

# **Anglican Parish of the Parks St Silas & St Anselm**



## **2021 Annual Report**

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## Agenda for Annual General Meeting Sunday 28 November 2021

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

Signed:  .....

**Reverend Sophie Watkins**

Vicar of the Parish of St Silas & St Anselm Albert Park

## Minutes of 2020 Annual General Meeting

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Held at 11.00am on Sunday 14 March 2021 in the Church.

At the commencement of the session, Revd Linda Fiske reconvened the 2019 Annual General Meeting. The purpose was to pass the audited accounts, which had been passed subject to audit at the 2019 AGM. The 2019 AGM had not been reconvened due to COVID-19.

That the 2019 audited accounts be approved:

Moved: Marcia Fleet

Seconded: Glenn Bowes

CARRIED

- a) Minutes of previous AGM** Revd Linda Fiske  
A quorum being present, the meeting commenced at 11.00am.
- Present** Revd Linda Fiske, Judy Bink, Glenn Bowes, Geoffrey Carroll, Karen Connew, Stuart Connew, Margaret Cross, Helen Donagan, Barry Dorr, Jo Douglass, Marcia Fleet, Chris Hui, Catherine Moore, Lee Palmer, Peg Randell, Cristian Rogalsky, Jon Rolfe, Sharon Russell, Steve Smith, Terri Thompson, Michael Urwin, Brian Walburgh, Frank Warner
- Apologies** The Vicar, Revd Sophie Watkins, Ciprian Chiorean, Raluca Chiorean, Wendy Collins, Judith Dunster, Jo Roach
- Secretary** Michael Urwin to take minutes of the meeting
- b) Minutes of previous AGM** Confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.  
Moved: Peg Randell                      Seconded: Geoff Carroll                      CARRIED
- c) Reception of Parish Electoral Roll** Confirmed as tabled.  
Moved: Helen Donagan                      Seconded: Geoff Carroll                      CARRIED
- It was pointed out by Revd Fiske that the original agenda, item (e) includes reports on parish council, pastoral care, evangelism, social programs, and future plans. It is felt that these issues are reported elsewhere: in the Vicar's's report, Sunday Suppers report and etc., and so, as done in previous years, these items would not be reported as a separate item.
- d) Vicar's Annual Report** Sophie's Vicar's Report was presented in her sermon on 14 February, and copies were available.  
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The entries in the registers of the Parish for the financial year, including numbers of baptisms, persons received into communicant membership, confirmations, marriages, funerals, Sunday services, acts of communion and such other statistics were provided.  
That the Vicar's Annual Report be received:

Moved: Steve Smith                      Seconded: Brian Walburgh      CARRIED

**e) Church Wardens' Report**

Glenn Bowes was available to answer questions.

That the Church Wardens' Report be received:

Moved: Margaret Cross                      Seconded: Sharon Russell      CARRIED

**f) Treasurer's Report**

In the absence of the Treasurer, Marcia Fleet presented the Financial Report for the year ended 30 September 2020, the accounts having been audited. Jon Rolfe was present to answer questions.

A question was raised (Barry Dorr) regarding the property income, and whether that related to the petrol station lease, and for how long the agreement was in place.

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That the annual accounts be approved:

Moved: Marcia Fleet      Seconded: Catherine Moore                      CARRIED

**g) Budget**

In the absence of the Treasurer, Jon Rolfe was able to speak to the budget.

He confirmed that at the time the Parish Council approved the budget it was unclear what support would be on-going in light of COVID-19, hence a small loss had been budgeted for, which was reasonable given reserves. It has subsequently been confirmed that JobKeeper would continue until March of this year.

The question was raised (Barry Dorr) as to what percentage of the expenditure was devoted to outreach programs. Jon replied that outreach included programs such as Sunday Suppers, but he would double check and report back in a future pew bulletin. It was pointed

out that a pie chart of the breakdown of expenses in the budget was in the papers.

- h) Other Parish Reports**      Revd Linda indicated that all reports were included in the papers, and on behalf of Sophie Watkins, she expressed sincere appreciation to those who had prepared the reports and coordinated the activities. That the Parish Reports be received:  
Moved: Steve Smith                      Seconded: Barry Dorr CARRIED
- i) Election: Church Wardens and Parish Council Members**      Church Wardens:  
Brian Walburgh and Marcia Fleet (People's Wardens)  
**Parish Council Members:**  
Ciprian Chiorean, Judy Dunster, Catherine Moore, Lee Palmer, Sharon Russell, Michael Urwin  
As the number of nominations did not exceed the number of positions available, the nominees were confirmed as elected.  
CARRIED WITH ACCLAIM
- j) Election of auditor**      That Mr Rick Burman, having confirmed his preparedness to undertake the role, be appointed auditor for the 2020/21 financial year.  
Moved: Judy Bink      Seconded: Frank Warner                      CARRIED
- k) Election of Incumbency Committee**      As the number of nominations for the committee did not exceed the number of places available, Robert Shattock and Terri Thompson were confirmed as elected.  
CARRIED WITH ACCLAIM
- l) Other business**      There were no further matters, and Revd Linda Fiske declared the meeting closed at 11.16am.

# PARISH STATISTICS FOR 2020/2021

(October 2020 - September 2021)

Please complete a form for each church in parish - if applicable. Combined parish figures will be accepted & return to [registrar@melbourneanglican.org.au](mailto:registrar@melbourneanglican.org.au)

Parish of the Parks

Church: St Silas and St Anselm, Albert Park

**Please return to the Registry by 3rd DECEMBER 2021**

Most of the responses received from parishes are included in the statistics section of the Diocesan Yearbook and are used by various people. In other instances, the information is used in research projects carried out by the diocese. Your co-operation is sought in completing the data being collected. In instances where records are not maintained, your best 'guesstimate' would be appreciated.

## WORSHIP

1 a	101	Number of public services wherever held* <b>excluding</b> weddings, funerals, private baptisms, services in residential facilities	3 a	928	Total Acts of Communion in public services* <b>excluding</b> private ministrations and services in residential facilities
b	52	Number of public Sunday services wherever held <b>excluding</b> weddings, funerals, private baptisms, services in residential facilities	b	928	Total number of Sunday Acts of Communion <b>excluding</b> private ministrations and services in residential facilities
c	0	Number of publicised services held in residential care facilities	c	6	Total Other Acts of Communion <b>including</b> private ministrations and services in residential facilities
2 a	32	Average weekly attendance at all Public services** <b>exclude</b> weddings, funerals, private baptisms, services in residential facilities, Easter and Christmas	4 a	108	Total attendance at Christmas Day/Eve services (Christmas Eve means after 5:00 pm)
b	32	Average Sunday attendance** at all Sunday services <b>excluding</b> weddings, funerals, private baptisms, services in residential facilities, Easter and Christmas	b	70	Total number of Acts of Communion at Christmas Day/Eve services (Christmas Eve means after 5:00 pm)
c	0	Average weekly attendance at all non-English services** <b>exclude</b> weddings, funerals, private baptisms, services in residential facilities, Easter and Christmas	5 a	110	Total attendance at Easter Day/Eve services
			b	54	Total number of Acts of Communion at Easter Day/Eve services

\* Include weekday and Sunday services \*\* Include children and Non Communicants

## MEMBERSHIP

6	79	No. on Church Electoral Roll presented at the Annual Parish Meeting	13 a	1	No. of continuing home/small groups
7a	2	No. of Infant Baptisms	b	6	Total No. of persons in continuing home/small groups per week
7b	0	No. of Adult Baptisms			
8	0	No. of children admitted to Communion			
9	0	No. of persons received into the Anglican Communion	14		Estimated no. of frequent attenders - including at weekly programs/worship services (excluding CRE)
10	0	No. of Confirmations	a	3	Pre-school (0 - 5)
11		No. of funerals conducted:	b	12	Primary School
a	4	in the churches of the parish	c	1	Secondary School
b	0	elsewhere	d	0	Post Secondary (under 25)
12		No. of marriages conducted:			
a	0	in the churches of the parish			
b	0	elsewhere			

## Wardens' Report to Annual General Meeting 2021

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The COVID-19 pandemic has continued to have a huge impact on us all throughout 2021. Many decisions have had to be taken on a week-by-week basis, and we thank all members of the Parish for their understanding, tolerance and support.

The physical fabric of the church buildings is a key responsibility of the Wardens. During the middle of the year, we were able to undertake a property inspection and as a result more urgent maintenance tasks have been completed satisfactorily. Major works and new projects have been necessary to keep on hold until restrictions permit. Hopefully we will be able to progress these matters, including the repair of the windows and renewal of the Kath Hall Centre in 2022. We are fortunate to have significant funds to enable this work because of the generosity of bequests we have received and both the past and present prudent financial management of the Parish's finances. The Wardens are extremely thankful to both Ciprian Chiorean and Jon Rolfe for their excellence and skill in all matters financial.

We are deeply grateful to our Vicar Sophie as she has led us through these most difficult of times. Her spiritual and pastoral guidance have been crucial to sustaining our Parish community during the ongoing pandemic. We also acknowledge how fortunate we were to have had such wonderful locums chosen by Sophie during the year, and in particular Dr Linda Fiske who cared for us during the period of the Vicar's extended health leave early in the year.

The live streaming of the Sunday service has been of immense value and significance to our Parish community, and others beyond who have joined in remotely. To have such a high-quality service available online is a testimony to the superb skills and commitment of Jon Rolfe to whom we all owe a great debt of thanks. To have the Vicar preaching to us from our own church with her signature positivity throughout the extended lockdowns has indeed been a blessing. Thanks also to Stuart Connew for his musical leadership and provision of such beautiful music every week to sustain and comfort us. We also acknowledge our good fortune in having Hume McGrath available to ably step in when Stuart has been on leave.

As Wardens we are deeply grateful to all parishioners for continuing to maintain such deep commitment to the Parish emotionally, spiritually and financially. Parish finances remain healthy and robust despite pandemic challenges. The needs of our community for material assistance and food have increased during the pandemic and regrettably this is likely to continue for some time. We have significantly increased expenditure on Sunday Suppers and food parcels to meet this need and will need to plan carefully in 2022 especially looking to increase revenues for these purposes. We thank Declan Jacobs and his volunteers for his continued enthusiastic and innovative coordination of Sunday Suppers.

We are pleased in being able to anticipate the return to face-to-face services soon. However, there is much work ahead of us all as we plan for this to occur, given the challenges of the seemingly ever-changing health regulations and advice. The health threat posed by the pandemic to our community is ongoing, vaccination program notwithstanding. We will all need to continue to care for ourselves and each other with compassion and respectful consideration.



We thank all those who have worked to keep our Parish community together and thriving in these most challenging of times. In particular, we thank the Vicar, Stuart, Jon, Ciprian and Tara. Our deepest gratitude to all members of Parish Council, weekly readers, Geoff Carroll who prepares the church for weekly services, and Steve Smith who has kept the grounds in good order.

**Glenn Bowes**  
Vicar's warden

**Brian Walburgh**  
People's warden

**Marcia Fleet**  
People's warden



**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PARISH OF ST. SILAS AND ST. ANSELM, ALBERT PARK  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

**Financial Report – Summary**

**1. Annual Accounts**

This is the 2021 Annual Report of the accounts of the Church Wardens of the Anglican Parish of the Parks prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Parish Governance Act 2013 and for the benefit of parishioners. It covers the Parish financial year period 1 October 2020 to 30 September 2021. A copy of the Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss statement, Cash Flow & Changes in Equity statements and Notes are tabled below in the Appendices. The Audit Certificate is included in Appendix F.

The 2020 annual report of the accounts were presented at last year's delayed annual meeting on 14 March 2021.

**2. Overall Result**

Net income for the year was a surplus of **\$356,853** (\$42,169 last year) and the Parish met all its expenses in full and on time.

The most significant items of note during the year (in addition to those mentioned elsewhere in this report) was (a) the receipt of a \$320,867 bequest and (b) the impact of COVID-19 both in terms of the Parish operations and the financial impact. The budget presented at the last Annual Meeting was anticipating a loss of \$19,278, which allowed for the broad impact of the COVID-19 lockdown.

The Parish, through the Diocese, qualified for the Federal Government's Jobkeeper scheme which resulted in the Parish receiving grant funding to cover a portion of salary costs (see Appendix E for further details).

The overall result was better than the revised budget by **\$376,000**. Absent the significant bequest, the Parish had an underlying surplus of \$35,986, representing a budget outperformance of \$55,000.

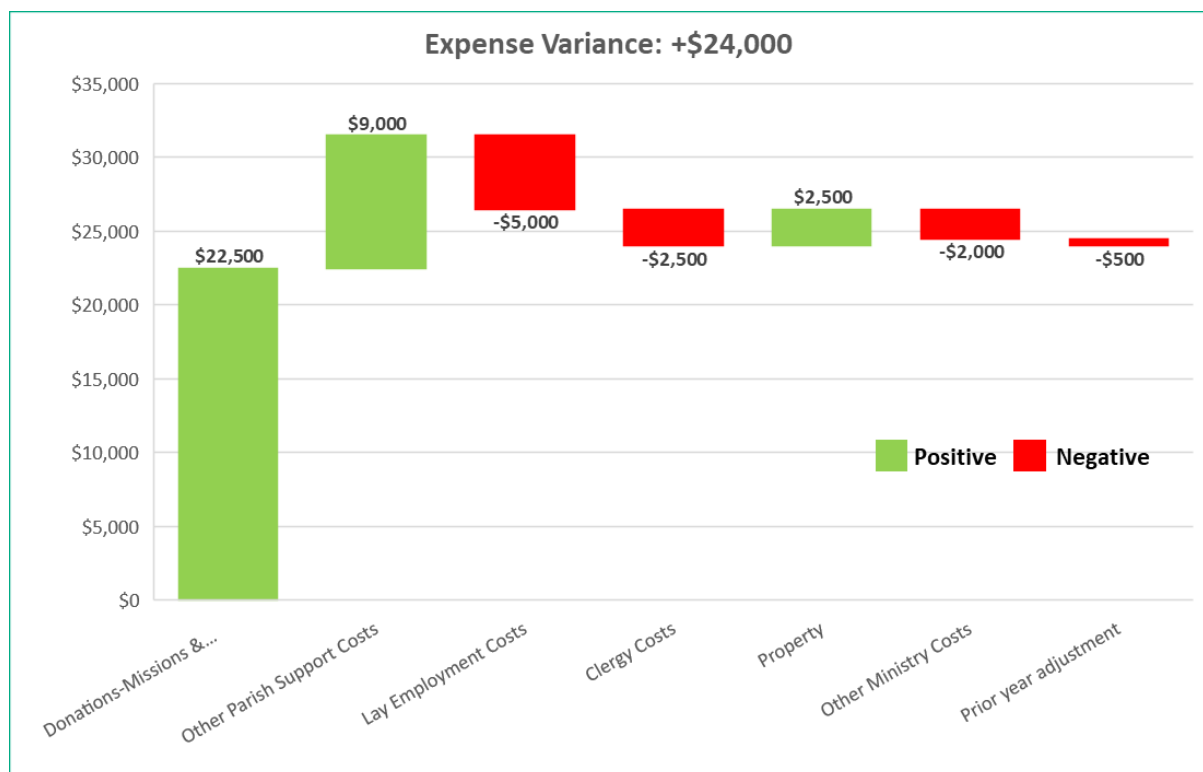
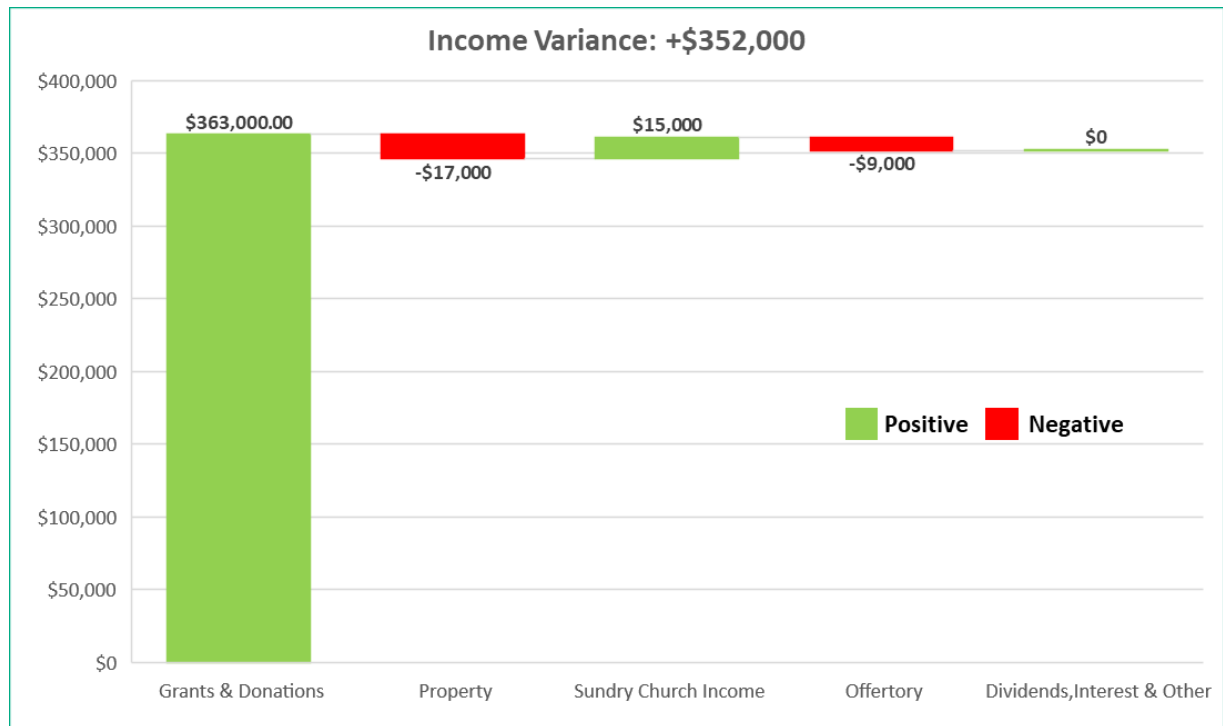
The budget variance was due to a combination of higher than expected income and lower than expected expenses, which given the extreme challenges of COVID-19 was pleasing to see. However this masks lower giving income which is a concern.

Higher than expected income (**↑\$352,000**) was due to (a) a bequest (↑\$321,000); and (b) grants/donations (↑\$42,000); and (b) sundry income (↑\$15,000); and (c) property (↓\$17,000); and (d) offertory (↓\$9,000).

Expenses were lower than expected (**↓\$24,000**) due to lower than expected (a) mission donations, represented by a release of \$27,500 reserves offset by a \$5,000 increase (↓\$22,500); (b) other parish support costs (↓\$9,000); (c) property costs (↓\$2,500); offset by higher than expected (d) employment costs (↑\$5,000); (e) clergy costs (↑\$2,500); (f) other ministry costs (↑\$2,000); (g) prior year (↑\$500).



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**3. Diocesan Assessment**

The estimated assessment of \$36,235 was paid in full as and when due. The assessment for the current year has been budgeted at **\$36,235**. The actual assessment for this year will be based on final confirmation by the Diocese. The assessment, levied on all churches in the Diocese in proportion to income, is a contribution to the work of the Diocese including supervision, training & licensing of clergy, Synod & Bishop & other centralized costs, the historical redress scheme and providing assistance to new and struggling parishes.

**4. Liquidity Position**

Funds on hand at 30 September in all accounts totaled **\$843,922**. This includes (a) \$12,549 set aside in a special account relating to unspent Sunday Suppers funds; and (b) building reserves of \$167,436; and (c) a bequest account of \$320,867.

**5. Loans**

The Parish had no loans as of the year end. Accrued current liabilities (tax, superannuation etc.) totaled **\$61,621** at year's end, excluding reserves of \$167,436 set aside for specific projects.

**6. Fundraising/Donations/Parishioners' Giving**

Parishioners' giving totaled **\$373,857** compared to \$222,426 last year (↑168%). We were fortunate to receive a significant bequest this year of **\$320,867**, included in the above figure. Parish Council has yet to decide how to allocate this, however there a number of significant building projects in the planning stage requiring funding. Absent recent one-off bequests, giving would have amounted to **\$52,990** compared to \$72,426 last year (↓27%). This significant decrease is concerning for the long term future of the Parish if it continues.

The main Sunday offertory was **\$32,698** down from \$37,566 last year (↓13%) which is likely reflective of the lack of physical Sunday services as a result of the lockdown restrictions.

Contributions were made to (a) the Sunday Suppers Program through the Melbourne Anglican Benevolent Society of **\$11,218** down from \$17,482 the year before (↓64%); and (b) the Music Program through the Melbourne Anglican Cultural Organisation of **\$2,043**, down from \$9,294 the year before (↓22%, excluding last year's one-off bequest). All these specific contributions are tax-deductible under various ATO exemptions.

Nearly all our regular fundraising events were canceled due to COVID. However we were fortunate to be able to hold an ANAM concert on 19 April which raised \$1,090.

I am very thankful to the members of the Parish and surrounding community who financially contribute so generously to the Parish, whether in general or for specific programs/projects to ensure our Parish continues to thrive. All amounts, whether large or small, are very much appreciated.



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**7. Support for Outreach Missions**

Support for Outreach Missions expenditure totaled **\$52,034** for the year. Our budget for this year is **\$62,600** for Sunday Suppers and **\$5,000** for other missions.

The Sunday Suppers Program expenditure was **\$47,034** (\$34,390 last year), with a further net \$9,494 released from reserves. We also received grants of (a) \$20,200 carried forward from last year from the City of Port Phillip; (b) \$7,450 from the City of Port Phillip (of which \$3,370 has been carried forward to this year); (b) \$7,000 from the South Melbourne Community Chest; and (c) \$1,900 from the Toorak Op Shop, all of which were to assist our Sunday Suppers Program for which we are most grateful.

**\$5,000** (\$5,000 last year) was allocated by the Parish Council to be donated across two external Christian missions (\$2,500 each to the Anglican Board of Mission to assist in their Emergency Appeal for a hospital in Gaza and the Diocesan Ministry Support Fund to provide a 3 year ministerial study scholarship to a deserving theological student).

**8. Outlook – the Budget for 2021-22**

The budget for the coming year shows an annual net loss of \$24,697. This is after providing for regular amounts for staffing, mission support, building maintenance and a number of other plans for the coming year, as well as drawing down on Sunday Suppers reserves to fund the expenses of that program. Parish Council have assumed a COVID-type lockdown scenario continues until mid-November, with a resumption of normal, operations thereafter.

While in isolation this result is not sustainable, the loss is immaterial in the context of the reserves carried forward from this year and projections for 2021-22 and beyond, so it is not an immediate financial concern.

Parish Council and Wardens are acutely aware of the extraordinary short term impact of COVID-19 on the community and consider this is precisely the time that a cautious use of prior reserves to fund our continuing ministry is entirely appropriate.

The details of the 2021-22 budget are shown in Appendix G, with further analysis in Appendix H.

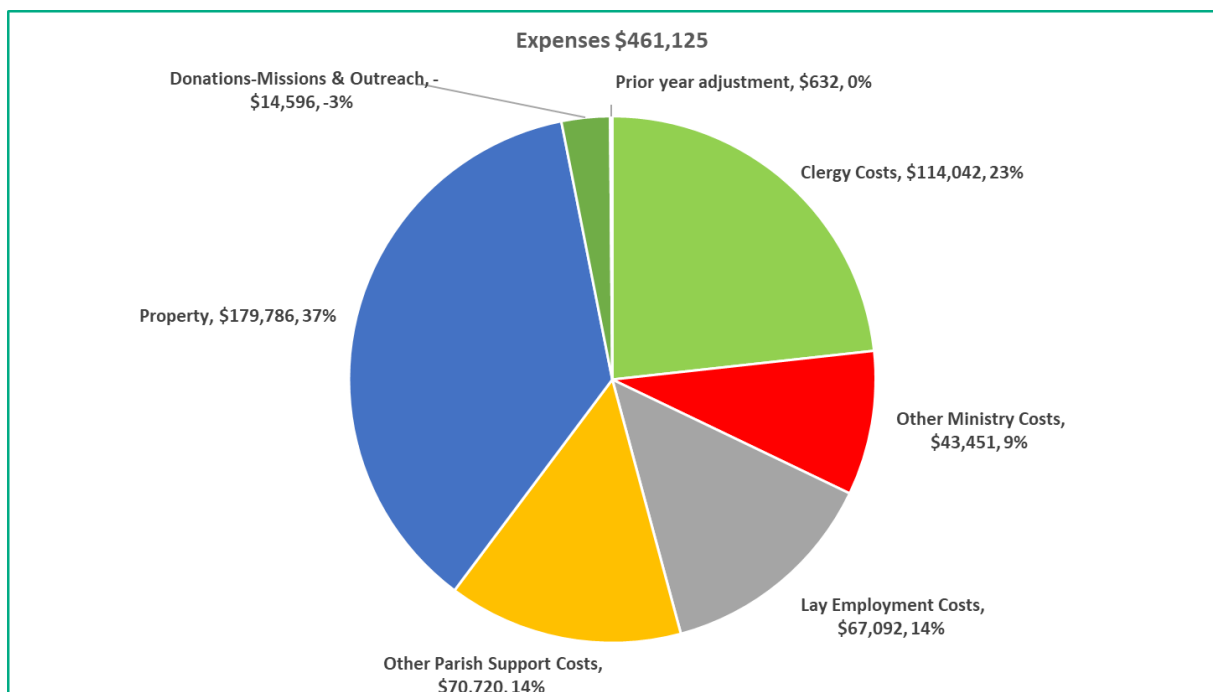
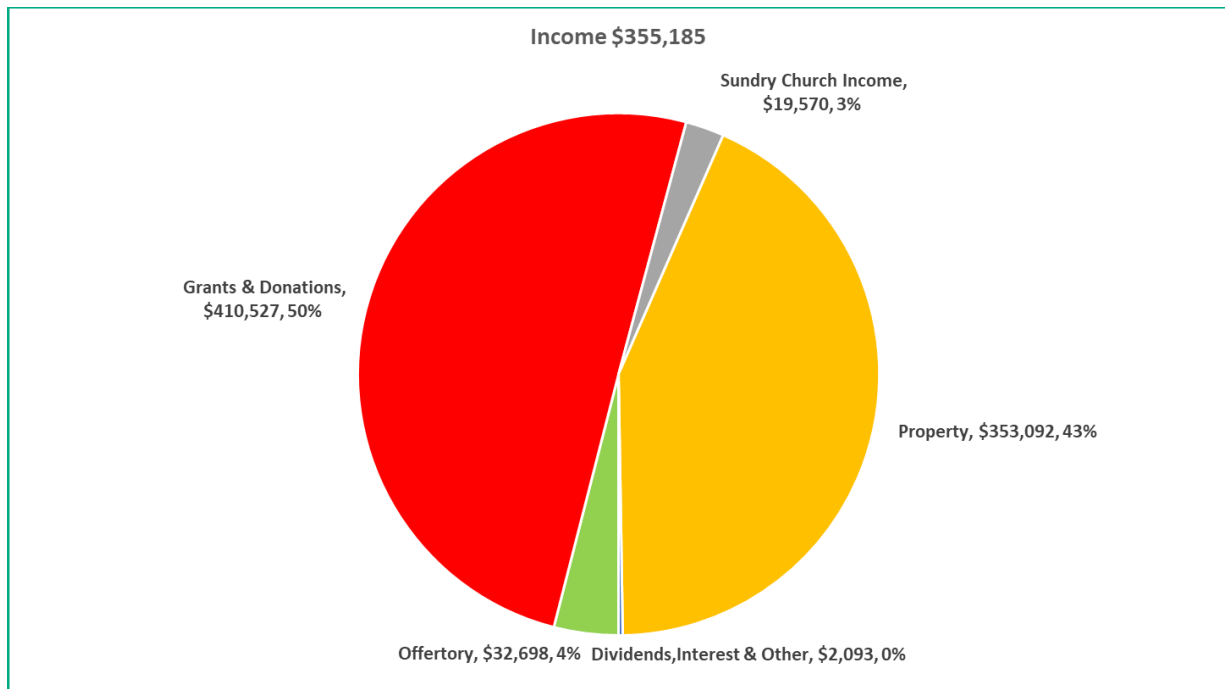
Our survival as a parish is highly dependent on the significant financial and in-kind support of our current and future core parishioners and I continue to be grateful for all that our volunteers contribute, both financially and in-kind. I also extend my grateful thanks to the Honorary Auditor, Richard Burman, who provides his services pro-bono.

Ciprian Chiorean  
**Treasurer**



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Appendix A - Income and Expenditure





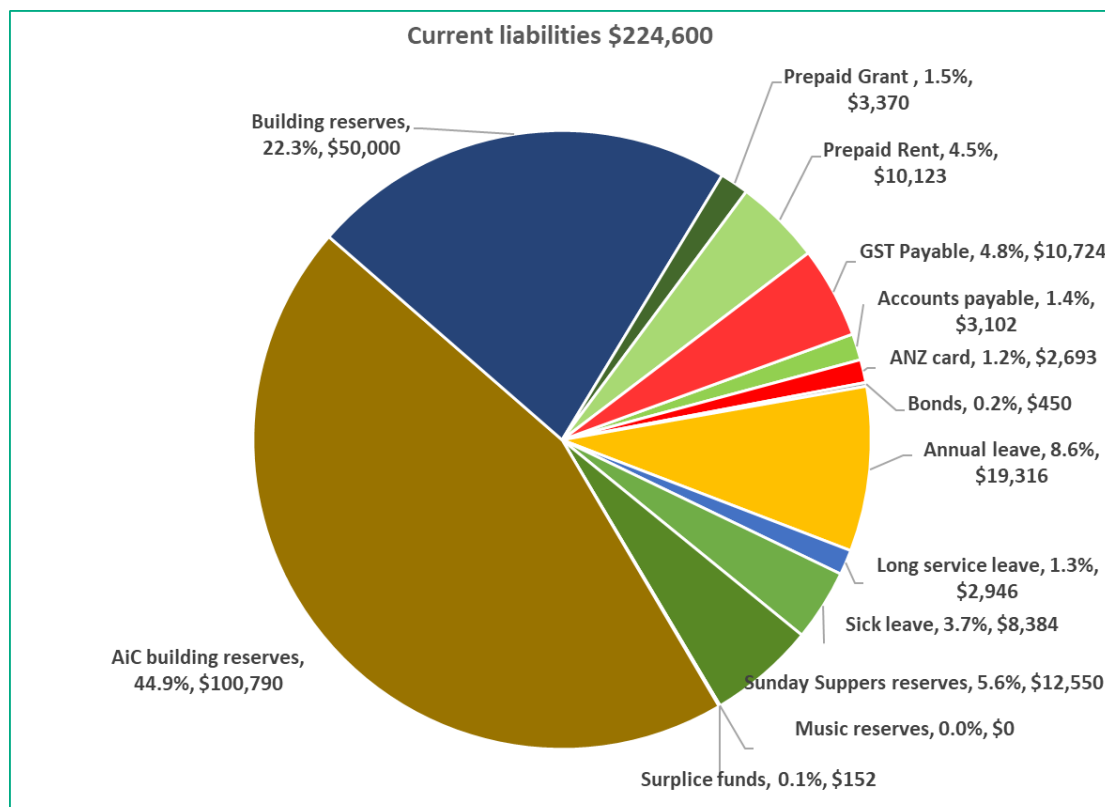
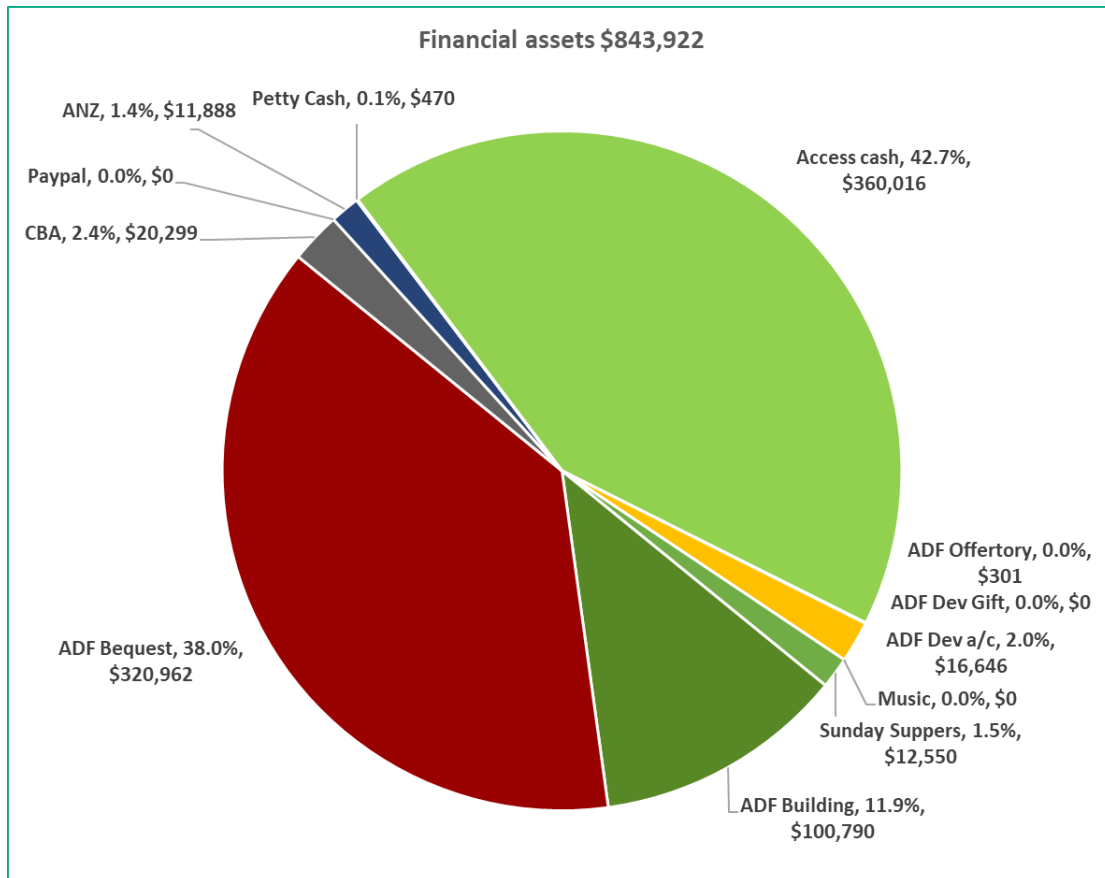
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	Total		
	Oct. 2020 - Sep. 2021	Oct. 2019 - Sep. 2020 (PY)	Change
<b>Income</b>			
4000 Income			
4100 Revenue from Church Ministries			
Total 4110 Offertory	\$32,697.60	\$37,565.75	-\$4,868.15
Total 4120 Grants & Donations	\$410,527.34	\$281,740.99	\$128,786.35
Total 4140 Sundry Church Income	\$19,569.56	\$2,857.01	\$16,712.55
Total 4100 Revenue from Church Ministries	\$462,794.50	\$322,163.75	\$140,630.75
4200 Property & Commercial Income			
Total 4210 Property	\$353,092.05	\$361,644.13	-\$8,552.08
Total 4220 Dividends, Interest & Other	\$2,093.12	\$2,766.82	-\$673.70
Total 4200 Property & Commercial Income	\$355,185.17	\$364,410.95	-\$9,225.78
<b>Total 4000 Income</b>	<b>\$817,979.67</b>	<b>\$686,574.70</b>	<b>\$131,404.97</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$817,979.67</b>	<b>\$686,574.70</b>	<b>\$131,404.97</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
6100 Church Ministry Costs			
Total 6110 Clergy Costs	\$114,041.51	\$105,908.24	\$8,133.27
Total 6230 Other Ministry Costs	\$43,450.96	\$32,332.12	\$11,118.84
Total 6100 Church Ministry Costs	\$157,492.47	\$138,240.36	\$19,252.11
6240 Parish Support Costs			
Total 6245 Lay Employment Costs	\$67,091.91	\$85,190.48	-\$18,098.57
Total 6260 Other Parish Support Costs	\$70,719.75	\$80,480.76	-\$9,761.01
Total 6240 Parish Support Costs	\$137,811.66	\$165,671.24	-\$27,859.58
Total 6300 Commercial & Property Costs	\$179,785.51	\$313,042.86	-\$133,257.35
Total 6500 Donations-Missions & Outreach	-\$14,595.82	\$30,157.15	-\$44,752.97
Total 6000 Expenses	\$460,493.82	\$647,111.61	-\$186,617.79
9000 Other Expense			
9100 Prior Year Adjustment	\$631.60	-\$2,708.02	\$3,339.62
Total 9000 Other Expense	\$631.60	-\$2,708.02	\$3,339.62
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$461,125.42</b>	<b>\$644,403.59</b>	<b>-\$183,278.17</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>			
BAS Roundoff Gain or Loss	\$1.58	\$1.79	-\$0.21
Total Other Expenses	\$1.58	\$1.79	-\$0.21
<b>Net Earnings</b>	<b>\$356,852.61</b>	<b>\$42,169.32</b>	<b>\$314,683.29</b>



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**Appendix B - Balance Sheet**







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	<b>Total</b>		
	<b>As of Sep. 30, 2021</b>	<b>As of Sep. 30, 2020 (PY)</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
<b>Accounts receivable</b>			
1200 Accounts Receivables			
1205 Accounts Receivable	-\$11,429.00	-\$8,096.22	-\$3,332.78
<b>Total 1200 Accounts Receivables</b>	<b>-\$11,429.00</b>	<b>-\$8,096.22</b>	<b>-\$3,332.78</b>
<b>Total Accounts receivable</b>	<b>-\$11,429.00</b>	<b>-\$8,096.22</b>	<b>-\$3,332.78</b>
<b>1100 Bank</b>			
1110 ADF Access Cash a/c 05009157	\$360,015.70	\$296,684.32	\$63,331.38
1113 ADF Planned Giving a/c 05004630	\$301.46	\$402.56	-\$101.10
1115 ADF Development Gift a/c 05009096	\$0.00	\$382.76	-\$382.76
1116 ADF Development a/c 05005154	\$16,646.08	\$16,588.76	\$57.32
1117 ADF MACO a/c 05005034 Music	\$0.00	\$23,050.76	-\$23,050.76
1120 ADF MABS a/c 05004950 Sunday Suppers	\$12,549.53	\$46,086.85	-\$33,537.32
1121 ADF St Silas Building fund a/c 05009836	\$100,790.23	\$100,443.20	\$347.03
1122 ADF Bequest a/c 05009945	\$320,961.88		\$320,961.88
1125 CBA Cheque Account	\$20,298.51	\$19,677.08	\$621.43
1126 Paypal account	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1129 ANZ cheque account	\$11,887.94		\$11,887.94
1130 Petty Cash	\$470.25	\$1,101.85	-\$631.60
1140 ADoM Jobkeeper	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total 1100 Bank</b>	<b>\$843,921.58</b>	<b>\$504,418.14</b>	<b>\$339,503.44</b>
1499 Undeposited Funds	\$0.00		\$0.00
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$832,492.58</b>	<b>\$496,321.92</b>	<b>\$336,170.66</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$832,492.58</b>	<b>\$496,321.92</b>	<b>\$336,170.66</b>
<b>Liabilities and shareholder's equity</b>			
<b>Current liabilities:</b>			
<b>Accounts payable</b>			
2000 Accounts Payable	\$3,102.35	\$10,034.97	-\$6,932.62
<b>Total Accounts payable</b>	<b>\$3,102.35</b>	<b>\$10,034.97</b>	<b>-\$6,932.62</b>
<b>Total 2100 Credit Cards</b>	<b>\$2,693.07</b>	<b>\$1,458.23</b>	<b>\$1,234.84</b>
<b>2310 Other Current Liability</b>			
2320 Bonds Received	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$0.00
<b>Total 2400 Funds Awaiting Disbursement</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>-\$1,217.29</b>	<b>\$1,217.29</b>
<b>2500 Provisions</b>			
Total 2510 Annual Leave	\$19,316.30	\$13,998.80	\$5,317.50
Total 2520 LSL Provisions	\$2,945.86	\$2,203.95	\$741.91
Total 2530 Sick Leave	\$8,383.53	\$3,173.19	\$5,210.34
<b>Total 2500 Provisions</b>	<b>\$30,645.69</b>	<b>\$19,375.94</b>	<b>\$11,269.75</b>



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<b>2550 Other Liabilities</b>			
2552 MABS (SundaySuppers) Forwarding	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2554 MABS (Sunday Suppers) Reserves	\$12,549.53	\$22,043.74	-\$9,494.21
2555 MACO (Music) Forwarding	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2556 MACO (Music) reserves	\$0.00	\$18,192.15	-\$18,192.15
2557 Surplice Funds	\$152.40	\$552.40	-\$400.00
2558 AiC Other Building Fund reserves	\$100,790.23	\$100,064.52	\$725.71
2559 Building reserve	\$50,000.00	\$31,881.55	\$18,118.45
2570 Prepaid Grant Income	\$3,370.00	\$20,200.00	-\$16,830.00
2580 Prepaid Rental Income	\$10,122.87	\$9,828.08	\$294.79
<b>Total 2550 Other Liabilities</b>	<b>\$176,985.03</b>	<b>\$202,762.44</b>	<b>-\$25,777.41</b>
<b>Total 2310 Other Current Liability</b>	<b>\$208,080.72</b>	<b>\$221,371.09</b>	<b>-\$13,290.37</b>
ATO Clearing Account	\$0.00	\$10,881.00	-\$10,881.00
GST Liabilities Payable	\$10,724.26	\$1,537.06	\$9,187.20
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>\$224,600.40</b>	<b>\$245,282.35</b>	<b>-\$20,681.95</b>
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Equity:</b>			
Net Income	\$356,852.61	\$42,169.32	\$314,683.29
3000 Opening Bal Equity	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3900 Retained Earnings	\$251,039.57	\$208,870.25	\$42,169.32
3930 Prior year adjustment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total shareholders' equity</b>	<b>\$607,892.18</b>	<b>\$251,039.57</b>	<b>\$356,852.61</b>
<b>Total liabilities and equity</b>	<b>\$832,492.58</b>	<b>\$496,321.92</b>	<b>\$336,170.66</b>



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**Appendix C – Cash Flow Statement**

	<b>Total</b>	
	<b>Oct. 2020 - Sep. 2021</b>	<b>Oct. 2019 - Sep. 2020 (PY)</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Profit for the year	\$374,971.06	\$74,171.47
Total Adjustments for non-cash income and expenses	-\$35,467.62	\$108,507.46
<b>Net cash from operating activities</b>	<b>\$339,503.44</b>	<b>\$182,678.93</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
3000 Opening Bal Equity	\$0.00	\$7,629.62
3900 Retained Earnings	\$0.00	-\$7,629.62
3930 Prior year adjustment	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>\$339,503.44</b>	<b>\$182,678.93</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year</b>	<b>\$504,418.14</b>	<b>\$321,739.21</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>	<b>\$843,921.58</b>	<b>\$504,418.14</b>



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**Appendix D – Statement of Changes in Equity**

	<b>Total (\$)</b>
Opening Balance Equity as at 30/9/2020	251,039.57
Net income for 1/10/2020 to 30/9/2021	356,852.61
Retained Earnings as at 30/9/21	<b>607,892.18</b>



## Appendix E - Notes to the Financial Statements

### 1. Summary of significant accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial report are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the periods presented, unless otherwise stated. Comparative information is reclassified where appropriate to enhance comparability.

Anglican Parish of St Silas and St Anselm, Albert Park ("the Parish"), also known as Parish of the Parks, is an unincorporated association domiciled in Australia. Its registered business office and principal place of worship is 99 Bridport St, Albert Park, Victoria 3206. In addition, the Parish is registered as a charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission.

The Parish is a church parish within the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne ("ADoM") and aside from the laws of Victoria is also governed by various Acts of Melbourne Synod, in particular the Parish Governance Act 2013 ("the Parish Act"), and other ADoM policies.

The Parish is registered with the Australian Tax Office and has access to (a) "Income Tax exemption" (with effect from 1 July 2000); and (b) "GST concessions" and an "FBT rebate" with effect from 1 July 2005, in accordance with the relevant tax legislation.

The Parish is staffed by a number of volunteers and employees. These employees ("Parish Staff") are employed by the Melbourne Anglican Diocese Corporation ("MADC"), a related entity of ADoM. In return for the service of Parish Staff, the Parish pays MADC the cost of the relevant salaries, superannuation and other benefits.

In accordance with the Parish Act, the Wardens have the responsibility for the preparation of the Parish's financial statements. Disclosures have been included in these Notes to the extent the Wardens believe they provide meaningful information to users.

#### (a) Basis of preparation

In the Wardens' opinion the Parish is not a reporting entity as there are unlikely to exist users who are unable to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy, specifically, all of their information needs.

This is a special purpose financial report that has been prepared for the sole purpose of complying with the Parish Act requirements and to distribute a financial report to the parishioners and must not be used for any other purpose.

The Wardens have determined that the accounting policies adopted are appropriate to meet the needs of the parishioners and satisfy the Parish Governance Act requirements.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with relevant accounting standards requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Parish's accounting policies. There are no areas considered to involve significant judgement or complexity, or any estimates considered significant to the Financial Statements unless specifically outlined in the Notes.



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The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis, measured in Australian Dollars.

The historical cost convention has been adopted, except for certain assets which, as noted, are at fair value.

**(b) Revenue recognition**

Revenue comprises revenue from rental/licence fee income, offertory/donations, events/fundraising activities, grants and other income. Revenue is measured by reference to the fair value of consideration received or receivable by the Parish.

Details of the activity-specific recognition criteria are described below:

- i) Offertory/donations and bequests: recognised as revenue when proceeds are received.
- ii) Rental/licence fee, interest & dividend revenue: recognised as revenue when the Parish's right to receive payment is established.
- iii) Events/fundraising activities: recognised as revenue when proceeds are received.
- iv) Grant income: generally recognized as revenue when the cash payment is received except where the amount is contingent on the Parish incurring certain restricted expenses and in this case the income is only recognised when the matching expense is incurred.
- v) Donation of goods and services: Donated goods and volunteer services are an important and valued supply; the Parish could not operate in its current form without these. However the Wardens have decided that measurement of income for these items should be nil, reflecting the inherent uncertainty in any valuation.
- vi) Other income: recognised on an accruals basis when the organisation is entitled to it.

**(c) Deferred income**

The liability for deferred income is the unutilized amounts of grants received on the condition that specified services are delivered or conditions are fulfilled. The services are usually provided or the conditions usually fulfilled within 12 months of receipt of the grant. Where the amount received is in respect of services to be provided over a period that exceeds 12 months after the reporting date or the conditions will only be satisfied more than 12 months after the reporting date, the liability is discounted and presented as non-current. As of the balance sheet date, there is only one grant from the City of Port Phillip that gives rise to deferred income (see 6. below).

**(d) Expenses**

All expenses are recognized on an accruals basis and have been classified under headings that reflect the nature of the activity.

**(e) Goods and Services tax (GST)**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognized net of the amount of associated GST, except where the Parish has chosen to apply the provisions contained in section 40-160 of the GST Act, where no entitlement may be claimed on input tax credits for any acquisitions in relation to the fundraising event and GST is not required to be charged on any supplies made.



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Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included with other receivables or payables in the Balance Sheet.

**(f) Fixed assets**

Land and buildings used by the Parish are owned by the Melbourne Anglican Trust Corporation ("MATC") for the purposes of the Parish. Under the Synod's Trustees Act 1910 these properties are held under the care and management of the Wardens who have all the rights, duties and obligations of ownership but do not hold legal title. The Wardens have chosen to adopt the ADoM practice of not accounting for the capital value of such land and buildings.

The Wardens have also chosen not to account for any improvements to land and buildings, instead the cost of such improvements is recognized only in the year incurred as an expense and therefore written off against earnings in that year.

In addition, any other fixed assets purchased by the Parish are assumed to vest in MATC immediately and accordingly are not accounted for as a fixed asset but are treated as an expense in the year incurred and written off against earnings in that year.

**(g) Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, cash at bank, deposits held at call with financial institutions, other short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

**(h) Investments**

Investments are shown at market value at year end. Realized and unrealized gains and losses are calculated in relation to either the market value at the end of the previous Parish financial year, or, if purchase of the investments has been made in the same year as the sale, to cost. Realized and unrealized gains or losses are treated as an increase or decrease of equity and are not recognised in the current year's Income Statement.

**(i) Trade and other receivables**

Trade receivables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost, less allowance for expected credit losses. Trade receivables are due for settlement no more than 30 days from the date of recognition.

The Parish has applied the simplified approach to measuring expected credit losses, which uses a lifetime expected loss allowance. To measure the expected credit losses, trade receivables have been grouped based on days overdue.

Other receivables are recognised at amortised cost, less any allowance for expected credit losses.

As of the balance sheet date expected credit losses have been measured as nil.

**(j) Loan receivables**

Loan receivables are initially recognised at amortised cost less any allowance for impairment. As of the balance sheet date, the Parish has made no loans.



**(k) Trade and other payables**

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Parish prior to the end of the financial year and which are unpaid. The amounts disclosed are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

**(l) Leases and licences**

The Parish receives the income from certain leases and licenses over land & buildings owned by MATC within the Parish. Given the Parish is neither the lessor nor land owner, the accounting treatment of such leases and licenses is to show the income as revenue when accrued under the various agreements (see note (b)) and that no capital value for the agreements is shown on the balance sheet.

**(m) Finance costs**

Finance costs include interest, amortisation of discounts or premiums relating to borrowings and amortisation of ancillary costs incurred in connection with arrangements of borrowings. Over the year, the Parish had no loans, therefore incurred no finance costs.

**(n) Reserves**

Reserves have been established for the Music Program and Sunday Suppers Program to reflect the individual programs' excess of income over expenditure from prior years that remain unspent in the current year to ensure these funds are only used for the individual programs' purposes. Where there is an excess of expenditure over income for the current year, these reserves are drawn down to the extent required (see 5. and 6. below).

Building reserves have also been established reflecting planned works on buildings for which there have either been allocated specific donations or separate decisions by Parish Council and the Wardens to reserve certain monies for these works.

**2. Income Tax**

The Parish is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the Income Tax assessment Act 1997.

**3. Auditor's remuneration**

The auditing services of R A Burman were provided on a pro-bono basis.

**4. Borrowings**

The Parish has no borrowings.

**5. Music Program**

The Music Program is operated under the auspices of the Melbourne Anglican Cultural Organisation ("MACO") and as such any donations to it over \$2 are tax-deductible. MACO grants received by the Parish are applied solely to fulfil the objectives of the Music Program. The Parish reports annually to MACO on the finances and operation of the Program.

The separate income and expenditure of the program for the year is shown below and includes a release from prior year music reserves of \$18,192.16. These amounts are included in the aggregated Financial Statements.





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	Total		
	Oct. 2020 - Sep. 2021	Oct. 2019 - Sep. 2020	Change
<b>Income</b>			
<b>4000 Income</b>			
Total 4120 Grants & Donations	\$2,043.01	\$59,294.25	-\$57,251.24
Total 4140 Sundry Church Income	\$1,090.54	\$80.00	\$1,010.54
Total 4220 Dividends, Interest & Other	\$42.25	\$121.43	-\$79.18
<b>Total 4000 Income</b>	<b>\$3,175.80</b>	<b>\$59,495.68</b>	<b>-\$56,319.88</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
<b>6000 Expenses</b>			
Total 6100 Church Ministry Costs	\$0.00	\$563.35	-\$563.35
Total 6240 Parish Support Costs	\$26,826.80	\$37,934.27	-\$11,107.47
Total 6300 Commercial & Property Costs	\$1,965.45	\$1,550.91	\$414.54
Total 6500 Donations-Missions & Outreach	-\$17,101.61	\$19,447.15	-\$36,548.76
<b>Total 6000 Expenses</b>	<b>\$11,690.64</b>	<b>\$59,495.68</b>	<b>-\$47,805.04</b>

**6. Sunday Suppers Program**

The Sunday Suppers Welfare Program is operated under the auspices of the Melbourne Anglican Benevolent Society ("MABS") and as such any donations to it over \$2 are tax-deductible. MABS grants received by the Parish are applied solely to fulfil the objectives of the Sunday Suppers Welfare Program. The Parish reports annually to MABS on the finances and operation of the Program.

During the year, the Parish received a further grant of \$7,450 from the City of Port Phillip to reimburse the costs of the program up to \$5 per meal provided until 30 June 2022. Of this total, \$3,370 remains unspent as of the year end and has therefore been included in Deferred Income to carry forward for when the related expenses are incurred.

The income and expenditure of the program for the year is shown below and includes a release from Sunday Suppers reserves of \$9,494.21 to fund the year's shortfall of income over expenses. These amounts are included in the aggregate Financial Statements.

	Total		
	Oct. 2020 - Sep. 2021	Oct. 2019 - Sep. 2020	Change
<b>Income</b>			
<b>4000 Income</b>			
Total 4120 Grants & Donations	\$44,398.79	\$38,281.85	\$6,116.94
Total 4140 Sundry Church Income	\$0.00	\$1,481.65	-\$1,481.65
Total 4220 Dividends, Interest & Other	\$140.74	\$337.34	-\$196.60
<b>Total 4000 Income</b>	<b>\$44,539.53</b>	<b>\$40,100.84</b>	<b>\$4,438.69</b>



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**Expenses**

**6000 Expenses**

Total 6100 Church Ministry Costs	\$36,064.05	\$21,268.89	\$14,795.16
Total 6240 Parish Support Costs	\$41.26	\$264.63	-\$223.37
Total 6300 Commercial & Property Costs	\$10,928.43	\$12,857.32	-\$1,928.89
Total 6500 Donations-Missions & Outreach	-\$2,494.21	\$5,710.00	-\$8,204.21
<b>Total 6000 Expenses</b>	<b>\$44,539.53</b>	<b>\$40,100.84</b>	<b>\$4,438.69</b>

**7. Development Gift Fund Program**

The Development Gift Fund was operated under the auspices of the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne School Building Fund and as such any donations to it over \$2 were tax-deductible. Donations received by the Parish were applied solely to fulfil the objectives of the Development Fund. The Parish reported annually to the Diocese of Melbourne on the finances and operation of the Program. The fund was closed on 10 November 2020 with a final lift maintenance payment made using the remaining small amount of funds.

**8. Employee benefits including the impact of JobKeeper**

Provision has been made for a liability arising from services rendered by Parish Staff up to the reporting date including accrual for annual leave, personal leave and long service leave. The Parish contributes to various ADoM arrangements for the Vicar's non-annual leave entitlements.

The Wardens have decided to accrue pro-rata an amount for long service leave entitlements for Parish Staff, excluding the Vicar, despite none of them as of the reporting date having accrued sufficient service to vest these entitlements, to avoid a sudden one-off cost imposition at the time of future vesting.

MADC received JobKeeper payments in respect of Parish Staff during the period 28 September 2020 to 28 March 2021, at various rates in accordance with hours worked (Tier1 \$1,200/\$1,000; Tier2 \$750/\$650 per fortnight), with the exception of one employee whose employment is split across two parishes where a pro-rata amount was received. MADC has paid the Parish these amounts and the Parish has recorded them as government grant income for the reporting period. In addition, as part of the minimum salary JobKeeper requirements, the salaries of some Parish Staff were temporarily increased to the minimum. In aggregate \$38,678 was received.

**9. Significant events**

On 11 March 2020, the World Health Organisation ("WHO") declared the Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) a pandemic. The pandemic has adversely affected the global economy, including an increase in unemployment, decrease in consumer demand, interruptions in supply chains, and tight liquidity and credit conditions. Consequently, governments around the world have implemented monetary and fiscal stimulus packages to minimise the adverse economic impact. However, the COVID-19 situation is still evolving, and its full economic impact remains uncertain.

The Parish received certain government support during the year, namely JobKeeper grants (see 8. above), but were not eligible for any other COVID-19 government support.



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While significant restrictions still remain in place in Melbourne and although the COVID-19 situation continues to create economic uncertainty, based on their understanding, the Wardens believe the Parish will be able to continue as a going concern.



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**Appendix F – Wardens’ Declaration**

As stated in Note 1 to the Financial Statements, in the Wardens’ opinion the Parish is not a reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial reports. This is a special purpose financial report that has been prepared to meet the requirements of the parishioners and the Parish Governance Act 2013.

In the Wardens’ opinion:

- (a) the financial statements and notes set out are in accordance with the Parish Governance Act 2013 , including:
  - (i) complying with accounting standards as detailed in Note 1 to the Financial Statements; and
  - (ii) giving a true and fair view of the Parish’s financial position as at 30 September 2021 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
- (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Parish will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Wardens of the Parish.

*Glenn Bowes*

*Cherise Fildes*

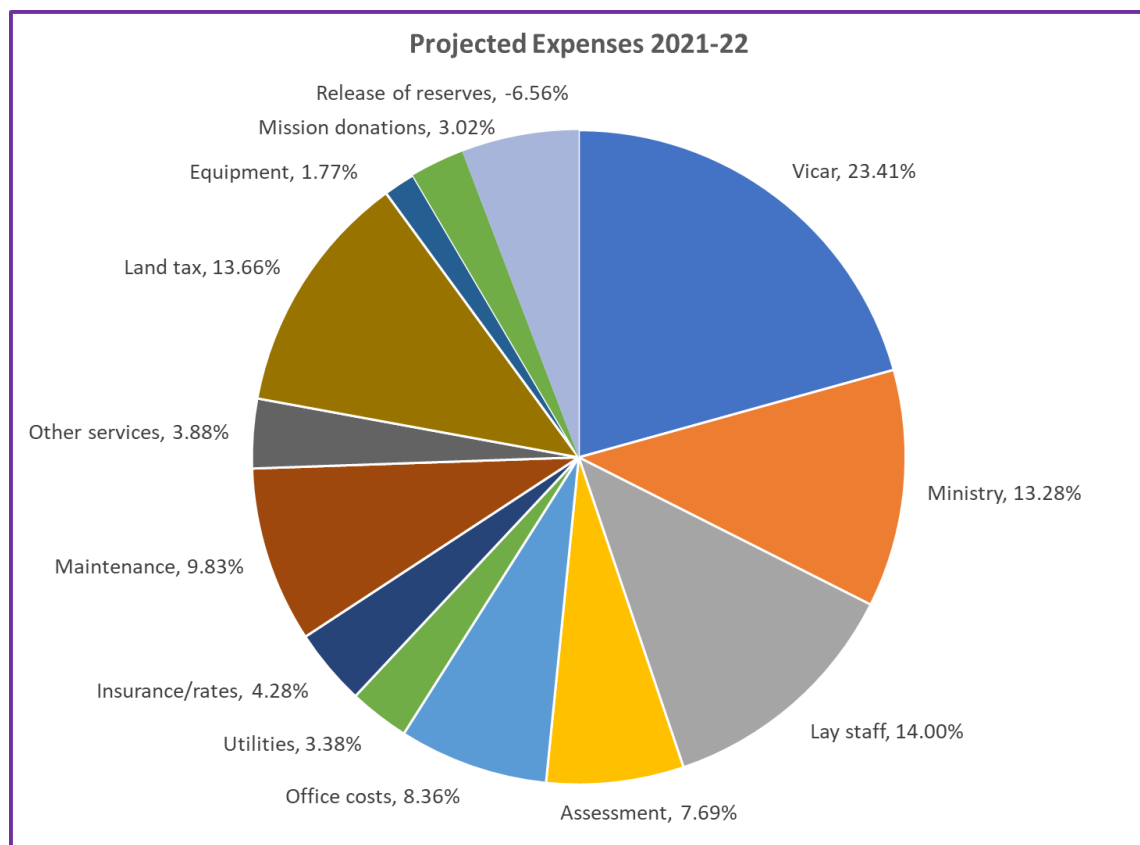
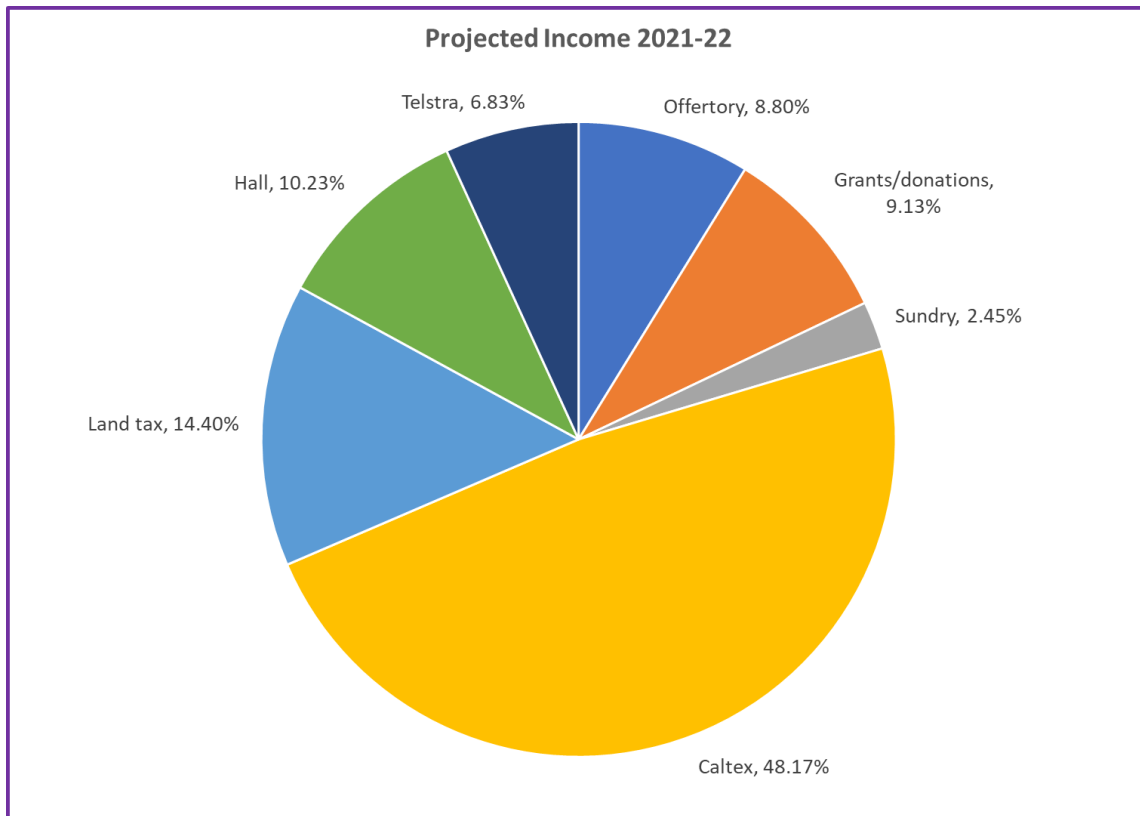
*Brian*

The Parish Wardens  
99 Bridport St, Albert Park, Victoria 3206  
November 2021



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**Appendix G – Income and Expenditure Budget for 2021-22**





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**Income and Expenditure Budget for 2021-22**

<b>Income item</b>	<b>Total</b>
Offertory	\$40,000
Grants/donations	\$41,500
Sundry	\$11,125
Caltex	\$219,000
Land tax	\$65,475
Hall	\$46,500
Telstra	\$31,050
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$454,650</b>

<b>Expense item</b>	<b>Total</b>
Vicar	\$112,200
Ministry	\$63,650
Lay staff	\$67,110
Assessment	\$36,840
Office costs	\$40,070
Utilities	\$16,200
Insurance/rates	\$20,540
Maintenance	\$47,100
Other services	\$18,600
Land tax	\$65,475
Equipment	\$8,500
Mission donations	\$14,500
Release of Sunday Suppers reserves	-\$31,438
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$479,347</b>

<b>Net income</b>	<b>-\$24,697</b>
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**Appendix H – Further Budget Analysis**

	<b>PROJECTED 2021-2022</b>
Regular income	329,950
Regular expense	426,585
Net regular income	-96,635
Variable income	124,700
Variable expense	52,762
Net variable income	71,938
Net income	-24,697

**Mission Action Plan - Analysis of Expenditure**

	<b>PROJECTED 2021-2022</b>
Inspire	168,650
Give	38,812
Care	271,885
Unallocated income	0
	479,347





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Appendix I – Audit Statement

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**THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF THE PARKS**  
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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO MEMBERS**

**Scope**

I have audited the financial report, being a special purpose report, of the Anglican Parish of the Parks for the year ended 30 September 2021.

The Wardens and Vestry are responsible for the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies used are appropriate to meet the needs of the Parish and the members. I have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the members.

The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of the members. I disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material aspects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with accounting policies adopted by the Wardens and Vestry. These policies do not require the application of all Australian Accounting standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements. The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

**Qualification**

It is not practicable for the Wardens, Vestry or the members to establish control over income from certain activities prior to its initial entry into the accounting records, nor is it practicable for me to perform audit procedures to satisfy myself that all such income has been received and recorded. Accordingly my audit relating to such income was limited to the amounts recorded in the accounts.

**Qualified Opinion**

In my opinion, except for the effect on the accounts of the matters referred to in the preceding paragraphs, the financial report presents fairly in accordance with the accounting policies adopted by the Wardens and Vestry the financial position of the Anglican Parish of the Parks, as at 30 September 2021 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

13 November 2021



## Music Report to 2021 Annual General Meeting

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Words of Psalm 34 as in hymn 30 in The Australian Hymn Book

Through all the changing scenes of life,  
in trouble and in joy.  
The praises of my God shall still  
my heart and tongue employ.

Who would have thought that after all the interruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020 we would experience further extended lockdowns and restrictions in 2021? We have adjusted remarkably well to online worship but all long for the return to face to face worship and social interaction.

We were saddened to learn of the Vicar's extended absence due to major surgery right on Christmas and extending to Easter. What a blessing to have the Rev'd Dr Linda Fiske step in so magnificently and at such short notice. For me it was a particular joy to work again with Linda.

We were able to meet in person at St Silas for Christmas. Holy Week and Easter services, which was lovely and well attended. Restrictions on singing has meant that the Consort has only sung occasionally. I know this has been hard for them as they love to sing in church, and we love having them there to lead the worship.

I have been grateful that I have been able to continue to play the organ for Sunday services and special services, such as Bishop Geneieve's prerecorded Diocesan services, funerals of parishioners and others associated with our parish through family connections. It must have been hard for families to be permitted to have only 10 people attend their loved one's funeral. We have done everything possible to make these services as meaningful and respectful as we could.

We have been so fortunate to have the expert skill of Jon Rolfe through this time, ensuring that services are live streamed or prerecorded professionally. His dedication, professionalism and expertise are greatly appreciated.

I also want to thank The Vicar for her ongoing support and encouragement after she returned from sick leave.

We have used this time of lockdown and limited attendance at church services to trial new music – introducing some less familiar hymns and songs from TiS (Together in Song) and Ancient and Modern Hymns and Songs for Refreshing Worship and other sources.

I have found inspiration during the year by visiting many other churches – both here in Melbourne, across Australia, New Zealand and the UK and USA. The RSCM has provided many webinars exploring creative and varied ways to worship during COVID-19 lockdowns.

Of particular sadness to me has been the inability to conduct planned choral workshops in rural Victoria. As a result of a very generous grant from the Vera Moore Foundation and the parish I was able to attend a large Church Music Conference in Sydney in 2019 called RSCM Sydney Inspires. My commitment was to share resources after the conference especially in regional areas.

I have been able to offer support to other church musicians in Melbourne and further afield and provide mentoring to a former student of mine who was thrown in to playing the organ in a provincial cathedral – despite having fairly basic keyboard skills.

Next year, I have been asked to assist new Priests in Charge of their first parish with sourcing and using new music for parish worship. This is something I have longed to do for some time as I have been aware that Theological and Field Training often doesn't allow for training in this important area. After 54 years as a parish church and cathedral organist and assisting with school chapel services I have a wealth of knowledge, experience, and resources to share and it will be my pleasure to assist in any way I can.

I value the feedback I receive from parishioners and visiting clergy and especially from Sophie, the vicar, who has an extensive knowledge of good and varied liturgical music.

I long for the days when we can return to normal worship and social gatherings that are so important to me and so many others.

I take comfort from the Psalmists words: Psalm 34 - Australian Hymn Book No. 30

Make you His service your delight  
Your wants shall be His care.

Stuart J Connew

Organist and Director of Music

## Sunday Suppers Report 2021

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In 2020/2021 our Sunday Suppers program continued to be our flagship welfare program. We were able to keep the service going through a very difficult year, serving an average of 65 - 75 members of our local community each week with a 2-course hot meal.

Our guests are from different backgrounds and face a range of difficult circumstances from homelessness to physical and/or mental illness. We offer some stability with a well-balanced meal, a take home package of staples, the anticipation of social interaction with us and their friends and some quality time. This was made extremely challenging during 2020/2021 but we encouraged as much interaction as possible.

In 2021, we continued with the format of 2020 as this proved to be very successful. We were supported by a small, very dedicated group of volunteers and to these people we can't thank you all enough. We are also very privileged to have the support of the local Rotary club each week with two extra volunteers.

We kept the food parcel distribution to the first Sunday of the month, which allowed us the opportunity to utilise more volunteers to package and run the process. Over the year, there was an increase in parcel demand by over 50% each month. The average is now 50 parcels per month.

Our thanks go to our amazing team leaders who each week guide all our volunteers to a fun yet challenging Sunday afternoon.

Some 2021 highlights:

- OrangeSky onboard with their washing and shower van
- The Avalon Project assisting with clothing once a month
- Grill'd South Melbourne fundraising
- 20% increase in new volunteers
- Two successful grants received, one still pending for the heat boxes (\$1000)
- A monthly grocery sponsor for the food parcels

We do not plan recommencing the sit down meal service or the provision of fresh fruit and vegetables until possibly 2022.

Finally, we would be nowhere without our generous supporters:

The Redgum Ramblers, Port Phillip City Council, South Melbourne Community Chest, our parishioners, Anglicare, Kozminsky, Prahran market, and also Greg Hocking Holdsworth.

Kind regards,

**Declan Jacobs**  
**Sunday Suppers Co-ordinator**

## Live Streaming Report for 2020-21

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Our live streaming system was initially installed in early 2017 to enable us to fulfil our mission of inspiring people and keeping them connected despite not necessarily being regular physical attendees to our church.

Over the time since installation, the system has gradually been extended and improved. We started with one camera and no sound system connection, we now have 3 cameras installed, connections to our sound system, the ability to insert videos, play music, DVDs etc and the ability to operate the system completely remotely through the internet.

Unbeknownst to us, the installation proved to be particularly prescient with the onset of COVID-19 in Feb 2020 and the subsequent frequent and prolonged lockdowns in place across Melbourne. We continued to stream every Sunday service to enable parishioners to remain connected to worship and, in fact, extended our reach even internationally (see below).

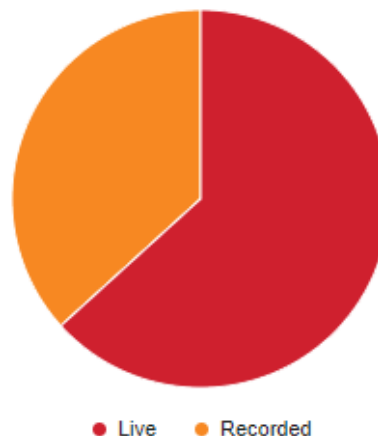
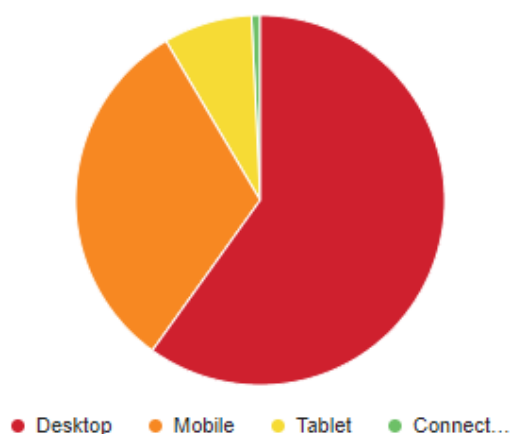
In addition, there was a significant benefit for funerals and, in particular, to grieving families and friends as at various points during lockdowns only 10 people were physically allowed to attend a funeral service. Streaming enabled a wider audience of mourners to feel part of the relevant thanksgiving service.

During the period 1 October 2020 to 30 September 2021 the Parish streamed **60 services**. This included **3 funerals**. In addition, we also assisted Bishop Genieve by recording **3 services** for the Diocese to broadcast during the reporting period.

We received **1,728 views** of our services, averaging **30 per service**. Whilst this may reflect an average of 30 people, it is likely to be significantly more as of course one family is only recorded as 1 view.

Our three funeral services recorded **1,146 total views**, an average per funeral of **382**. In addition, some of our historic services before 1 Oct 2020 were viewed **46** times.

People watched from a combination of desktop, mobile, tablet and connected TV, with **1,893** of the views “live” and **1,099** watched after the event.



Our services were viewed in **28 countries**: 92.2% of the views were from Australia, followed by the United States (2.5%) and United Kingdom (2.2%) and other countries shown on the map below.



The system was improved over the year with the purchase of two new cameras: one to cover the front area for baptisms and one as a backup, together with sundry accessories and equipment. Given the clearly critical and frequent use of the cameras, the need for backup equipment was very important and the relative minor cost completely outweighed the risk mitigation benefits.

Cabling, which was run over the floor of the church as a temporary measure during lockdown to improve system reliability, was installed under the floor together with improving the camera fixings as the benefits were clearly demonstrated. New lockable, cabinetry was also installed to protect the streaming laptop from the risk of theft and the inevitable accumulation of church dust.

Appropriate copyright licences are also in place through CCLI, Broughton Publishing and APARA-AMCOS to ensure we are compliant with streaming our services, which sometimes include pre-recorded music.

The Parish is grateful to Rev. Sophie for allowing copyright free use of her sermons and Stuart, Director of Music, for copyright free use of his performances during the services.

We are also indebted to Richard Irwin, Hymns Without Words, and Clyde McLennan of Small Church Music for allowing us to use their organ music occasionally without requiring any licensing payments.

I extend my heartfelt and sincere thanks to Rob Shattock and Ciprian Chiorean who assisted in the streaming duties and enabled me to have some occasional time off from the streaming roster. We are still for looking for more volunteers - full training is provided!

Please contact me if you feel able to contribute, it would be much appreciated.

**Jon Rolfe**

## Events Committee Report

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The 2020 St Silas ANAM prize was awarded to horn player Timothy Allen-Ankins. The recital planned by this prizewinner was several times postponed because of COVID-19 but we are hopeful of presenting it in early 2022.

We received a number of queries from ANAM alumni about presenting recitals in the church but again these have been put on hold due to the pandemic.

Fortunately, there was a window of opportunity between lockdowns and, in April of this year, we were able to host the delayed recital by the 2019 ANAM prizewinner, cellist James Morley. It was a great success, not only musically but with a 'full house', many of whom were St Silas recital regulars. The ticket receipts from this recital alone will fund the 2021 St Silas prize, if required.

Once we are in COVID 'normal', some church social activities will be planned, such as a trivia competition or a visit to an Art Exhibition, and so on.

**Lee Palmer**

Events Coordinator

## Red Gum Ramblers Report

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Our resident jazz band continues to contribute to the Parish in terms of music, spirit, enthusiasm, fun, community involvement, historic continuity, finances, and security. The band was originally formed by congregation member and trumpeter Ken Brandt and is now led by a management team of band members, led by Manny Vassal and Gabi Coddington. Each member of the management team has specific responsibilities but the management team makes decisions as a group and with members of the band and the church as required.

The Red Gum Ramblers play trad jazz, and usually consist of trumpets, trombones, saxophones, clarinets, banjo, guitar, tuba, piano, and drums. The Red Gum Ramblers rehearse in the Parish of the Parks church every Tuesday evening from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. In addition to the weekly rehearsals the Red Gum Ramblers normally participate in two Parish of the Parks events a year, including:

- The Sunday Suppers trad jazz parade (approx. April – May) where they play and down Bridport Street to the trad jazz BBQ, auction and raffle fundraiser held in the Parish's front garden.
- The Sunday trad jazz Eucharist, where they play trad jazz before, during, and after the service (approx. November – December).

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak and associated Victorian Government restrictions in 2021 the Red Gum Ramblers were unable to rehearse for the majority of 2021 and the Sunday Suppers trad jazz parade did not go ahead. Weekly rehearsals took place between lockdowns when restrictions allowed, and the Red Gum Ramblers rehearsed under the Parish COVID Safe Plan.

Based on the current COVID-19 climate and Victorian Government restrictions, Red Gum Ramblers is hopeful they will be able to get back to rehearsals in late 2021, and potentially perform the Sunday trad jazz Eucharist in late 2021, or more certainly by early 2022. Red Gum Ramblers understands that this is a Parish of the Parks decision and we will continue to work and communicate closely with Parish of the Parks in the coming weeks and months to remain abreast of restrictions and the ability to rehearse and perform.

The band's Tuesday night rehearsals continue to be part of the Parish's positive interaction with the community. There is no doubt passers-by are enthused to hear music emanating from the church.

As many parishioners are aware, one of the songs the Red Gum Ramblers play is St. Silas Shuffle. In 1946 it was written and played in the old St Silas church hall (now site of the petrol station), recorded in Melbourne, then lost, forgotten, and unplayed for decades. It was rediscovered in 2014, and has become a Parish favourite.

Lastly, the Red Gum Ramblers contributed to the Parish in other ways. One of the band members and his wife served as a Sunday Suppers volunteers until stepping back for safety reasons when COVID-19 arrived in Melbourne.

The Red Gum Ramblers look forward to getting back into rehearsals and participating in Parish events when Victorian Government restrictions ease. We will continue to work and communicate closely with Parish of the Parks

If you wish to contact the Red Gum Ramblers management team, you may contact Manny Vassal, Gabi Coddington at the following:

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## Garden Committee Report to 2021 Annual Meeting

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### **“ENJOYMENT FOR EVERYONE” is the theme presented by our small Garden Group**

The team that maintains the gardens and lawns at St Silas has tried to keep up the standard set over the past years, however this has been very difficult and most demanding these last two years as support has diminished, with often one person working alone.

We strive to always present the church with a neat, colourful and peaceful aspect for church and local community to share.

The two hours we spend every fourth Wednesday of the month is also appreciated by parishioners of the memorial garden, many passers-by, who stop for a chat or sit on the seats for lunch in our gardens.

As a congregation we should appreciate the efforts our little ‘Garden Group’ of now only Marcia and myself who now try to do the basics of pruning and sweeping.

Due to the time and age of volunteers and the labour required in maintaining the three lawns, large nature-strip and gardens, we continue to require the aid of part time, paid help in Adams Landscaping and Garden Maintenance Service (0421 747 160).

Unfortunately, as of this AGM I will be stepping down from this co-ordination roll as my physical health is now restricting my activity in many ways, and I hope a replacement can be found. I will always be happy to pass on the church and garden maintenance knowledge I have.

I am forecasting that additional expenses and resources will be required in the coming year especially in the vicarage gardens with tree and major hedge maintenance and disposal costs.

The group has been a pleasure to co-ordinate, and I was wondering if you or someone you know could sometimes join in?

All tools, gloves and guidance provided.

Many thanks,

**Steve Smith**

## Media Annual Report 2021

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The social media space took on many challenges during 2020/2021 and we addressed these with quality content to achieve an overall increase in all areas: posting, engagement, reach and comments.

Our goal was to reach a larger audience and be active within the community to support local businesses that assisted the Sunday Suppers program, reach out to other local parishes, engage and interact with the wider community, use social media to promote all activities and fundraising events, and show the local and wider community that the church has an approachable, fun side.

In 2020/2021 we extended our reach and were able to expand our footprint in not only the local area, but worldwide. We saw growth in both Facebook and Instagram, both showing over a 45% increase on 2019/2020.

Some 2020/2021 highlights:

- More local content
- 95% increase in post engagement
- More "live" content
- Stronger support of local businesses
- Increased possible fundraising activities

Our Facebook and Instagram audience not only stayed with us, but it grew with the support of other local and international religious organisations.

The media focus was on the following:

- Our support programs within the local community
- Three Sunday Suppers Grant submissions
- Developing a greater friendship with other local Parishes and local businesses
- Engagement with the audience via content discussion and reach

We will be striving to achieve a higher level of engagement in 2022, with the support of the Parish Council, all our volunteers and the local community.

Kind regards

**Declan Jacobs**

Beaverhausen Media