community you have shown me, which have strengthened both my ministry and personal journey of faith.

My regular meetings and supervision with Rev. Kerry have been a great blessing and of immense benefit to me. I have received constructive feedback in areas where I need to grow and have been provided with additional guidance and resources to support my development. He has also walked alongside me in identifying some of the gifts and potential that God has given me, encouraging me throughout this journey of learning, growth, and equipping for ministry. This mentorship has been invaluable in helping me recognise opportunities for growth and in equipping me to serve more effectively within the parish.

This reporting period has been a significant time of personal and ministerial growth for me, particularly as I come from a completely different cultural and life background. Throughout this time, I have gained confidence in liturgical leadership, preaching, and exercising pastoral presence within the parish community. I have been involved in various aspects of parish ministry, including liturgical leadership, pastoral care within both the parish and aged care settings, and ongoing professional formation. Regularly preaching, presiding at services, and leading multiple weekly worship services across the parish's worship centres and aged care facilities has provided me with valuable opportunities to develop my skills. These experiences have strengthened my confidence and ability to facilitate meaningful worship while maintaining a pastoral presence across diverse contexts.

Liturgical ministry has been central to my role. I have preached fortnightly at Sunday services and presided fortnightly at the Eucharist. I have led Tuesday Morning Prayer and midweek Communion services, including Wednesdays at St. Clement and Thursdays at St. Eanswythe. I have also conducted services in aged care, including twice-monthly services at St. George Aged Care and a monthly service at Estia Aged Care. These experiences have deepened my understanding of liturgy, enhanced my preaching skills, and enabled me to provide pastoral care through sacramental ministry.

In my pastoral ministry, I have focused primarily on visiting residents in aged care facilities and providing spiritual support to those who are vulnerable or isolated. I have conducted regular visits alongside Rev. Kerry to parishioners experiencing illness, frailty, and major life transitions. These encounters have helped me develop my pastoral listening skills, build relational trust, and appreciate the importance of consistent, compassionate presence in the lives of those I serve.

During the Vicar's break, I stepped into leadership and administrative responsibilities to ensure the continuity of parish operations and pastoral oversight. This experience allowed me to develop my decision-making and coordination skills while providing valuable insight into the operational demands

of a multi-centre parish. I am deeply grateful to Rev. Kerry for entrusting me with this opportunity to oversee the parish, and I also sincerely appreciate the support and encouragement I received from the parishioners during this time.

In addition to parish ministry, I have participated in six sessions of ministry supervision and coaching throughout the year, as well as six post-ordination professional development sessions and annual clergy conference. I have attended regular diocesan multicultural clergy gatherings and participated in monthly deanery clergy meetings that offered opportunities for shared learning, encouragement, and fellowship. These activities have been invaluable in supporting my reflective practice, reinforcing my ministerial identity, and equipping me for ongoing growth in ordained ministry.

I look forward to the next reporting period, including strengthening my preaching through structured feedback and deeper theological reflection, improving coordination and communication across parish ministry, and developing and strengthening relationships with newcomers and pastoral contacts. I also look forward to deepening my engagement with young families, children, and youth, seeking to create meaningful opportunities for them to participate in parish life, grow in their faith, and experience God's presence in community. I am profoundly grateful for the support, patience, and guidance I have received from both the parish and my supervising Vicar, which has nurtured not only my ministerial skills but also my spiritual growth. This placement continues to be a fertile and encouraging environment in which I am being shaped, challenged, and equipped to serve faithfully and effectively in God's mission.

Johnwerni Maryoe
Assistant Curate

St Eanswythe's Altona with St Clement's Laverton Parish Statistics 2024-2025

	St Eanswythe's	St Clement's	Te Wairua Tapu	TOTAL
Number of public services*	182	133	49	364
Number of public Sunday services*	50	87	47	184
Number of publicised services in residential care facilities	1	31	0	32
Total attendance*	3406	2813	1612	7831
Total Sunday attendance*	2369	2306	1369	6044
Average weekly attendance	56	68	27	151
Average Sunday attendance	44	46	26	116
Average weekly attendance at non-English services	0	0	0	0
Total Acts of Communion*	2917	2206	1222	6345
Total Sunday Acts of Communion*	2284	1785	1222	5291
Total other Acts of Communion	11	516	0	527
Number of Live streamed services	4	51	0	55
Total attendance at Christmas Day/Eve services	86	108	0	194
Total Acts of Communion at Christmas Day/Eve services	84	48	0	132
Total attendance at Easter Day/Eve services	70	68	39	177
Total Acts of Communion at Easter Day/Eve services	65	64	38	167
No. on Church Electoral Roll	57	49	16	122
No. of baptisms	0	1	0	1
No. of infant baptisms	0	1	0	1
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 the parish	5	0	0	5
No. of funerals conducted elsewhere	1	0	33	34
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	0	0	1
Total No. of persons in continuing home/small groups per week	5	0	0	5
Estimated no. of frequent attenders: pre-school	4	2	5	11
Estimated no. of frequent attenders: Primary School	3	5	10	18
Estimated no. of frequent attenders: Secondary School	1	4	5	10
Estimated no. of frequent attenders: Post Secondary (under 25)	1	4	1	6

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

Te Wairua Tapu Ki Poipiripi Annual Report for 2024 – 2025

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

In 2024-2025 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 – 2024/2025

1. A Quiet start to financial year, in Nov TWTKPP welcomed many new faces to our Church committee, bringing much knowledge from all walks of life, to replace some of our oldest and dearest members.
2. We are so thankful to Whaia Cindy Dennis who stepped down after 15 years of commitment as our dedicated founder and treasurer with TWTKPP and her dedication and involvement in setting up Māori Anglican services since as far back as 1984. Thank you for your hard work bringing TWTKPP & Māori Anglican to where we are today, the knowledge you have shared with us and that you continue to share will be remembered in the history of TWTKPP.
3. A well celebrated Xmas party in Dec 2024 for our Tamariki, Hana Koko appeared to surprise up to 40 Tamariki with presents thanks to the kind donations of Māori Tautoko Whanau and the amazing donations of Prisons & Melbourne assessment Center staff accompanied by an amazing Christmas lunch.
4. Another celebrated Hi Ti fundraiser in March again bringing us together with our fellow parishioners, a great day enjoying each other’s company, relaxing with great entertainment.
5. The Māori Community fellowship - Te Wairua Tapu Ki Poipiripi once again are thankful to St Eanswythe, St Clements, Rev Kerry and Parish council for the amazing support given to our Haahi and Rev Danny, we are blessed and so thankful to share our Māori service with them.

Victorian Māori Minister Representatives – Anglican Church

Father Danny continues his ministry and pastoral care in the Māori community 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.

We continue with a blessed steady growth in numbers attracting many Māori from all different walks of life, introducing the bass guitar to our choir has bought another spiritual lift to our worship, Amen. We have been continually blessed with a Sunday School teacher for our Tamariki, many thanks for an amazing year, Aunty Phylis.

May we remember the great inspirations of our Māori 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 29th October 2025

Parish Council Report for 2024 – 2025

The members of Parish Council this year:

Vicar: Rev. Kerry Davis

Curate: Rev. Johnwerni Maryoe

Churchwardens: Anna Watts, Denis Lee, Scott Pitcher

Parish Councillors: Richard Hallett, Sandra Hansen, Dean Mason (Secretary), Fred McAnda, Anita McAnda, Ting Wang (Treasurer), Soon Ghee Yap.

The Council met for eleven monthly meetings, usually on the second Wednesday evening of the month, in-person, alternating between the two Parish centres. These meetings are well attended and are conducted in a good spirit of respectful listening and deliberation. The outcomes of each meeting are reported in the minutes which are posted on the notice board in each centre usually one month after the meeting date.

On Saturday the 5th of April we held a planning day hosted at Holy Trinity Williamstown. This was a fruitful time of relaxed fellowship and considered attention to the current and emerging needs. We reviewed four main aspects of our parish: Worship & Spiritual Life; Serving & Outreach; Parish Life & Community, and; Resources, Property & Improvements. This resulted in appreciating the many things that are working well and identifying opportunities for new initiatives. Each attendee committed to contributing to particular areas that are being reported on in the minutes of subsequent Parish Council meetings.

A big thanks to Scott Pitcher who has reached his six-year limit and will be stepping down from Parish Council and his Warden duties at this APM. We are grateful for all the dedication, energy and skills that Scott has contributed to the parish over these past six years.

Parish Council seeks to make the parish environment one in which all ministries can thrive. We gratefully acknowledge the substantial support all volunteers contribute to parish life, in regular worship, liturgy, music, Sunday School activities, Op Shop, Aged Care visiting, Tiddlers and Clementines playgroups, Mothers Union, Caritas, and various other active groups in the parish. We welcome everyone's suggestions for further supporting the parish's operations and missionary efforts in the year to come.

Dean Mason on behalf of Parish Council

Parish Council Members Information

The following table list Parish Council Members over the last 6 years.

2024-25	2023-2024	2022-2023	2021-2022	2020-2021	2019-2020	2018-2019
A. McAnda (pn)	A. McAnda (pn)	-	A. McAnda	A. McAnda	A. McAnda	A. McAnda
A. Watts (w,pn)	-	A. Watts	A. Watts	A. Watts	A. Watts	
D. Mason (s)	D. Mason (s,pn)	D. Mason	-	D. Mason	D. Mason	D. Mason
D. Lee (vw)	D. Lee (w)	D. Lee	-	-	-	D. Lee
-	-	-	-	D. Dennis	D. Dennis	D. Dennis
-	-	-	-	E. Makotore	-	-
F. McAnda	F. McAnda	-	-	-	-	-
-	G. Beadell (t,pn)	G. Beadell	G. Beadell	-	-	-
-	-	-	G. King	G. King	G. King	G. King
-	-	-	-	-	-	G. Wood
-	-	-	-	-	J. Kumar	-
-	-	J. Chiarezza	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	J. Lee
-	L. Griffin (w,pn)	L. Griffin	L. Griffin	L. Griffin	L. Griffin	L. Griffin
-	-	-	-	-	-	R. Srinivasan
R. Hallett	R. Hallett	R. Hallett	-	-	-	-
S. Hansen	S. Hansen	S. Hansen	S. Hansen	-	S. Hansen	S. Hansen
S. Pitcher (w,pn)	S. Pitcher	S. Pitcher	S. Pitcher	S. Pitcher	S. Pitcher	-
S.G. Yap	S.G. Yap (vw)	S.G. Yap	S.G. Yap	-	-	-
-	-	-	T. Mpofu	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	T. Sinclair-Camilleri
T. Wang (t)	-	-	-	-	-	-

Legend:

pn = Parish Nominations Committee (also known as Incumbency Committee)

s= Parish Secretary

t = Parish Treasurer

w= Church Warden

vw = Vicar's Warden

Note:

Parish Council Handbook, Rule 13.2: Any layperson who has served six consecutive years on Parish Council must stand down for at least twelve months before being eligible for re-election or appointment. The required "sabbatical helps ensure fair rotation of leadership within the parish.

Churchwardens' Report for 2024 – 2025

Churchwardens' Report on the Chattels and Fabric of St Eanswythe's & St Clement's Church Buildings Together with the Vicarage and Clergy House.

1. Main Issues dealt with during the Year.

The main issues which have been addressed this year include, but are not limited to the following: -

A. Preparation works on the Clergy House prior to the arrival of our new Curate and his family.

This encompassed: -

- painting throughout.
- new carpets in the bedrooms and hallway.
- upgrade to the lighting (replacement of fluoro globes with LED's).
- electrical works.
- replacement of blinds (to be completed).
- repairs to kitchen bench.
- window cleaning.

Some of the above needed to be performed by approved Contractors but many items were completed by a few willing (and hardworking) parishioners.

B. An upgrade to the security system at St. Eanswythe's.

A new alarm system has been installed in the Sacristy. This was necessary following a break-in which resulted in the need to change the locks throughout the church complex.

2. Condition of St Eanswythe's Church; Lady Chapel; Sacristy; Hall & Meeting Room.

The structural quality of the church building is reasonably sound. The interior and exterior timber doors have been maintenance painted.

The carpet in the Sacristy was subjected to water damage (due to a leak) some time back. Following drying the carpet is now buckled.

There are a few major capital items which will hopefully be reviewed by the incoming Parish Council. These include the following:

- The interior walls of the main church need maintenance painting.
- Replacement of the Spouting on the South Wall of the Church.
- Replacement of Beams, Lattice and Poles in Northside Courtyard due to rot and repainting of same.
- Repair / Replacement of Front Outside Window Frames (due to dry rot).
- Garden area on South Face of Church (from the laneway between the Hall and Op-Shop, extending around to the Memorial Garden).
- New Carpet Tiles or Carpet in Sacristy.

- Review of Heating and Ventilation in the Church and Hall.
- Ongoing maintenance of the Pews (and repairs to the cushions).
- Beautification of the walls of the Hall.

3. Vicarage, Study & Office.

The vicarage is currently structurally sound, but location of Church Office adjacent to the Study is not ideal from a privacy perspective.

Following recent rains, water leaks have been noted in the Vicar's Office area (and in the Sacristy and Lady Chapel). The source of these is still under investigation.

Works Required:

- Remediation of Water Leaks in the Vicar's Office (and in the Sacristy and Lady Chapel).

4. St Eanswythe's Contents.

The contents of the church are basically in good order. The Church carpet appears to be standing up well to all the wearing and tear. Both the Church Organ and Piano are routinely serviced and hence in good condition.

5. St Eanswythe's Church Gardens.

Sections of our Church gardens suffer from the drought and from weed infestation. Areas allocated to various groups to care for have plus routine working-bees have shown much improvement. The work associated with maintaining the garden in an acceptable state is becoming very onerous. Care of our garden area is desirable to express an outwardly pleasant aspect to our Church.

Works required:

- The establishment of a water wise and maintenance friendly revamp of all our existing garden areas.
- Extension of the Concrete Block wall from the memorial garden area right around the corner and diagonally across to the south wall of the church and continue to the laneway between the hall and the op-shop.

6. St Eanswythe's Memorial Garden Area.

Our Memorial Garden area is very special and sacred. The work required to maintain the gardens is proving very demanding on the ever-diminishing able bodied resources we currently have available.

- Need to remove the middle Olive Tree at the front.

7. St Eanswythe's Lawns.

The lawns at St. Eanswythes need to be maintained either by a Contractor or via a team of volunteers (on a roster system).

8. St Clement's.

The following maintenance and improvement tasks were identified and addressed at St Clement's during the year:

- A significant water leak beneath the church's concrete slab was detected and repaired.
- The expired gas heater and its gas supply were safely removed.
- A roof leak was repaired; however, minor decorating work is still required to restore the affected wall.
- The electric piano malfunctioned and was successfully repaired.
- The organ received a full service.
- The NBN internet service was upgraded, and new Wi-Fi and Ethernet connections were installed.
- Ongoing Working Bees and Fix and Fellowship activities continue to help us stay on top of maintenance and other matters requiring attention.

9. Thanks.

The Wardens would like to express their sincere thanks to the many dedicated people who tender to the care and upkeep of our Church buildings and facilities.

Special mention is given to those who help out at Working Bees and Fix & Fellowship gatherings, to those who are always willing to lend a hand, and to the numerous other Volunteers who all help (often unnoticed) in so many ways. Without your loving dedication we could not keep our Church looking so welcoming.

Denis Lee, Anna Watts, Scott Pitcher
2025 Church Wardens

Treasurer's Report for 2024 – 2025

Annual Parish Meeting Parish Council 9 November 2025

Accounts as they stand at 30 September 2025.

You can see from the Balance Sheet the available funds in our accounts. This includes the CBA, Bendigo and ADF accounts: CBA - \$25,176.38. Bendigo – \$14,959.12. ADF - \$14,054.55 and \$2,470.76.

ADF Term deposit - \$30,809.47. The ADF term deposit lodged from last year has been reduced by \$20,000 to cover last year's deficit and ongoing cashflow requirements. This was without penalty and resulted a new interest rate of 3.85%.

Looking at the balance sheet, the church's total assets come to \$140,183.9 and with liabilities at \$7,023.05. Our net assets come to \$133,160.90

Our income from collections was \$148,360 which was as up from last year.

Op shop takings this year were, \$37,766.80, so and we acknowledge the work of the Op shop staff with grateful thanks and appreciation.

Our mission giving program was \$16,000 for this year. 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 expenses for this year's occupancy was \$75,059.91 – less than the budgeted amount of \$81,655.00.

There are also some Diocesan Assessment issues the amount at which, at the time of writing, make our ongoing financial obligation to the Diocese yet to be determined.

We had great delight in welcoming the new Curate Reverend Johnwerni and his family to the parish. This prompted us to redecorate the Clergy House, with painting, cleaning, blinds, new carpet and other enhancements.

Keeping our Parish Office in good order, Edita Abram, has been and continues to be a tower of support for many bookkeeping and administrative matters. Her pew sheets are works of art.

I would like to thank once again the help and support of Dean Mason.

Ting Wang
Treasurer

Budget 2025-2026

Anglican Parish of Altona/Laverton

Anglican Parish of Altona/Laverton			
Budget October 2025 - September 2026			
With Past Two Years' Actuals			
	2025-2026 Budget \$	2024-2025 Actual \$	2023-2024 Actual \$
INCOME			
Collections	160,800	148,360	136,055
Gifts & Donations	100	105	3,511
Interest	3,000	4,822	4,427
Ministry & Groups	7,000	7,670	3,508
Op-Shop	38,000	37,767	46,805
Rent (Car Park, Spanish Baptist Church Venue Hire)	15,500	55,335	27,622
Grants	44,800	27,450	
Reimbursement of Excess Assessment Payment	22,911		
Reserve Drawdown			13,113
Total Income	292,111	281,509	235,042*
LESS EXPENSES			
Aboriginal Acknowledgement	2,000	3,780	3,750
Administration	15,200	15,120	16,592
Diocesan Assessment	24,480	27,496	22,913
Ministry, Outreach & Ed.	3,500	3,462 ⁺	2,392
Mission Giving – Parish	15,000	16,260	16,000
Occupancy			
New Equipment	6,500		
Electricity	9,000	8,509	5,560
Equipment, Building, Grounds, Running		42,005	65,988
Gas	5,000	5,322	2,397
Refurbishment of Car Park Lights St Clement's	1,000		
Waste and Fire Levy	2,400	2,344	3,168
Water	5,000	5,441	4,316
Repairs and Maintenance - Equipment	4,000		
Repairs and Maintenance – Grounds	3,000		
Repairs and Maintenance – Running	7,000		
Electrical Upgrade, Bell, Vicarage Office Leak	6,500		
Op Shop	1,000	985	250
Property Insurance	12,000	11,438	11,916
Property Inspection Costs	8,200		
St Eanswythe's 100 Year Celebration	2,000		
Staff	156,000	142,743	101,198
Total Expenses	288,780	284,905*	256,440
OPERATING PROFIT	3,331	(3,396)*	(21,398)
<i>* Rounding</i>			
<i>+ Including Hospitality</i>			

Profit and Loss

St Eanswythe's Altona & St Clement's Laverton Anglican Churches For the year ended 30 September 2025

	2025	2025 OVERALL BUDGET
Income		
Collections		
Collections: ADF Electronic Giving	79,285.00	72,789.00
Collections: Envelopes - St Clement's	32,910.00	38,594.00
Collections: Envelopes - St Eanswythe's	25,710.55	22,607.00
Collections: Open Plate - St Clement's	6,152.25	6,774.00
Collections: Open Plate - St Eanswythe's	4,302.20	1,833.00
Total Collections	148,360.00	142,597.00
Gifts & Donations		
Gifts & Donations: Specified	105.00	-
Gifts & Donations: Specified:St E's Memorial Garde	-	3,511.00
Total Gifts & Donations	105.00	3,511.00
Interest		
Interest Income: ADF Interest	2,433.85	-
Interest Income: Bank Interest	64.77	4,649.00
Interest Income: CPF Interest	2,323.44	-
Total Interest	4,822.06	4,649.00
Ministry		
Ministry Income: Maori Community F'ship	3,000.00	1,800.00
Ministry Income: Other	-	687.00
Ministry Income: Pastoral Services	450.00	300.00
Ministry Income: Playgroup Clements	889.55	600.00
Ministry Income: Playgroup Eanswythe	720.00	700.00
Ministry Donation: Vicars Discretionary Fund	2,610.00	-
Total Ministry	7,669.55	4,087.00
Miscellaneous		
Grants: Diocese	27,450.00	24,000.00
Total Miscellaneous	27,450.00	24,000.00
Op Shop		
Op Shop	37,766.80	49,145.00
Total Op Shop	37,766.80	49,145.00
Rent		
Rental Income: Car Park	10,154.10	10,662.00
Rental Income: Clergy House	6,840.00	14,364.00
Rental Income: Spanish Baptist Church	983.40	2,625.00
Rental Income: St Clement's Venue Hire	1,185.00	378.00
Rental Income: St Eanswythe's Venue Hire	27,775.00	1,365.00

	2025	2025 OVERALL BUDGET
Rental Income: St Peter's Jienng Congregation	8,398.00	5,928.00
Total Rent	55,335.50	35,322.00
Total Income	281,508.91	263,311.00
Gross Profit	281,508.91	263,311.00
Less Operating Expenses		
Aboriginal Acknowledgement	3,780.00	3,750.00
Administration		
Admin: Stewardship	228.00	519.00
Admin: Bank Fees & Other Charges	69.07	22.00
Admin: Bookkeeping	3,160.00	6,888.00
Admin: Clearances and Compliance	-	135.00
Admin: Office Expenses	-	53.00
Admin: Printing, Stationery and Postage	4,954.80	4,514.00
Admin: Professional Fees	1,854.55	1,317.00
Admin: Software Expenses	713.10	702.00
Admin: Subscriptions	1,008.92	893.00
Admin: Website Costs	-	52.00
Phone/Internet		
Admin: Phone/Internet - St Clement's	1,646.49	401.00
Admin: Phone/Internet - Vicarage/Office	1,485.46	1,835.00
Total Phone/Internet	3,131.95	2,236.00
Total Administration	15,120.39	17,331.00
Diocesan Assessment		
Diocesan Assessment	27,496.00	27,913.00
Total Diocesan Assessment	27,496.00	27,913.00
Ministry, Outreach & Education		
Ministry, Outreach & Ed: Hospitality	432.10	8.00
Ministry, Outreach & Ed: Parish Activities	877.09	-
Ministry, Outreach & Ed: Pastoral Service Expenses	551.53	133.00
Ministry, Outreach & Ed: Playgroup St C's	-	737.00
Ministry, Outreach & Ed: Sacristy Exp	1,372.63	1,633.00
Ministry, Outreach & Ed: TMA Subscription	-	240.00
Ministry, Outreach & Ed: Anglican Calendars & Lectionaries	214.35	-
Total Ministry, Outreach & Education	3,447.70	2,751.00
Occupancy		
Property Insurance		
Property Insurance: Clergy House	99.83	71.00
Property Insurance: St Clement's	2,656.41	3,094.00
Property Insurance: St Eanswythe's	8,560.36	9,346.00
Property Insurance: Vicarage	121.27	-
Total Property Insurance	11,437.87	12,511.00

	2025	2025 OVERALL BUDGET
Repairs and Maintenance - Buildings		
Occ Repair/Maint Buildings: Clergy House	17,370.37	473.00
Occ Repair/Maint Buildings: St Clements	959.08	363.00
Occ Repair/Maint Buildings: St Eanswythe's	3,130.08	10,000.00
Occ Repair/Maint Buildings: Vicarage & Office	1,127.03	13,329.00
Total Repairs and Maintenance - Buildings	22,586.56	24,165.00
Repairs and Maintenance - Equipment		
Occ Repair/Maint Equipment: Clergy House	-	1,652.00
Occ Repair/Maint Equipment: St Clement's	2,153.00	2,874.00
Occ Repair/Maint Equipment: St Eanswythe's	1,501.07	5,932.00
Occ Repair/Maint Equipment: Vicarage & Office	1,683.14	-
Total Repairs and Maintenance - Equipment	5,337.21	10,458.00
Repairs and Maintenance - Grounds		
Occ Repair/Maint Grounds: St Clement's	3,167.18	2,420.00
Occ Repair/Maint Grounds: St Eanswythe's	1,379.69	2,025.00
Occ Repair/Maint Grounds: Vicarage	156.85	1,609.00
Total Repairs and Maintenance - Grounds	4,703.72	6,054.00
Repairs and Maintenance - Running		
Occ Repair/Maint Running: St Clement's	4,596.00	5,689.00
Occ Repair/Maint Running: St Eanswythe's	4,774.55	7,565.00
Occ Repair/Maint Running: Vicarage & Office	6.36	-
Total Repairs and Maintenance - Running	9,376.91	13,254.00
Utilities - Electricity		
Occ Utilities Electricity - St Clement's	2,953.27	2,203.00
Occ Utilities Electricity: Clergy House	95.60	-
Occ Utilities Electricity: St Eanswythe's	2,279.58	2,426.00
Occ Utilities Electricity: Vicarage & Office	3,180.94	1,209.00
Total Utilities - Electricity	8,509.39	5,838.00
Utilities - Gas		
Occ Utilities Gas: Clergy House	518.56	-
Occ Utilities Gas: St Clement's	657.41	582.00
Occ Utilities Gas: St Eanswythe's	1,676.61	1,935.00
Occ Utilities Gas: Vicarage & Office	2,469.77	-
Total Utilities - Gas	5,322.35	2,517.00
Utilities - Water		
Occ Utilities Water: Clergy House	2,645.50	736.00
Occ Utilities Water: St Clement's	641.90	642.00
Occ Utilities Water: St Eanswythe's	432.00	432.00
Occ Utilities Water: Vicarage & Office	1,722.00	1,722.00
Total Utilities - Water	5,441.40	3,532.00
Waste and Fire Levy		
Occ Waste & Fire Levy: Clergy House	419.15	632.00
Occ Waste & Fire Levy: St Clement's	910.40	1,150.00

	2025	2025 OVERALL BUDGET
Occ Waste & Fire Levy: St Eanswythe's	528.90	864.00
Occ Waste & Fire Levy: Vicarage & Office	486.05	680.00
Total Waste and Fire Levy	2,344.50	3,326.00
Total Occupancy	75,059.91	81,655.00
Op Shop		
Op Shop Expenses	984.81	263.00
Total Op Shop	984.81	263.00
Parish Mission Giving		
Mission Giving Exp: Parish Giving	16,260.00	16,000.00
Total Parish Mission Giving	16,260.00	16,000.00
Soup & Sandwiches		
Catering Expenses	13.95	-
Total Soup & Sandwiches	13.95	-
Staff		
Assistant		
Clergy Exps: Assistant Clergy	-	10,000.00
Clergy Exps: Assistant Curate Benefits	16,946.18	-
Clergy Exps: Assistant Curate LSL	295.47	-
Clergy Exps: Assistant Curate SS Super	2,121.21	-
Clergy Exps: Assistant Curate Stipend	8,138.13	-
Clergy Exps: Assistant Curate Super	3,181.83	-
Clergy Exps: Assistant Curate Vehicle Replacement	1,831.77	-
Clergy Exps: Assistant Curate Workcover	277.10	-
Total Assistant	32,791.69	10,000.00
Locum		
Clergy Exps: Locum Other	-	1,500.00
Clergy Exps: Assistant Clergy Super	-	238.00
Total Locum	-	1,738.00
Vicar		
Clergy Exps: Professional Development	1,145.36	1,700.00
Clergy Exps: Vicar Benefits	31,820.16	-
Clergy Exps: Vicar LSL	1,740.00	1,716.00
Clergy Exps: Vicar SS Super	6,600.60	-
Clergy Exps: Vicar Stipend	27,585.36	66,006.00
Clergy Exps: Vicar Superannuation	9,900.96	9,901.00
Clergy Exps: Vicar Vehicle Replacement	4,560.00	4,560.00
Clergy Exps: Vicar Vehicle Running Costs	691.65	900.00
Clergy Exps: Vicar Vehicle Standing Costs	2,445.84	2,200.00
Clergy Exps: WorkCover Expenses	1,165.53	1,200.00
Total Vicar	87,655.46	88,183.00
Admin		
Admin: Office Admin Workcover	522.89	-

	2025	2025 OVERALL BUDGET
Admin: Office Admin Super	2,207.89	1,680.00
Admin: Office Admin Salary	19,564.89	18,089.00
Total Admin	22,295.67	19,769.00
Total Staff	142,742.82	119,690.00
Total Less Operating Expenses	284,905.58	269,353.00
Operating Profit	(3,396.67)	(6,042.00)
Non-operating Income		
Misc Income: Reimbursements	143.28	-
Mission Giving		
Mission Giving: A.B.M.	40.00	-
Mission Giving: BCA Boxes	915.20	-
Mission Giving: Christmas Bowl/Act for Peace	450.00	-
Total Mission Giving	1,405.20	-
Total Non-operating Income	1,548.48	-
Non-operating Expenses		
Other Expenses		
EOY adjustment for 2022 St Clements Roof Repairs	2,556.44	-
Total Other Expenses	2,556.44	-
Total Non-operating Expenses	2,556.44	-
Net Profit	(4,404.63)	(6,042.00)

Balance Sheet

St Eanswythe's Altona & St Clement's Laverton Anglican Churches As at 30 September 2025

	30 SEPT 2025	30 SEPT 2024
Assets		
Bank		
Bendigo Bank - St E's & St C's	14,959.12	3,213.45
Comm Bank - St E's & St C's	25,176.38	14,120.85
Total Bank	40,135.50	17,334.30
Current Assets		
ADF489: Eanswythe's General	14,054.55	2,338.82
ADF621: Electronic Planned Giving	2,470.76	2,333.23
Petty Cash	150.00	150.00
Prepayments	1,545.30	1,545.30
Total Current Assets	18,220.61	6,367.35
Non-current Assets		
ADF437: Eanswythe's Term Deposit	30,809.47	50,599.17
AF: Blyth St Land Sale CPF	51,018.37	51,018.37
Total Non-current Assets	81,827.84	101,617.54
Total Assets	140,183.95	125,319.19
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Aboriginal Acknowledgement Reserve	-	8,550.00
Accounts Payable	4,798.95	(10.30)
Accrued Expenses	2,269.04	(2,556.44)
Corporate Card	(20.00)	(20.00)
GST	(1,165.99)	(1,800.65)
Lay Professional Development	929.68	929.68
Online Worship - Specified	1,000.00	1,000.00
Reserve - Assistant Curate costs	17,550.00	-
Rounding	(0.06)	(0.06)
Special Project Funds: Clements Mem Garden	1,186.51	1,186.51
Special Project Funds: Eanswythes Mem Garden	7,401.35	7,401.35
Suspense	211.43	211.43
Total Current Liabilities	34,160.91	14,891.52
Non-current Liabilities		
St Clement's Repairs and Maintenance (reserve)	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total Non-current Liabilities	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total Liabilities	35,160.91	15,891.52
Net Assets	105,023.04	109,427.67
Equity		
Current Year Earnings	(4,404.63)	(19,801.02)

Balance Sheet

	30 SEPT 2025	30 SEPT 2024
Opening Balance Equity	172,643.42	172,643.42
Retained Earnings	(121,962.14)	(102,161.12)
Revaluation of AF Assets	58,746.39	58,746.39
Total Equity	105,023.04	109,427.67

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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 2025.

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 2025.

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.

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 2025 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 2024 – 2025

During the 12 months relative to this report, we have completed the 2024/2025 program as at 31/5/2025 and commenced the current 2025/26 program.

Our giving achieved 94% of the total pledge figure for 2024/25.

A total of \$141,113.70 was received, \$75,205 through the Anglican Development Fund, and \$49,429 using the Bendigo Bank and collections during our church services.

A further \$ \$8,027.10 was received through the envelopes and \$8,452.60 through open plate giving.

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 itemised. The direct debit system through the diocese works very well.

Our new 2025/26 program promised \$150,800 in pledged giving over 52 weeks – an increase from the previous program of \$198 per week.

37 people from St. Eanswythes's and 28 people from St. Clement's, are involved in the current program. The average pledge is \$42.51 at St. Eanswythe's and \$47.39 at St. Clement's, broken down as follows:

Bracket	No. of pledges	Bracket	No. of pledges
\$0 - \$20	22	\$61 - \$80	3
\$21 - \$60	29	\$81 - \$120	11

28 people opted for direct debit with ADF, 24 parishioners indicated they would deposit directly into our Bendigo account, 11 use weekly envelopes, and 15 give through open plate.

Last, but certainly not least, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks and gratitude to Pat Baines, who continues to be the font of all knowledge on the history of the parish and whom graciously stepped in to complete the 2025/26 Planned Giving Program while I was away.

Please contact me if you have any question 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.

Anita McAnda

Recorder (Phone: 0438 260 374, email: amcanda@hotmail.com)

St. Eanswythe's Op Shop Report for 2024 – 2025

The Op-Shop on the whole is continuing to do well. It was thought that with the opening of the Salvation Army Thrift Shop that maybe there would be less coming in as donations. However donations have been constant and of very good quality with many items in new or nearly new condition. There are 4 tables of clothing. Men's, women's and children's. These sell from 3 for a dollar to 5 for a dollar and at times when there is an excess, 10 for a dollar. Clothing on racks start at \$1.00, \$2.00 and \$3.00 as well as from \$5.00 to \$20.00 plus. All manner of kitchen and glassware are good sellers and are constantly in demand. There is always a need of these items. No electrical goods. [new or otherwise] Books are great. [Novels only] Soft toys in clean condition sell well but not so hard plastic toys. Children's books are slow sellers. There is much more in store. Everyone loves bargains and other people's treasures.

We continue to support the young mum, with clothing and bedding for her Autistic adult son. Also items such as sleeping bags, pillows, blankets, towels and small tents and back packs are donated to Latitude, for the homeless youth. All items are of good and clean condition. This has been part of our outreach in the community for a number of years now. Also included are our pets. Old towels and baby blankets are all ways in demand.

The collections of goods that were destined for the State Wide Recycling Facility has now come to an end. These goods that are unsaleable will once again end up filling our rubbish bins and go to land fill. This not a good outcome. It would be wonderful if all donations came in clean and wearable condition. Op-Shops are the best recycling places. You bring in and take out. Bring in and take out.

The Parish Op-Shop is blessed with 22 wonderful volunteers. They are rostered monthly or weekly as they are able and come from St. Mary's Church, Uniting Church, St. Clements, St. Eanswythe and the community. We have welcomed a young University student, who was literally born into the op-shop.

It was brought to my attention that this years op-shop income is slightly less compared to past year. And well it maybe so. Many people can no longer afford to spend without cause. People are mindful these days as to what are their needs.

Many thanks to all my treasured volunteers for the support and help that I am given. Volunteers are priceless. Thanks also to all who donate and shop in the best Op-Shop. And if you haven't shopped in your Op-Shop then you are the poorer for it.

Zoya Davies

Working together to ensure that we can make our community safe for all who gather with us.

The **Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse** was established on January 11, 2013 in response to widespread reports of sexual and psychological abuse of children and vulnerable people in a wide range of organisations, including churches.

The Royal Commission released its final report on December 15, 2017. This five-year inquiry investigated how institutions responded to child sexual abuse and made 409 recommendations.

At its meeting in November 2012 the Standing Committee of General Synod of the Anglican Church in Australia established a Royal Commission Working Group to engage in the work of the Royal Commission.

This Group reported that every Anglican Church diocese in the country, bar one, had received complaints of child sexual abuse in the previous 35 years. The Anglican Church said at the time that it is ashamed that between 1980 and 2015 all but one of the twenty-three dioceses reporting at least one complaint. In that period there were 1,082 complaints of child sexual abuse, on average just under one per week.

The Royal Commission's work made it clear that, in addition to these figures, there are many victims of abuse who, for many reasons, found that they were unable or unwilling to report their experiences.

The Anglican Archbishop of Melbourne, Philip Freier, said at the time that he was shocked with his church's "failure to tackle child sexual abuse". "We're not trying to make any excuses for failures past or present," he said. "There's a profound appetite for change inside the Anglican church. We are deeply ashamed of the many ways in which we have let down survivors, both in the way we have acted and the way we have failed to act."

The work of the Royal Commission resulted in significant changes to the federal and state laws governing the activities of all organisations involved in working with children and vulnerable people. These laws prescribe what these organisations, including our church, must do to ensure that abuse does not occur and what must be done if any instances of abuse are reported.

These laws not only state what abusive behaviour must not happen. They also describe in considerable detail:

- * what information and training arrangements must be put in place to ensure that **all** members of the organisation are aware of their obligations regarding safety from abuse of children and of vulnerable members of the organisation - including their obligation to report any abuse without delay.
- * how **every** report of abuse is to be managed, including what record-keeping, investigation and reporting arrangements must be put in place to ensure that every report is dealt with properly

The Archdiocese of Melbourne has taken these requirements very seriously and has played a significant role in setting up an independent organisation - Kooyoora - to manage and coordinate responses to all reports of abuse completely independently of the Archdiocese. Kooyoora performs a similar role for several other Anglican Diocese.

Parish Legal and Pastoral Obligations:

At the Parish level the following requirements apply:

- * Before any parish member is permitted to **work directly with children** they are required to:
 - obtain a **Working with Children Check** - this is valid for 5 years.
 - obtain a **Police Check** - this should be renewed every 5 years.
 - obtain a **Clearance for Service** from Kooyoora, verifying that there is no evidence of their unsuitability to do this work.
 - Satisfactorily complete the Archdiocese's 'Safe Ministry Training - Modules 1 and 2'. This training must be renewed every three years.
- * Similar requirements apply to Clergy, Authorised Lay Ministers and Candidates for Ordination.
- * Those involved in the following works of service to the community are required to complete the Archdiocese's '**Safe Ministry Training Essentials - Module 1**' training course:
 - Subdeacon, Reader, Server, Welcomer, Intercessions, Hospitality, and Counter.This training can be completed online or in person as parish-arranged groups. This training must be renewed every **three years**.
- * Aged Care Facility Visitors should have a **Police Check** - this may be required by the Facilities.
- * Parish members are **not permitted to continue** in a ministry if their training or any of the other conditions described above have **expired**.

Current Status:

Our parish records indicate the following situation with respect to our compliance with these requirements:

Clearance for Service:

- Clearance and Training current	19
- Clearance current but training issues to be resolved	4

Safe Ministry Training Only:

- Training current	17
- Training required	13

Total: 53

Every effort will be made to complete outstanding training before the end of this year.

Managing the Safe Ministry Program:

It is a formal legal requirement of Government that no one is permitted to work with children or vulnerable people unless they have completed the appropriate Safe Ministry training and the necessary checks and clearances for their role and that the information demonstrating this is accurate,

complete and current at all times for all participants. This information must also be provided to the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The Vicar is responsible for ensuring that this is the case.

It is a straightforward matter to keep accurate records for those who attend parish Safe Ministry training courses in person. For those who have not done this training in a parish group the gathering of accurate information has been more difficult. It is essential that everyone who does online Safe Ministry training personally advises the Safe Ministry coordinator by email when they have completed the training and the date on which it was completed so that the Parish records can be kept accurate and up to date.

There is no reliable process by which the providers of online training advise the parish when individuals complete training with them.

Richard Hallett
Parish Safe Ministry Co-ordinator

St Eanswythe's Sunday School Report for 2024 – 2025

I am pleased to report that our team has completed a year of continued ministry to the children of our Parish Family. Our weekly attendances are small. Our attendance age ranges from pre-school to primary school age children. We are, occasionally supported by parents 'staying-in' on our classes offering their support to our efforts.

Our lessons in the main connect with the readings of the day and centre on themes centred on Christian love and practice, these

efforts are presented to the congregation at the conclusion of our Sunday Service in the form of a poster/picture or card supported by an explanation and sometimes a musical presentation. We thank Rev. Kerry for his support, encouragement and participation in presenting their work.

Our underlying theme – expressing God's love through Jesus was again put to practice in our outreach to communities in need of support. This year \$1,170. was raised and directed to Tear Fund's Useful Gifts program, thank you to Phillis Gregson for her work in co-ordinating this outreach effort.

Our teaching group meet regularly to collaborate and co-ordinate 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, continued effort, and the encouragement they provide each other.

Fred McAnda
Co-ordinator

St Clement's Sunday School Report for 2024 – 2025

The attendance of children at St Clement's morning services has varied, so a regular Sunday School programme is not currently offered. However, recognising the importance of engaging children when they are present, age-appropriate Sunday School materials are available for any children attending the 8:30 am service.

Sandra Hansen

Tiddlers Playgroup Report for 2024 – 2025

We have had the privilege of enjoying another year of fun and friendship with the little ones and their carers – mothers, grandmothers, great grandmother and one father- a wonderful bonus to our group.

We average 14 children a week with some weeks busier and some quieter

We still have a long waiting list.

It's lovely to see the children developing in friendship etc. as the year progresses and we are fortunate that the carers all get on well and support each other.

We concluded last year with some Christmas activities – nativity set etc., then the last week was our popular picnic BBQ at Apex Park with a visit from Santa (Barry Hanson). He is so good with children, and we are very grateful for the time and effort he puts in. Thank you to Denis Lee for manning the BBQ.

Our weekly sessions are basically free play, shared morning tea of fruit and water, sometimes with addition of birthday celebrations.

The children enjoy playdough, painting, blocks, drawing, home corner and love the outdoor activities including the sandpit. We finish with the popular music session.

We have contributed to the parish funds.

I feel our team achieves our MU Mission of "Sharing Christ's Love by encouraging, strengthening and supporting marriage and family life"

I am so thankful for our wonderful team, Jill Stewart, Pat Baines, Lyn McDonald, Xiou Yang, and Frances von Kalm who helps when someone is away. Thankyou especially for your friendship.

Jan Lee
Coordinator

Clementines Playgroup Report for 2024 – 2025

This has been a turbulent year for us at Clementines, with our founder and chief organiser, Louise Matthey, moving to Western Australia to be nearer to family. We keep in contact with Louise and she is always there to give us advice, but we still miss her every week. That aside, we have a consistent weekly attendance of 9 or 10 of the 15 families on our list. We also have a waiting list of three or four families. Our children range in age from 12 months to 4 years.

All of the children enjoy playing with the multitude of inside and outside toys available at our centre. They have an hour of free play, followed by morning tea (fruit supplied by the parents), music and dancing, story time and then our special goodbye song. All the children play well together and the parents/grandparents enjoy the opportunity to talk with other parents.

Clementines would not be able to function without the generous donations of toys that come from our church families. Thank you all.

Finally, we also wouldn't exist if not for the continued commitment of our helpers:- Carol, Vanessa, Sheryl, Elizabeth and Chris. On behalf of Lily and myself, I wish to thank them all for their wonderful service to our children.

In God's Service.

Sandra Hansen and Lily Griffin
Co administrators Clementines

Mothers' Union President's Report for 2024 – 2025

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, the following committee was elected. Lyn McDonald is secretary, Jan Lee is treasurer, Fran Von Kalm 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 33 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 2025. 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. This was followed by a talk by Rev Kerry Davis, about his work as a diplomat and how he came to answer the call to ministry.

In March the ladies from St Eanswythe's joined with members from other denominations within our suburb for World Day of Prayer. 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 29th. Our guest speaker was Trish Vejeje who gave us a very interesting history of her life at St Eanswythe's.

Unfortunately, this year we lost four members. Denise Geering, Kaye Goodram June Fitzgerald and former leader Leah Ranger. Long may we remember them.

In closing, I thank Lyn, Jan, Fran, 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 2025

1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025

Balance Brought Forward **\$1,279.52**

Credits

Subscriptions x 24 \$990.00
Special effort \$345.15
Tubes \$79.10
Donations \$75.00
Fundraiser \$450.00

 \$3,218.77

Debits

Donation to H/O (Projects) \$1,200.00
Subscription to H/O \$990.00
Affiliation Fee \$30.00
Petty cash \$100.00

 \$2,320.00

Balance in Bank \$898.77

 \$3,218.77

Balance Carried Forward **\$898.77**

Jan Lee
Treasurer

Caritas Report for 2024 – 2025

A regular group of 13-14 ladies affiliated to Mother's Union.

October - The AGM was chaired by Rev. Kerry Davis. This was Joan Meirs' last year as the President of the group. Office holders stayed the same.

November - Christmas Planning. Sandra and Phillis are willing to take a session of reflection and prayer. Carols will be on tape. Phillis Gregson gave a touching tribute to Joan for her time as a leader. This was graciously accepted and approved by all of us.

December - A lovely informal service taken by Phillis and Sandra with Bible readings by Zoya Davies and others. After this, we had supper and caught up on each other's news.

February - Individuals shared their reflections on Christmas and New Year.

March - Meeting was held at Forestta Cafe for afternoon tea due to St Eanswythe's being closed for filming.

April - Our guest speaker was Anna Watts who spoke on her 'Christian Journey' up until now. An interesting and busy life.

May - Our guest speaker was Kirsty from Anglicare in Werribee who spoke on the Better Tomorrow's program. This was well attended, and she was presented with a cheque and some flowers. She stayed for afternoon tea and a chat with the members which was great. We are on their mailing list now.

June - Ordinary meeting and a Bible Quiz which was challenging!

July - Craft Afternoon which included sharing hobbies and crafts such as christening gown, photos and miniatures.

August - Our Curate, Rev'd Johnwerni Maryoe was our guest speaker. He hails from Myanmar (formally Burma) He spoke eloquently on his early years, family and transit to Australia. The stronghold the military has on the country's people made us grateful to live in a democracy!

September - Caritas celebrated their 65th birthday with a cake. Update of roll by Rev. Kerry Davis.

October - AGM presided over by Rev. Kerry Davis. The President's role will be rotated each month by different members. They will be notified of the agenda in advance.

Secretary and Treasurer will remain unchanged; Susan Maddox and Alta McAnda respectively.

Susan Maddox
Caritas Secretary

ST EANSWYTHE'S CARITAS GROUP

Treasurer's Annual report

Caritas annual report 30 September 2025

		\$
Balance brought forward 30.09.2024		148.75
Income:	\$	
Caritas membership fees (10 members @ \$45.00)	450.00	
Meeting donations	110.00	<u>560.00</u>
Total Income		708.75
Expenses:		
Caritas membership Fees to MU	450.00	
MU affiliation fee	30.00	
Stationery	6.00	
Floral tributes	60.00	
Cottage by the Sea (Donation)	20.00	
Anglicare speaker (Donation)	20.00	<u>586.00</u>
Balance carried forward as of 30.09.2025		<u>122.75</u>

Friday Night Games at St Clement's 2024 – 2025

On 24th April this year, the first week of school term #2, we began a "Games Night" at St Clement's. This has been well attended with 18 the highest number present, and 7 the lowest during the depths of winter. Being a little board game mad we have a private collection of the old and the not-so-old, and some parents also brought along new games to share.

We have four regular families plus ours, and then some who come from time to time. A big issue for working families is tiredness, so we moved to Monday night starting in Term #3 and then moved again to Friday night before the term ended. I was hesitant to encroach on family weekends but the Friday has been well received by all.

We finished term 3 with pizza and drinks shared among the families. Afterwards there were party games like musical chairs, and we also folded up paper planes and of course the safest place to throw these without hitting someone in the eye, was the nave! The air was thick with paper planes of all kinds and many of them very very good fliers.

We returned this week for Term #4, and will finish up in December for the holiday break.

Some highlights:

- One parent donated "Dracula's Feast", a "Cleudoish" kind of card game. With 8 primary school kids a hand is 10 minutes of mad mad riot and laughter, as they try to deduce which character the other players are!
- We have an old copy of Jedko's "Alan Jones F1" and the kids specifically ask for this one. We've had up to 5 on the track at once and some of these young ones are already quite competitive. Never ceases to amaze me how the simplest old thing can provide hours of fun.

Backgrounds:

We have some families from other denominations present, along with a few from less spiritual backgrounds. But here we focus on the simple things like sportsmanship and ethics. Games end with congratulations all around and shaking of hands. There has been a marked and observable change in some of the young ones over two terms, in the way they conduct themselves with a sense of good sportsmanship. We still have a little trouble with the idea of "not looking at other players cards", but we are all a work in progress.

Future:

There is a large untapped reservoir of people, neighbours etc with children whom I have not notified as yet. The limiting factor for us is "hands on deck". My wife Anna spends much of her day at the primary school and I didn't expect her to step up, but she has thrown herself into the fray and to be frank, this night would be impossible without her. But to grow any more we do need at the minimum one extra pair of hands, and two would be a blessing. I know whom I would like to have alongside, but I am loathe to put pressure on the young working and stressed mortgagors. Modern life is difficult enough without me adding to someone's problems. So for now we travel in a kind of holding pattern, but frankly we're having a wonderful time doing it and for all families involved, this night is both enjoyable and relaxing, even so for the organisers.

And then:

I also have an eye on the future with an evening for adults, or a Saturday, perhaps once a month. It might even become the back end of the Friday night with older ones staying on, but that might be too complicated. One fellow stopped me in the street while I was erecting the GAMES NIGHT banner out front, to ask what I was doing. He is a games designer from Seabrooke, and interested in local games clubs. I asked him to keep an eye on the church website because we would like to have a adult night in future. I'm a wargamer from old and have a complete set of Squad Leader, Russian Campaign and lots of others, but I don't expect people to like my stuff, and I am happy to play anything people may bring. Even pencil, dice and paper role playing games like Cthulu, Cyber Punk, or even D&D can be much fun if you have enough people.

Scott and Anna Pitcher

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