

ANGLICAN PARISH OF DENMARK - WALPOLE

## Annual Meeting of Parishioners

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February

# 2024



*We endeavour to be an expression of God's love  
in the community*

(our Parish mission statement)

The Mustard Seed Op shop team, with 45 volunteers  
made up of 12 parishioners & 33 community members,  
provides a community service, recycles a huge volume of goods,  
& helps our parish to thrive and give generously

Reports & Financial Statements  
for year ending  
31 December 2023

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## **Agenda**

1. Opening Prayer
2. Definition of a Voting Parishioner
3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting
4. Presentation of Reports
5. Arrangements for bequests or special gifts to the parish
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Appointment by Parish Priest of two parish councillors and a warden
8. Elections (four parish councillors, 2 wardens, 2 Synod and 2 alternate Synod representatives)
9. Election of an Auditor recommended by Parish Council
10. Any other business for which proper notice has been given

## Definition of a Voting Parishioner

***The Parochial Statute 2017 - 2021*** (Amended 6 October 2021)

### 5. Definitions Clause

- (i) Parishioner – a person who regularly attends public worship within the Diocese.
- (ii) Voting Parishioner(s) – A lay person may be enrolled as a Voting Parishioner provided:
  - a) They are a baptised communicant member of the Anglican Church; and
  - b) They have regularly attended public worship during the preceding three months in a parish within the Diocese; and
  - c) They have attained the age of 18 years; and
  - d) They have taken communion in the parish at least three times in the preceding 12 months; and
  - e) They have elected to be on the parish electoral roll of the parish and no other except with the approval of the Bishop; and
  - f) They have completed the Declaration found in Schedule 9 which will be kept on the public register.
- (iii) Members of other Churches
  - a) A lay parishioner who is a baptised and communicant member of another Christian denomination may become a Voting Parishioner provided the other conditions in (ii) b) to e) above are met; and the Bishop gives consent.
  - b) A clergy person whether retired, or with an active or limited licence from another Christian denomination cannot be a Lay Voting Parishioner.

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS OF THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF DENMARK-WALPOLE HELD IN ST LEONARD'S ON SUNDAY 12 MARCH 2023

### Opening prayer.

1. The Rector, Revd Sally Buckley tssf, opened the meeting at 12:01pm with a prayer.

### Definition of a Voting Parishioner

2. The definition of a Voting Parishioner from *The Parochial Statute 2017-2021*, as amended at Synod on 8-9 October 2021, was read aloud by Victoria Castiglione.

### Apologies

3. The meeting was attended by 25 parishioners. Apologies were received on behalf of Ethel & Sam Mayers, Chris Prickett, Heather Haskett, Judy Bremers, Maureen Woodhams and Jean Lawrence.

### Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting of Parishioners

4. The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners (AMP) held on 27 February 2022 were read to the meeting. Harold Luxton moved, and Tom Sheard seconded, that the Minutes be accepted as written. The motion was carried.

### Presentation of Reports

5. The Rector thanked Alison Kershaw for producing the annual Report Book together with photos of parish life. The Rector then read the following list of reports presented to parishioners in the Report Book and invited questions or responses from the meeting.

Copies of the reports are attached:

- a. Priest's Report
  - b. Wardens' Report
  - c. Mission Secretary's Report
  - d. Mustard Seed Report
  - e. Safe Church Report
  - f. Social Secretary's Report
  - g. Synod Representatives' Report
  - h. Auditor's and Treasurer's Reports
  - i. Parish Council Resolutions
6. There being no questions arising from the reports, Jan Pattinson moved that all reports presented to the meeting be accepted. This was seconded by Bev Sheard. The motion was carried.

### **Arrangements for bequests to the Diocese or parish**

7. Warden Harold Luxton read to the meeting clause 13(i), of Schedule 1 of the
- a. *Parochial Statute 2017-2021* regarding the Agenda of the AMP, requiring that —  
“A Memorandum shall be circulated or Statement made by a warden to remind parishioners of the arrangements under which bequests or special gifts may be made to the Diocese or parish. This must be in the form set out in the Parish Handbook.”
8. In focusing on 3 aspects of arrangements for bequests, Harold:  
encouraged all parishioners to consider making a bequest in their financial arrangements as funding is an important aspect of church life;  
reminded parishioners that the Diocese is the legal entity that owns all property within the Diocese and that bequests should be left to the Diocese and not to the parish; and  
recommended that the wording of bequests be kept general and simple to avoid gifts failing for being too specific. He suggested that bequests be left for “ecclesiastical purposes” either for the Diocese, or for the parish.

### **Elections**

9. The Rector advised that the 3 Wardens will continue in place for the final year of their 3 year term, Harold Luxton being the Warden in Walpole, and Tom Sheard and Judy Ross being Wardens in Denmark.
10. Victoria Castiglione and Alison Kenworthy will continue as Synod representatives for the final year of their 3 year term, but new alternatives needed to be selected to replace Chris and Sally Prickett in the event that the Synod representatives are unable to attend. Jane James and Bev Dixon both expressed their willingness to be Synod alternatives. Tine Adams moved that Jane James and Bev Dixon be appointed as Synod alternatives. This was seconded by Ian Johnson. The motion was carried.
11. The Rector noted that her PC appointees for 2023 are Marion Jamieson and Victoria Castiglione.
12. The scrutineers for the election were Jan Pattinson and Margaret Stock in Denmark, and Alison Kenworthy and Judy Bremers in Walpole. The Rector advised that there had been 3 nominees for 4 positions on PC. The scrutineers confirmed that each nominee had received 50% of the votes. It was announced that Bev Dixon, Jane James and Sally Prickett had all been elected to PC.
13. The Rector noted that PC would discuss whether it will be necessary to co-opt another person to be a parish councillor. She also noted that Judy Ross, Sally Prickett and Victoria Castiglione will all be required to step down from PC next year because of the

statutory limit that councillors must take a break for 12 months after serving on PC for 6 years. She thanked Alison Kershaw for taking a break in 2023 to lessen the number of councillors leaving at one time and she noted that new candidates will need to be recruited for the following year.

## **General Business**

14. The Rector advised the meeting that PC had endorsed the draft budget for 2023 as prepared by the Treasurer and presented in the Report Book. As no questions were raised regarding the draft budget, Harold Luxton moved the the draft budget be approved. Tom Sheard seconded the motion and the motion was carried.
15. The Rector announced that, as indicated in her report, she is intending to present her vision for the future of the parish at PC.
16. The Rector proposed a formal vote of thanks for the work done by Chris Prickett as Treasurer. The proposal was seconded by Ian Johnson and passed with acclamation. The Rector noted that Chris was the best treasurer she had ever worked with in 30 years of parish ministry. The Rector also thanked Harold Luxton for being willing to step into the position and take back the reins as Treasurer.
17. Jan Pattinson noted that the parish no longer advertises weekly services in the Bulletin newspaper and she asked whether adverts might be published during holiday periods. It was noted that adverts are published for services at Christmas, Easter and All Souls' Day. It was agreed that further advertising should be considered at PC. The Rector expressed her desire to have an A4 sized "What's on this week" notice placed on the parish noticeboards. This will also be discussed at PC.
18. Judy Ross advised that she has checked the termite traps around St Leonard's and found a nest of black ants that has been sprayed. The termite baits need to be replaced and she asked whether anyone knew where these could be sourced. Harold noted that he will be meeting a representative from a Manjimup pest control business at St George's on Friday and he offered to ask about this.
19. Ruth Price advised that members of Albany branch of MU will be coming to Denmark on Wednesday, 15 March 2023 to meet with the local lone Mothers' Union members for a brief service and shared lunch, and possibly a walk by the inlet. Ruth noted that the Albany branch have always supported Denmark members, even before there was a local branch, and they are continuing to do so now that the local branch has disbanded. She invited parishioners to join the luncheon.
20. As a matter of business arising, Harold Luxton noted that permission was received for the donation of the old portable organ to the Walpole Historical Society, that it had been on display and attracted a lot of interest, and that in due course it will be housed in a yet-to-be-constructed local museum.
21. With Bev Sheard's agreement, Sally Prickett nominated Bev Sheard to the position of Parish Auditor for 2023. Harold Luxton seconded the nomination and all voted in favour of the appointment.
22. The Rector thanked Harold Luxton, Geoff Newby and Alison Kenworthy for coming to attend the AMP from Walpole. There being no further business the Rector declared the meeting closed at 12:38pm and the meeting ended with The Grace.

Attachment: Book of Reports & Financial Statements presented to the Annual Meeting of Parishioners

## Parish Priest's Report

This past year has seen our slightly depleted Parish Council work very well together. As I had hoped, each member picked up a 'portfolio', which enabled the smooth running of the parish and able to fulfil expectations placed on us by the diocese.

Parish Council has been made up of:

Judy Ross	Warden responsible for maintenance, Social Secretary
Tom Sheard	Warden with responsibility bookings of St Leonard's and a back up to Judy.
Harold Luxton	Warden with responsibility for Walpole; Parish Treasurer
Marion Jamison	Parish Secretary, Mission Secretary
Victoria Castiglione	Minute Secretary, Synod Representative
Sally Prickett	Mustard Seed coordinator, Safe Church Officer
Jane James	YouthCARE representative
Bev Dixon	Work, Health and Safety Officer

I am particularly grateful to the new member to PC, Bev Dixon, who was prepared to take on the diocese's requirement for parishes to appoint a WHS officer and develop their own WHS policies. Bev has been doing an excellent job creating this for our specific circumstances, with little outside support. Thankfully she has worked in this sphere in a previous job.

I thank each one of our Parish Councillors for their hard work this year.

Judy Ross, Victoria Castiglione and Sally Prickett are all required to stand down from PC, having completed six years since this regulation was brought in. Each one has completed far more years, and I am very grateful for their service, helping to guide me through my early days as your parish priest.

### *The Rectory*

In preparation for my move from the Rectory into our own home, the Parish bought a mobile phone which is now the parish phone number – 0400 10 11 66.

Chris and I moved from the Rectory in April, and after various maintenance issues, new tenants were able to move into the Rectory in August, it is my understanding that it is a family of five who have taken up residency.

### *The Mustard Seed*

The Mustard Seed has had another extraordinary, extremely successful year, setting yet another record turnover. The parish is profoundly grateful for this ministry, at so many levels.

Yes, we are grateful for the funds it brings in, which enables us, literally to exist and continue to work as a functioning parish, with all that entails.

It is a place where parishioners and community members can come and volunteer their time to something which benefits the whole community, especially those who are doing it tough and can't afford to spend a lot of money on clothes.

These volunteers do an amazing and often thankless job. With many of the second-hand shops closing to donations, the number of items which are left on the veranda has increased greatly, and despite repeated requests to leave only clean and undamaged things, this often goes ignored and volunteers often have to deal with extremely unsavoury items, which need to be put straight in the rubbish bin. Meanwhile, the public is greeted with friendly smiles and greetings.

I am particularly grateful to the Management Committee of Sally Prickett, Marianne Peyer and Michelle Davis who have held everything together so well.

Through their hard work, it has enabled the parish to donate generously to variety of causes and appeals, which you will see in the Treasurer's Report.

Once again, thank you to all the Volunteers!

The parish showed its appreciation to the *Mustard Seed* by putting on an afternoon tea for the volunteers on December 4.

### **Life in the Parish**

The parish has continued to live and breathe and have its being in this beautiful part of the world. Sunday Services have faithfully continued in both centres. I thank everyone who contributes to the services.

A special thanks goes to Father Kevin Callegari in Walpole and Revd Sue Lodge-Calvert in Denmark, who have covered for me in priestly ministry and stepped in when I have been unable to take services or been on leave.

Fr Kevin and Licensed Lay Minister, Harold Luxton, enable services to be available every Sunday and holy day, with me going to Walpole one Sunday per month (usually the third Sunday).

In Denmark Revd Sue and LLM Dr Alison Kershaw have covered my absence when I have been in Walpole.

We are very blessed with our team of LLMs: Harold Luxton in Walpole, Alison Kershaw, Sally Prickett, Jan Pattinson, Jane James and Tom Sheard in Denmark.

Our musicians: Alison Kenworthy in Walpole, Marion Jamison, Tine Adams, Carolyn Bentley and Jane James in Denmark.

To our readers, greeters, prayers, flower arrangers, cleaners, and morning tea providers ...

**THANK YOU!**

Because so many people have and continue to offer their time and talents to the life of the Parish, life is able to continue, hopefully benefiting parishioners and in many ways, the wider community.

We continue to provide the extra services at Christmas, Holy Week and Easter, as well as at the beginning of Lent with Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday.

**Evening Prayer** continues at St Leonard's usually on the last Sunday each month. Because it is an "extra" service, we are able to be a lot more creative in what we offer. One significant service was our Prayers for Peace, which particularly focused on the war in the Middle East. It was a service in which members of the community felt comfortable to attend. Our "Peace Candle" which was lit following the Russia/Ukraine conflict, has continued to burn with prayers for world peace generally, and also reconciliation within our own country.

Taizé Evening Prayer at Walpole went into abeyance in July, and at this stage may not restart.

Twilight Meditations on a Friday night at St Leonard's has also taken a break for the moment.

Other regular services which continue have been our ministry to the Blue Wren Lodge on a Saturday morning, which I share with Sally Prickett, Alison Kershaw, Revd Sue Lodge-Calvert and Revd Elizabeth Sanderson from the Uniting Church. This has regularly been disrupted by outbreaks of Covid, and I was unable to minister for some time, mainly due to the health department taking several months to process my accreditation, which they suddenly decided I needed.

The other regular 'extra service' has been our monthly mid-week Eucharist on the first Thursday each month. This has generally been well supported and was scheduled mainly for those who aren't able to make Sunday morning worship for what ever reason. It has been really good to welcome those who I do see regularly on a Sunday as well!

Then there have been again the annual community highlights: in Denmark the **All Souls by the River** service, at the beginning of November, and in Walpole, the **Blessing of the Emergency Services** at the beginning of December.

This year at the Walpole event, I was asked to bless the new Marine Rescue boat, *Swarbrick* and watch it launched, this was particularly special for me, with Chris' previous involvement with the Volunteer Marine Rescue in Esperance where he was senior cockswain and for a while the South Coast Regional Commander.



**Lent Studies** were generally well received. In 2023 we looked at the ABM study *The Imaginary Doorway*, which looked at different ways of retelling stories from the Gospels. While this was not always well received, the discussions which resulted were some of the best we have had at our studies.

For Advent this year, we studied a course written by Revd Sue, based on the readings for each Sunday. This again, was well received in both centres.



The Diocesan *Vision and Strategy* continues, moving into its third 'strategy' – *Growing in love for, and encouragement of, one another (within our churches and diocese)*. This Lent we will have a group in each centre, looking at a study written by Bishop Ian – *Love One Another*.

### **Farewells**

2023 saw many in the parish travelling overseas, taking advantage of travel restrictions easing, since the worst of Covid.

There were a few permanent farewells, saying goodbye to Sam and Ethel Mayer as they left Denmark, sadly in separate directions.

Even more permanently, our roll of honour, we farewelled Margaret Stock in April, Jim Taylor in May and Laurette Beurteaux, Barry Ford's partner, in August. As a relative newcomer to the parish, I know only a minute amount that Margaret and Jim particularly, contributed to the life of the parish over many years, but I am very grateful for their friendship and support during the time I knew them. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.



### **Some issues**

As I reported last year, for some people, there have been some issues around the “Common Cup” following health concerns during the Covid pandemic.

On Easter Sunday the Communion Cup was offered once again in both centres, with the understanding that you didn’t need to partake, if you didn’t feel comfortable.

Bishop Ian has been doing considerable research into various and safe ways of being able to participate in both kinds. He was in the UK mid-year, and I too experienced, during my time over there, where the priest only intincts the bread in the chalice. At Clergy Conference he shared a paper exploring the different ways the wine could be distributed during communion. Please let me know if you are interested in reading Bishop Ian’s paper.

After discussion at both centres, Walpole opted to continue with the Common Cup, with communicants deciding whether they will take the cup or not.

In Denmark, it was agreed to, with the bishop’s permission, trial receiving both kinds of communion together, with the priest intincting the bread in the chalice. This was reviewed at Parish Council at its January 2024 meeting, and it was agreed to continue to receive communion this way. Communicants can opt not to receive the wine by indicating prior to the priest intincting the bread.

The issue with the pews in St Leonard’s continues as they slowly become more and more unstable ... and uncomfortable. Tom Sheard took one of the damaged pews from under the sanctuary window to see if it was possible to alter it to make it more comfortable, stable and repair the damage. Unfortunately, this was unsuccessful. I am hoping that this coming year we will be able to progress this.

I understand that there are some in the parish who are against anything being done, but please know that when they are replaced, it will be with consultation and seeking the best match to complement the existing church interior.

### **From a personal perspective**

As many of you know, Chris and I moved into *Little Portion* mid-April. Much as I loved living in the Rectory, it is lovely to be in our own home again. We were so grateful to Revd Sue for blessing our new home and to all the friends who came to “warm” our home, braving a very cold, wet and blustery Sunday in June!

In August and September, I took extended leave to travel to Europe and the UK. In part it was so I could attend the InterProvincial Third Order Chapter (known as IPTOC) in England for approximately 2 weeks. It was an amazing time, listening to world class speakers, doing the business and spending time with friends – new and old. It was still good to come home!

This has seen the end of my time at the top levels of the Franciscan Third Order, so for now, no more travelling over east for Chapter, and no more exciting trips overseas for IPTOC! I am still involved in the world-wide Lifelong Formation Group which meets every couple of months on Zoom, so my 5 am starts aren’t over yet!

In 2024, I will be taking 2 weeks annual leave in April to visit Chris’ family in New Zealand, then mid-year, probably June-July, I will be taking 6 weeks of Long Service Leave. Revd Sue has agreed to cover for me during these periods, once again, thank you Sue.

I thank everyone, once again, for their commitment to this parish and sharing in the mission of the church in this place.

Peace and every good wish.

Revd Sally Buckley tssf  
January 2024.

# Wardens' Reports

## Judy Ross

It's been a busy year for us Warden's preparing the Rectory for rental after our Revd. Sally moved into her new home with husband Chris in April 2023.

We had the trees and shrubs pruned around the Rectory by Sam Reynolds. (and one from the Church Garden). Electrics checked out by Mark Boundy, 3 new doors and window locks fitted, before the new Tenants moved in, in August 2023. Thank you, Tom, for all the work you did, laying pavers, and building a new retaining wall around the garage.

Jared Lane cleaned out the guttering at the Rectory, Hall and Church.

James Gentle stored the insulation bat in the hall ceiling.

Thank you, Tom and Nigel, for completing the renovations to the meeting room. Nigel for taking over from Sam Mayers, mowing the lawns and pruning the hedge at the hall.

Ben from Awesome Floors for sanding the floors in committee room and passage, he has done a wonderful job.

I would like to thank all Parish Councillors and members of our congregation for your support that you have given me over these 6 years as Warden. I would like to wish all the very best to the next warden and PC members.

## Tom Sheard

I would like to commence my report by thanking Judy Ross, Harold Luxton and Marion Jamison and possibly others on Parish Council for covering my duties while I was away overseas from June through September.

Minor works this year have included:

- Sanding and sealing of the Meeting Room floor
- Installation of insulation to the ceiling space of the Meeting Room and Mustard Seed
- Retaining work at the Rectory
- Replacement of outer doors and locks at the Rectory
- Replacement of electrical pole at the Rectory
- Deadbolt locks installed to church outer doors
- Cleanup of storm debris and mulching of church and Mustard Seed gardens

St Leonard's Church was hired out for the Festival of Voice in early June with no Sunday events scheduled. This went well. We also had the Cologne Philharmonia concert in January 2024 which was well attended.

Jan Bremner completed her term as cleaner of the church and Mustard Seed, at the end of December. We are seeking someone for the position and we are currently circulating the information by word of mouth.

## Harold Luxton: The Western End: Some 2023 Highlights

### Service Register

The Register records 57 services of Public Worship at St George's, Walpole in 2023:

- 44 Sunday **Eucharist** Services: 5-16 communicants with the usual being 9
- An Ash Wednesday Service with 7 people
- 2 services of public worship with **Communion by Extension** with 15 and 8 communicants
- 8 services of **Morning Prayer** generally with 6 people.
- Good Friday **Meditation** with 12 people.
- Christmas Day **Lessons and Carols** with 24 people.

### Lent and Advent Studies

In Lent 2023 a consistent gathering participated in group study of the Anglican Board of Mission missional document "*The Imaginary Doorway*". During Advent a small group gathered each week to reflect on the readings for each Sunday of Advent from a resource (Companions on the Way) provided by Revd Sue Lodge-Calvert. Each of these study groups were guided by our Parish Priest.

### Connection with Community

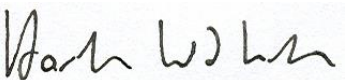
Parish Priest Revd Sally Buckley again conducted the **Blessing of the Walpole (Emergency Services) Fleet** in December. This has become an annual expectation by Walpole and District Emergency Service volunteers and residents. This year it included the blessing of a new Marine Rescue Boat "Swarbrick".

Local ladies meet as the **Walpole Society of Slimmers** in the church building. Some regular church attenders join others at this weekly meeting and are pleased to be able to use the church facilities.

Parish Council met at St George's Walpole on 8 June 2023.

### Maintenance

Customary maintenance was attended to during the year including termite inspection, replacement of out of date fire extinguishers and testing and tagging electrical appliances. Smoke alarms with an external alert (strobe light) were fitted.



3 February 2024

## Mission Secretary's Report

Our Parish is incredibly fortunate to be well placed financially, thanks to the work of many people and, in particular, the amount of money raised by the work of the many volunteers in the Mustard Seed. We thank Sally Prickett and her team for all their work during the past year.

The Parish of Denmark-Walpole is therefore able to donate a significant amount of money to those who need it, both overseas and locally.

At each meeting Parish Council considers various requests which we receive from different organisations. Various worthy causes are also suggested by Rev Sally, parishioners, Mustard Seed volunteers and members of Parish Council.

Parish Council aims to strike a balance between overseas and local assistance and between urgent requests and ongoing mission work.

In November, Parish Council agreed to make an ongoing monthly donation to Act for Peace and the Anglican Board of Mission (ABM). One hundred dollars per month is being given to each of these organisations.

During the year causes to which the church has donated include: Overseas - Medicins San Frontiers, Act for Peace's Gaza Emergency Appeal, Turkey/Syria Earthquake Relief and Ukraine Locally - Anglicare WA, the repair of Bunbury Cathedral, Foundation for Ministry, Christmas Bowl Appeal, Mission to Seafarers Bunbury and Albany and Solaris Care in Albany.

Marion Jamison  
Mission Secretary

### Mission Giving 2023

Provision of relief to:	Amount
Denmark/Walpole Emergency Relief	\$5,500
Turkey/Syria Earthquake	\$1,785
Anglicare WA support services	\$1,500
Gaza	\$1,500
Kimberley Floods	\$1,425
Anglican Board of Missions Across Areas	\$1,243
Wheelchairs For Kids	\$970
Ukraine	\$932
Christmas Bowl	\$920
Refugees WA	\$650
Bunbury Cathedral	\$500
	<b>\$16,925</b>

Provision of relief to:	Amount
Brought Forward	\$16,925
Foundation for Ministry	\$500
Solaris Cancer Care Albany	\$500
Sudan	\$500
Days for Girls support	\$425
Mission to Seafarers: Albany	\$320
Mission to Seafarers: Bunbury	\$320
Kenya	\$300
Welfare assistance for veterans (RSLWA)	\$300
Act For Peace Across Areas	\$200
	<b>\$20,290</b>

## Youthcare Report

It has been a good year for the committee. The former chaplain supervisor Brent Findlay has departed and is undergoing ordination training in the Anglican diocese of Bunbury.

Julie Harty lives in Manjimup and is supervisor for Walpole, Denmark and points North West. She has been great.

We have Chris Urschitz at Denmark Ag College. He invited us to launch his newly equipped common room for senior students and organised breakfast. We contributed towards the refurbishment of the room. He does not have access to the students for counselling sadly.

Zachary Rae at Denmark High School, invited us once to assist another Christian group who provide breakfast on Wednesdays for the students who wish/ or need. Mainly hungry boys. He also does a lot of one-on-one counselling.

Glen Richardson does a great job out at the little Walpole Primary School and is gradually finding his place there.

Denmark Primary still has no chaplain but former chaplain Geoff Hill does an excellent undercover lunch room access. We gave awards for 2 year 6 students again. Book tokens.

Our committee regrets the loss of Barbara McDonald and staunch supporter for some years. We are grateful for Athena Beer (Baptist Church) Trudy Pate (Uniting Church) and myself Jane James (Anglican Church) as Secretary.

Jane James

## Safe Church Report

This has been a quieter year for Safe Church work with the restraints of the COVID period not requiring administration and reporting. In the meantime, all volunteer Safe Church requirements and training are up to date, which has been commended by the Diocese.

There were no reportable events during the year.

Sally Prickett

Safe Contact Person (SCP)

## Social Secretary Report

Would you believe, I have mislaid my notes but I know we have had a busy time socialising this year starting with a lovely House warming lunch for Revd. Sally and Chris, attended by around 30 parishioners.

Brunches in the hall, and we can't forget our Secret Santa on the 10 Dec 2023, with 15 parishioners.

We have a Pancake lunch coming up on the 11 Feb 2024. This will be my last function as Social Secretary.

Judy Ross

Social Secretary



Christmas Secret Santa lunch

## Mustard Seed Op Shop Report

2023 was our sixteenth year of operation and the team of 45 volunteers made up of 12 parishioners and 33 community members managed to make it another record breaking year with a turnover of \$18,351 more than our best, last year!

We have found it to be a year of overwhelming donations as various places in Denmark and Albany are not accepting clothing and electrical items, including the Tip Shop here in Denmark. To deal with this problem we have held clothing and linen sales, utilised the EKO friendly system with at least 12 bags a week, and sent 20 pillowcases of excess stock to the two Reformed Churches in Albany on a regular basis.

Towards the end of the year we made some changes within the shop suggested and installed by the vollies themselves. This allowed items to be displayed for sale more attractively as well a saving space. Some new racks were purchased and shelving supplied. Many customers commented favourably upon the changes. The vollies coped very well with a new EFTPOS machine, even though the machine itself proved to be not so reliable and was exchanged for a new one.

The parish gave the vollies two thank you events in 2023, a drinks and nibbles early evening event in February and an afternoon tea in December. Both were enjoyed greatly and the vollies appreciated their volunteering being acknowledged in such a way.

Through their hard work, and commitment to the Mustard Seed the volunteers enabled the parish to make many donations regularly throughout the year which have already been mentioned in this Annual Report. One they are really proud of is the fact that another 5 Wheelchairs for Kids were funded making a total of 22.

The vollies are a great team of people who care for others and our world through their volunteering. Thank you all.

Sally Prickett  
Mustard Seed Management



Mustard Seed vollies,  
and MS Thankyou Afternoon Tea vollies!

## Synod Representative's Report

The Third Session of the Fortieth Synod of the Diocese of Bunbury was held on 6-7 October 2023, at the Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School. Victoria Castiglione attended as Synod Rep with Rev'd Sally Buckley. Synod reports, legislation and motions are available on the Diocesan website at <https://www.bunburyanglican.org/synod>

Synod commenced with an address from Rev'd Canon Assoc. Prof. Glenn Loughrey, Chair of the National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council, about the Voice Referendum. Canon Loughrey outlined the process of the 'Statement from the Heart' which began in 1846 with a letter to Queen Victoria from First Nations people. He believes the process of reconciliation will take 7 generations to complete before ultimately Makaratta, or healing, can take place.

Bishop Ian Coutts spoke about the challenges facing the Diocese including clergy vacancies, stretched finances, ageing buildings and demographic factors. He said that we may need to be prepared to do things differently if that is where God is leading us.

The Diocesan Secretary and Registrar, Rev'd Nick Freeland delivered the Financial Report. Total income is up 23% compared with last year and operating costs are down by 2%. The value of investment has increased by 7% but the value of Diocesan assets has been declining since 2015. The payroll for next year will increase by 5%. Insurance premiums are increasing by 15% and other costs by 6.5%. The parish assessments will remain at 14% for next year.

*Impact of Child Sex Abuse cases:* Last year \$760,000 was paid out in legal claims. Redress payments of \$437,707 have been made this year. The Diocese has about \$1.267million available to cover liabilities which would only cover approximately 3 civil litigation payments. To create a fund for future liabilities the Trustees are looking at selling vacant land. It may become necessary to look at sale of other properties in future.

### LEGISLATION

*Parochial Statute 2017-2021* was amended to clarify that term limit for Wardens and Parish Councillors are not cumulative. Time served as a Parish Councillor does not carry forward if a person is subsequently appointed or elected as a Warden.

### MOTIONS

1. A Motion to reverse last year's amendment to the Faithfulness in Service Code of Conduct for Clergy and Church workers, was narrowly defeated. It now states —
  - 7.2 Sexuality is a gift from God and is integral to human nature. It is appropriate for clergy and church workers to value this gift, taking responsibility for their sexual conduct.
  - 7.4 Your sexual behaviour should be characterised by faithfulness and integrity.
2. Synod passed a Motion acknowledging the deep divisions within the Anglican Church concerning alternative forms of human sexuality and encouraging church members to hear each other's differences with humility and respect.
3. Synod passed a Motion supporting the Pacific Conference of Churches to increase awareness about the plight of Pacific Island communities cause by climate change, and to persuade the Australian government to accept the Islander people as permanent residents.

Victoria Castiglione (Synod Rep)

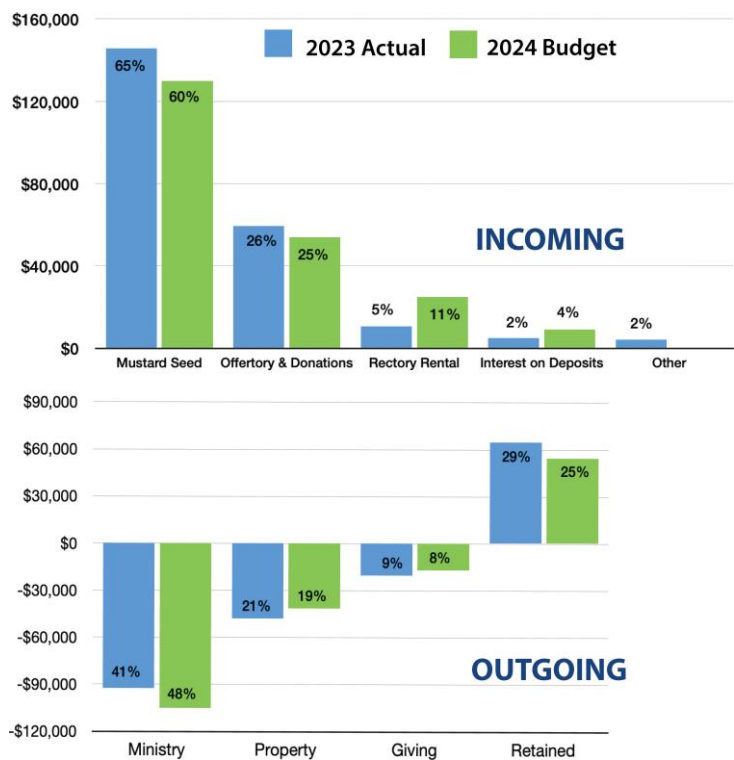
# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & BUDGET

The Treasurer moves and Judy Ross seconds that:  
***The Financial statements are received and the budget approved.***

## Some Highlights

Continuing strong support through Mustard Seed Op Shop operations and Offertory and Donations with two new significant sources of income:

- Interest on deposits (line 6): made possible by retained earnings and higher interest provided by the Anglican Community Fund.
- Rectory Rental (line 3): the Rectory has been rented out since August 2023. Rental income is counterbalanced by consequential expenses (lines 19, 29 and 31 and some other costs) but is moderately revenue raising.





# Variation to approved 2023 Budget

Changes in Bookkeeping Processes make direct comparison difficult but 90% of items were within budget. Overall actual income in 2023 (line 12: \$224,913) was 32% over 2023 Budget (\$170,700) mainly due to a significant increase in Mustard Seed Sales. Actual Expenditure (line 36: **-\$160,576**) was 20% over 2023 Budget (**-\$134,300**) mainly due to unexpected Repairs and Maintenance (line 25: detailed below) and non-budgeted costs of the Parish Priest leaving the Rectory (lines 19, 29 & 31). Retained Earnings (line 37: \$64,337) is \$27,936 over the 2023 Budget.

The **2024 Budget** provides (line 35) for an air conditioner in St Leonard's.

## Repairs and Maintenance

Parish Council approved major repairs and maintenance to The Rectory in readiness for tenancy that began in August 2023. Smoke alarms connected to an external alert were fitted at St George's.

Property	Amount
Rectory Denmark	\$11,394
St Leonard's Denmark	\$2,336
St George's Walpole	\$2,224
<b>Line 15:</b>	<b>\$15,953</b>

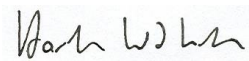
## Insurance

Parish Council is required to provide the Annual Meeting of Parishioners (AMP) with a statement of Insurance Policies held by the Parish and their respective values. Specified building values has increased by 11.4% from the values reported at the 2023 AMP.

As covered in the policy:	Specified for:	Building:	Content:
Employee Personal Accident	St Leonard's Church	\$456,740	\$62,000
Volunteer Personal Accident	St Leonard's Hall	\$434,460	\$22,000
Workers Compensation	St George's Church	\$383,216	\$8,200
Public Liability	St George's Toilets	\$22,820	
	Rectory	\$518,010	\$22,280

Harold W S Luxton

TREASURER



# INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

To the Parishioners  
Anglican Parish of Denmark-  
Walpole PO Box 277  
DENMARK WA 6333

## Scope

I have audited the attached statements of Financial Position and Income and Expenditure of the Anglican Parish of Denmark-Walpole for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023. The treasurer is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements. The Parish Council has determined that the information contained therein and the accounting policies used are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the Parochial Statute 2017-2021 and are appropriate to meet the needs of parishioners.

I have conducted an independent audit of these financial statements and supporting documents in order to express an opinion on them to the Annual Meeting of Parishioners.

## Audit Opinion

In my opinion, the Statements of Financial Position and Income and Expenditure of the Anglican Parish of Denmark-Walpole present fairly the financial position as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the period then ended.

*Beverley Sheard 29/1/24*

Beverley Sheard  
PARISH AUDITOR

Income 1 Jan to 31 Dec 2023 and Budget for 2024

Line	Account Name	Actual 2023	Budget 2024
1	Mustard Seed Op Shop Revenue	\$145,692	\$130,000
2	Offerings	\$41,748	\$41,000
3	Rectory Rental	\$10,560	\$24,960
4	Hall Extension Fund	\$6,987	\$5,000
5	Drawdown Emergency Relief Fund	\$5,500	\$5,000
6	Interest Earned	\$4,977	\$9,000
7	GST refunds	\$3,257	
8	Nominated Mission Collections	\$2,715	
9	Donations	\$1,922	\$2,040
10	Energy Bill Relief Credit	\$975	
11	Community Use of Facilities	\$580	\$1,000
12	<b>INCOME</b>	<b>\$224,913</b>	<b>\$218,000</b>

Retained Earnings

Line	Account Name	Actual 2023	Budget 2024
37	Retained Earnings	\$64,337	\$54,540

## Expenditure 1 Jan to 31 Dec 2023 and Budget for 2024

Line	Account Name	Actual 2023	Budget 2024
13	Stipend parish priest	-\$52,748	-\$54,960
14	Diocesan Assessment	-\$17,256	-\$20,500
15	Repairs and Maintenance	-\$15,953	-\$6,000
16	Mission Giving (PC Allocations)	-\$12,075	-\$12,000
17	Mustard Seed Op Shop Costs	-\$11,087	-\$12,000
18	Motor Vehicle Allowance	-\$8,284	-\$8,400
19	Housing Allowance	-\$6,771	-\$12,000
20	Emergency Relief Disbursement	-\$5,500	-\$5,000
21	Insurance	-\$5,174	-\$6,000
22	Hall Extension	-\$3,979	
23	GST paid	-\$3,088	
24	Utilities	-\$3,083	-\$3,600
25	Mission Collections Disbursed	-\$2,715	
26	Communication and Information	-\$2,633	-\$3,000
27	Cleaner ½	-\$1,803	-\$1,920
28	Advertising	-\$1,800	-\$2,000
29	Rectory GRV Rate	-\$1,507	-\$1,800
30	Supply service fees	-\$1,349	-\$1,560
31	Rectory Rental Management	-\$1,231	-\$2,820
32	Other Ministry Costs	-\$1,066	-\$1,200
33	Rates and Taxes	-\$1,050	-\$1,200
34	Living MOU Utilities	-\$424	-\$1,500
35	Project: Reverse Cycle AC StL		-\$6,000
36	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>-\$160,576</b>	<b>-\$163,460</b>

## Statement of Financial Position 31 December 2023

Line #		1 Jan 2023	31 Dec 2023
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Current Assets			
38	ACF Operating Account	\$168,673	\$21,233
39	ACF Cash Management Ac	\$61,677	\$57,825
40	ACF Term Deposit Ac		\$203,590
41	Sum ACF accounts	\$230,350	\$282,648
42	Undeposited Funds		\$4,068
43	Accounts Receivable		\$1,915
44	WA Electricity Credits	\$1,797	\$1,975
45	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$232,147</b>	<b>\$290,607</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>			
Liabilities			
46	Accounts Payable		\$162
47	HEF Interest Free Loan	\$6,250	\$1,250
48	Emergency Relief Fund	\$3,520	\$2,020
49	MS Shop Equipment Fund		\$460
50	Total Liabilities	\$9,770	\$3,892
Equity			
51	Retained earnings 1/01/2023	\$222,377	\$222,377
52	Current Year		\$64,337
53	Total Equity	\$222,377	\$286,715
54	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>\$232,147</b>	<b>\$290,607</b>

## Parish Council Resolutions March 2023 – Jan 2024

### At the meeting held on 16 March 2023

1. Sally Prickett moved that the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 13 January 2022, be accepted as written. Seconded by Alison Kershaw. Carried.
2. Sally Prickett moved that the out of session motions considered by PC since the previous meeting be ratified. Seconded by Tom Sheard. Carried.
3. Harold Luxton moved that the parish contract with Richard Williams of Wyadup Electrics to install 3 smoke alarms and an external siren, connected with a relay system as suggested, and to undertake testing and tagging of all power boards and appliances at St George's for approximately \$650. Seconded by Sally Prickett. Carried.
4. Tom Sheard moved that the inward correspondence in be received and that the outward correspondence be endorsed. Seconded by Judy Ross. Carried.
5. Harold Luxton moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted and that the expenses totalling \$27,218.45, listed in Annex A for the period 1 January to 14 March 2023, be ratified. Seconded by Tom Sheard. Carried.
6. Judy Ross moved that as of the date of the meeting, 16 March 2023, Harold Luxton be endorsed as having taken on the position of Treasurer. Seconded by Marion Jamison. Carried.
7. Harold Luxton moved that the parish change the bank signatories from the 3 existing signatories to Harold Luxton, Judy Ross and the Revd Sally Buckley. Seconded by Sally Prickett. Carried.
8. Tom Sheard moved that the parish offer James Gentle the insulation job and that we advise him we are prepared to sponsor him to attend theTAFE 'working at heights' course prior to him undertaking the work. Seconded by Judy Ross. Carried.
9. The Rector moved that the parish donate —
  - i) \$425 to Care for Africa for "Days for Girls", with Jane James to identify to whom the donation should be sent,
  - ii) \$425 to Anglican Relief and Development Fund Australia (ARDFA) to the appeal for Turkey and Syria, and
  - iii) \$425 to the Kimberley floods, with Harold Luxton to send the funds to previous recipient for this appeal.Seconded by Bev Dixon. Carried.
10. Jane James moved that the Reports presented to PC be accepted. Seconded by Marion Jamison. Carried.
11. Sally Prickett moved that she be authorised to purchase an Iphone 12 64GB mobile phone (blue or black) costing \$1,049 outright along with a basic Telstra monthly plan at \$58 per month for use as the Parish contact number. Seconded by Harold Luxton. Carried.

### At the meeting held on 27 April 2023

12. Judy Ross moved that the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023, be accepted as written. Seconded by Jane James. Carried.

13. Tom Sheard moved that the inward correspondence be received and that the outward correspondence be endorsed. Seconded by Harold Luxton Carried.
14. After discussion, Harold Luxton Moved that:
  - i) TPG service (internet + 98482173) is cancelled from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023
  - ii) Mission collections payable (\$1,042) are paid to the designate appeals
  - iii) Vouchers 5063-5091 \$20,625.29 that have been paid are verified and approved
  - iv) that \$150,000 be transferred from Parish Cheque Account to the Cash Management Account
  - v) that PC approves the Treasurer contacts ACF with regard to investing \$80,000 in an Anglican Community Fund Term investment account and report the results back to PC.Seconded by Tom Sheard. Carried.
15. Harold moved that he approaches Aron Mathews to ascertain if he will clear up underneath the church at a cost of \$30 per hour apx. and that the quotation from Vasse Pest Control be accepted at a cost of \$980 plus GST. Seconded by Jane James. Carried.
16. After discussion Harold Luxton moved that the following donations be made:  
\$500 to Anglicare WA which provides local support services throughout WA  
\$500 to ABM Easter Gift.Coming of Light.Christian Missionary for Torrestrait Islanders.  
\$300 to Open Arms WA which provides counselling services for veterans.  
Seconded by Jane James. Carried.
17. Judy Ross moved that the Reports presented to PC be accepted. Seconded by Jane James. Carried.

#### **Out of Session Motion by email of 1 May 2023**

18. Harold Luxton suggested that the \$300 which PC agreed to donate to Open Arms WA, be donated instead to the RSL to RSLWA specifically for "welfare of veterans". This was agreed by a majority of PC members.

#### **Out of Session Motion by email of 3 May 2023**

19. Tom Sheard moved that the parish council proceed with jarrah sleepers for retaining around the rectory garage at an approximate cost of \$900 for materials, with Tom to supply the labour. Seconded by Judy Ross. Carried.

#### **Out of Session Motion by email of 11 May 2023**

20. Judy Ross moved that PC accept the quote from Ben of Ecologic Tree service of \$2,310 for the removal of the trees and bushes at the Rectory. Motion discussion by not passed by majority.

#### **Out of Session Motion by email of 19 May 2023**

21. Judy Ross moved that PC accept the quote from Reynolds Trees and Land Services of \$1,500 for pruning trees and bushes at Rectory. Seconded by Sally Prickett. Carried.

#### **Resolutions at the meeting of 8 June 2023**

22. Tom Sheard moved that the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 27 April 2023, be accepted as written. Seconded by Judy Ross. Carried.

23. Sally Prickett moved that the out of session motions of 1, 3, 11, 19 May 2023 be ratified. Seconded by Harold Luxton. Carried.
24. Sally Prickett moved that the correspondence in be received and that the correspondence out be endorsed. Seconded by Bev Dixon. Carried.
25. Harold Luxton moved that —
  - i) the Treasurer arrange with the Anglican Community Fund to invest \$180,000 for six months at 3.85% pa. in an ACF Term Deposit Account, and
  - ii) the Treasurer is authorised to initiate transfers (up to \$10,000) between the 2 ACF accounts to maintain a minimum balance of \$15,000 in the Parish Cheque Account with the remaining maximum funds in the Parish Cash Management Account.Seconded by Tom Sheard. Carried.
26. Harold Luxton moved that vouchers 5092-5120 \$18,290.59 that have been paid are verified. Seconded by Judy Ross. Carried.
27. Judy Ross moved that Royce be asked to mow the Rectory lawn for \$80. Seconded by Bev Dixon. Carried.
28. After discussion, Harold Luxton moved that PC donate \$1,300 to be divided equally:
  - i) Act for Peace, for an appeal for Ukraine: \$650, and
  - ii) Caritas, Western Australia for work with local refugee families.Seconded by Bev Dixon. Carried.
29. Judy Ross moved that the Reports presented to PC be accepted. Seconded by Jane James Carried.

#### **Out of Session Motion by email of 9 June 2023**

30. Harold Luxton moved that the parish make a \$650 donation to CARAD for support to refugees in Western Australia (instead of making the donation to Caritas as decided by Parish Council on 8 June 2023). Seconded by Victoria Castiglione. Carried.

#### **Out of Session Motion first put by email on 23 June 2023, then put for a second time by email of 6 July 2023**

31. Judy Ross moved moved the that documentation be prepared for Ray White to manage the rental for the Rectory at 5 Brazier Street, Denmark, at \$475 per week and send the paperwork to the Diocesan Office in Bunbury for approval and signing by the Diocesan Trustees. Seconded by Harold Luxton. Carried.

#### **Resolutions at the meeting of 20 July 2023**

32. Judy Ross moved that the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 8 June 2023, be accepted as written. Seconded by Sally Prickett. Carried.
33. Judy Ross moved that PC accept the quote of \$4,438 from Maintco to —
  - i) Supply and Install x3 Flush Panel Solid Core external Doors to the Rectory.
  - ii) Supply and fit a new lock to the security screen door.
  - iii) Supply and fit deadlocks to the new doors.
  - iv) Supply and fit x12 new window locks.Seconded by Harold Luxton. Carried.



34. Sally Prickett moved that the correspondence in be received and that the correspondence out be endorsed. Seconded by Bev Dixon. Carried.
35. The Treasurer moved that PC notes transactions 5121-5144, \$21,392.41, that have been paid and approves the payments. Seconded by Sally Prickett. Carried.
36. The Treasurer moved that PC Agrees to fund Denmark CRC \$2,500 for the provision of Emergency Relief (Denmark CRC Food Pantry) and agrees the Treasurer request Denmark CRC to provide a Recipient Created Tax Invoice for this transaction. Seconded by Bev Dixon. Carried.
37. The Treasurer moved that PC agrees that Victoria Castiglione be a signatory to operate the Parish's Anglican Community Fund accounts. Seconded by Judy Ross. Carried.
38. Harold Luxton moved that PC accept the quote of \$4,180 from Powley Electrical to remove and replace the power pole at the Rectory. Seconded by Victoria Castiglione. Carried.
39. Harold Luxton moved that PC donate —
  - i) \$500 to refugees in Sudan, with an appropriate agency to be left to the Treasurer to determine,
  - ii) \$500 to Missions to Seafarers, to be divided equally between Albany and Bunbury, and
  - iii) \$500 to Solaris Cancer Care, Albany Branch.Seconded by Sally Prickett. Carried.
40. Judy Ross moved that the Reports presented to PC be accepted. Seconded by Bev Dixon. Carried.

#### **Out of Session Motion by email of 9 August 2023**

41. Harold Luxton moved that \$500 allocated on 20 July 2023 to support refugees in Sudan be disbursed to the Anglican Board of Missions Kenya project. Seconded by Mission Secretary Marion Jamison.
42. In the light of further information about relief work being undertaken in Sudan, Harold Luxton amended the out of session motion on 10 August 2023. He moved that \$500 allocated on 20 July 2023 to support refugees in Sudan be disbursed to Caritas Australia Sudan appeal. Seconded by Marion Jamison. Carried.

#### **Out of Session Motion by email of 17 August 2023**

43. Judy Ross moved that PC accept the quote of \$250 from Sam Reynolds to remove the dead tree in the church garden. Seconded by Harold Luxton. Carried.

#### **Out of Session Motion by email of 29 August 2023**

44. Harold Luxton moved that Parish Council accepts a revised quote of \$2,865 from Powley Electrical to remove and replace the power pole at the Rectory, 5 Brazier St, Denmark. Seconded by Judy Ross. Carried.

#### **Out of Session Motion by email of 27 September 2023**

45. Harold Luxton moved that the Parish Council Meeting scheduled for Thursday 5 October be rescheduled to 2:00 pm Thursday 12 October. Seconded by Judy Ross. Carried.

### **Resolutions at the meeting of 12 October 2023**

46. Sally Prickett moved that the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 20 July 2023, be accepted as written. Seconded by Judy Ross. Carried.
47. Sally Prickett moved that the correspondence in be received and that the correspondence out be endorsed. Seconded by Tom Sheard. Carried.
48. The Treasurer moved that PC indicate to Walpole CRC the availability of up to \$500 for Christmas hampers for people in need, to be invoiced to the parish before the end of the year. Seconded by Tom Sheard. Carried.
49. The Treasurer moved that PC approve transactions 5145-5197, totalling \$44,347.32, paid since last meeting. Seconded by Sally Prickett. Carried.
50. Tom Sheard moved that the amount of \$650 found in a pocket of an item of clothing donated to the Mustard Seed be spent on op shop equipment and requirements. Seconded by Harold Luxton. Carried.
51. Harold Luxton moved that moved that PC donate —
  - i) \$500 to the appeal for repairs to the Bunbury Cathedral roof,
  - ii) \$500 to Foundation for Ministry,
  - iii) \$500 to the Christmas Bowl Appeal, and
  - iv) \$500 to Act For Peace, Gaza Emergency Appeal.Seconded by Judy Ross. Carried.
52. Sally Prickett moved that the Reports presented to PC be accepted. Seconded by Tom Sheard. Carried.

### **Out of Session Motion by email of 1 November 2023**

- Harold Luxton moved that Ray White Property Management be authorised to organise painting of the new Rectory exterior doors at \$3-400 for each door. Seconded by Judy Ross. Carried.

### **Resolutions at the meeting of 23 November 2023**

54. Sally Prickett moved that the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 October 2023, be accepted as written. Seconded by Jane James. Carried.
55. Tom Sheard moved that the correspondence in be received and that the correspondence out be endorsed. Seconded by Jane James. Carried.
56. Harold Luxton moved that —
  - i) starting on 25 November 2023, PC commence a periodic payment of \$100 per month until further notice to:
    - (a) Act for Peace, and
    - (b) Anglican Board of Mission,
  - ii) a donation of \$1,000 be made to Anglicare WA, and
  - iii) a donation of \$1,000 be made to Médecins Sans Frontières.Seconded by Jane James. Carried.
57. Bev Dixon moved that all the Reports presented to PC be accepted. Seconded by Judy Ross. Carried.
58. The Treasurer moved that PC accept a Preparatory Budget for 2024 not including special projects. Seconded by Tom Sheard. Carried.

59. The Treasurer moved that the parish add \$20,000 to the ACF Term Investment that matures on 8 December 2023. Seconded by Marion Jamison. Carried.
60. The Treasurer moved that PC consider and approve transactions 5198-5228 (\$29,199) paid since last meeting. Seconded by Judy Ross. Carried.
61. The Treasurer moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Seconded by Sally Prickett. Carried.

#### **Out of Session Motion by email of 30 November 2023**

62. Tom Sheard moved that the parish buy one or possibly two loads(as needed after the first one is spread) of wood chips from Ecologic tree services at \$440 per truck load as available. Seconded by Judy Ross. Carried.

#### **Out of Session Motion by email of 7 December 2023**

63. Further to Revd Sally's email of 7 December 2023 and the email from Mary Bond at Denmark Community Resource Centre of 27 November 2023, Harold Luxton moved that \$500 be sent to the Denmark Community Resource Centre Christmas Hardship Appeal for the provision of Emergency Relief from the Parish Emergency Relief Fund (source: Boniface Care Emergency Relief Funding) upon receipt of a relevant Tax Invoice from Denmark CRC. Seconded by Judy Ross. Carried.

#### **Resolutions at the meeting of 11 January 2024**

64. Harold Luxton moved that the Minutes of the previous Parish Council (PC) meeting held on 23 November 2023, be accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting. Seconded by Judy Ross. Carried.
65. Tom Sheard moved that the draft budget for 2024 be amended to include a provision of \$5,000 (later increased to \$6,000) to purchase and install a reverse cycle air conditioner in St Leonard's church. Seconded by Bev Dixon. Carried.
66. Bev Dixon moved that the correspondence in be received and that the correspondence out be endorsed. Seconded by Judy Ross. Carried.
67. Harold Luxton moved that, subject to Audit and to recirculation to PC for approval if required, the 3 reports of Annual Income & Expenses for 2023, Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2023, and Budget for 2024, be submitted to the AMP. Seconded by Marion Jamison. Carried.
68. Harold Luxton moved that in the interim between the AMP and such time as new arrangements are in place for joint signatories to the parish bank accounts, that Judy Ross and Victoria Castiglione be asked to continue in the role as joint signatories. Seconded by Marion Jamison. Carried.
69. Tom Sheard moved that the parish spend \$400 on decking oil for sealing the deck outside the MS. Seconded by Harold Luxton. Carried.
70. Tom Sheard moved that the parish spend \$100 on materials for sanding and painting the ramp railings. Seconded by Bev Dixon. Carried.
71. Tom Sheard moved that the parish donate \$500 to St Bart's. Seconded by Harold Luxton. Carried.



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**Revd Sally Buckley tssf**

***Assisting Clergy:***

Revd Kevin Callegari, Revd Sue Lodge-Calvert

***Licenced Lay Ministers:***

Harold Luxton, Alison Kershaw, Sally Prickett, Jan Pattinson  
Jane James, Tom Sheard

***Wardens:***

Judy Ross, Harold Luxton, Tom Sheard

*We endeavour to be an expression of God's love  
in the community*