



Anglican Parish of Glenelg 2023 Annual Vestry Meeting

REPORTS FOR THE PAST YEAR - 2022

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PARISH STATISTICS

		2022	2021	2020
ST PETER'S	Total Attendance	9,846	10,252	7,554
	Acts of Communion	5,496	6,234	4,796
ST MARTIN'S	Total Attendance	1,022	1,057	787
	Acts of Communion	973	954	716
	TOTAL ATTENDANCE	10,868	11,309	8,341
	ACTS OF COMMUNION	6,469	7,188	5,512

PARISH TOTAL		2022	2021	2020
	Weddings	4	3	5
	Baptisms at St Peter's	22	22	14
	Baptisms at St Martin's	1	2	-
	Funerals at St Peter's	9	20	11
	Funerals at St Martin's	-	-	1
	Interments	6	10	10
	Confirmations	3	7	-
	Admission to Communion	-	-	-
	Reception into Anglican Church	2	-	-

PARISH COUNCIL 2022		
	Chairperson and Associate Clergy	The Ven Andrew Mintern – Parish Priest
		The Rev'd Michele Yuen
		The Rev'd Dr Margaret Annells
ST PETER'S WARDENS		
	Steve Ludlam & Terry Leane	
ST MARTIN'S WARDENS		
	Margaret Sambrooks & Rosalind Mortimer	
ELECTED MEMBERS		
	Martyn Anderson, Sandy Anderson, Catherine Beer, Janice Doyle, Ben Falcon, Andrew Cockington (Hon. Treasurer)	
RECTOR'S APPOINTMENTS TO PARISH COUNCIL		
	Rev'd Andrew reserved the right to make 2 further appointments	

AGENDA

OPENING PRAYER

APOLOGIES AND SIGNING OF ATTENDANCE SLIPS AND DECLARATION

The Minutes of last year's AVM held on 27 March 2022 at St Peter's Church were confirmed at the Parish Council meeting held on 17th May 2022

PARISH PRIEST'S REPORT – THE VEN ANDREW MINTERN (taken as read)

Motion: Parish Priest be thanked for his report and that it be received.

WARDENS' REPORTS – Steve Ludlam, Terry Leane, Margaret Sambrooks, Ros Mortimer (taken as read)

Motion: That the Wardens of St Peter's and St Martin's be thanked for their reports and that they be received.

OTHER REPORTS (taken as read)

Motion: That the reports as circulated be received and that the groups and their convenors submitting the reports, be thanked.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Andrew Cockington

- a. Financial Statements for the 12 months to 31 December 2022

Motion: That the Financial Statements for the 12 months to 31 December 2022 be received

- b. Budget for 2023

Motion: That the Budget for 2023 be adopted and the Treasurer and Finance Committee be thanked for their work over the year and their report to Vestry.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

'The Parochial Administration Ordinance C4:42(1) provides that Parish Councils consist of the parish priest, any full-time clergy and any part-time clergy (0.3FTE or greater), church wardens of all congregations, members elected by vestry, and for every three elected members from vestry, one appointment by the parish priest if he or she desires.'

A previous motion of this vestry still stands that vestry elect up to 6 members to Parish Council.

People's Wardens (1 per church)	nominations
Parish Council Members	nominations
Nomination Committee	one nomination from each Church Centre (along with wardens)
Synod Representatives (1 needed)	2 years left on term – nomination.

APPOINTMENTS

Priest's Wardens (one for each church)

Steve Ludlam (St Peter's) & Ros Mortimer (St Martin's)

Treasurer And Minutes Secretary to be Confirmed by Parish Council

OTHER BUSINESS

The Common Cup at communion

CLOSING PRAYER

PARISH PRIEST'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2022

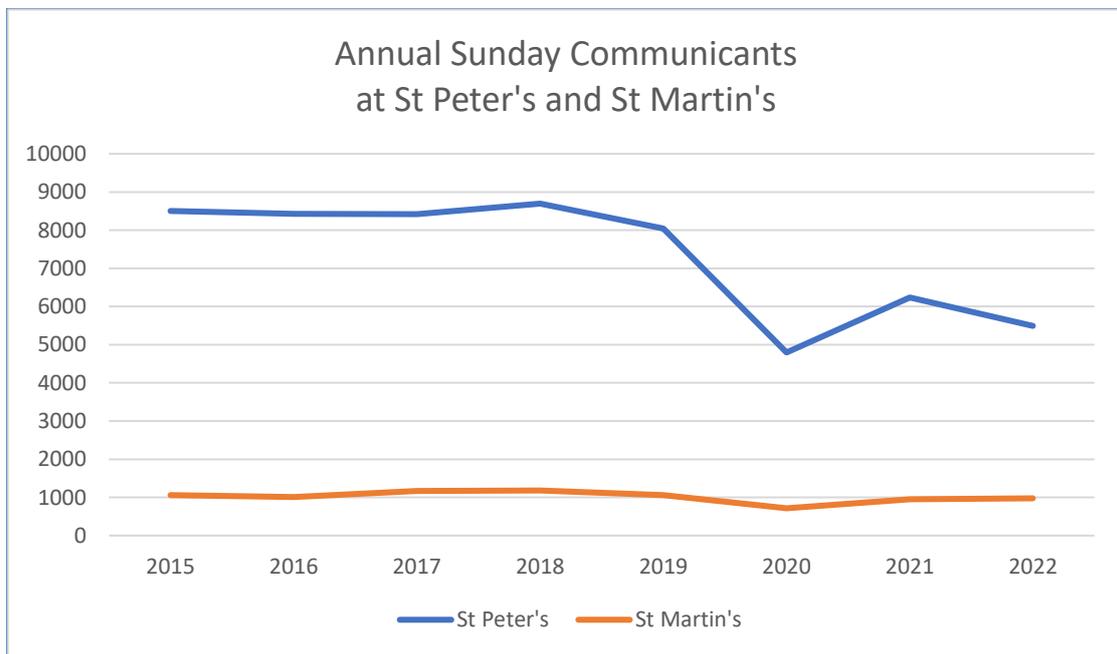
Ven. Andrew Mintern

INTRODUCTION

I think most of us expected that after two years of pandemic, 2022 would be the year community activities and worship attendance would bounce back fully. In the end that was certainly not the case. Many people, not just in the church, reported that last year was a difficult year to cope with. Restrictions on gatherings, particularly evident in schools and aged care, were still very much in place. People felt increasingly tired and perhaps pessimistic that some much loved activities had been damaged forever.

They say a picture tells a thousand words, so I include the following graph which tracks Sunday communicants for the past eight years. I have been parish priest here since the end of 2015. Both churches peaked in Sunday communicants in 2018 (8,965 at St Peter's and 1,181 at St Martin's). Whilst 2019 saw a slight downturn from that high, it's hard to know whether that was an ongoing trend because COVID hit in 2020 and from there we see the figures plummet (bearing in mind there were 17 Sundays missed in 2020 due to lockdowns). 2021 saw a bit of a bounce-back but any cause for optimism was dashed by the 2022 figures.

One observation I can make tells the story for the 10am service - the six Sundays prior to COVID hitting in 2020 all had congregations over 100 (ranging from 100-127). There were no special events on any of those Sundays, that was just normal attendance. In 2022 (excluding Christmas and Easter) we only exceeded 100 on six occasions for the whole year and there was a special reason for each of them as to why congregation size would be bigger on that particular day.



My observation is that we have seen some changed habits of attendance because of the pandemic. There is a core of people who, barring sickness or holidays, always come to church. Thank you so much for your commitment to God and to your church community. I would observe that due to the pandemic disruption, some occasional attenders have stopped coming, and some regular attenders have now become occasional. Despite the above graph, it is worth noting with joy that we have also added new parishioners through the past three years and these people have brought new insights and enthusiasm into our community. Their presence is most welcome.

Stepping back to look just at the attendance trends, one has to note dispassionately that the CEO of any organisation with a graph like this would surely not last long at an AGM. This picture has certainly given me cause for great soul-searching. Am I the right person to continue to lead this church community? I acknowledge that numbers are (in the words of an interstate bishop-friend) “a pretty blunt measure” and that there are many other ways to measure the health of a community. Our 2022 National Church Life Survey data helps us to do that. For example, 89% of NCLS responders in the parish have a strong sense of belonging; 70% are satisfied with the activities we provide for children; 89% agree this church is always ready to try something new; 71% report experiencing growth in faith the previous twelve months; 91% believe our church is inclusive. Whilst these few statistics are encouraging, there is much more information to be delved into from the 2022 NCLS.

Personally, I still feel we have unfinished ministry to do together as a community. I think the development of a renewed vision for the parish is something I can help develop and will take us forward. Re-developing our vision is very timely considering the challenges of the past three years. Whilst worship attendance has certainly dropped, there are other reasons for optimism and there were some wonderful highlights in 2022.

SUMMARY OF HIGHLIGHTS AND KEY INFORMATION FOR 2022

Parish Groups

I think it is a huge highlight that despite some uncertainty on public gatherings, our community groups still managed to meet and do some interesting activities through the year. These are outlined in the various group reports, but I would add that our small groups are very much the setting for pastoral care, faith support and community building in our parish life. I thank all those who participated and contributed, particularly the group convenors, for your dedication and commitment.

Bible studies and faith discussions

The year started with some great involvement in our Lent activities. The reading plan through Luke-Acts was well received and some 27 people opted to receive the accompanying daily reflections. These were made available in printed form at the end of Lent and extra copies kept on being printed. Others participated in the face-to-face gatherings to look at the Lenten Study from ABM and the Advent Study later in the year. Thanks to Rev'd Michele for convening these. Another study group at St Martin's undertook the newly revised ALPHA course and then continued to meet looking at other Bible and faith studies. I do note here the demise of Speakers' Corner, but I would like to see something like this return as an occasional event in the life of the parish.

Worship Highlights

The **Annual Anglican Bishops' Conference** was held in March and we welcomed some fifty bishops to our 10am worship. Hearing all the responses said so confidently and hymns sung so loudly was a huge morale boost for the congregation. **Holy Week and Easter Services** were a blessing as always and I particularly enjoyed the visit to St Michael's Mitcham to walk the **Stations of the Cross**, organised by Rev'd Michele. It was also a blessing to see a return of the **Ecumenical Dawn service** in Moseley Square. The **St Peter's Day Patronal Festival Eucharist** featuring a dramatic presentation by the Sunday Kids was beautiful. The **St Martin's Day Patronal Festival** featured an added event of a Friday Afternoon tea, along with great sermon by Ben Falcon on the Sunday. The visit from Bishop Denise Ferguson for the **Confirmation and Reception Service** was a delight. An increase in attendance at all **Christmas services** from 2021 also added enthusiasm to our celebrations. **Ukulele Church** continues to be a monthly event in the parish and met 8 times on the fourth Sunday of the month. Attendances were usually around the high teens and participants are some of our parishioners but mostly parishioners from other parishes and denominations. Those attendees who were brand new to church have mostly not returned since COVID. A highlight was the concluding **Ukulele Carols Service** which was held in St Peter's Church and attended by 35 people.

Pastoral Care

One thing that stopped due to COVID was services in Aged Care facilities. Restrictions continued to be heavily enforced for much of last year. With the cessation of Rev'd Margaret's 0.2FTE ministry, aged care facilities were offered services for Easter and Christmas and one-on-one visits for any Anglican residents. Allambi chose to seek ministry from a different Anglican parish; Charles Young and Bupa Morphetville requested services, but only Charles Young responded to emails to arrange these. I visited Charles Young on two occasions. On the second of these staff only brought three residents to the service. It is a little unclear as to the future direction for ministry to aged care institutions. It is increasingly a specialised form of ministry and I for one feel that a diocesan approach is probably needed. I am aware of one parish that is developing online weekly worship for aged care and possibly making this available across the diocese would be a good way forward. Parishioners may be reassured that if you move to an aged care facility, parish clergy will do their best to visit and stay in touch if you are in this locality. For those who go to an aged care facility further afield, then steps will be taken to help find out what spiritual services may be available in that facility.

Pastoral care to parishioners in hospital or at home through one-on-one clergy visits continued and I am indebted to Rev'd Michele and Rev'd Margaret for continued help with this ministry. At the time of writing this report, we have 21 ill or isolated parishioners we are keeping in touch with and supporting through visits. This is a challenge considering that the parish really only supports about 1.2 FTE clergy time. There were 134 home communions by reserved sacrament during the year.

Parish Events

Pancake night was held again on Shrove Tuesday and despite the feeling that attendances may be smaller due to COVID concerns, a large group of over 50 people came along. The two parish **Passover meals** (Children's and Families on Palm Sunday and Adults on Maundy Thursday) saw good attendances of just under fifty people overall and remains a well-loved tradition of the parish. **Volunteers' Sunday** and **CVS Sunday** were also great ways to recognise the important contributions of volunteers in our community. By July we considered COVID restrictions were reduced enough to have another **parish book sale** and this was a great success for connecting with the community. The **Election Day Cake Stall** at St Martin's was also well received and prompted lots of compliments. Other community connections were made through three **Fringe Shows** in March and another concert in December. Another fun musical event was the **Spring into Summer musical afternoon**, presented by Gary Sanderson, Damien Mansfield and the 5th Sunday Singers hosted at Tony Whitehill's house. An especially delightful highlight at St Martin's was the celebratory afternoon tea for **Joan Richardson's 100th birthday**. Joan continues to inspire us all with her enthusiastic attendance at worship and even occasional tambourine solos!

Community Visitors Scheme (CVS)

With the retirement of Hewina, there will probably not be a full report on CVS in the annual reports. Suffice to say that we continue to strive to meet our requirement of 26 visitors for the scheme. We have continued to fall short of this target and given this, our funding may be in danger. I commend the scheme to all parishioners which matches a volunteer visitor to an isolated resident of an aged care facility. The volunteer commits to visit once per fortnight. At present we are seeking a new Parish Administration Officer who can co-ordinate this scheme for us. In the meantime, any new offers of visiting would be gratefully received. Please speak to Rev'd Andrew.

Building works

These will be reported on elsewhere, but I note the incredible amount of work that went into the **roof and guttering repairs to St Peter's church** nave and porch. Much needed refurbishments were also made to **St Martin's Hall** including painting and new ceiling and blinds. The Heritage Committee also worked to select a landscape architect firm and scoping for redevelopment of the **St Peter's memorial garden** and work on repairing or removing sections of the memorial wall. We are currently awaiting revised concept plans.

Outreach

The parish continued to support outward mission through **Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes of Love, ABM Lenten Appeal, AnglicareSA, SPW Graduation Bibles and State School Chaplaincy** – specifically at Glenelg Primary School and St Leonard’s Primary School. We also have seen a growing need for emergency assistance and this has continued through the parish office with great support from Hewina and office volunteers. I would also like to acknowledge the wonderful ongoing support of **Holdfast Bay Rotary Club** in supporting this outreach ministry.

Online outreach continues through posting Sunday sermons and midweek **reflections on Facebook**. Some parishioners have commented that they enjoy these on days they are unable to get to church. The reach is far and wide and there are even people overseas who regularly watch. That said, it would be fair to say that regular views of these dropped off during 2022 which perhaps reflects a boredom with the novelty or also that with the easing of COVID restrictions, people became less reliant on online resources. Nevertheless, I think this form of communication continues to be important, along with our website, for reaching new people and keeping them in touch with our ministry.

Children and Youth Ministry

Huge thanks go to all those involved in supporting the younger members of our parish. Lorna Fenech with good support from Jo Mintern, Debbie Wallis, Chris Gann, Jenny Thomas and Rev’d Michele has maintained fantastic enthusiasm and creativity with Sunday Kids. I note the great effort the children made with both the St Peter’s Day drama and the nativity play. We dedicated the 2022 nativity play to the memory of Kel Pittman who had played such an integral part in children’s ministry and the nativity play in particular. She is sadly missed.

Rev’d Michele continued to faithfully gather the young people of the parish for Youth Group and her commitment to this ministry, supported by Jo Mintern and other parent volunteers, has been inspirational.

I would like to make mention of the experimental **JuMP (Journey of Musical Praise)** program which we trialled for five Saturdays and Sundays in the second half of 2022. I commend Liz McCall and Julian Ferraretto for their ideas and commitment to this program. The idea arose from the Parish Council wanting to appoint a children’s and youth worker for the parish. After advertising for this role, there was limited interest in the position, but from a discussion with Liz and Julian we decided to use some of the money to support the JuMP idea. The plan was to create a music workshop that would attract both children from within and outside the parish and also contribute to our worship once a month. The program saw a total of twenty different children participate, however much of this was in the first couple of sessions and the drop-off towards the end of the year made us feel that this model was not likely to have ongoing sustainability. We continue to consider ways forward and will discuss this further as 2023 proceeds as to what creative ideas we can implement to engage children and young people. Parish Council remains committed to providing some funding for this initiative.

Diocesan and Ecumenical

It was great to see the **Easter Ecumenical service** on again in 2022 and also the return of the **Glenelg Christmas Pageant** (after a two year hiatus). Our ecumenical entry in the pageant was the biggest yet and highlighted the contributions of local churches to social welfare in the area. I thank Pastor Greg Page (Immanuel Lutheran) for convening BAM (Bay Area Ministers) and I also note the departure of Rev’d Christine Gilbert from St Andrew’s Uniting Church after her ten-year tenure and am thankful for her collegiality.

At a diocesan level I note the very moving service celebrating the **thirtieth anniversary of ordination of women** to the priesthood in this diocese. It was great to see four of the original five women present at the service and for our parish to see Rev’d Juliana Rees who had previously served here. It was also a delight

that parishioner Ben Falcon was ordained Deacon at the ordination service in November, although sadly this meant Ben left us for a parish placement at Holy Innocents Belair. He and Steph will continue to think of Glenelg as their home parish and hope to visit regularly.

The whole diocese received a lot of encouragement from the visit of **The Archbishop of Canterbury**, Justin Welby, celebrating the **175th Anniversary of the Diocese of Adelaide**. It was great to have a table of parishioners attend the diocesan dinner and to be part of an event with over 700 people present.

PARISH VISION

One thing any community needs in order to flourish, is a sense of vision. Last year in my vestry report I reported on the conclusion of the previous five-year vision and the need for the Parish to develop a new vision, especially as we enter the Post-COVID era. Parish Council has been working all year to reflect vision directions. In our discussions we have drawn on the following resources:

- The five marks of mission <https://www.anglicancommunion.org/mission/marks-of-mission.aspx>
- The Spiritual Health Check survey we did as a parish at the end of 2021;
- The National Church Life Survey Data from early 2022
- The refreshed 2022 Diocesan Vision <https://adelaideanglicans.com/who-we-are/vision/>
- Input from the 2022 Lambeth conference on evangelism.
- Research undertaken by the Ven. Sophie Relf-Christopher (summarised in the recent three-part series in the Adelaide Church Guardian). <https://adelaideguardian.com/2023/02/10/before-the-lights-go-out/> <https://adelaideguardian.com/2023/02/17/who-do-you-think-you-are-adelaide-anglicans/> <https://adelaideguardian.com/2023/02/24/ill-tell-you-what-you-want-what-you-really-really-want/>

For me, our vision statement – **“A vibrant, welcoming and inclusive community growing in faith and love”** - still seems to hit the nail on the head. Whilst it is a bit wordier than some vision statements, it does communicate who we are and what we are striving for. I note that when I read the word “love” in the statement, I think it is interchangeable with the word “service”. We serve God and one another in love, within our church community and beyond. I would like to feel that we all have some sense of engagement with this calling. I admit I did have a very low point after one particular 10am service last year when we had just over fifty people in the 10am congregation and there was a baptism that day, so about half of those present were visitors for the baptism. I estimated less than thirty regular congregants attended. A congregation member said to me: “Oh people don’t come if they know there is a baptism”. To me that sounded a death knell for our church. Surely it is a tiny miracle in this day and age, when there is apathy and antipathy towards the church, that people from beyond the church still come to us seeking different types of ministry. Are we really a welcoming and inclusive community if we don’t make the effort to even turn up to provide that welcome? I make no apology for this challenge. I would hope we all feel a sense of responsibility to make our worshipping community **“vibrant, welcoming and inclusive.”**

I feel adamant that this year must be a year to be **“growing in faith and love (service)”**. Despite my pre-occupation with numbers at the start of this report, I don’t even include numerical growth in that desire. Yes, it would be nice, but if we had exactly the same numbers at the end of the year, but our worship was characterised by an atmosphere of heartfelt prayers, responses said with confident conviction, hymns and songs sung heartily, warm welcoming for newcomers and increased care and compassion for each other tinged with a sense of hopeful faith, then that would indicate wonderful growth. Striving for those things would ensure other types of growth as well. I don’t mean to belittle the efforts we already make in those areas, because we do try, but I think you might agree with me that by the end of 2022 there was a sense of tiredness and despondency that had crept into our lives. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us to shrug that off.

Next, I want to share with you a summary of our vision discussions in Parish Council. This has come out of a number of council reflections and has been put into categories that match those of the Diocesan Vision. This is not a complete document and you will note at the end that there are important elements of parish life that don't fit into these headings. But what it does do is give us a framework to examine what we are already doing and to challenge ourselves to consider what we might do from here. There are many ideas under the heading of "What we could explore". We cannot do them all and we already do a lot. However, we might choose two or three things to try in 2023. We can only try something new if there is a core of people interested in participating and helping. I present this to help to get you thinking. In the near future we will survey everyone to see what might have the most enthusiastic support. A really important aspect to any vision succeeding is lay leadership – so if there is someone, or a group of people, who want to take the lead on a new idea then that will be a good sign as to what we should attempt next.

Anglican Parish of Glenelg

A vibrant, welcoming and inclusive community growing in faith and love.

1: Growing in Discipleship and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ

What we are already doing	What we could explore
Variety of worship formats. Beautiful prayers, sermons and music. Facebook reflections. Lent readings and Bible studies. Discussion group.	Variety of Bible study formats / resources. Worship & Anglicanism Explained. Anglican Identity Videos (developed by diocese of Qld). Baptism follow-up for children's ministry. Alpha Course – advertise widely (outreach). Induction for new parishioners. Information around the church (on display). Topical worship relating to world events. More website resources. Develop a Youtube channel as repository for online videos. Opportunities in parish to talk and share about faith (also relates to point 4).

2. Community connections

What we are already doing	What we could explore
Playgroup. SPW – school chaplaincy. Book Sales. Christmas Tree Festival. Digital Street sign. Ukulele church. Bay Area Ministers Group. Sth West Deanery meetings. Glenelg Christmas Pageant. Ecumenical Easter Dawn Service. Community concerts.	Church more open to visitors – be visible. Tourism connections. Community engagement – free palm crosses. Memorial garden plan and beautification. Re-think markets in some form. Concerts – Fringe and other. Prayer tree in foyer – prayer requests (could be done digitally). More family events (cf item 4). Midweek coffee gatherings. Let community know we pray for them. Meals for those who are sick / in hospital. Explore ways to co-operate between parishes.

3. Advocating and working for Justice

What we are already doing	What we could explore
Emergency food ministry. Mission Giving – ABM, Lent, State School chaplaincy. CVS – friendship for older people. Aged care visits and home communions. Being inclusive of all who come.	Be more positive for justice and inclusion (less monocultural). Consider our Carbon footprint – better environmental considerations. Ten commitments for prevention and response to domestic and family violence. Local Reconciliation.

4. Caring for creation and each other

What we are already doing	What we could explore
Sense of community and inclusion. Parish groups. Sunday Kids ministry. Youth Group. Pastoral care and visiting. Morning teas after services.	Other parish groups if needed. Community events – need to rebuild sense of community. More families events (cf item 2). Different ways to have morning tea to engage more people (outside?). Parish directory. Grief support group. Seaside environmental focus. Carbon footprint (cf item 2). Possibilities for solar – what would we save?

What's not covered by this framework	Heritage preservation (buildings and history). Administration of buildings, Finances. Community life and volunteer management.
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I hope this gets you thinking and starts conversation in the parish. There may be ideas we haven't considered – feel free to put them forward. We are moving into a new and challenging era for churches in Australia. At the time of writing this report, there are currently eight vacant parishes in the diocese. Only one of those can fund a full-time priest. The others range between 0.3FTE and 0.7FTE. Our parish is doing a great job at sustaining parish ministry with paid staff, however we also face challenges. Should we lose CVS funding, we would be unable to staff the parish office other than for a handful of hours per week. Of our 1.8 FTE clergy in the parish, 0.8FTE of funding comes from the school for provision of chaplaincy and from the diocese for my Archdeacon role. This external support is a blessing but brings with it added responsibility.

Whilst the broader society's confidence in the church is low, we do continually receive very positive feedback from people who visit our churches on the beauty of the place and the warmth of the people. We should be confident that we have so much to offer, and we have a life-giving Gospel to proclaim. It may well be that we don't have the resources to do everything we want, but we have more resources than many churches around the world. Our call is always to focus our vision to best use our gifts in the service of God and our community. Blessings to you all.

THANK-YOU'S

It is always a challenge to thank people in this report because I fear missing some people out. Let me begin by thanking Rev'd Michele Yuen for her collegiality and her valuable ministry in the parish and in the school. Her contribution and enthusiasm deserve great recognition.

I would also like to pay tribute to the work of Hewina Jackson as Parish Administration Assistant and CVS Co-ordinator. In addition, I thank Rev'd Dr Margaret Annells for her regular support with worship services and for taking some of the pastoral care load. Thanks also to Rev'd Russell Simmonds for his liturgical support.

Thank you to our church wardens at St Peter's, Steve Ludlam and Terry Leane, and at St Martin's, Ros Mortimer and Margaret Sambrooks. Thank you to the parish council members Martyn Anderson, Sandy Anderson, Catherine Beer, Jan Doyle (book-keeping), Andrew Cockington (treasurer) and Ben Falcon. Thank you to members of the finance committee and heritage committee and to Jayne Taylor for her chairing of the heritage committee.

In addition, thank you to all the convenors of parish groups, all office and grounds volunteers, all worship volunteers (those 'up the front' and those 'behind the scenes' who help it all to happen), CVS visitors, and all others who contribute to our community so that our parish community life and worship life can function as smoothly as it does.

Each year I note those who have retired from roles after significant contributions. I note that Terry Leane is stepping down as people's warden at St Peter's. He took that role on at the start of the COVID pandemic and his medical insights have been particularly insightful and pastoral through these past three years. Ben Falcon has stepped down as parish councillor, lay assistant, reader, intercessor and synod representative as his ordained journey takes him to a different parish community at the moment. We will miss his sincere and thoughtful contributions. Tricia Fuente has stepped down from the role of lay assistant. Tony Whitehill has stepped down from regularly being rostered on as an organist but you may still see him occasionally fill in in emergencies. I thank all those others who may have stepped down from different roles in the parish. Thank you for your years of service.

Finally, thank you so much to Jo for your incredible support of me as well as the way you contribute to the life of the parish. You are a blessing to so many. Thank you too to Rebecca and Lara for your love and support in so many ways.

VALE

The full list of funerals taken in the parish are listed at the end of this report. I make note here of some special parishioners who died during 2022.

Freda Coles was a much-loved member of our 10am congregation. She was a long-term contributor to our flower roster and her floral arrangements, along with her smiling presence, added joy and beauty to our worship gatherings. Always positive, with husband Peter by her side, her sudden decline due to cancer was a shock to us all and she is so sadly missed.

Gill May was a very long-term member of our congregation, although age and infirmity prevented her attendance in the past few years. I note with gratitude on everyone's behalf that Gill was a great benefactor of the church - the nave altar at St Peter's was given in memory of her husband Allan, and she was also a part-donor of the apex cross on the western pinnacle of the church.

Kel Pittman lost her long battle with ovarian cancer during 2022 at the age of 51. Kel was a fabulous supporter of children's ministry in the parish working alongside Lorna Fenech at Sunday Kids and coming up with creative ideas for the Nativity play each year. Her death was felt hard in both the parish and in SPW

school where she was a beloved member of staff and friend to many. She inspired so many people through her cancer journey and dedicated her final years, along with husband Mark and children, Mollie and Tom, to raising awareness and funding for Ovarian Cancer Research. Kel's laughter, wise insights and friendship is dearly missed.

Our Thursday congregation also lost two beloved members through the year in Val Newell and Peter Claridge. It was a particular honour for me to baptise Peter in hospital and give him last rites just before his death.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

Louie Darren MUMFORD
Freddie Tam Stuart MUMFORD
Molly Anne HUTTON
Grace Joy BOWMAN
Ethan James WELDEN-ILEY
Charlotte Patricia THOMAS
Xavier Jessie-James STONE
Dakota Mae STONE
Maisie Bloom ALTSCHWAGER
Lawrence Evar BROWN
Liam Edward Kevin BARBER
Peter Jesse CLARIDGE
Ema Sheree PIERRE
Brodie Michael INKSTER
Emily Grace NAPPA
Cruz Daniel Thomas DUNN
Nikolas Joseph LEUCUTA
Violet Lydia JOSEPH
Sebastian James PATTINIOTT RIGGS
Amelia Dorothy Margaret JONES
Isaac John Dennis JONES
Hamish Mitchell BLIESCHKE
Tom Mark BLIESCHKE

Confirmations

Simon Christopher BLIGHT
Stephanie FALCON-HARVIE
Ema Sheree PIERRE

Received into the Anglican Church

Alison Louise CLIFTON
Angela Colleen CLIFTON

Weddings

Lazlo Andras BARANYAY & Fanny LARUELLE
Jake Daniel KANTILAFTAS & Anneliese Jane PEDLER
Hugh Robert SUTTON & Laura Jane COPPOLA
Douglas Mathew PIERRE & Genevieve Guilianne MECHTILDE CETOUPE

Funerals

Valerie Eunice NEWELL
Thelma Lurline Gladys PEARCE
Michael D'Arcy COCK
Rhonda Clare JOHNS
Michael George BOYD
Gillian Lenore MAY
Peter Jesse CLARIDGE
Trevor Charles Maxwell SAWYER
Freda Ann COLES
Kellie Ann PITTMAN



Confirmation and Reception service with Bishop Denise Ferguson

ST PETER'S WARDENS REPORTS 2023

Steve Ludlam (Priest's Warden) and Terry Leane (People's Warden)

2022, a better year in many ways than the first two years of COVID. Steve Ludlam was Priest's Warden and Terry Leane, Peoples Warden.

The year has seen our Congregation and Community starting to live a life of faith and support, changed by COVID. We are now free to do the things we have done all our lives, in many cases modified by the learnings from the pandemic, a pandemic which affected the way we live and will continue to do so but equally a pandemic that gave us time to grow in faith and find new and novel ways of reaching out to our congregation and our community.

We thank Father Andrew, Mother Michele, and Mother Margaret for leading us during this time, and giving us the confidence and strength to continue to grow our Church. We thank them for providing their support innovatively and with a sense of humour. We especially thank them for keeping our congregation, safe and growing in faith and belief.

We thank Hewina for her work in the Office, her leadership of the Community Volunteers Scheme and together with all our Office volunteers for the work with our community who visit regularly for support of all kinds. All our volunteers are special, and we give our thanks to them for continuing to build the spirit of our Church and for providing support and comfort to our congregation during the year and for us as individuals when we need it.

We are a Church of worship and music. We thank the Choir, the "have a go" singers and our musicians. They lift our spirits and lead us in joyous celebration.

Our congregation has been diminishing in size through the pandemic but clearly growing in strength of purpose and commitment to one another. This is seen when times are tough for individual members, whether it has been the loss of a loved one, a personal illness or the need of a helping hand the congregation has been solid in its support of one another. As the year progressed, we have seen some new members of the congregation join and we appreciate their immediate commitment to our Church and welcome them into our family.

The work of the Parish Council and our Finance committee has been challenging as always but rewarding. We have continued to find ways to follow our strategy and to maintain and upgrade the fabric of our Church. Our mission support continues, and our financial position is sound. Whilst we have not always been in a fully safe position to hold some fundraising events, like markets, we have found ways to hold all our traditional events. These events build our spirit and attract visitors. We hope these visitors spread the word of our good work and take with them an extra spring in their spiritual step.



Wearing red for Pentecost

Overall, we have had a solid year, new members have joined our congregation, we have sadly lost some members who will be greatly missed, new ideas are being tried and we remain hopeful, engaged, and willing to support one another and our community.

ST MARTIN'S WARDENS' REPORT – 2022

Rosalind Mortimer (Priest's Warden) and Margaret Sambrooks (People's Warden)

We had a very busy year at St Martin's in 2022, with the renovation of our hall, beginning with new electrical wiring and a new ceiling installation in June. In July the painting of the walls was completed and then in August new blinds were added. We are very pleased with the results and would like to thank everyone who contributed to this project by donation or help in other ways. You are welcome to come to our Sunday morning service, to join in prayer with us, and share morning tea in the hall afterwards.

On 11th November, St Martin's Day, we held an afternoon tea celebration and the newly renovated hall was blessed by Father Andrew. Rev'd Michele, Rev'd Margaret, guests from St Peter's and our own parishioners attended. Relaxing piano music was provided by our musician, Don Bull, and enjoyed by all. A raffle was held and a special cake was also enjoyed.

Our usual St Martin's Day service was held the following Sunday, with Ben Williams kindly officiating as the guest preacher.

Each Sunday, hymn music at St Martin's is provided by Stephanie on Clarinet and Don on keyboard. When Father Andrew, presides he usually joins in with his guitar. It is said that we make a remarkably harmonious noise for a such a small church!

Greatly appreciated is a healing service taken by Rev. Margaret, on the third Sunday of the month, including Taizé singing.

During the year, the hall was hired by an exercise group three days per week, for several hours each day. Unfortunately, the instructor has moved elsewhere, so we are now seeking groups to hire it this year.

In December each year, when our Christmas tree at St Martin's is set up, parishioners generously donate gifts to the Anglicare appeal. During the year, we donate items of food and cash to St Peter's food cupboard and to Bush Church Aid, via their collection boxes.

We would like to thank Father Andrew, Reverend Michele and Reverend Margaret for their inspiring sermons in 2022.



Joan's 100th Birthday



Celebrating the St Martin's Hall Refurbishment

FOOD CUPBOARD

Rosalind Mortimer (Priest's Warden – St Martin's)

The increase of food costs at the end of last year meant that we saw more Food Cupboard clients' requiring food parcels from us and other organisations. Donations of money, food and toiletries were given by parishioners. The Communities committee from the Rotary Club of Holdfast Bay held food collections at shopping centre supermarkets. People were generous in their giving and the Rotary Club then shared the food with us and other organisations. As a result, it has been possible to continue supplying food to those in need of help. They also donated toiletries such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand and body wash and shampoo and conditioner.

The total amount for the 2022 year given to support the Food Cupboard from the Rotary Club of Holdfast Bay and our parishioners, came to \$2,490.

DONATIONS FOR FOOD CUPBOARD	
Parishioner donations	1,090.00
Parish donation	1,000.00
Rotary Club	200.00
Other	200.00
TOTAL	\$2,490.00

Purchase of food during the year totalled: \$2,965

Clothing donations from the Rotary Club, along with donations of second-hand clothing from various parishioners, enabled us to provide clients with warm clothes in the winter.

Knitted beanies and scarves were also popular. More than 60 people were provided with these items.

Anthea Smith and Rosalind Mortimer have once again been organising and shopping for the Food Cupboard. They pack bags of food for those in need, who come on a fortnightly basis. Our clients were served by Anthea Smith, Rosalind Mortimer, Jan Doyle, Rev'd Andrew and Rev'd Michele. Many thanks to the volunteers who help to support this undertaking and to all those who have donated.

For the year 2022 we added 25 new clients.

FOOD BAGS SUPPLIED FOR THE YEAR	
MONTH	# OF FOOD BAGS
January	23
February	38
March	35
April	39
May	39
June	43
July	32
August	53
September	42
October	43
November	53
December	41
TOTAL	481

In December '22 we also gave out 28 Christmas bags containing mince pies, cake, puddings, chocolates and biscuits.

GAL's (GLENELG ANGLICAN LADIES) REPORT

Joan Sargeant

Looking back on 2022 the GALS ladies had quite a busy year. Guest speakers included a representative from The Royal Flying Doctors, Janet Simpson who conducted a tour of our stain glass windows, and Ros Cordes's Daughter, Peta, who spoke to us at the very successful cancer fundraiser afternoon tea where we raised \$585 with a further \$1000 raised on-line. In June we had a very interesting visit to the Teetotallers tea rooms at Cowandilla where we heard about the Suffrage movement formed in SA in 1886 and 'incidentally' we also enjoyed a home-made lunch!

Our group seem to enjoy eating out, and so we also included two visits to the Morphett Arms during the year, the last one held in November as our 'breakup' for the year. Seventeen ladies attended and we were all so pleased that Julie Tamblyn was able to join us.



Afternoon tea at the teetotallers tea-rooms



Peta sharing her cancer journey



Learning more.

HERITAGE & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Jayne Taylor (Chair, St Peter's Heritage & Property Committee)

Over the last 12 months the Committee members have been monitoring the work required at the Rectory, St Peter's Church and St Martin's.

The Committee comprises Rev'd Andrew Mintern, Steve Ludlam (Warden), Terry Leane (Warden), Tony Whitehill, and Jayne Taylor (Chair).

There are three outstanding matters for St Peter's from 2021/2022 which have not yet been completed:

1. Repairs to St Peter's north door, where tree roots from the Norfolk Island pine have lifted the concrete, and subsequent rain incursion has impinged on the door itself and the entry slate. We received the quote of some \$8,000 last year from our stonemason, and at the time of writing will be commencing work as soon as an excavator is available to remove the path and enable the tree roots to be trimmed.
2. Painting and upgrading of the West Porch. This is still on our agenda and once we obtain new quotes, we are hopeful of completing in 2022. This is estimated to cost around \$15,000.
3. The entry doors from the porch to the Nave need new closures. This requires a special door expert and we found a person, but they have a two year backlog of work. We remain in touch with him, with the hope that he will be able to do the work in the coming months.

During the past year, the Committee has concentrated on the upgrading of the Memorial Garden. The aim of this work is to continue to offer in-perpetuity memorials for our parishioners.

Last year, we reported to Vestry that the Holdfast Bay Council had refused our application to remove three of the Norfolk Island Pines, which then restricted what we could do in developing and expanding the Memorial Garden. This also involves some of the work outlined by our Heritage Architect listed in our Conservation Management Plan and rebuilding and renewing sections of the wall surrounding the garden.

The Committee developed a brief for Landscape Architects and contacted four firms following referrals from our known heritage experts. The brief was to extend the Memorial Garden by having an expert advise us on:

- the best use of space in the grounds of the Church
- planning a staged approach to the expansion of the memorial garden and beautifying other areas of the grounds that need development.

After a selection process and interview of the four landscape architects, we selected Tract to develop a landscape plan. Tract (Tara Cochrane, lead architect and two of her colleagues), presented two options for us in December. These plans covered the whole site of St Peter's, including the establishment of a Wedding Garden on the north-western side.

Members spent some time going through these options and were excited by the options and beauty of the designs. At the same time, it enabled us to focus on the most important areas for us to make a start. The Committee determined that the first section of work will be:

- the area from the Church bell tower (southern side) to the garden (northern area) ending at the Priest's entry door.
- this will include the removal of some of the wall and replacing it with new material. This is necessary due to the damage to the wall by the trees which prevent effective repair of the wall.

We are very mindful of protecting the plaques and the ashes interred within the sites as much as possible.

At the time of writing, we are awaiting the revised designs and costing for this work. We plan to speak to these designs at the Vestry meeting and gain feedback from parishioners.

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

Last year, Holdfast Bay Council granted local heritage listing to St Martin's. Over the past year the following work has been funded at a cost of around \$21,000. \$15,000 was paid for by the Jean Redman bequest and the rest was met by fundraising and donations.

- New suspended ceiling
- Repainting of the hall
- New blinds

CONCLUSION

We are all stewards of wonderful built heritage that is both a blessing and a great responsibility and the Committee continues to monitor property issues that need attention.

My thanks go to all the members of the committee for their assistance in working through the property and heritages issues and as we look to a future re-development of the Memorial Garden.



Church guttering repairs



New ceiling in St Martin's hall

PLAYGROUP

Helen Burke, Playgroup Co-ordinator

Playgroup has had yet another good year.

COVID has still been in the background, but we haven't had to shut our doors too much. Families have come and were grateful we were still there.

Numbers as ever were variable, but not quite as bad as they were last year. We miss some of the international element of previous years but are happy with the families we have. Lower numbers do make it easier for 'first timers' as they are not too overwhelmed. A fair number of 'newbies' came on recommendation of others which is very gratifying, and we do have one or two with a second one brewing which is always nice.

We have maintained a policy of never having a waiting list. We know how important it can be for the parents/carers to have a safe and welcoming space they can relax in with their child/ren, and we work on the basis that if are open, they will come!

It is always sad to say goodbye to our families, especially those who have been with us for a few years, but the time comes when they move on to kindergarten, or 'real school'. We then wish them well for the exciting next stage of their lives.

Playgroup couldn't function without our cheerful team of helpers, and I would like to thank Marie, Tammy and Jo for all their help over this past year in the kitchen and with the children. Coffee and tea don't make themselves, nor does the break time fruit prepare itself, and it's amazing how many little problems can be solved by a little chat while the coffee is being prepared. Everyone also needs checking in, and newbies welcomed, plus more problem solving as required, and a hand with baby holding always on hand.

Since there are only 4 of us, there can be occasional difficulties when one of us is ill, or needs a holiday, but although it would be nice to have more helpers to call on, we manage.

The 'end of session' singing, which includes stories and songs associated with the craft theme of the day, is a well-loved part of Playgroup. Most weeks Jo is ably assisted by Andrew on the guitar - much to the delight of the children, who he encourages to have a go at the end of the session.



SUNDAY KIDS 2022

Lorna Fenech

St Peter's is blessed to have some energetic, cheerful and enthusiastic children in our Sunday Kids group. In 2022, although Term 1 was somewhat disrupted by COVID, the children produced a great piece of artwork during Lent, depicting Jesus gathering his people under his wings like a hen gathers her chicks. Feathers and photos combined to give our artwork a uniquely St Peter's feel!

We celebrated St Peter's Day with a dramatic presentation of an interview with St Peter during which he reflected on various key moments of his life as a disciple.

In Term 3 we focussed our learning on some of the women of the Bible. Esther certainly captured the imagination of the children who learnt about her intelligence, bravery and quick thinking through puppets and role play.

Term 4 always brings round our Nativity Play and we performed "Christmas letters" during which some children sent letters via angelic delivery to many of the characters central to the story of Jesus' birth and received replies from them to deepen their understanding of the joys of Christmas. The play was dedicated to the memory of Kel Pittman, a dearly loved Sunday Kids volunteer who lost her long and courageous battle with ovarian cancer in 2022.

The small but dedicated team of volunteers who assist the children on a regular basis deserve a big vote of thanks for their efforts in assisting our children to enjoy their participation in our church community.



St Peter's Day Drama



Glenelg Pageant returns!

2022 YOUTH GROUP REPORT

Rev'd Michele Yuen

2022 was a year of wonderment and awe. Youth group meets monthly during school terms. We continued the tradition of starting the year by walking down Jetty Road for the annual ice cream crawl - building and developing an understanding of who God is to each individual. The parents of the youth also look forward to this event, as they like ice cream too!

This is a generation of young people who are connected electronically but they do also like to see each other in person - even more so if they attend different schools to each other. There are approximately 6-8 members of the youth group who attend various primary and high schools in the local area.

During 2022 we said goodbye to Emma Harron, a long-time volunteer, who moved to Canberra and had a beautiful baby boy whose name is George. I thank Emma for her support, encouragement and concern shown towards the youth, other volunteers, parents and myself. I also thank Jo Mintern for her continued support and encouragement of our youth.

Two highlights of the year were when we explored artistically what Jesus looks like through the lens of culture. And the other was the visit to the Christian radio station 107.9 Life FM. We were interviewed on air about our youth group and some of the activities we get up too.

I have been in wonderment of these youth who, although they attend different schools, are so welcoming, honest, generous with each other and when welcoming new people to the group. I am in awe that this generation of youth are genuinely shaped and moulded by God through the lens of each other and themselves.



Chip packet blankets made by youth group



New member for Youth Group - Jessie

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GLENELG MEN'S GROUP FOR 2022

Henry Schafing

Despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic our parish Christian men's group continues to meet and grow in Christ as we come together to share experiences and develop relationships. We began the year off with a breakfast on Jetty Road in February, followed by a bocci night in late March.

Another breakfast was held in early June and volunteers were sought for the book sale which was a successful event. We then had a slight lull in gatherings before concluding the year with a dinner at The Holdfast Hotel in late November.

The coming year promises to be a time to learn and grow as a supportive group where we will endeavour to look at men's health issues and how we can understand and cope with them in our lives. God willing, our group will continue to meet and learn and grow and stay safe for the year ahead.



Playing pétanque at sunset



Yet another men's breakfast.

KITCHEN REPORT

We have successfully catered for refreshments after funeral services, and a pancake tea on Shrove Tuesday. Sunday morning tea and coffee events are well supported, and through these we have contributed \$1485 to church funds over the last year.



Morning tea after 10am service



Pancakes for Shrove Tuesday



Dinner with the Archbishop of Canterbury

MOTHERS UNION REPORT

Margaret Sambrooks, Pat Beggs

Our year started as always with a communion service at St Martin's followed by afternoon tea. At our April meeting we celebrated Jean Huntley's 90th birthday with afternoon tea and a lovely cake. At our June meeting we welcomed the Seacliff and Warradale MU members to join us for a Ukulele afternoon where we all attempted to learn how to play a simple tune. It was great fun and everyone enjoyed it. Our September meeting was a very special occasion when we welcomed Bishop Denise to join us. She spoke about her life and also the Lambeth Conference which she attended. We welcomed a new member last year, Deslee, who is a member of St Martin's. We continue to put together our joy boxes which are still warmly received by our parishioners who are sick. Our last meeting of the year concluded with a Communion Service at St Martin's and Christmas lunch at the Broadway Hotel. Thank you to the clergy for their support again throughout the year. We are a very small group now but we continue to enjoy each other's company and uphold the values of Mother's Union.



Kay receiving years of membership award



Jean's 90th birthday

OASIS

Jo Mintern

Oasis, a group for the younger women in our Parish, continued to get together during the year with catch ups at the rectory and dinners at local restaurants.

This group came about when we realised there wasn't really a social group for women in the younger age bracket. Leading busy lives where we juggle work, parenthood, and various other commitments, we know how important it is to take time out to relax and unwind, build friendships, and enjoy time together.

We hope to plan a couple of different activities for our catch ups this year, so stay tuned!

If you would like join Oasis or find out some more information, please see Jo Mintern.

TREASURERS REPORT

Andrew Cockington, Hon Treasurer

I would like to thank the members of the Finance Committee, Terry Leane, Steve Ludlam, Tony Pearce, Rev Andrew Mintern, and Jan Doyle for their careful consideration of the needs of the parish over the past year. Thanks in particular to Rev'd Andrew and Jan who continue the everyday work of managing our finances.

In 2022 we continued to work on the financial challenges of having a responsibility for the upkeep of our buildings and facilities while recognising it is our investment in the life of the Church and our Ministry that is a priority.

In 2022 we were able to complete significance maintenance projects at St Peters and St Martins and further consideration has been given to how to maintain and develop the building needs going forward. In 2023 we are planning to work towards reducing our loan that we used for capital projects with an expectation no projects as large as completed in 2022 will be undertaken unless urgent needs arise.

The 2023 budget has continued to focus on balancing the current costs with an investment in our Ministry, and we have included funding for a part-time Children and Youth Ministry project.

The budget faces challenges with a continuing increase in costs, in particular insurance. At the time of writing this report we are waiting on the final cost estimate for this coming year, but it is moving to represent nearly 10% of the costs of running our parish.

All forms of giving are appreciated and contribute to us continuing the life of the Church. Planned Giving as always gives us the best capacity to manage our budget, but open plate, occasional donations and contributions through National Trust are all greatly appreciated.

Thanks to those who have led fundraising projects and made one-off contributions to our food cupboard and other activities of the Church in 2022; the extra income generated allows us to continue to look at how we effectively support Ministry.

We were also able to continue our giving to important work outside our own parish and spent our allocated mission budget in 2022 to support projects external to the Parish of Glenelg.

BUDGET 2023

INCOME		\$	\$
Pledge and Open Plate		192,600	
CVS Grant		40,000	
Archdeacon Subsidy		18,772	
SPW Chaplaincy		71,952	
Investment Income		33,000	
Facility Hire		6,000	
Fundraising		10,000	
Memorial Garden		7,000	
Other Ministry Income (baptisms, weddings, funerals and activities)		7,000	
	TOTAL INCOME		386,324

EXPENDITURE		\$	\$
All Staffing Costs (includes allowance for youth worker/program)		229,802	
Synodal Assessment		35,000	
Insurance		31,000	
Loan Repayments (current interest is 6.54%)		10,000	
Ministry / Worship		3,100	
Mission Giving		10,000	
Operations and Admin		15,000	
Property Costs	St Peter's	22,650	
	St Martin's	6,250	
	Rectory	18,200	
	TOTAL EXPENSES		381,002

EXCESS FOR YEAR		\$	\$
	Total Income	386,423	
	Total Expenditure	381,002	
			5,322

NOTES

CVS funding is up for renewal in July 2023. The contract may not be renewed and we are currently not meeting our required number of visitors which puts the remainder of the consortium under pressure.

Delays in appointing an Administration Assistant and Youth Worker may produce short term savings but place clergy and volunteers under increased pressure.

