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2026 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AGENDA

11am, Sunday 1 November 2026
St Eanswythe'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

2025 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
MINUTES

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

Chair: The Rev'd Kerry Davis, Vicar

Enrolled members present:
Alta McAnda, Andrew Croft, Angela Jones, Anna Watts, Anton McAnda, Beryl Brown, Carol Mitchell, Chris Hansen, Dean Mason, Denis Lee, Eleanor Saunders, Elizabeth Croft, Frances von Kalm, Francis Riley, Fred McAnda, Gary Beadell, Gloria Keetse, Grace Croft, Heather Francis, Heinz Greilach, James Hudson, Jan Hudson, Jan Lee, Jane Hallett, Jill Stewart, Joan Meiers, Joy Carlsson, Judith Greilach, Kath Millichip, Lavinia Hanson, Lyn McDonald, Michael Francis, Pat Baines, Phillis Gregson, Rev. Johnwerni Maryoe, Rev. Kerry Davis, Richard Hallett, Rob Griffin, Rosemary Henshall, Sandra Hansen, Tim Archer, Ting Wang, Vanessa Hodge, Xiao Yang, Zoya Davies.

Also in attendance: Vaoa Davis.

Apologies: Lily Griffin, Bryan Stapelton, Wilma Porter, Anita McAnda, Brenda Edwards
Moved: Anna Watts
Seconded: Richard Hallett

1. Opening Prayer – Rev. Kerry

2. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting
   Moved: Joan Meiers
   Seconded: Rob Griffin

3. Parish Electoral Roll
   Moved: Tim Archer
   Seconded: Michael Francis

4. Vicar's Annual Report
   Moved: Rev. Kerry
   Seconded: Zoya Davies
   A correction was noted on page 8, paragraph 30, should read: *Parish Council has endorsed a surplus budget of $3,331.00.*

5. Parish Council Report
   Moved: Dean Mason
   Seconded: Jan Hudson
   The table of Parish Council Members over the last six years was tabled, and a correction was noted that Sandra Hansen was on Parish Council in 2020-2021, not 2018-2019.

6. Wardens' Report
   Moved: Anna Watts
   Seconded: Sandra Hansen

7. Financial Report
   Moved: Ting Wang
   Seconded: Gary Beadell

8. Budget
   Moved: Ting Wang
   Seconded: Gary Beadell
   A discrepancy was noted between the Treasurer's report and the Balance Sheet. The total liabilities are reported as $7,023 in the former compared to $35,160 in the Balance Sheet, the latter being correct.

9. Parish Groups' Reports

   Te Wairua Tapu Ki Poipiripi, by Donita Dennis

   Parish Council Report, by Dean Mason

   Wardens Report, by Anna Watts and Denis Lee

   Planned Giving Report, by Anita McAnda

   Op Shop report by Zoya Davies

   Safe Ministry report by Richard Hallett

   Sunday School at St Eanswythe's, by Fred McAnda

   Sunday School at St Clement's, by Sandra Hansen

   Tiddlers Playgroup, by Jan Lee

   Clementines Playgroup, by Sandra Hansen and Lily Griffin

   Mothers Union, by Sandra Hansen

   Caritas, by Susan Maddox

   Friday Night Games at St Clement's, by Scott Pitcher

   Assistant Curate Report by Rev Johnwerni Maryoe

   All reports were moved and seconded as one block.
   Moved: Sarah Meeson
   Seconded: Lavinia Hanson

10. Election of Auditor
    Nominated: Michael Kiernan of Michael Kiernan & Associates, Accountant FCPA.
    Moved: Anna Watts
    Seconded: Denis Lee

11. Election of Parish Nominations Committee (PNC) for 2025-2026
    Nominations received, and accepted without contest: Anita McAnda, Anna Watts and Dean Mason
    Moved Jan Hudson
    Seconded: Rosemary Henshall

12. Election of Churchwardens and Parish Councillors
    Nominations received, and accepted without contest: Anna Watts (Warden for St Eanswythe's), Lily Griffin (Warden for St Clement's) Denis Lee (Warden, Vicar's Appointment)
    Moved: Tim Archer
    Seconded: Andrew Croft

Nominations received, and accepted without contest, for Parish Council: Elizabeth Croft, Michael Francis, Richard Hallett, Anita McAnda, Fred McAnda, Dean Mason, and Ting Wang.
Moved: Sandra Hansen
Seconded: Zoya Davies

Rev. Kerry gave special thanks, and the meeting expressed their appreciation with a round of applause, to Sandra Hansen, Scott Pitcher and Soon Ghee Yap who are stepping down from Parish Council (Scott also as Warden) at this Annual Meeting.

12. Other Business
    - Phillis Gregson voiced her appreciation good wishes for Elizabeth Croft joining Parish Council for the first time this year.

    - Judith Greilach asked if there was any chance of getting the Annual Report a week earlier next year and whether the newly elected Parish Nominations Committee, Wardens and Parish Councillors' names could be included in the Sunday service sheets so that parish is made aware of these appointments?
      Response: Rev Kerry expressed his desire to be doing so next year, and that he will be looking at how to do so while balancing the logistics of preparing all the reports and financial audit in time with the scheduling challenge of three combined services that are in our calendar at this time of the year. He also undertook to include the names of the newly elected office holders in Sunday service sheets.

    - Jan Hudson expressed her appreciation for the all ministry teams in the parish.

13. Grace

Meeting closed with Grace at 11.41am.

Vicar's Annual Report 2025 – 2026

As we gather for the Annual Parish Meeting, I acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which our parish stands, the Bunurong people of the Kulin Nation, and I pay my respects to their Elders, past and present. I honour their enduring care for Country and their continuing spiritual connection to the land and its communities. As followers of Christ, we recognise the call to walk the way of reconciliation, to honour truth, and to support pathways that foster respect, care amongst all peoples and God's creation.

2. In coming together as a parish, we do so with mindful words of the Apostle Paul: *"We are the body of Christ, and individually members of it"* (1 Corinthians 12:27). This reminds us that our life together is a gift from God's expression through people, ministries, and acts of faithfulness. Over the past year, our parish has continued to serve, worship and care. We have remained attentive to the movement of the Spirit, encouraging us, and calling us to deeper trust in God. The annual report that follows, made up of contributions from our various ministries, reflects the life of our parish through the efforts of many hands and hearts, grateful for what God has done among us. As we look ahead, may we continue to walk in faith and offer ourselves in service to Christ and to our community.

3. We farewelled several of our faithfuls over the course of the past year.

The funeral service for **Lyn Beales** who had contributed much to our church through her involvement in Caritas and the Girls' Friendly Society was held in December at St Eanswythe's. Her ashes were interred in the memorial garden the following month.

Joyce Bayley, who was active in the parish for many years, died in May. I was pleased to lead the service with Rev'd Dr Alan Smith, who was well known to Joyce. The interment of her ashes in the memorial garden as was her wish, took place a few weeks later.

Beryl Hutton, was known to many in the parish, died in January in care at St George's Benetas. Although she had worshipped at St Mark's Yarraville, it was the Hutton family who donated the organ at St Clement's. Her daughter Diane is a regular member of St Clement's, and her other daughter Brenda was also part of that congregation before moving overseas.

Long-time parishioner **Eddie Barrow** died last year, and his funeral was held at St Eanswythe's. His ashes were interred alongside his beloved wife Ruth in the memorial garden.

The funeral for **Robert Richardson** at St Eanswythe's occurred in February attended by many family and friends. Robert's connection to our parish was mainly through his mother, Marjorie Scully. The wish that his ashes be placed in the memorial garden beside his mother, was honoured in May.

4. Our diocese welcomed the arrival and installation of the new **Archbishop, The Most Reverend Dr Ric Thorpe** at St Paul's Cathedral in November —a momentous occasion marking a new season in the life of the diocese. His commitment was expressed clearly in his declaration: "I will proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, as long as God gives me breath." This new season has begun with the introduction of For the Harvest, the diocesan vision for growth over the next decade. It has also been marked by the appointment of three new bishops—Nigel, Megan and Ben—and the adoption of new names for the episcopal areas.

5. As part of initiatives introduced by the Archbishop Ric, **the four episcopal areas** were renamed. Our area is now known as Geelong and is largely the same geographic region of western Melbourne, Geelong city and the Surf Coast. Following Bishop Brad Billing's appointment as Archbishop of Adelaide earlier in the year, we were led for a period by Bishop Genieve Blackwell. After his consecration on 19 September we have been led by Bishop Nigel Pope.

6. Although sadly it meant that he and his family would depart the parish, we were nonetheless very pleased that **Reverend Johnwerni Maryoe** was appointed Vicar of St Stephen's Church in Geelong. His departure marked the completion of his curacy he commenced at Epiphany, Hoppers Crossing, then continued here in our parish. At the service of Commissiong led by Archbishop Ric Thorpe over 40 of our parishioners were present to support him marking the beginning of his ministry in his first parish as vicar. The Sunday prior on 30 August, marking his last day in with us, he was presented with a farewell gift by the parish of a Holy Communion set used for pastoral visits. It is a practical gift that will assist him in his ministry for many years and will be reminder of his time with us. We also gave a gift card to Bless, as a gesture of appreciation for all her efforts in supporting Johnwerni while he served us over the past eighteen months as curate.

7. Our Ordinand **Francis Lar Kabaw** commenced his placement with us as part of his journey toward ordination. His training and formation have continued to bear fruit, and it has been confirmed that he will be ordained in February 2027. This is a pleasing outcome both for Francis and his family and our parish as it reflects our tradition of supporting ordinands and clergy in training.

8. We have been fortunate that **Brent Brittliff** has served in our parish as a subdeacon, intercessor and reader as part of his discernment by the diocese for future service in the church. He and his family have been regularly attending both our 10:30am service at St Eanswythe's and the 1pm Māori service. Having completed theological studies at Whitley College and serving as a hospital chaplain, he will be ordained in 2027.

9. Our **Shrove Tuesday** gathering, with the traditional sharing of pancakes on the eve of Lent, was held on 17 February. The evening was well attended making it a warm and enjoyable gathering. On **Ash Wednesday,** the following day, worship was held at St Clement's and St Eanswythe's. Attendance reflected the depth of faith among worshippers and their desire to begin the Lenten season with prayer and commitment.

10. As **Easter** approached our Palm Sunday combined service, was held at St Clement's, and marked a fitting beginning to Holy Week. This was followed by services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday (including the **Council of Churches Walk of Witness**), Holy Saturday, finally culminating in our Easter Day Service. I express my sincere thanks to all who contributed to the preparation and leading of these services. Holy Week is a significant and busy period in the liturgical year, and I was encouraged by the support received from across the parish.

11. Richard Hallet led a **Lenten study** reflecting on the theme "What do we mean when we say we believe in God", as presented by Fr. John Behr patristic scholar and academic. The sessions were well attended and provided a meaningful opportunity for learning and reflection. The series concluded with a shared meal drawing on the Passover, through which Jesus gave new meaning and instituted the Holy Eucharist. The final session included a viewing of the film "Risen", which explores the experience of a Roman officer in the aftermath of Christ's crucifixion.

12. The Altona Laverton Council of Churches' annual **Carols in the Park** was successfully held in early December. This free community event once again attracted strong attendance, providing a time for carol singing and the celebration of the Christmas spirit. The annual Walk of Witness, recalling the journey of Jesus to the cross, was held on Good Friday at Cherry Lake. I am grateful for the leadership and support of Jan and Denis Lee, and the Rev'd Danny and Rev'd Johnwerni, in the organisation and implementation of these ecumenical activities which draw on our connections with the Salvation Army, Uniting Church and Catholic Church.

13. Throughout the year, several **baptisms** were celebrated, offering an encouraging sign of growth within our parish community. In total, twelve baptisms took place across our St Eanswythe's, St Clement's and Māori Congregations.

14. Over the year we held four **combined services:** St Eanswythe's Day and Palm Sunday at St Eanswythe's, and St Clement's Day and the Annual Parish Meeting at St Clement's. Combined services provide the opportunity to gather as one parish family and share in worship together. We were pleased that Bishop Kate Prowd, then responsible for Theological Education, led our St Clement's patronal service while observing our Curate, Rev'd Johnwerni, in situ as part of the assessment process for clergy in training. Holding four combined services across the year—apart from our usual combined services in December and January when many are away—continues to be a important way of expressing our unity and common life as a parish.

15. The Māori Congregation, **Te Wairua Tapu ki Poipiripi,** is active in ministry, well-organised and growing steadily in numbers at its weekly 1pm Sunday service. Rev'd Danny has celebrated a number of baptisms this year and has rostered subdeacons, and readers to assist with the services, as well as supporting him in ministry within the community. The contributions of the Māori Congregation to our 100th St Eanswythe's Anniversary celebration, through organisation and preparation, prayers of intercession, music, lunch, parking wardens and reset afterwards, added greatly to the success of the day, for which I am very grateful. Our combined services throughout the year have continued to be well supported by our Māori Congregation, and I am pleased that Angela Jones stepped forward to be nominated as a lay synod representative.

In March, our Māori congregation hosted a **High Tea** and entertainment afternoon at St Eanswythe's. It was well-organised, with excellent food, entertainment and prizes. The day was enjoyed and appreciated by all who attended. These events do much to strengthen relationships across the parish.

16. The St Eanswythe's **100th Anniversary Service** and lunch in September was a joyful celebration, marked by wonderful singing, intercessions offered in first-languages, and wonderful sense of togetherness across our St Eanswythe's, Māori, and St Clement's congregations. Many parishioners commented on how much they enjoyed the day, and I am very grateful to everyone involved. The lunch that followed was excellent, and I appreciated the careful preparation and presentation of the food, as well as the arrangement of the hall. It was a blessing to share the occasion with several former vicars and their spouses, and to hear their reflections on ministry in years gone by. It was so appropriate to have Bishop Kate lead our worship, given her long-standing connection with St Eanswythe's. I could not have been more grateful for the hard work of so many in the lead up to the service and the way the day unfolded.

17. I am thankful for the ongoing generosity of our parish for contributions of food each week which are passed to **Laverton Community Hub & Salvation Army Altona** who distribute it to households experiencing hardship.

18. **Safe Ministry Training,** Clearances for Service, and Working with Children checks are central priorities for the diocese and our parish so that our community is one that is safe and welcoming. All clergy, office holders, and volunteers are required to complete the Diocese's Safe Ministry Training every three years and maintain the appropriate accreditation. The training, together with the Clearance for Ministry and Clearance for Service processes, ensures that those serving in our parish understand and uphold the policies for the safety and wellbeing of children and vulnerable people. During the year we completed a group session of Safe Ministry Training with several participants taking part. My thanks to Michael Francis for coordinating the training and maintain the parish database for Safe Ministry Training and Rev'd Johnwerni for providing the technical support. Although many of our volunteers completed the required training and accreditation online, we recognise that this can be challenging for some and that additional support may be needed to help them maintain their safe-ministry status.

19. Our monthly **Fix and Fellowship** gatherings at St Clement's and St Eanswythe's have been a success throughout the year, coming together to maintain and care for our church buildings and grounds. The regular turnout and cheerful cooperation have been encouraging, reflecting a commitment to ensuring our facilities remain tidy, welcoming, and well-presented.

20. I had the pleasure of chairing the **Mother's Union Annual Meeting** at which the new executive was elected. I am thankful for the dedication and leadership of all Mothers Union members and for the continuing witness of the Mother's Union in prayer and service in our parish. At the **Caritas Annual Meeting** it was unanimously agreed Caritas continue meeting monthly but as a fellowship group under the auspices of Mothers' Union.

21. Our **Op-Shop** has continued to be a vital frontline ministry for the parish engaging directly with the public offering clothing, homewares and knickknacks that are helpful to those looking for a bargain. Its revenue allows us to give in support of mission activities of agencies serving the needs of those locally and beyond. The shop is staffed by a team of dedicated volunteers from our parish, local churches and the wider community and managed by Zoya Davies.

22. Each year **our parish supports a range of worthy organisations**—international, national, and local—reflecting the truth that our neighbours are not only those within our immediate community, but all whom God calls us to uphold. This year, our supported organisations were: Anglican Overseas Aid (Palestine Fund) $3,000; Anglican Board of Missions (Myanmar Crisis) $3,000; Anglicare Victoria $2,000; Anglican Relief & Development Fund (Venezuela Earthquake Appeal) $3,000; Anglican Aid Abroad $2,000; Latitude Youth Services, Altona $1,000; Newport Outlets $1,000; Gippsland Diocese Aboriginal Ministry Appeal $1,500; The New Message Tree Alliance Inc $500.

23. Supported by our aged-care team, we have continued to hold services at **St George's and Estia** throughout the year. This ministry remains an important part of our pastoral outreach, particularly as a number of the residents have long-standing affiliations with our parish and are no longer able to participate in regular worship. It is also understandable that several of our parishioners now live in assisted-care.

24. A **Men's Monthly Lunch** gathering was commenced in June at a local restaurant in Altona. This is a regular occasion for the men in the parish to connect informally outside of regular parish worship and events. It is proving popular and I hope that will continue to be regularly supported.

25. An **online bible study** commenced in July and meets fortnightly. It is held on Zoom making it easy for participants to access from the convenience of home. The group has commenced with the study entitled *A Course for the Christian Journey,* published by Pilgrim House.

26. Following the theft of the original brass plaque in the **Memorial Garden** at St Eanswythe's a high-quality reproduction was crafted and installed in a less valuable material to reduce the risk of future theft while preserving the character and dignity of the garden. The replacement is quite satisfactory, and I am grateful to Rob Griffin for his craftmanship.

27. A bequest for a **memorial stained-glass window** has been made to St Clement's Church. With the support of the family, contributions from St Clement's, and input from First Nations artist Rickie Gugumah Martin, the design is now well underway. The window will add greatly to the narthex, and it is planned that it be blessed on St Clement's Day in late November.

28. A quantity of **carpet tiles was gifted to St Eanswythe's** which was sufficient to fully cover the sacristy. I have written to Mr Peter Lockwood to thank him for the kind gesture. I am also thankful to Rev'd Johnwerni, Francis Lar Kabaw our Ordinand, and Warden Denis Lee, who spent a Friday in early July to laying the tiles. The result has made a noticeable improvement to the space.

29. In June a number of our parishioners gathered for a fun **afternoon of Bocce**. The gathering was a fund-raising event in support of Chris Hansen's attendance at the Special Olympics. It was a most enjoyable occasion with the consensus that it occurs again later in the year.

30. **Bishop Nigel Pope,** our new bishop, will make his first visit to our parish at the St Clement's Patronal Service on 22 November. We will use the opportunity for him to undertake Confirmations and bless the installation of our new stained-glass window.

31. **Parish Planned Giving** is foundational to the life and functioning of our parish. I am grateful for the coordination of the program provided by Anita McAnda, with the assistance of Pat Baines. Although there has been a reduction in giving due to cost of living pressures, parishioners relocating, and the deaths of long standing members, the program, which is our principal source of income, gives us a clear window into our capacity to plan and set priorities for the year ahead. It is important, therefore, that each year we reconsider the extent to which we can renew our pledge to financially support our church.

32. Parish Council is proposing a deficit budget of $11,810.00 for the **Financial Year** beginning **1 October 2026.** This budget is based on the projected figures included in the Planned Giving letters, together with necessary adjustments that have since come to light. It reflects our ongoing operational needs, ministry priorities and stewardship goals. Recognising that recurring deficit budgets have a long term detrimental effect on the parish's financial position, Parish Council has recommended that a working group be established to consider budget support measures.

33. This year we are **trialling the circulation of the annual report in draft** form online a week in advance of the Annual Parish Meeting. A number of printed copies will also be available. This will allow parishioners to access the report ahead of its presentation and acceptance at the meeting on 1 November.

34. I am appreciative of the dedication and leadership of our **Parish Council** throughout the year. Their care and commitment to our parish have been very supportive and encouraging. I also wish to acknowledge our **Wardens, Denis, Anna and Lily,** whose faithful service continues to uphold practical and spiritual aspects of our parish.

35. My thanks also to our **Parish Administrator,** Edita Abram, for her work in the running of the Parish Office, and to **Lyn McDonald, Heather Francis and Chico Akatapuria** for the music that keeps our worship on key and in tune.

36. As we are a faithful and resilient community, we look to the year ahead, with hope and trust in God's favour. May God continue to shape and sustain us and use us for His glory.

Walking forward in Christ's grace!

Reverend Kerry Davis
Vicar

Assistant Curate Report 2025-2026

As I write this report, I have now been serving as Vicar of St Stephen's Anglican Church, Belmont, for just over a month. Beginning this new chapter of ministry has given me an opportunity to reflect with gratitude on the journey that has brought me here, particularly my time as Assistant Curate at Altona/Laverton.

My curacy has been an important time of learning, formation and growth, both personally and in my ordained ministry. It has deepened my understanding of what it means to be a priest, pastor and leader among God's people. I have learned that ministry is not simply about fulfilling responsibilities, but about building relationships, walking alongside people and discerning God's work in the life of the Church and wider community. I have learned so much from your faithfulness and commitment to the life of the Church in many different ways. Your generosity in sharing your time, gifts and talents has reminded me that ministry is something we share together as the Body of Christ.

Under the guidance and mentorship of the Vicar, Rev'd Kerry I was entrusted with opportunities and responsibilities that helped me grow in confidence, pastoral leadership and decision-making. I am particularly grateful for the Vicar's wisdom, patience, trust and encouragement, which have helped prepare me for my present ministry.

One of the most meaningful experiences of my curacy has been ministering to aged care residents at Estia, Benetas St George's and Port Phillip Village. Through worship, Holy Communion, pastoral visits and conversations. These experiences have broadened my understanding of pastoral ministry beyond the regular life of the parish.

I have also learned much from the faithful ministries of the Mothers' Union and Caritas, whose commitment to prayer, fellowship and practical care reflects the love of Christ in action. Likewise, the relationships formed with parishioners through worship, pastoral encounters and everyday conversations have reminded me that ministry is something we share together as the Body of Christ.

I am still deeply moved and feel truly blessed by the love and support I received from the parish, especially those who attended my commissioning service at St Stephen's Belmont. Your presence, prayers, encouragement and generous gifts meant a great deal to me and reminded me of the friendships and fellowship we continue to share in Christ.

As I begin this new chapter, I recognise how much my time at Altona/Laverton has shaped and prepared me for this calling. My curacy at Altona/Laverton has provided a foundation upon which I will continue to learn and grow in ministry.

As St Paul writes, "I thank my God every time I remember you" (Philippians 1:3). May God continue to bless and strengthen the parish of Altona/Laverton in its life, ministry and mission.

With every blessing in Christ,
Rev'd Johnwerni Maryoe.

St Eanswythe's Altona with St Clement's Laverton Parish Statistics 2025-2026

	St Eanswythe's	St Clement's	Te Wairua Tapu	TOTAL
Number of public services*	180	137	51	**368**
Number of public Sunday services inc Easter Sunday*	47	87	49	**183**
Number of publicised services in residential care facilities	11	22	0	**33**
Total attendance*	3168	3001	2304	**8473**
Total Sunday attendance exc Easter Sunday*	2167	2377	2009	**6553**
Average weekly attendance exc Easter & Christmas (divided by 50 as per Registry Services)	16	9	0[+]	**25**
Average Sunday attendance (divided by 51 as per Registry Services)	42	46	39	**127**
Average weekly attendance at non-English services	0	0	0	**0**
Total Acts of Communion*	2631	2446	1946	**7023**
Total Sunday Acts of Communion exc Easter Sunday*	2061	1872	1896	**5829**
Total other Acts of Communion	702	882	50	**1634**
Number of Live streamed services	6	47	0	**53**
Total attendance at Christmas Day/Eve services	78	93	0	**171**
Total Acts of Communion at Christmas Day/Eve services	76	50	0	**126**
Total attendance at Easter Day/Eve services	74	57	50	**181**
Total Acts of Communion at Easter Day/Eve services	71	55	50	**176**
No. on Church Electoral Roll	60	55	18	**133**
No. of baptisms	1	0	4	**5**
No. of infant baptisms	1	0	4	**5**
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	3	0	5	**8**
No. of funerals conducted elsewhere	1	0	0	**1**
No. of marriages conducted in churches of the parish	0	0	0	**0**
No. of marriages conducted elsewhere	0	0	0	**0**
No. of continuing home/small groups	1	1	0	**2**
Total No. of persons in continuing home/small groups per week	8	0	0	**8**
Estimated no. of frequent attenders: pre-school	5	0	5	**10**
Estimated no. of frequent attenders: Primary School	3	0	10	**13**
Estimated no. of frequent attenders: Secondary School	1	3	5	**9**
Estimated no. of frequent attenders: Post Secondary (under 25)	1	1	1	**3**

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

[+] 2 x Memorial Services – Average not applicable

Te Wairua Tapu Ki Poipiripi Annual Report for 2025 – 2026

"The Māori Community Fellowship – o Te Wairua Tapu Ki Poipiripi"

TWTKPP continue sharing their journey with Christ our Savior with extended family, friends and loved ones together with the fellowship of St Eanswythe & St Clements.

TWTKPP Māori Haahi community – 2025/2026

1. TWTKPP committee:
    - TWTKPP delegates brought much wealth, knowledge and support to our Haahi during the past year with the growth of our Ministry and Haahi in its peripheral focus.
    - Continuing to provide spiritual wellbeing into the fellowship, embracing all denominations of the multicultural community, our delegates continually step up, outside their call of duty making sure our Haahi flows smoothly bringing love and light each week.
2. TWTKPP Ministry Team:
    - Rev Danny welcomed three new Kai Karakia—Brent Britliff, Johnny Edward, and Mathew Murray nurturing them on their journey. They have become pillars of strength for our Māori ministry. Witnessing inspiring kauhau we look forward to continuing the journey with them in their callings.
    - Rev Danny and the Kai Karakia team continue their ministry beyond the Haahi, providing Tangihanga services, pastoral care and prayer to the Māori community across Melbourne suburbs, including hospitals, homes and wherever the Lord calls them to serve.
3. Sunday School continued growth:
    - Steadily welcoming the growing number of Tamariki coming through our doors and are deeply grateful to our Sunday School teachers, Aunty Phillis and Vicky Tamarua, for generously giving their time each Sunday to support our Tamariki on their journey with God.
4. Church Choir:
    - We continue to be blessed by Chico and Ray's musical ministry, which continues to enrich our services with spiritual songs of praise creating a welcoming Māori Gospel spirit that is drawing Māori into worship.
5. Volunteers:
    - We acknowledge and thank all our volunteers who faithfully arrive each week to prepare the Haahi for service, grateful to our welcome team for the warm greetings to everyone coming through the front door.
    - Many thanks to our readers for their faithful contribution to each service.
    - Much appreciation to those who prepare the hall and food for Hakari after Haahi and stay behind to help with the cleanup.

6. Recognition:

    - The Māaori Community fellowship - Te Wairua Tapu Ki Poipiripi thanks St Eanswythe, St Clements, Rev Kerry, Parish council & the Diocese for the ongoing support given to our Haahi and Rev Danny, we are blessed and so thankful to share our Māori Culture.

We pay homage to the great inspirations of our Maori Ministry in Altona Parish who have passed on, 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 for eternity.

Donita Dennis-Akatapuria
The Secretary TWTKPP
Dated 23rd August 2026

Parish Council Report for 2025 – 2026

The members of Parish Council this year:

Vicar:	Rev. Kerry Davis
Curate:	Rev. Johnwerni Maryoe (up until August meeting)
Churchwardens:	Anna Watts, Denis Lee, Lily Griffin
Parish Councillors:	Elizabeth Croft, Michael Francis, Richard Hallett, Dean Mason (Secretary), Fred McAnda, Anita McAnda, Ting Wang (Treasurer).
Observer (Ordinand):	Francis Lar Kabaw

The Council met 12 times, usually on the third Wednesday evening of the month. We tend to meet online in the colder months and in-person when its warmer. These meetings are well attended and consistently held in a spirit of respectful listening and deliberation. The outcomes of each meeting are reported in the minutes which are posted online and accessible via the weekly email with the pew sheet. The link is: https://anglicanaltlav.org.au/parish-council-minutes/

On January the 31st we held a planning day at St Clement's. We spent time reflecting on how we see God at work in our parish by looking back over 2025 and considering what we have learned, and what is now changing around us. We also spent time identifying our priorities for the year ahead. These were: 1) Maintaining our financial viability; 2) Investigating financial potential of St Clement's and St Eanswythe's sites; 3) Better process for managing the safe ministry program; 4) Prioritising maintenance; 5) Church growth; 6) A coordinated plan for adult religious education and formation; 7) Intentionally prioritise young people being part of church services, and; 8) Building capacity across roles, succession planning. These have generated a number of activities over the year and we continue to work together on ways to our advance the parish in these areas.

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 7 years.

2025-26	2024-25	2023-2024	2022-2023	2021-2022	2020-2021	2019-2020	2018-2019
A. McAnda (pn)	A. McAnda (pn)	A. McAnda (pn)	-	A. McAnda	A. McAnda	A. McAnda	A. McAnda
A. Watts (w,pn)	A. Watts (w,pn)	-	A. Watts	A. Watts	A. Watts	A. Watts	
D. Mason (s)	D. Mason (s)	D. Mason (s,pn)	D. Mason	-	D. Mason	D. Mason	D. Mason
D. Lee (vw)	D. Lee (vw)	D. Lee (w)	D. Lee	-	-	-	D. Lee
-	-	-	-	-	D. Dennis	D. Dennis	D. Dennis
E. Croft	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	E. Makotore	-	-
F. McAnda	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 (w,pn)	L. Griffin	L. Griffin	L. Griffin	L. Griffin	L. Griffin
M. Francis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	R. Srinivasan
R. Hallett	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)	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 2025 – 2026

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT ON THE GOODS AND FABRIC OF ST. EANWYTHE'S & ST. CLEMENT'S CHURCH BUILDING TOGETHER WITH THE VICARAGE AND CLERGY HOUSE TO THE 2026 AGM

1. Main Issues dealt with during the Year.

The main issues which have been addressed at St. Eanswythe's this year include the following: -

- Replacement of the water damaged carpet in the sacristy with donated carpet tiles
- Emergency light upgrades
- Replacement of bulbs in pendant lights to LEDs
- New LED light at Church entrance
- Repair of flashing and gutter to sacristy/Lady Chapel roof
- Replacement of taps in toilets to flip taps
- Repair of leaking ladies' toilet
- Repair of memorial garden tap (near Op Shop)
- Replacement of Roof Sarking over Vicar's Office roof
- Replaced flashing on Vicarage chimney
- Rectified blocked down pipe at Vicarage
- Washer replacement of taps in Vicarage Bathroom
- Sanctuary and alter carpet cleaning
- New Sanctuary cushions
- White stones around memorial garden.
- New corner garden. [Cnr Bent & Queen St]
- Replacement of damaged Pew Cushions

The main issues which have been addressed at St. Clement's this year include the following: -

- Replaced Emergency light
- Fix Leak to Sky light over hallway to Office
- Installed spotlights and sensors to light up car park
- Replaced all Oyster lights on exterior of building with low energy LED types.
- Installed mulch on front garden.

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

The structural integrity of the church building is reasonably sound.

There are a few maintenance items which will hopefully be reviewed and prioritised by the incoming Parish Council. These include the following: -

- The interior walls of the main church are in need maintenance painting
- Replacement of the Spouting on the South Wall of the Church
- Repair / 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)
- Upgrade to the garden area on South Face of Church (from the laneway between the Hall and Op-Shop, extending around to the Memorial Garden).
- Continued maintenance of the Pews
- Install a donated garden shed in courtyard
- Inspection of the structural steelwork supporting the Church Bell
- Installation of mulch on the gardens
- Pruning branches of Gum Tree (at front door of Church) which overhang the Church Roof.
- Check, and where necessary, clean the gutters around the Church, the Vicarage, and the Op Shop.

3. Vicarage, Study & Office

The vicarage is currently structurally sound. No major maintenance items have been noted.

A water leak in the Vicars Study has caused some degradation to the paintwork. Painting repairs will need to be performed.

4. St. Eanswythe's Contents

The contents of the church are basically in good order.

The Church carpet appears to be standing up well.

Both the Church Organ and Piano are routinely serviced and hence are both in good condition.

The Heaters in the church, whilst aged, are now routinely serviced and are still serviceable.

5. St. Eanswythe's Church Gardens

Sections of our Church gardens suffer from weed infestation.

Whilst the work associated with maintaining the garden is in an acceptable state, it is becoming very onerous, the work performed by our dedicated volunteers who attend our routine working-bees have managed to keep the weeds under control.

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 also proving to be very demanding on the ever-diminishing able bodied resources we currently have available. To help with access to the Bent Street frontage memorial garden bed area the middle olive tree has been removed.

7. St. Eanswythe's Lawns

The lawns at St. Eanswythe's are currently maintained by our loyal members who attend the routine working bees.

8. St Clements Main Church

The structural integrity of the church building is in reasonably sound. The only major maintenance items identified is the following: -

- Replace Switchboard to make compliant

9. St. Clements Meeting Rooms

The meeting rooms are in good condition

10. St. Clements Gardens and Lawns

Continuing maintenance is required to the extensive gardens and lawns

11. Items Requiring Attention at St. Clement's.

- Replace Carpark Bollard lights and trace whether wiring works.
- Make safe wiring near Anchor
- Replace flashing on Skylight
- Have gutters cleaned
- Fix level of carpark to stop water logging

12. 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, 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, Lily Griffin
2026 Wardens.

Treasurer's Report for 2025 – 2026

Annual Parish Meeting / Parish Council: 01st November 2026

Accounts as they stand at: 30th September 2026

Cash & Bank Balances

You can see from the balance sheet the available funds in our accounts across CBA, Bendigo, and ADF accounts: CBA: $22,629.49, Bendigo: $2,295.82, ADF Accounts: $14,460.08 (General) and $2,720.81 (Electronic Planned Giving), ADF Term Deposits: $30,809.47.

Assets & Liabilities

Looking at the balance sheet: Total Assets: $125,629.34, Total Liabilities: $10,256.49, Net Assets: $115,372.85

Operating Summary

Collections: Total income from collections was $140,889.25 (against a budget of $160,800.00).

Op Shop: Takings for this year came in at $35,244.00. We acknowledge and express our sincere thanks to the Op Shop staff and volunteers for their ongoing work and dedication.

Mission Giving: Our parish mission giving program contributed $17,000.00 during this financial year to support charities and Diocesan programs.

Occupancy Expenses: Total occupancy expenses were $65,248.04, which came in under the budgeted figure of $69,600.00.

Centenary Celebrations: This year included costs of $1,255.48 associated with the Centenary Celebration 2026 milestone.

Acknowledgements

Keeping our Parish Office in good order, Edita Abram has been and continues to be a tower of strength for many bookkeeping and administrative matters for the parish.

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

Ting Wang
Treasurer

Budget 2026-2027

Anglican Parish of Altona/Laverton

Anglican Parish of Altona/Laverton			
Budget October 2026 - September 2027			
With Past Two Years' Actuals			
	2026-2027 Budget $	**2025-2026 Actual $**	**2024-2025 Actual $**
INCOME			
Collections	141,023	140,639	148,360
Gifts & Donations	1,000	1,520	105
Interest	3,000	3,728	4,822
Ministry & Groups	9,160	11,449	7,670
Op-Shop	35,000	35,244	37,767
Rent (~~Car Park~~, Spanish Baptist Church Venue Hire)	20,250	26,344	55,335
Grants	0	25,006	27,450
Total Income	**209,433**	**243,930**	**281,509**
LESS EXPENSES			
Aboriginal Acknowledgement	2,000	2,000	3,780
Administration	10,792	30,622	15,120
Diocesan Assessment	17,460	-5,446	27,496
Ministry, Outreach & Ed.	1,050	1,835	3,462[+]
Mission Giving – Parish	15,000	17,636	16,260
Occupancy			
Electricity	8,500	7,789	8,509
Gas	5,000	5,156	5,322
Waste and Fire Levy	3,500	3,503	2,344
Water	5,000	3,000	5,441
Equipment, Building, Grounds, Running	16,200	19,336	42,005
Repairs and Maintenance - Equipment	5,000	3,540	
Repairs and Maintenance – Grounds	3,500	2,807	
Repairs and Maintenance – Running	9,200	9,144	
Op Shop	500	130	985
Property Insurance	11,270	10,974	11,438
St Eanswythe's 100 Year Celebration	0	1,255	
Staff	118,000	131,112	142,743
Total Expenses	**231,972**	**244,393**	**284,905***
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	**(22,539)**	**(462)**	**(3,396)***
* *Rounding* [+] *Including Hospitality*			

Profit and Loss

St Eanswythe's Altona & St Clement's Laverton Anglican Churches
For the 2 months ended 30 September 2026

	2026	2026 OVERALL BUDGET
Income		
Collections		
Collections: ADF Electronic Giving	78,010.00	81,909.00
Collections: Envelopes - St Clement's	26,774.50	43,425.00
Collections: Envelopes - St Eanswythe's	25,064.60	25,466.00
Collections: Open Plate - St Clement's	5,260.90	6,000.00
Collections: Open Plate - St Eanswythe's	5,529.25	4,000.00
Total Collections	**140,639.25**	**160,800.00**
Gifts & Donations		
Gifts & Donations: Specified	-	100.00
Gifts & Donations: Unspecified	1,520.00	-
Total Gifts & Donations	**1,520.00**	**100.00**
Interest		
Interest Income: ADF Interest	1,326.38	1,186.00
Interest Income: Bank Interest	78.73	1,814.00
Interest Income: CPF Interest	2,323.44	-
Total Interest	**3,728.55**	**3,000.00**
Ministry		
Ministry Income: Maori Community F'ship	3,900.00	3,000.00
Ministry Income: Pastoral Services	3,495.00	456.00
Ministry Income: Playgroup Clements	658.80	888.00
Ministry Income: Playgroup Eanswythe	811.82	724.00
Ministry Donation: Vicars Discretionary Fund	-	1,932.00
Total Ministry	**8,865.62**	**7,000.00**
Miscellaneous		
Grants: Diocese	25,006.00	44,800.00
Total Miscellaneous	**25,006.00**	**44,800.00**
Op Shop		
Op Shop	35,244.00	38,000.00
Total Op Shop	**35,244.00**	**38,000.00**
Rent		
Rental Income: Car Park	21,149.35	12,500.00
Rental Income: Spanish Baptist Church	1,200.00	1,000.00
Rental Income: St Clement's Venue Hire	1,450.00	1,000.00
Rental Income: St Eanswythe's Venue Hire	2,185.00	1,000.00
Total Rent	**25,984.35**	**15,500.00**
Westgate Prostate Donation	360.00	-
Total Income	**241,347.77**	**269,200.00**

	2026	2026 OVERALL BUDGET
Gross Profit	**241,347.77**	**269,200.00**
Less Operating Expenses		
Aboriginal Acknowledgement	2,000.00	2,000.00
Administration		
Admin: Stewardshhip	48.37	519.00
Admin: Bank Fees & Other Charges	22.75	22.00
Admin: Bookkeeping	2,090.91	5,888.00
Admin: Clearances and Compliance	-	135.00
Admin: Equipment Purchases	53.64	-
Admin: Office Expenses	84.55	53.00
Admin: Other Expenses	10.91	-
Admin: Printing, Stationery and Postage	1,509.45	4,014.00
Admin: Professional Fees	-	817.00
Admin: Software Expenses	659.98	702.00
Admin: Subscriptions	1,367.24	762.00
Admin: Website Costs	-	52.00
Phone/Internet		
Admin: Phone/Internet - St Clement's	854.41	401.00
Admin: Phone/Internet - Vicarage/Office	1,741.25	1,835.00
Total Phone/Internet	**2,595.66**	**2,236.00**
Total Administration	**8,443.46**	**15,200.00**
Diocesan Assessment		
Diocesan Assessment	(5,446.00)	1,569.00
Total Diocesan Assessment	**(5,446.00)**	**1,569.00**
Ministry, Outreach & Education		
Ministry, Outreach & Ed: Hospitality	-	757.00
Ministry, Outreach & Ed: Other	100.00	-
Ministry, Outreach & Ed: Parish Activities	276.13	-
Ministry, Outreach & Ed: Pastoral Service Expenses	49.56	133.00
Ministry, Outreach & Ed: Playgroup St C's	-	737.00
Ministry, Outreach & Ed: Sacristy Exp	1,599.91	1,633.00
Ministry, Outreach & Ed: TMA Subscription	-	240.00
Ministry, Outreach & Ed: Anglican Calendars & Lectionaries	(190.14)	-
Total Ministry, Outreach & Education	**1,835.46**	**3,500.00**
Occupancy		
Property Insurance		
Property Insurance: St Clement's	2,555.67	2,794.00
Property Insurance: St Eanswythe_Vicarage_Clergy_house	8,417.81	9,206.00
Total Property Insurance	**10,973.48**	**12,000.00**
Repairs and Maintenance - Buildings		
Occ Repair/Maint Buildings: Clergy House	4,900.00	4,640.00

	2026	2026 OVERALL BUDGET
Occ Repair/Maint Buildings: St Clements	3,808.83	3,460.00
Occ Repair/Maint Buildings: St Eanswythe's	10,202.72	4,460.00
Occ Repair/Maint Buildings: Vicarage & Office	424.36	3,140.00
Total Repairs and Maintenance - Buildings	**19,335.91**	**15,700.00**
Repairs and Maintenance - Equipment		
Occ Repair/Maint Equipment: Clergy House	-	6,500.00
Occ Repair/Maint Equipment: St Clement's	2,121.27	2,000.00
Occ Repair/Maint Equipment: St Eanswythe's	922.09	1,000.00
Occ Repair/Maint Equipment: Vicarage & Office	496.99	1,000.00
Total Repairs and Maintenance - Equipment	**3,540.35**	**10,500.00**
Repairs and Maintenance - Grounds		
Occ Repair/Maint Grounds: St Clement's	1,942.46	2,000.00
Occ Repair/Maint Grounds: St Eanswythe's	849.87	800.00
Occ Repair/Maint Grounds: Vicarage	14.73	200.00
Total Repairs and Maintenance - Grounds	**2,807.06**	**3,000.00**
Repairs and Maintenance - Running		
Occ Repair/Maint Running: St Clement's	4,128.62	3,300.00
Occ Repair/Maint Running: St Eanswythe's	5,013.14	3,300.00
Occ Repair/Maint Running: Vicarage & Office	2.27	400.00
Total Repairs and Maintenance - Running	**9,144.03**	**7,000.00**
Utilities - Electricity		
Occ Utilities Electricity - St Clement's	1,943.17	3,000.00
Occ Utilities Electricity: Clergy House	848.96	600.00
Occ Utilities Electricity: St Eanswythe's	2,706.13	2,400.00
Occ Utilities Electricity: Vicarage & Office	2,290.59	3,000.00
Total Utilities - Electricity	**7,788.85**	**9,000.00**
Utilities - Gas		
Occ Utilities Gas: Clergy House	645.30	600.00
Occ Utilities Gas: St Clement's	755.83	600.00
Occ Utilities Gas: St Eanswythe's	1,784.57	1,400.00
Occ Utilities Gas: Vicarage & Office	1,970.21	2,400.00
Total Utilities - Gas	**5,155.91**	**5,000.00**
Utilities - Water		
Occ Utilities Water: Clergy House	500.00	2,500.00
Occ Utilities Water: St Clement's	400.00	400.00
Occ Utilities Water: St Eanswythe's	300.00	300.00
Occ Utilities Water: Vicarage & Office	1,800.00	1,800.00
Total Utilities - Water	**3,000.00**	**5,000.00**
Waste and Fire Levy		
Occ Waste & Fire Levy: Clergy House	651.45	400.00
Occ Waste & Fire Levy: St Clement's	1,297.50	1,000.00
Occ Waste & Fire Levy: St Eanswythe's	789.30	500.00

	2026	2026 OVERALL BUDGET
Occ Waste & Fire Levy: Vicarage & Office	764.20	500.00
Total Waste and Fire Levy	**3,502.45**	**2,400.00**
Total Occupancy	**65,248.04**	**69,600.00**
Op Shop		
Op Shop Expenses	129.99	1,000.00
Total Op Shop	**129.99**	**1,000.00**
Parish Mission Giving		
Mission Giving Exp: Parish Giving	15,000.00	15,000.00
Total Parish Mission Giving	**15,000.00**	**15,000.00**
Soup & Sandwiches		
Centenary Celebration 2026	1,255.48	2,000.00
Total Soup & Sandwiches	**1,255.48**	**2,000.00**
Staff		
Assistant		
Clergy Exps: Assistant Clergy	-	20,180.00
Clergy Exps: Assistant Curate Benefits	16,649.66	-
Clergy Exps: Assistant Curate LSL	1,197.96	-
Clergy Exps: Assistant Curate SS Super	3,219.28	-
Clergy Exps: Assistant Curate Stipend	12,329.66	-
Clergy Exps: Assistant Curate Super	4,828.86	-
Clergy Exps: Assistant Curate Vehicle Replacement	2,699.05	-
Clergy Exps: Assistant Curate Workcover	409.27	-
Total Assistant	**41,333.74**	**20,180.00**
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	1,199.97	3,700.00
Clergy Exps: Vicar Benefits	32,823.37	-
Clergy Exps: Vicar LSL	1,788.00	3,716.00
Clergy Exps: Vicar SS Super	13,133.10	-
Clergy Exps: Vicar Stipend	22,046.55	72,006.00
Clergy Exps: Vicar Superannuation	10,197.96	9,901.00
Clergy Exps: Vicar Vehicle Replacement	4,560.00	4,560.00
Clergy Exps: Vicar Vehicle Running Costs	516.82	900.00
Clergy Exps: Vicar Vehicle Standing Costs	2,641.39	2,200.00
Clergy Exps: WorkCover Expenses	871.30	1,200.00
Total Vicar	**89,778.46**	**98,183.00**
Admin		
Admin: Office Admin Workcover	407.68	-
Admin: Office Admin Super	2,331.97	1,680.00

	2026	2026 OVERALL BUDGET
Admin: Office Admin Salary	19,438.66	34,219.00
Total Admin	**22,178.31**	**35,899.00**
Total Staff	**153,290.51**	**156,000.00**
Total Less Operating Expenses	**241,756.94**	**265,869.00**
Operating Profit	**(409.17)**	**3,331.00**
Non-operating Income		
Misc Income: Reimbursements	917.00	-
Misc Income: Other	30.00	-
Mission Giving		
Mission Giving: BCA Boxes	964.75	-
Mission Giving: Christmas Bowl/Act for Peace	671.45	-
Total Mission Giving	**1,636.20**	**-**
Total Non-operating Income	**2,583.20**	**-**
Non-operating Expenses		
Miscellaneous Expenses: reimbursed	899.94	-
Miscellaneous Expenses	100.00	-
Mission Giving		
Mission Giving Exp: BCA Boxes	964.75	-
Mission Giving Exp: Christmas Bowl/Act for Peace	671.45	-
Total Mission Giving	**1,636.20**	**-**
Total Non-operating Expenses	**2,636.14**	**-**
Net Profit	**(462.11)**	**3,331.00**

Balance Sheet

St Eanswythe's Altona & St Clement's Laverton Anglican Churches
As at 30 September 2026

	30 SEPT 2026	30 SEPT 2025
Assets		
Bank		
Bendigo Bank - St E's & St C's	2,295.82	14,959.12
Comm Bank - St E's & St C's	22,629.49	25,176.38
Total Bank	**24,925.31**	**40,135.50**
Current Assets		
ADF489: Eanswythe's General	14,460.08	14,054.55
ADF621: Electronic Planned Giving	2,720.81	2,470.76
Petty Cash	150.00	150.00
Prepayments	1,545.30	1,545.30
Total Current Assets	**18,876.19**	**18,220.61**
Non-current Assets		
ADF437: Eanswythe's Term Deposit	30,809.47	30,809.47
AF: Blyth St Land Sale CPF	51,018.37	51,018.37
Total Non-current Assets	**81,827.84**	**81,827.84**
Total Assets	**125,629.34**	**140,183.95**
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	1,747.46	4,574.89
Accrued Expenses	9,211.32	2,269.04
Corporate Card	(20.00)	(20.00)
GST	(223.34)	(1,165.99)
Lay Professional Development	929.68	929.68
Rounding	(0.06)	(0.06)
Suspense	(1,388.57)	211.43
Total Current Liabilities	**10,256.49**	**6,798.99**
Total Liabilities	**10,256.49**	**6,798.99**
Net Assets	**115,372.85**	**133,384.96**
Equity		
Reserves		
Online Worship - Specified	1,000.00	1,000.00
Reserve - Assistant Curate costs	-	17,550.00
Special Project Funds: Clements Mem Garden	1,186.51	1,186.51
Special Project Funds: Eanswythes Mem Garden	7,401.35	7,401.35
St Clement’s Repairs and Maintenance (reserve)	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total Reserves	**10,587.86**	**28,137.86**
Current Year Earnings	(462.11)	(4,170.27)
Opening Balance Equity	172,643.42	172,643.42

	30 SEPT 2026	30 SEPT 2025
Retained Earnings	(126,142.71)	(121,972.44)
Revaluation of AF Assets	58,746.39	58,746.39
Total Equity	**115,372.85**	**133,384.96**

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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 2026.

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 2026.

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 2026 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 2025 – 2026

During the 12 months relative to this report, we have completed the 2025/2026 program (31st May 2026) and, after discussion at Parish Council, a motion to alter the Planned Giving Program to commence in October to align with the Parishes Financial Year was passed with the current 2026/2027 program beginning on 1st October.

Our giving achieved 92% of the total pledge figure for 2025/26 Program.

For the 2025/2026 Planned Giving Program, a total of $139,053.39 was received, $79,780 through the Anglican Development Fund, $43,795.79 using the Bendigo Bank, $8,603.50 was received through the envelopes and $6,874.10 through open plate giving and collections during our church services.

During the four months to the start of the 2026/2027 Program, a total of $44,231.90 was received.

Thanks to all who have managed to keep up with their giving over this past year. 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 2026/27 program has promised $134,027.00 in pledged giving over 52 weeks – a decrease from the previous program of $322.56 per week.

33 people from St. Eanswythes's and 33 people from St. Clement's, are involved in the current program. The average pledge is $42.53 at St. Eanswythe's and $36.92 at St. Clement's, broken down as follows:

Bracket	No. of pledges	Bracket	No. of pledges
$0 - $20	31	$61 - $80	6
$21 - $60	19	$81 - $120+	10

25 people opted for direct debit with ADF, 23 parishioners indicated they would deposit directly into our Bendigo account, 12 use weekly envelopes, and 6 give through open plate.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Pat Baines, who continues to help me while I take on the task of co-ordinating the Planned Giving Program.

Please contact me if you have any question about out 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 2025 – 2026

The Op-Shop is currently well stocked. A continuous supply of donations of children's, women's and men's clothing throughout the year has kept us very busy. All clothing hanging racks are completely full to capacity. Clothing is also stored into tubs after sorting. Clothing such as dresses, coats, evening wear shirts etc. are from $1.00 to $10.00. Cloths on tables are currently 10 for $1.00. Sales of clothing have been lower than in past years yet donations have been more and constant. The majority of clothing has been of very good quality and condition. Excess donations of bedding, towels and blankets are also stored in tubs or donated to Latitude. Donated items that are in an undesirable state are distributed into local outside bins.

Books (novels only) are good sellers as are CD's and DVD's. This year there has been a drop in donations of kitchen items such as crockery, glasses etc. This may be due to many now selling items online rather than donating to op-shops.

The op-shop continues to support Debbie the young mum and her autistic sor Daniel, with clothing and bedding at reduced cost. We also support Latitude Youth Centre in Summers Parade with sleeping bags, bedding and backpacks etc.

The Op-Shop is staffed with volunteers from St. Eanswythe's, St. Mary's, Holy Trinity, Uniting Church, St. Clements. And from the local community. However more volunteers are needed. If vou are able to help one day a month or as an emergency it would be greatly appreciated. Please consider this. Our Op-Shor is a wonderful community hub. It is a most welcoming place to shop and chat

Many thanks to all the wonderful volunteers for their ongoing support and commitment. Many thanks for all the donations. You're missing out if you haven't shopped in the best Op-Shop. There is no other shop that can compare with the St. Eanswythe's Op-Shop.

Zoya Davies

Safe Ministry Report for 2025 – 2026

In the Bible, Acts 20:28 instructs church overseers (leaders) to "keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers", comparing leadership to being shepherds who protect against harm. Our Parish is blessed with a caring and welcoming congregation, working together and supporting many charities. We also need to be committed to safe ministry to fulfill the Church's biblical, pastoral, legal and moral responsibilities, with the goal that all our ministries are spiritually, emotionally and physically safe.

Last year's Annual Parish Safe Ministry Report presented a concise background to the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne's decision to setting up an independent organisation, Kooyoora, to manage and coordinate responses to all reports of abuse completely independent of the Diocese. Kooyoora uses a secure online platform, Online Screening Application (OSCA), which is designed to simplify and strengthen the pre-employment screening process. The Anglican Diocese of Melbourne encompasses around 130 to 140 active parishes and authorized congregations across Melbourne and Geelong.

Embedding a culture of child safety and wellbeing requires action at every level of the diocese from the Archbishop's office to the smallest parish or congregation and a commitment from their leaders, clergy, staff and volunteers. In the Diocese of Melbourne, Safe Ministry is guided by the Safe Ministry Policy approved by the Archbishop in Council under section 14 of the Professional Standards Uniform Act 2016 Version 2.0, updated April 2023. Briefly, the Act allows the Diocese to issue binding codes of conduct governing the behaviour of church workers, particularly in relation to child safety, vulnerable people and safe ministry, with compliance feeding into fitness-for-ministry.

According to the Act and Policy, Safe Ministry in Parishes requires that all people in roles, offices and positions within the church must take part in screening, training and supervision for their role. The process of Safe Ministry comprises several parts, separately for Volunteers and Clergy. It includes Training and Clearances.

a. <u>Safe Ministry Training</u>

Module 1: All Volunteers
Module 1 & 2: Volunteers working directly with children
Module 1, 2 & 3: Clergy and Authorized Lay Ministers
Teen Helper: Volunteers under 18yrs, between 13 and 17yrs

b. <u>Clearance for Service</u>

Volunteers working directly with children (Sunday School, Play Group and Youth Outreach)

- *(Volunteers need to have a current Working With Children Card and do a Police Check through the Parish CrimCheck link.)*
- *(Volunteers under 18yrs, between 13 and 17yrs, complete the clearance during the Safe Ministry Training, but do not require Working With Children Card and a Police Check.)*

c. <u>Clearance for Ministry</u>

Clergy and Authorized Lay Ministers

- *(Clergy and Authorized Lay Ministers need to have a current Working With Children Card and do a Police Check through the Diocese CrimCheck link.)*

It is a formal and legal Government requirement that no person be permitted to undertake work in any role, office or position without having completed the relevant Training and Clearance. Clergy and Lay people who require a Clearance for Service or Clearance for Ministry must currently submit their application to Kooyoora within 30 days of being elected or appointed to their role, office or position. **The Clergy or Lay person (Church worker) must hold a Clearance before holding a prescribed role, office or position.** Safe Ministry Training and Clearances are to be undertaken every three (3) years to the appropriate level/s for the role. The training helps our people to work with children and vulnerable people safely.

<u>Current status of Safe Ministry in our Parish</u>

Total number of Volunteers: **69** (including 2 Authorized Lay Ministers and 2 Ordinands preparing to become Priests)

A. Safe Ministry Training

Completed	64
To be completed	5

B. Clearance for Service

Completed	14
To be completed	6
Not required	49

C. Clearance for Ministry

Completed	5 (including 1 Vicar, 2 Authorized Lay Ministers and 2 Ordinands preparing to become Priests)

I am grateful to our Vicar for his support throughout the safe ministry processes. Thank you to all the Volunteers who have diligently completed their Training and Clearances. I encourage those who still need to complete their Training and/or Clearance, that they complete them as soon as possible please. Every Parish is required to submit a Volunteer and Lay Employee Register, provided by the Diocese, to the Diocese at the end of each year.

Thank you to everyone for your faithful service to our parish and for your commitment to maintaining a safe and welcoming environment for all.

Grace and peace,

Michael Francis
Parish Safe Ministry Compliance Officer

St Eanswythe's Sunday School Report for 2025 – 2026

We experienced an enjoyable year with the children attending each Sunday, our patronage ranged from pre-school, kindergarten and primary school.

Attendances varied, at times none, oddly seven, though averaging around four.

Our lessons endeavoured to follow the theme of the weekly readings, and we thank Rev'd. Kerry and Rev'd Johnwerni for their assistance when our children presented their posters craftwork, and songs, their efforts always pleasingly supported by our congregation.

Our teaching theme– 'expressing God's love through Jesus' was put to practice in our outreach to less fortunate communities. This year $1,040. was raised and directed to Tearfund Australia through Tear fund's Useful Gifts, thank you to Phillis Gregson for her work in co-ordinating this outreach effort.

Our teaching group met regularly to plan and coordinate our lesson programs, thank you Phillis, Jan, Frances, Xiao, Alta and Fred for their efforts and for providing much needed support and encouragement to each other.

Additional changes to the accreditation of safe practice requirements for teachers put in place by Kooyora were not very encouraging to our volunteers who teach our children each week.

We require an injection of new faces and talents in our teaching group, and we reach out for assistance in offering their services as Sunday school teachers.

Fred McAnda, Co-ordinator

St Clement's Sunday School Report for 2025 – 2026

In 2025-2026, the attendance of children varied at St Clement's Sunday morning services, therefore a regular Sunday School programme was not offered. However, recognising the importance of engaging children when they are present, age-appropriate Sunday School materials were made available for any children attending the 8:30 am service.

Sandra Hansen

Tiddlers Playgroup Report for 2025 – 2026

After such a busy year last year, we have enjoyed a quieter year averaging 8 children each week. Never the less, it has been a lovely year – watching the relationships and support growing between the adult carers and children – quality not quantity.

We finished last year with a meaningful children's service in Church conducted by Rev. Kerry and presentation of participation certificates.

Our breakup was the popular picnic and barbeque at Apex Park with a special visitor, Santa (Barry Hanson – many thanks for the wonderful effort he goes to – the children love it).

Our weekly sessions are based on free play including playdough, painting, puzzles, Lego, home corner, toys, books and outdoor play including the very popular sand pit. It is wonderful to observe the happy play.

We have shared morning tea of fruit and water after singing grace. Some weeks are highlighted with a birthday and cake.

We conclude the morning with the very popular music session that the children participate in.

We have had one new baby (the mother's own mother died a few months before), I'm sure she values the support and friendship of the other mothers and grandmothers.

Another baby is due late November.

We have contributed to parish funds.

We have continued to support the MU Mission of "Sharing Christ's Love by encouraging, strengthening and supporting marriage and family life".

Once again, my grateful thanks to our wonderful team, Jill Stewart, Pat Baines, Lyn McDonald, Xiou Yang and Francis von-Kalm (who steps in when someone is away).

Special thanks to Denis Lee who helps me set up each week.

Jan Lee
Coordinator

Clementines Playgroup Report for 2025 – 2026

Clementines playgroup has continued this year with 12 children registered. Each Friday, up to 10 children come to St Clement's to spend two hours playing with each other and taking part in structured schedule.

We have one hour of free play, followed by morning tea of fruit and water, music/dancing and story time.

The children enjoy being with their friends and the parents/grandparents have time and space to talk to each other.

This provides a support for the parents and many long-term friendships are formed in this atmosphere.

Clementines is open to all children from birth to school age.

We are open from 9.15 to 11.15 am every Friday during school term.

The cost is $3.00 per week ($30.00 per term) plus a piece of fruit to share.

Come along and join us. For further information contact Sandra Hansen on 0410 040 661.

Lily Griffin and Sandra Hansen, Clementines

Mothers' Union Report for 2025 – 2026

2026 has been a busy year for Mother's Union and for St Eanswythe's. Mother's Union celebrated 150 years, and St Eanswythe's celebrated 100 years of ministry.

As members of Mother's Union, we are united through the power of prayer. For 150 years, prayer has been our foundation, our strength and our inspiration.

Each day at noon, MU members around the world pause to pray, using the themes of our monthly Prayer Diary. We in Australia join with members all around the world in this, our commitment to each other and to the places where we live and work. By joining this wave of prayer, we become part of something far greater than ourselves; a unified prayerful community stretching across the globe,

Here at St Eanswythe's, we continue to meet each month. Most months barring illness and holidays, we have 17 or so members attend our meetings. Sometimes we have a guest speaker, sometimes we do not. Either way, we meet, following the Thursday morning Eucharist service and there is always plenty of talking, catching up of friends and news about the place.

Each July we have a special open meeting with a special guest speaker, followed by a delicious lunch. This year we had a group of members of Bikers Against Child Abuse Victorian Chapter. They gave a very interesting talk of how they work with children who would otherwise live in fear of abuse, either physical, mental or just neglect. Their motto is No Child Deserves to Live in Fear. Everyone enjoyed talking with these men and ladies, and they ride beautiful motorbikes that they parked on the front lawn of the church.

During the year, we have raised money to support various Anglican Charities. We also collect Christmas cards for women prisoners. Each November we pack 5 cards per bag to give to each woman in prison, so that they have the opportunity to send cards to their loved ones.

In October, we also pack our Dignity bags. During the year, we collect vital supplies such as soap, shampoo, other toiletries, hair products etc, we then pack these items into handbags/ backpacks to be taken to Bunnings. Bunnings is the collection point, and they deliver the bags to various charities that help women who are escaping from domestic violence. Our bags give these women the necessary goods they need plus the chance to have a handbag. Sometimes they have been forced to leave home with nothing, not even the dignity of a handbag to hold

In November, we will finish our year by holding our Annual Prayer Partners Dinner. At the beginning of the year, our members and any other interested ladies are given the name of one person each to pray for, in secret, all year. At our annual dinner, it is revealed whom we have been praying for and a card is given. This is a great night, with much laughter and fun

My position as President of this branch of MU would be an onerous task if I did not have a marvellous committee working with me. I thank God for Lyn, Jan, Fran, Beryl and Ros. They have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to keep our branch running smoothly.

In closing, I am reminded of the following verses from Philippians 4: 6-7. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Keep praying.
Sandra Hansen

St. Eanswythe's/St. Clements Mothers Union Annual Financial Statement
1 October 2025 to 30 September 2026

Balance Brought Forward	**$898.77**		
Credits		**Debits**	
Subscriptions x 17	$765.00	Donation to H/O (Projects)	$1,050.00
Special effort	$311.30	Subscription to H/O	$765.00
Tubes	$66.20	Affiliation Fee	$30.00
Donations	$62.00	Publications	$96.00
Publications	$54.00		**$1,941.00**
Fundraiser	$582.00		
	$1,840.50		
Total	**$2,739.27**	Balance in Bank	**$798.27**
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		Balance Carried Forward	**$798.27**

Jan Lee, Treasurer

Caritas Report for 2025 – 2026

We have 10 active members at present, having lost 2 dear members in the last year and 2 ex-members we pray for. Joyce Bayley passed away in April after many years of contributing to our group, and Lynn Beales whose demise was sudden. We miss them both.

As a group, we still raise money for Anglicare and Cottage by the Sea (CBTS) in Queenscliff. They are always in need of toiletries, toys and clothes. Some visiting children arrive at camps with nothing; such is the level of their family's poverty. The children are sponsored to attend holidays so they can at least have a break at the seaside.

Our Diary of Activities

October '25
We had a presentation from our Curate, Rev Johnwerni Maryoe. He is from Myanmar, previously known as Burma. It was amazing and humbling to see how Christians and other minorities had to suffer and still do; the ill-treatment and acts of war from the Military Junta.

November '25
The meeting was mostly centred around planning for Christmas. A service in the Lady Chapel followed by refreshments.

December '25
The Christmas meeting commenced at 6 pm with a service of readings, prayer, meditation and carols accompanied by Lyn McDonald on the organ. Thank you, Lyn. We were invited to the Uniting Church for their carol service

February '26
After opening with prayer, there was a tribute to Lynn Beales, a long-time member, whose funeral was in December. I, for one, was shocked, as it seemed no time had passed since she and Trevor were regulars at Central Square Mall, where we spent many a happy time chatting over coffee. May she rest in peace.

Ideas for the program were discussed. Jeanette offered to help Joyce Bailey. Joyce does not want to lose this position but is steadily declining in health. We may need to discuss this position in the year.

March '26
Our Guest speaker was Jim Heavey, who spoke about the local history. It was really interesting. He had a wealth of information, having been a local all his life. Rev'd Johnwerni assisted with the slideshow.

On March 27 we went to the Uniting Church on Seves St, for a Film Night complete with popcorn and lollies for a fun evening. The movie featured 7 Brides for 7 Brothers. It was quaint but highly amusing.

April '26
This was a regular meeting catch-up over tea.

May '26
Barry Hansen spoke on beekeeping which was fascinating. Fortunately, he left the little critters at home. He is very knowledgeable about bees. He left us with a sense of awe of what they're capable of.

June ‘26

Guest Speaker - Naw Halar spoke about her move and settling in Australia with her husband, Francis Lar Kabaw.

July ‘26

We had an informal meeting.

August ‘26

Informal meeting. A donation of $100 was sent to Cottage by the Sea.

September ‘26

September 8 was our 66th Birthday. Our speaker Donna Campisi was unable to attend due to work commitments, so Zoya gave an update on CBTS activities. They are very grateful for our donations - thanks to our local dentists they have plenty of toothbrushes and toothpaste! T-shirts are needed for 10-14 yrs.

As we had no guest speaker, Sandra suggested we all spend a few minutes sharing why Caritas is important to us. What was evident was the love, friendship, laughter and support as well as the memories of all the fun times we enjoyed over the years. Susan and Vanessa arrived just in time for afternoon tea, having been stuck in traffic! Thanks to Phillis for taking the minutes.

Conclusion

And so, this ends another year of St Eanswythe’s Caritas chapter. We thanked the Lord and finished with the grace. Thank you to all my fellow members. Finally, as many of our members are ageing and are no longer able to commit to the positions of Chairperson, Treasurer, and Secretary, we have has unanimously agreed that it is best for Caritas to continue meeting monthly but as a fellowship group. Because we are part of the Mothers’ Union (MU), our support, financial responsibilities, and secretarial oversight will come under MU. This decision reflects the present reality of our group and ensures that our gatherings can continue albeit in a different way.

Susan J Maddox
Secretary of Caritas

ST EANSWYTHE'S CARITAS GROUP
Treasurer's Annual report
Caritas annual report 30 September 2026

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Balance brought forward 30/09/2025		**122.75**
Income:	**$**	
Member dues payment	450.00	
Meeting donations	302.45	**752.45**
Total Income		**875.20**
Expenses:		
Caritas membership Fees to MU (12 members @ $45.00)	540.00	
MU affiliation fee	30.00	
Floral tributes	45.00	
Cottage by the Sea (Donation)	100.00	**715.00**
Balance carried forward as of 30/09/2026		**160.20**

Friday Night Games at St Clement's 2025 – 2026

The games night has been running now since Thursday 24th April 2025. We've been meeting on the Friday night since 4th term last year, with breaks for the school holidays.

From the start of January this year we reduced our nights from every Friday to every second Friday during school term. Then from the start of second term in April we added a Friday games night once a month, this time for "Mature Minds". This is aimed at adults, but younger ones with sufficient focus to play longer games alongside their parents are also welcome to attend.

Attendance is good with as many as 18 and as few as 5. The "Mature Minds" night is usually attended by just a couple of people but we will focus more on this night over the coming year or two.

We've added a few new games this month like the popular Zombicide. We've also added outdoor quoits and foam balls for the more physically active young ones.

Scott and Anna Pitcher

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