

ST JAMES

# Anglican Parish of St James - Toowoomba



ST ANNE

**Including:**

**St James - cnr Russell & Mort Sts**

**St Anne - Highfields Rd, HIGHFIELDS**

**Annual Reports  
and Financial Statements  
for the year ending 31st December 2009**

**PART OF THE DIOCESE OF BRISBANE**



**AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING,  
OF THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST JAMES, TOOWOOMBA,  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DEC 2009.**

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See also accompanying notes on the next page.

- a. We commence in **St James' Centre** after the conclusion of the 8.30am Eucharist at St James, on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2010.
- b. The presentation of the Rector's report.
- c. The presentation by the Churchwardens, of the work of the Churchwardens and the Parish Council. Report to be moved by Pam Wedgwood seconded by Julien Rival.
- d. The presentation & adoption of the parish annual accounts. Moved by the Treasurer Lyn Hodgson, seconded by the rector's warden Greg Crawford.
- e. The reception of the reports of other parish centres and parish organisations.  
In total moved by:  
seconded by:
- f. Elections and appointments:
  1. Determine the number of churchwardens to be elected. 1 or 2. See motion list
  2. Rector's warden Mr Greg Crawford to be appointed.
  3. People's warden/s to be elected.
4. No Synod representatives need to be elected this year. In 2010 Synod meets 18-20 June. Our Synod reps are: Greg Crawford & Julien Rival.
5. The election of the Parish Nominators. 3 required
6. Determine the number of parish councillors to be further elected and appointed.
7. Elect further parish councillors. Appointment at the discretion of the Rector of 1/3 of the number decided at item f5 to parish council.
8. Appoint the parish auditor.
- g. Any other parish business of which seven days notice in writing shall have been given.
- h. At discretion of rector. Any business arising out of reports which has not already been dealt with.
- i. The reading and confirmation of the minutes will be at the first parish council meeting.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

The following notes are designed to help explain what happens at the annual meeting. The letter next to each note corresponds with the letter on the agenda on the previous page.

\*b. The Rector presents his report and will talk briefly on the parish.

\*c. The Wardens present their combined report.

\*d. The audited financial report needs to be accepted.

\*e. Other reports can be presented - questions are answered here, or at the end of the meeting.

\* f1 & f2. Each year the parish decides whether they wish to elect one or two people's warden/s. This is in addition to the Rector's warden, appointed by the Rector. The wardens become members of the parish council.

\* f4. Each year the parish elects three people, aged twenty-one or over, as nominators of the parish. Their role is to act with the Churchwardens and Diocesan nominators to give recommendations to the Archbishop, when the parish becomes vacant. Nominators become members of parish council.

\* f5 & f6. Every year the annual meeting decides the further number of people they would like on the parish council. The parish council consists of the Rector, the Churchwardens, Synod representatives, nominators and other parishioners. The number of other parishioners is to be between three and twenty-one. One third of this number is appointed by the Rector and two thirds elected at the meeting. The parish council appoints a treasurer, and this person becomes a member of parish council if they are not already a part of it.

A decision of parish committees can also be brought to the meeting.

\* f7. Each year the books are audited, and we need to appoint one or two people, depending on their qualifications, to do the auditing.

\* g. Please note that at the Annual Meeting we can only discuss general business of which seven days notice in writing has been given to the Churchwardens or Rector.

- 1) A list of those appointed to parish positions and those so far nominated to parish positions will be available at the beginning of the meeting.
- 2) A list of the business to be discussed at the Annual Meeting, of which seven days notice has been given, will be available at the beginning of the meeting.
- 3) If you have specific questions after reading these reports it would be helpful to have these in writing as soon as possible so that a considered answer can be given at the meeting.

### **Motions notified arising from the Agenda:**

1. At f1. That there be two people's wardens elected in the parish in 2010.
2. At f7. That Noel Klan be appointed as the parish auditor.

### **Motions arising from General Business notified:**

3. That this meeting confirm the motions of St Anne's centre to build an extension of 18.3 metres x 20 metres to its existing building. *Detail to come.*

## **RECTOR'S REPORT**

Any report describes part of the life of a parish. It is important to describe what has happened, what is and isn't happening, numbers and trends, because this helps the good governance and running of a parish. While doing this we are not to lose sight of our primary purpose of being the Church. Are people's lives been changed and/or supported because of this parish? Again this year I remind parishioners that this report is to be read in conjunction with all the other reports as we try to share the diverse amount of information that is important to be known about the parish.

### **Being part of the 150<sup>th</sup> celebrations of the Diocese:**

2009 was the 150<sup>th</sup> year celebrations for the Diocese. During this year we also celebrated the 140 years of St James' Church. The Diocesan theme of "Celebrate, Dedicate, *Anticipate*" was used throughout the year in Diocesan and parish celebrations.

"Connect to Church" Sunday was held in many parishes, including ours, on the 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2009. This was an idea modified from the English Church and was one way of reaching out to people who hadn't been to Church for a long time and to those who may never had been to Church.

Archbishop Phillip came to the Dinka speaking service on the afternoon of the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in March. This was a highly anticipated event and there was much discussion afterwards.

There was a Diocesan celebration for western region on the first Friday in May with an Evensong at St James' Church, followed by Dinner at Gip's. At the beginning of the year the Diocese provided banners for each church and at Synod each church was given a large candle. Bp Jonathan Holland wrote a Lenten Study for the Diocese. We used this in the parish and then advertised the Diocesan "150 days website" which had daily contributions counting down to the Consecration of St John's Cathedral on Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> October. The clergy plus 5 parishioners from this parish attended that magnificent event.

In August there was a Diocesan wide Clergy conference held at Sea World on the Gold Coast. This was the first such conference for a very long time and was greatly appreciated.

We had three specific Evensongs, each followed by supper.

There was one for the Diocese on Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> September for New Guinea Martyrs. Bishop Len Eacott Bishop preached at this occasion. This event has now been re-invigorated in the Diocese. It was unfortunate that a bus load of people from Holy Trinity, Fortitude Valley, Brisbane couldn't make the occasion due to their bus breaking down. This service will also be held at St James in 2010 with Bp Geoff Smith as the Guest preacher.

Other Evensongs were held for remembering Mary Sumner in particular for the Mothers' Union; and a special evensong for MUIOOF Lodge which was holding its annual conference in Toowoomba.

### **The 140<sup>th</sup> year of the church of St James.**

The highlight of our 140<sup>th</sup> year celebrations was the combined service and launch of the Parish History on Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> November. If you have read our history book you would realise that there are a number of possibilities for celebrating significant anniversaries of the parish. In 2009 we celebrated the 140<sup>th</sup> year of the starting and finishing of the 1<sup>st</sup> section of St James' Church. The history book was edited by Lyn Hodgson. Many thanks go to Lyn and all who contributed to have the history written for the occasion. Several months later I met up with a lady who came to that occasion and she said it was the most inspiring service she had been to in her life.

This celebration was one of three combined services. We try to make each of these events distinctive remembering the many different natures of each of our congregations.

### **Changes in full time stipended clergy:**

The Rev'd Frances Andrews concluded her ministry at St James on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November and moved to Boonah as Priest-in-charge. The Rev'd Stephanie Patching left the Parish of Ipswich to commence ministry here at St James' on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent 2009. It was fortunate that there was no time in-between the appointments. For some time St James has been considered by the Diocese to be a training parish. There is a good combination in this parish for new clergy as they are able to have some responsibility as well as be involved with the events of a larger parish.

### **Assisting Clergy:**

My thanks go again to The Rev'd Mark Carlyon & The Rev'd David Snape for the services they lead in the parish. Their contributions have been vital over the time I have been here to be able to keep regular services in the parish.

### **Honorary clergy:**

The Rev'd James Ajak. Fr James has responsibility for the Dinka speaking congregation. In November 2009 James left for the Sudan for approx four months. He recently e-mailed his greetings back to the parish.

The Rev'd Daniel Abot was licensed as an Honorary Priest in the Diocese with responsibilities for the Dinka speaking congregation at St James, on the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2009. Like Fr James, Fr Daniel was ordained in the Sudan and has spent a number of years in Australia improving his educational qualifications.

### **The Dinka Speaking Sudanese congregation at St James.**

This dynamic and faithful group of people is the largest congregation in our parish, and at times possibly the Diocese. They worship enthusiastically. One of the issues with this congregation is the best way for the many children to be involved with the worship and/or Sunday School. There are diverse views and this includes the teaching of Dinka. How to actually physically accommodate and teach the children is an issue. Great strides have been made in the translation of APBA 2<sup>nd</sup> order into Dinka and generally getting an understanding of appropriate Australian Anglican worship.

None of this is easy but is all vitally important as it is part of Mission right here in Toowoomba. I continually have to try to understand the great changes that have happened in the lives of the people of this congregation to help them take responsibility in our church and for the best future of this congregation.

**The Rev'd Sue Wilson and the Rev'd Daniel Rouhead**, both of whom spent some of their formation as students in the parish, were among those ordained priests in 2009.

**Thanks to the Liturgical Assistants and all who assist in the preparations for the services.** It is the regular worship life which is the main activity of the parish. The contribution of many people helps make our services give the meaning and support to those who attend.

**Baptisms:** Colleen Hall does most of the initial interviews with parents wanting their children baptised. We continue to explore what are the best ways to help these parents with their spirituality and that of their children.

**Canoe Day:** A fun day for those who were able to come with a couple memorable events! We didn't have a parish camp in 2009 but there will be one in 2010.

### **Other Diocesan involvement.**

I continue to be on Diocesan Council (elected) and the Diocesan Audit committee (appointed from DC). There are also my Archidiaconal Duties as Archdeacon of the Downs. In 2009 I was granted leave of absence from the Parish and other Mission Agency Commission due to my other Diocesan commitments, but will be on that Commission in 2010.

**Education for Ministry.** (EfM) December 2009 saw the first graduates from this St James' based multi-parish multi-level group. In 2010 there will be other graduates from the group, the first from St James' parish. Home groups continue to be a valuable means of supporting one another in the parish and for Lent, Bp Jonathan Holland's book, with artwork was well received.

**Time overseas:** In 2009 Marie-Claire and I hosted a trip to France and England. A number of parishioners came on this trip, which included a service on ANZAC Day at Villers-Bretonneux. There was great companionship throughout the journey. Afterwards I took some long service and Marie-Claire and I travelled parts of England and visited relatives in France. I am grateful to the Rev'd Kaye Pitman who was the locum in the parish while I was overseas.

### **Environmental issues:**

St James' parish centre was chosen as one of the "open house" buildings in 2009. The centre had a steady stream of people interested in the range of issues and results of solar panels and minimising energy.

In 2010 we will continue to have alternate energy on the agenda.

I continue to be the vice-chair of the Queensland Murray Darling Committee (QMDC).

This organisation is actively involved in the enhancement of Natural Resource Management through SW QLD. Towards the end of 2009 I negotiated with Lifeline Darling Downs to provide environmental assessments of their buildings and operations in SW Qld. These will begin in 2010.

**The St Thomas Complex.** In Feb 2010 this went on the market. An update will be given at the AGM. It is hoped that the reserve will be met and then proceeds from this sale will be able to be put towards the construction of a new Church at Highfields. There was great complexity in working out the best way to sell the block and the due diligence required took considerable time by both the parish and the Diocese.

Most of the information about **St Anne** is written in other parts of this report. While this centre is the main responsibility of the Rev'd Stephanie Patching I had oversight of the ministry and took the services there about every six weeks.

**Thanks to the wardens Pam, Julien and Greg** for their efforts throughout the year. They have to do much organisation, often at short notice and I was especially thankful to come back from overseas to see how well they had organised the vital decisions that had to be made at that time.

**A summary of the statistical information** about attendance and communicants for the last four years follows. Extended data is available for nursing homes and other services. In future, (or perhaps later in the year), we will also publish the data for those under and over 16 as well as a summary of some financial data for the last four years. Such extended data is important to see trends in the parish and informing decisions on how we should be spending our time and energy in mission.

Communicant & Attendance SUMMARY				Communicant & Attendance SUMMARY				Communicant & Attendance SUMMARY				Communicant & Attendance SUMMARY			
C = Communicants		A = Attendance		C = Communicants		A = Attendance		C = Communicants		A = Attendance		C = Communicants		A = Attendance	
2006		2007		2008		2009		2006		2007		2008		2009	
Year	St James	St Anne	St Thomas	St James	St Anne	St Thomas	St James	St Anne	Year	St James	St Anne	Year	St James	St Anne	
	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C		C	C		C	C	
	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A		A	A		A	A	
	Sun 7.30am	Sun 8.30am	Sun 10.00am	Sun 7.30am	Sun 8.30am	Sun 10am	Sun 7.30am	Sun 8.30am		Sun 7.30am	Sun 8.30am		Sun 7.30am	Sun 8.30am	
Totals	3796	2892	1959	3727	3664	1227	3653	2936	Totals	3493	2673	Totals	3493	2631	
Services	45	48	47	48	48	48	49	49	Services	49	49	Services	49	49	
Average	79	56	23	78	56	25	77	58	Average	71	75	Average	48	54	
	Wed 10.00am	Wed 10.00am	Sat 6.00pm	Sun 11.00am	Wed 10am	Sat 6pm	Sun 10am	Wed 10am		Sun 10am	Wed 10am		Sun 10am	Wed 10am	
	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C		C	C		C	C	
	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A		A	A		A	A	
Totals	126	123	357	108	98	413	2255	87	Totals	1546	1857	Totals	1546	160	
Services	12	11	41	10	11	48	49	11	Services	49	49	Services	16	16	
Average	11	11	9	11	9	9	46	8	Average	32	38	Average	9	9	
	Tues 7.00am	Christmas	Easter	Tues 7am	Christmas	Easter	Tues 7am	Christmas		Tues 7am	Christmas		Tues 7am	Christmas	
	C	A	A	C	A	A	C	A		C	A		C	A	
	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A		A	A		A	A	
Totals	139	318	185	171	190	245	149	149	Totals	172	219	Totals	172	483	
Services	44	225	150	51	165	100	47	47	Services	50	50	Services	50	158	
Average	3	36	47	3	23	41	3	3	Average	3	3	Average	3	541	
	Wed 10.00am	Wed 10am	Wed 10am	Wed 10am	Wed 10am	Wed 10am	Wed 10am	Wed 10am		Wed 10am	Wed 10am		Wed 10am	Wed 10am	
	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C		C	C		C	C	
	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A		A	A		A	A	
Totals	957	956	1028	1145	966	1139	966	1139	Totals	625	949	Totals	625	949	
Services	50	50	51	51	48	48	48	48	Services	39	50	Services	39	85	
Average	19	20	20	22	20	24	20	24	Average	15	29	Average	15	240	
	Friday 7.00am	Friday 7.00am	Friday 7.00am	Friday 7.00am	Friday 7am	Friday 7am	Friday 7am	Friday 7am		Friday 7am	Friday 7am		Friday 7am	Friday 7am	
	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C		C	C		C	C	
	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A		A	A		A	A	
Totals	188	159	252	269	316	316	316	316	Totals	219	219	Totals	219	219	
Services	44	44	50	50	51	51	51	51	Services	50	50	Services	50	50	
Average	4	4	5	5	6	6	6	6	Average	4	4	Average	4	4	
	Celtic 2nd Sun 5pm	Celtic 2nd Sun 5pm	Totals	Totals	Totals	Totals	Totals	Totals		Totals	Totals		Totals	Totals	
	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A		A	A		A	A	
	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A		A	A		A	A	
Totals	47	10,619	10,909	94	499	620	499	620	Totals	608	661	Totals	608	661	
No of services	8			7	48	48	48	48	Services	48	49	Services	48	49	
Average	6			12	10	13	10	13	Average	12	17	Average	12	17	
	Across the parish	Across the parish	Across the parish	Across the parish	Across the parish	Across the parish	Across the parish	Across the parish		Across the parish	Across the parish		Across the parish	Across the parish	
Baptisms	95	95	75	75	75	75	75	75	Baptisms	90	90	Baptisms	90	90	
Marriages	20	20	23	23	23	23	23	23	Marriages	22	22	Marriages	22	22	
Admissions to communion	1	1	8	8	422	481	422	481	Admissions to communion	67	67	Admissions to communion	67	67	
Funerals	24	24	34	34	3	3	3	3	Funerals	3	3	Funerals	3	3	
Confirmations					141	150	141	150	Confirmations	194	225	Confirmations	194	225	
	St James	St Anne	St Thomas	St James	St Anne	St Thomas	St James	St Anne		St James	St Anne		St James	St Anne	
	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C		C	C		C	C	
	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A		A	A		A	A	
	Sun 8.30am	Sun 8.30am	Sun 10.00am	Sun 7.30am	Sun 8.30am	Sun 10am	Sun 7.30am	Sun 8.30am		Sun 7.30am	Sun 8.30am		Sun 7.30am	Sun 8.30am	
Totals	2369	2031	2451	3653	3762	1253	3653	2936	Totals	3493	2673	Totals	3493	2631	
Services	45	48	47	48	48	48	49	49	Services	49	49	Services	49	49	
Average	48	54	23	78	56	25	77	58	Average	71	75	Average	48	54	
	Wed 10am	Wed 10am	Wed 10am	Wed 10am	Wed 10am	Wed 10am	Wed 10am	Wed 10am		Wed 10am	Wed 10am		Wed 10am	Wed 10am	
	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C		C	C		C	C	
	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A		A	A		A	A	
Totals	150	150	181	1631	2255	415	1631	2255	Totals	1546	1857	Totals	1546	160	
Services	16	16	11	49	49	48	49	49	Services	49	49	Services	16	16	
Average	9	9	8	37	46	9	37	46	Average	32	38	Average	9	9	
	Christmas	Christmas	Christmas	Tues 7am	Christmas	Easter	Tues 7am	Christmas		Tues 7am	Christmas		Tues 7am	Christmas	
	A	A	A	C	A	A	C	A		C	A		C	A	
	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A		A	A		A	A	
Totals	483	483	420	149	149	245	149	149	Totals	172	219	Totals	172	483	
Services	158	158	181	47	47	100	47	47	Services	50	50	Services	50	158	
Total	541	541	601	3	3	41	3	3	Total	3	3	Total	3	541	
	Easter	Easter	Easter	Wed 10am	Wed 10am	Wed 10am	Wed 10am	Wed 10am		Wed 10am	Wed 10am		Wed 10am	Wed 10am	
	A	A	A	C	A	A	C	A		C	A		C	A	
	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A		A	A		A	A	
Totals	155	155	292	966	1139	1139	966	1139	Totals	625	949	Totals	625	949	
Services	85	85	117	48	48	48	48	48	Services	39	50	Services	39	85	
Total	240	240	409	20	24	386	20	24	Total	15	29	Total	15	240	
	Table 3rd Sun 5pm	Table 3rd Sun 5pm	Table 3rd Sun 5pm	Friday 7am	Friday 7am	Friday 7am	Friday 7am	Friday 7am		Friday 7am	Friday 7am		Friday 7am	Friday 7am	
	A	A	A	C	A	A	C	A		C	A		C	A	
	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A		A	A		A	A	
Totals	76	76	120	316	316	316	316	316	Totals	219	219	Totals	219	219	
No	9	9	11	51	51	51	51	51	No	50	50	No	50	50	
Average	10	10	11	6	6	6	6	6	Average	4	4	Average	4	4	
	Sudanese worship	Sudanese worship	TOTAL COMMUNICANTS	TOTAL COMMUNICANTS	TOTAL COMMUNICANTS	TOTAL COMMUNICANTS	TOTAL COMMUNICANTS	TOTAL COMMUNICANTS		TOTAL COMMUNICANTS	TOTAL COMMUNICANTS		TOTAL COMMUNICANTS	TOTAL COMMUNICANTS	
	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A		A	A		A	A	
	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A		A	A		A	A	
Totals	10	10	11,441	499	620	10,909	499	620	Totals	608	661	Totals	608	661	
No of services	8	8		48	48	48	48	48	Services	48	49	Services	48	49	
Average	6	6		10	13	13	10	13	Average	12	17	Average	12	17	
	Across the parish	Across the parish	Across the parish	Across the parish	Across the parish	Across the parish	Across the parish	Across the parish		Across the parish	Across the parish		Across the parish	Across the parish	
Baptisms	96	96	75	75	75	75	75	75	Baptisms	90	90	Baptisms	90	90	
Marriages	16	16	23	23	23	23	23	23	Marriages	22	22	Marriages	22	22	
Admissions to communion	26	26	8	8	422	481	422	481	Admissions to communion	67	67	Admissions to communion	67	67	
Funerals	26	26	34	34	3	3	3	3	Funerals	3	3	Funerals	3	3	
Confirmations	26	26			141	150	141	150	Confirmations	194	225	Confirmations	194	225	

**MINISTRY WITH ST ANNE AND THE COMMUNITY AT HIGHFIELDS**

**ASSISTANT PRIESTS: REVD'S FRANCES ANDREWS & STEPAHNIE PATCHING**

It is with a mixture of joy and sadness that I present this report up until 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2009, when my ministry at St James concludes and I take up my new appointment as Priest-in Charge of the parish of Boonah Harrisville.

2009 has been an exciting year of ministry and worship at St Anne and I have been especially blessed to be entrusted with the responsibility for the pastoral care and worship life for this growing Christian community. Our congregation embraced Back to Church Sunday with attendance being around 33% greater than our average Sunday attendance. We are blessed with many gifted people who willingly give their time, gifts and talents in carrying out our baptismal call to love and serve the Lord. And this year Bishop Rob Nolan confirmed two candidates from the St Anne congregation, in a service at St Luke's.

***Pastoral Care and Mission:*** The St Anne pastoral care team continues to care for the needs of those both within and beyond our church family. As the Highfields area continues to grow, it is essential that we discern the needs of those moving into the district, as we seek to develop ministries and worship styles that are relevant but at the same time do not compromise the Gospel or our Anglican heritage.

The service at Brownholme Retirement Village, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month, is very much valued by residents. And while many of our congregation are faithful in caring for one another, and this is a very good thing, there is also a need for more intentional pastoral care visiting. In light of this I have been working to establish a pastoral visitors' team at St Anne. We now have two of our Liturgical Assistants assisting me with Home Communion and a third person with experience in pastoral care who assists me with pastoral visiting. My hope is that this ministry will continue to grow in the months and years ahead.

This year we discontinued our food bank as food was being wasted because of lack of demand. We replaced this with a list of people who are willing to cook a meal as the need arises. St Anne continues to support RI and chaplaincy at Highfields State School. While, regrettably at present we provide no RI teachers, I have been on the RI committee. As a congregation we provide prayer and financial support for the school chaplain through a monthly retiring collection and the sale of apple juice. We also have a parishioner on the chaplaincy committee at the school.

Two other major outreach projects the St Anne congregation has engaged in this year are firstly, the Samaritan's Purse 'Operation Christmas Child' whereby boxes are filled with gifts and sent to children overseas who, because of their circumstances, would otherwise receive nothing at Christmas, and secondly, the provision of toiletries to Spiritus for people in boarding houses and shelters. As well as meeting a practical need these outreach projects represent Christ's love in action.

***Worship and Prayer:*** Our family-style worship, together with a children's talk, continues to be well received. A highlight for us this year was the celebration of St Anne day on 26<sup>th</sup> July. On this day, as we remembered St Anne and St Joachim, traditionally held to be the parents of Mary, and therefore the grandparents of Jesus, we especially honoured our grandparents. We encouraged those who may not have known their own grandparents to think of those who had been grandparent figures in their lives. Our liturgy had a generational flavour as grandparents, parents and children took part in the intercessions and readings. Both adults and children shared with us their reflections on what made their grandparents (or grandparent figures) special and how they had influenced them on their spiritual journey.

This year we introduced a Harvest Festival, with a liturgy focussing on thanksgiving for our God-given gifts and talents as well as God's other many and varied blessings. The church was very creatively decorated and the congregation were encouraged to make or grow something that expressed their particular gift or talent and bring this along to offer to God. After the service these were auctioned with around \$900.00 being raised towards St Anne building funds.

Easter, Christmas and Baptisms provide us with an increasing challenge as our tiny building bursts at the seams. This is a major concern, especially for an area targeted by the diocese as a growth area, given that research suggests that when more than 70%-80% of seats are taken visitors will either drive past, turn around and walk back out or at best not come again.

***Spiritual Formation:*** Our home group continues to meet for prayer and study. A second group came into being this year as one of our Lenten study groups decided to continue meeting. This group, while meeting in St Anne, is an ecumenical group. I pray more groups will emerge in the coming years because in small groups trusted friendships are built whereby, spiritual nurture and growth occurs most effectively. Our prayer group continues to meet weekly in the church and between meetings its members pray individually, as well as through the prayer circle, for the needs of others, our parish and our future direction at St Anne.

***Children, Youth & Families:*** Our Storytelling Circle for toddlers and preschoolers is going from strength to strength. Here parents are able to interact with other parents as their children participate in activities that are both educational and fun.

Family, children's and youth ministry remains a high priority at St Anne. Early in the year we trialled a monthly Sunday afternoon fun time and worship service created especially for, but not exclusively for, our youth. While this was embraced by some it became clear that most preferred us to incorporate this ministry into our Sunday morning service. Now, once a month our teens and pre-teens take a more active part in our service as readers, intercessors, singers, musicians etc. Some months, instead of a sermon, the young people present a role play or skit based on the readings. Afterwards we have morning tea outside (weather permitting) with games.

Towards the end of November we commenced a Scrapbooking group with the aim of outreaching into the surrounding community, as well as to provide another avenue of fellowship for members of our own congregation, and for those of other churches in the area.

***Ecumenical Developments:*** We continue to be engaged in ecumenical dialogue with other Christian churches at Highfields, and in particular the Catholic Church, to discuss how we might best use our combined resources. Together with our Catholic brothers and sisters we held a service of 'The Stations of the Cross' at Peacehaven Park on Good Friday, and a Taize service. Both of these were well attended and there are plans to continue both of these ventures in 2010. We also worked together, for the fourth time this year, with a number of other denominations and the Friends of Peacehaven Park Committee, to organize a carol service on 13<sup>th</sup> December at Peacehaven Park. During Family Week in October, together with the combined churches at Highfields, we held a family fun day in the park, with our contribution being storytelling, with associated activities, and races. Also this year I took the peace service which is held annually at Peacehaven Botanical Park.

***Building:*** After discussion between our congregation at St Anne and Catholic parishioners from Mary of the Southern Cross, together with our respective bishops, it became apparent that any possibility of shared building space would not eventuate for some considerable time in the future. Therefore the St Anne congregation reconvened a building committee to explore our options for increased space and improved functionality of existing space. As I write this report the building committee is in the process of preparing a proposal to present to Parish Council in regards to this matter.

### ***Future considerations***

We have purchased a DVD player for worship and study purposes, however before this can be used more fully there is a need to obtain a copyright licence. We are presently using Power Point for our services with the hymns being stored as Power Point and inserted into the service each week. Preparation time could be saved and presentation enhanced by investing in the Presenter Programme. Presenter allows for the easy switching between presentations without shutting down either programme, thus the hymns don't need to be added to the Ppt each week. As well as saving preparation time hymns can also be readily changed at the last minute if this becomes necessary.

The Alpha course has been run in the past at St Anne and I believe there is an opening for this to resume in 2010. We still have the resources on hand and now have a person in the congregation who has experience with running Alpha. If required we have also had an offer of assistance in getting started, from Barry Stone who runs the Course at St Bart's Toowoomba. To the best of my knowledge Alpha is not being offered by any other church in the Highfields area and we are in a prime position for advertising this to the wider community.

### ***Ministry within the wider parish***

As well as ministry at St Anne, my ministry at St James has included baptisms, funerals, weddings and home communions, as well as the monthly ABC children's service and Taize Service. The Taize services, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday evening of each month, while small in number, have continued to be well received by those who are looking for a time of reflective prayer and worship. We welcome, to these services, as well as our own parishioners, people from other parishes and Christian traditions. After the service we enjoy fellowship over, a 'bring and share' meal.

I have been blessed by the love, support, encouragement and friendship I have received during my time in the parish. And I pray you will be guided by the Holy Spirit as you seek future directions for ministry at St James, and in particular for St Anne at this exciting time, as the community of Highfields continues to expand and grow. May our Gracious God shower abundant blessings on the parish and on the wider community.

Reverend Frances Andrews.

"I will bless you...so that you will be a blessing" (Genesis 12: 2)

### **Advent, Christmas and Epiphany**

I arrived at St James' parish on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at a very busy time for our centre as we prepared for Advent and Christmas. I would like to thank all the parishioners who helped with the preparations for advent and particularly for the Christmas services. It was a very special and holy time for us, with the highlight the play on Christmas Eve, adapted, produced and performed by our community and the sausage sizzle.

We averaged 55-60 people during the advent season and had almost 100 at the Christmas Eve service and about 60 for Christmas Day. Since Christmas we have been building our community to 50-60 people again.

The lead up to Christmas also saw the celebration of the Block Party at our local supermarket facility and the Combined Churches' Carols in Peacehaven Park. The St Anne's community really got behind both events, providing fruit salad and goods to sell at the Block Party and singing in the choir, performing a solo song, attending gates and keeping children away from the Lake and selling fruit salad. Both events attracted good numbers from the local community and the Carols' event particularly attracted praise from the community for the professionalism of the event.

Since Christmas, one of the highlights of 2010 has been the baptism of Alexander Phillips, our community created a wonderfully welcoming atmosphere for Alexander's friends and family. I have also met with the residents of Brownsholme Retirement Village and Independent Living Units for our first Holy Communion service in 2010.

St Annes' will be pressing ahead this year with the proposal to build a dedicated worship space on our land. This proposal will effectively double the size of our church which is definitely feeling the strain of a growing community and will allow our present building to be used for community events and occasionally for overflow area at large church services. It will also mean that we do not need to continually set up for services each week. Please keep this process in your prayers.

Many of our activities are commencing in early February including our storytelling group, our scrapbooking group, our ecumenical bible study, our St Anne's evening bible study and our monthly Holy Communion service.

I would finally like to thank our wardens Carol and Nev, our parish councillors, our musicians, liturgical assistants, all parishioners that help with the set up and during the services, all who help maintain the building and grounds, our prayer warriors and everyone who comes to support our community.

Stephanie Patching

### **PARISH CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT**

We, Greg Crawford, Julien Rival and Pam Wedgwood, the Churchwardens present this annual report for the year 2009.

St. James' parish is a diverse parish incorporating different worship services and times. It includes those who worship at St. Anne's - Highfields, at St. James' (Saturday evening, Sunday 7.30am and 10am), the Sudanese Dinka speaking congregation and those who worship at weekday services. At least three times a year we hold a combined service and these are always most joyous occasions. There is also a spirit of friendly rivalry between centres as witnessed at the annual cricket match between St. Anne's and St. James' (St. James' to win in 2010!). The parish council comprises members from the whole parish and we, the wardens, sincerely thank those who served in 2009 for your input and commitment.

Greg and Pam were pleased to welcome Julien Rival as a new warden in 2009 replacing Merv Bond who served faithfully in this position for more than thirty years. Sincere thanks to Merv for his dedication to the position and the parish.

**Parish Clergy:** Our Rector, Archdeacon Gary Harch, continued his ministry to the parish in 2009. He was absent for the period April – early July on long service leave and he and Marie-Claire, together with a number of parishioners, travelled overseas during this time. By all reports the participants on the trip thoroughly enjoyed their time away. Gary continues a most energetic ministry and we are most grateful for his seemingly tireless service to the parish in all its diversity.

During Gary's absence we welcomed back Rev. Kaye Pitman as locum who endeared herself to all.

Rev. Frances Andrews continued as assistant priest until the end of November when we were pleased to welcome Rev. Stephanie Patching. Frances was mainly responsible for the ministry at St. Anne's where she was kept very busy not only with regular services, but outreach into the community of Highfields. She also introduced the Taizé services to the parish and continued to lead these each month. We sincerely thank her for her prayerful leadership and wish her well in her new appointment as parish priest in the parish of Boonah.

Rev. Stephanie came to us from St. Paul's, Ipswich at the beginning of Advent. As assistant priest, she has taken over the ministry at St. Anne's and various other duties at St. James. We look forward to a long and fruitful association with her.

Rev. James Ajak has been responsible for the Sudanese congregation in his capacity as an honorary clergyman. James took leave of absence from November to return to Sudan to attempt to reconnect with family members. We anticipate his return in March 2010. In November, Archbishop Philip, licensed Rev. Daniel Abot as an honorary clergyman, so that he might take over responsibility for this congregation.

Rev. Mark Carlyon continues to give valuable assistance in an honorary capacity and we are most grateful for his ministry. Rev. John Thompson and Rev. David Snape have also been willing to assist when required. On more than one occasion David has, at a moment's notice, fulfilled dual roles at the 10am service, playing the piano as well as preaching and celebrating the Eucharist. We are fortunate to have such a wealth of talent to call upon.

**Sudanese Sunday School:** Mrs. Lynne Cain, assisted by Bev Belford and Julien Rival, has established a Sunday School for the Sudanese children. The plan is for the Sudanese community to be responsible for its running.

**Parish Church of St James:** The parish church sees many and varied services every week of the year. A veritable army of volunteers make sure the church is always presented at its best and we express our greatest appreciation for their efforts. There is always room for more willing volunteers and a call to the parish office can put you in touch with the person responsible for any particular area.

The restoration of the pews has continued in 2009 and we sincerely thank Don Britton for his very professional work. Other repair work was carried out on the building, under the floor (replacing stumps and bearers) and repairing the bad cracks in the northern wall. Unfortunately the painting of the exterior did not happen. A contract has been awarded and we still await commencement by the contractor.

Mrs. Jenny Thompson had to discontinue her work in the gardens due to ill health. We thank Jenny for her devoted service over a number of years. We also thank Lyn and Chris Hodgson for their tireless efforts in trimming the hedges along Mort Street. At present we rely on ‘working bees’ for the general maintenance of the grounds, together with our regular mowing contractor and professional tradespeople when required. There is still an opening for regular volunteers.

**St. Anne’s Highfields:** As previously mentioned this centre is the prime responsibility of Rev. Stephanie, replacing Rev. Frances. It is a most active centre in a fast growing community. A separate report provides more details. Currently parish council is considering a submission for possible renovations/extension to this facility. Much will depend on the sale of the St. Thomas complex for available finance.

**St. Thomas Centre:** This property remains unsold at this point in time. Permission to take the property to market was not given by the diocese until 24<sup>th</sup> December 2009. It is currently being marketed by Ray Hunt of York Realty and we hope for a favourable result. The Toowoomba Regional Council has placed various restrictions on the use of the property, so it is hoped a suitable buyer (at the right price) can be found.

The attached residence at 1 Kenneth Street is to be retained by the parish, for the present, and is currently rented. Some general maintenance was carried out on this property during the year.

The lovely sandstone font from St. Thomas’ was given in memory of a soldier, Corporal Andrew John Renwick who was killed in action in Belgium on 29<sup>th</sup> June 1917. A descendant of Andrew’s is now a trustee of Ormiston College in Brisbane and asked if the font could be removed and sent to the college to be placed in a garden chapel. This took place in October with the college paying the removal costs.

**The Rectory:** Some painting was carried out in the rectory making it much brighter. A climate smart audit was carried out providing a wireless energy monitor and replacing light bulbs with the new energy efficient type. New window coverings were also installed.

**Parish Centre:** This valuable asset continues to be heavily used, not just by the parish, but also by outside groups and provides a steady stream of income. The centre was the venue for a number of very successful and enjoyable parish social functions - Pancake Night, Bastille Night dinner and the Melbourne Cup luncheon. It is also used for the monthly Ladies Fellowship breakfasts, the Men’s Society dinners, the Mother’s Union meetings and morning teas, the Wantoks group and the ABC services and morning tea. Weekly GFS, Indoor Bowls and EfM classes are also held. There have been a number of after funeral functions as well as wedding anniversary and birthday celebrations.

Due to the successful catering services provided by Mrs. Bev Bond and Miss Carmen Varcin a sail has been erected over the outdoor area and greatly enhances the whole centre. Many thanks to these two ladies for their continuing ministry in this field.

**Taylor Memorial Institute:** We continue to lease this building to the Toowoomba Clubhouse Inc. who have been extremely good tenants. They have been successful in obtaining various grants which have been used to improve the interior of the building. Their work with people who have a range of mental health issues, in encouraging, providing work training and opportunities is to be highly recommended and extends the mission of the church.

At the rear of the building there is another dwelling known as the verger's cottage. The Clubhouse uses this building also and contributed to the replacement of the roof and installation of insulation during 2009.

**The 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** 2009 saw the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the parish of St. James. The celebrations took place on 15<sup>th</sup> November at a combined sung Eucharist presided over by Bishop Robert Nolan, who also preached. It was a most impressive service encompassing most groups within the parish family.

The service was followed by a celebratory morning tea and the launch of the book, "St. James' Toowoomba Celebrates 140 years". The book was launched by Mrs. Joan Underwood, daughter of Canon Norman Osborne who was the rector 1925-1935.

The book was the culmination of seven months of very hard work by Mrs. Lyn Hodgson assisted by Fiona Schafer. Most of the excellent photography was done by Lyn's son Richard. Lyn must be congratulated for her sterling effort in bringing this project to fruition. She spent uncountable hours on the project and the end result is a most impressive publication. We would encourage every parishioner to purchase a copy as it is not only a very accurate historical record, but most interesting and readable.

**Parish Finances:** Mrs Lyn Hodgson, in yet another capacity, spends many hours working on the parish finances and once again we thank her most sincerely for this ministry.

The full report is available under the treasurer's report. It is always difficult to know what level of reporting should be included as there are many ways to view the reports and different members of the congregation have different levels of expertise in reading these reports. Unfortunately, our day to day running expenses are not covered by our regular offerings and overall the parish has once again run at a loss. This is partly attributable to the unavoidable expense of having the salaries for two full time clergy. A commitment Sunday was held on 18<sup>th</sup> October in an effort to increase our overall regular income and there has been a slight improvement as a result. Please consider prayerfully your level of commitment.

**Conclusion:** We are sure there will be new challenges in 2010 but with God's help we will endeavour to: "Love the Lord your God, to walk in his ways, to obey his commands, to hold fast to him and to serve him with all your heart and all your soul" (Joshua 22: 5b)

**Greg Crawford**  
Rector's warden

**Julien Rival**  
People's warden

**Pamela Wedgwood**  
People's warden

### **ST ANNE - WARDENS' REPORT**

Praise to our dear Lord, for all the blessings poured upon us in our 150 year Diocesan Celebrations.

**Celebrate:** To praise, to honour, to take part in a ceremony.

We have managed to do all these things at St. Anne this year. Our celebration started with Back to Church Sunday – what a wonderful occasion with our little church filled to capacity. We are blessed to have a very gifted musical team, consisting of musicians and singers. Our church can truly boast that music fills every corner of our worship and our hearts.

Our celebrations continued during the year with many happy occasions. Our congregation is like a large loving family, with everyone contribution their special gift at each occasion. We were able to gather together with our Catholic Brothers and Sisters at Peacehaven Park for the Stations of the Cross at Easter and we came together again at St. Anne for a Taize' Service. Men's and Ladies Breakfasts

were enjoyed with our Catholic and Lutheran neighbours. Youth Services, Harvest Festival, and many social events including the Annual Cricket Match.

We celebrated in grand style St. James 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary, with a combined service. Praise God that, St James, St. Anne and the Sudanese along with many friends were able to come together as one and lift our hearts with thanks to our dear Lord for all His gifts to us.

Baptisms and Confirmation gave us more reasons to celebrate. We all give thanks when we see people giving their lives to our Lord.

**Dedicate:** To give wholly or earnestly up to.

If we were to name each person, who has dedicated their Spirituality, their God given Gifts, their time or their money to the wellbeing of St. Anne, then we would have to name our entire congregation. We are truly blessed that when things need to happen, they happen, not with a great deal of noise, but quietly, quickly and efficiently.

This is our opportunity as Wardens, to thank everyone who has dedicated a part of their lives to the benefit of all at St. Anne.

Of course it would be remiss of us not to thank Rev Frances and Father Gary for teaching us, that dedicating our lives to our Dear Lord leads us not only to Eternal Life, but a great deal of happiness, peace and contentment while here on earth.

**Anticipate:** To look forward to:

St Anne has a great deal to look forward to. We give thanks to our Lord for sending Rev Stephanie to us in November 2009 and we are all anticipating a wonderful time of teaching and friendship with her. While it may not happen this year we are certainly looking forward to St Anne being extended.

We look forward to supporting, Rev Stephanie, Bible Study Groups, Prayer time on Mondays, Story Telling Time, Chaplaincy Support, Home visits to our shut ins, Men's and Ladies Breakfasts, Scrapbooking and the various Spiritual and Social Occasions that will occur during 2010.

**Conclusion:**

We sincerely thank God that we were chosen to serve the St. Anne family this year. It has been a rewarding experience.

Neville Parkinson and Carol Baldwin

### **ST JAMES' - CENTRE WARDEN'S REPORT**

I have found the last 12 months difficult as I was not sure of my role as a Parish Warden. However, with help from Father Gary, I have ploughed on.

It is wonderful to see the MU Branch becoming involved with the Baptisms, in attending the services, giving out prayer books, presenting the teddies to the babies and speaking with the parents. We are looking into having something other than a teddy for older children being baptised. MU encourages families in their Christian lives.

Home Communion are taken out by Father Gary, Reverend Stephanie and Liturgical Assistants. Please let us know of any shut-ins wanting to receive Holy Communion or anyone who would love a visit from the Church. People are most grateful for the Church coming to them. We thank those people who bring parishioners unable to drive anymore to church on Sundays.

The Harlaxton School Chaplain, Debbie Dodds, has expressed her thanks and that of the school to St James' Parish for their help and support over the last 2 years. We are unable to continue with this activity at this time.

We thank Wal & Jan Tonkin for lending their home for St James' Home Group. Twelve people attend most days and occasionally some because of family commitments miss a day here and there. Four

people use their study booklets at home. The book “Sunday Journal” gives the readings for each Sunday with prayers and comments.

**Dinka Sunday School** – Lynne Cain wrote a proposal on the 19<sup>th</sup> January for a Sunday School during the Dinka Service and this was accepted by Rev’d James. The Sunday School began at the end of January and used the English language using the method of Qld Schools. This proved different from the Dinka experience. The Sunday School followed the Church year and a liturgy designed for children. This was unfamiliar to the Sudanese Community. In November and January meetings were held and the children in 2010 are being taught in Dinka with Sudanese methods. Lynne, Julien and myself were involved with the Sunday School through 2009.

The four main services are all a little different in some way. The largest congregation is the 7.30am service on Sunday – a more formal Anglican Service. 10.00am Service on Sunday is not as formal, with piano instead of organ. This congregation has grown since moving from St Thomas’.

Saturday night is a quiet Service held in the Chapel and is for people who are unable to come on Sunday. Services are held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. All these congregations love their Lord and enjoy their church Service.

The ABC Service is for small children nurtured by loving adults and provides a context for little ones to experience Anglican Worship – held once a month on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month

A small group attends the Taizé Service – once a month – a lovely quiet time spent in prayer and listening to Taizé music.

I have attended a few Dinka Services and find the beating of the drums very moving, love listening to the singing and language and am able to pray (in English). Their participation in the last Combined Service was an enjoyable experience.

We have had a busy year! I thank all who have contributed in any way to our church life.

God’s blessing to all.

Bev Belford (St James Centre Warden)

### **TREASURER’S REPORT**

Printed in this Annual Report for 2009 for the Parish of St James, Toowoomba are the summary Financial Reports. The full audited report is available at the meeting and on request.

As Treasurer, my duty is to enter all data throughout the year to prepare the monthly report and this annual report to the parish. The Churchwardens are responsible for all matters of finance. I request you direct any questions about this report to the Rector or Church Wardens.

In August this year, **Fr Mark Carlyon B.Bus.BA** advised the Rector of improvements necessary for effective financial reporting. This was completed and has resulted in a clearer presentation of the annual profit and loss report. The Parish is indebted to the professional advice received from Fr. Mark, and we extend our sincere thanks to him.

The good news for 2009 is that the Parish, **after taking out the benefit accounts**, has shown a **net increase in equity of \$ 1,923.71**. While this looks encouraging, the operating activities show a loss of \$48,332.89, which is offset by the income from non-operating activities. eg rental, investment interest and fundraising.

Total expenditure for 2009 was \$380,228.85.

As a Parish, our main source of income is from our **dedicated giving program**, the total for the year being \$176,850.85. The increase of approx \$9,000 is due to the positive response from the Commitment Appeal in October.

Total payroll expense amounts to \$163,800.15. For the first time in some years we had two full-time priests. As noticed in the giving report, St James’ giving is \$121,997 and St Anne’s \$38,000. Until

such time as St Anne's experiences a growth in attendance numbers, this congregation needs the support of the whole Parish.

In 2009, the amount of \$6,840 was paid for a Locum Tenens while our Rector was on long service leave. I draw your attention to LSL payment of \$11,529.69 received from the Diocese, which covers this amount and a housing allowance during long service.

**Specific Gifts** are an important contribution to Parish fundraising. \$10,000 has been received from the Frank Francis Family for the restoration of the pews at St James'. The total contribution from this gift in 2008-2009 has been \$20,000. Cost to date of restoration has been \$13,051.50. Mr Don Britton is continuing with this work.

**General Gifts** have amounted to \$9,964, and these funds can be used for general parish expenses. **The gift of \$700 to the Sudanese congregation** was a result of a car, gifted from the Samford Parish for use by the Honorary Priest to the Sudanese community. Unfortunately the car soon needed expensive repairs and was sold, the proceeds going to future use by the Sudanese congregation.

In the past our parish has benefited by **generous bequests**. The Rex George Payne, the Wrembreck bequests and the Hills Foundation assist with parish finances. It is some time since a bequest has been given. Perhaps we should encourage parishioners to consider this type of contribution.

By the end of 2008, all Taylor Street properties were sold and the proceeds of \$1,220,474.38 invested in the **St James Property Capital Trust**, kept in the common fund of the Diocese. Part of the interest has been re-invested as capital, with \$21,449.39 interest going into our operating account. The Church Wardens and Parish Council are constantly vigilant for investment opportunities for this amount. As this investment is the life-support system for the Parish finances, decisions must be careful and prudent.

**The rental of the James Taylor Memorial Institute** to the Toowoomba Clubhouse provides a sound investment. We started the year with a **debt of \$7,279.63** owing from the re-roofing project in 2008. This has **been cleared**. In May, it became necessary to replace the roof on the cottage behind, as this was still being used effectively by the Clubhouse. Total cost was \$6,226.50. The Clubhouse Association paid half the expense, resulting in a net cost to the parish of \$3,113.25. Nett return was \$9,822.82

**The Kenneth Street Property** has shown a net return of \$2,679.43

In 2009, the celebration of the 140 years was recorded in the writing and production of the history book '**St James' Toowoomba Celebrates 140 Years**'. From the start the editor promised that it would be produced at no financial burden to the parish.

Sponsorship amounted to \$6,830 and the cost of book was \$6,805.75. Sales to date have amounted to \$3,583 and all proceeds go to the restoration of St James' Church.

Commemorative mugs were also purchased and sold for the event.

**Capital acquisitions** saw the purchase of 'The Sail', to shade the area adjacent to the Parish Centre, with the total cost of \$7,995. The Ladies Guild contributed \$3,000 towards the cost, and the balance of \$4,995 paid by the Catering Committee. Outdoor seats at a cost of \$1,626 were purchased by the catering committee, and these will now be set in place. Final payment of \$784 for the sound system purchased in 2008 was made.

**Fund raising** is a most important contribution to offset expenses, and the Catering committee raised \$13,719.11. Our appreciation must be extended to Carmen Varcin and Bev Bond and volunteers for their efforts. Pam Wedgwood is responsible for some other catering with funds going to the Music Guild. \$2,000 was also contributed to the Music Guild from proceeds of the Bastille Day dinner. This amount is set aside for the painting of St James' Church. The Social committee raised \$1,125.50 from the Melbourne Cup Luncheon.

Functions to raise funds to give directly to **Missions** were the Pancake Night (\$720) and the Breast Cancer Morning Tea (\$803). Special Mission appeals such as the Victorian Bushfire Appeal, Good

Friday collections, Bush Church Aid are collected and given directly to these missions. Our annual contribution to ABM of \$3,600, BMF of \$1,200 and CMF of \$1,200 is made to these funds. The parish has contributed in excess of specific donations an amount of \$ 1,833.22

I would like to thank Julien Rival for assisting me with the administration work of preparing cheques for signing by the Rector and Wardens. In carrying out my duties to prepare the financial reports I must express sincere appreciation for the support given to me by the Rector. As a Parish, we are richly blessed to have the financial management skills, the pastoral care and ministry of our Rector, Archdeacon Gary Harch. With his passionate interest in encouraging us to be a 'Green Parish', he is indeed leading us to green pastures.

Lyn Hodgson (Parish Treasurer)

ACCOUNT NAME	MYOB	PURPOSE	STATUS at 31/12/2009	Reconciled Balances at 1/1/2009	Reconciled Balances at 31/12/2009
Operating Account	1-1110	Working	Cheque - at call	\$23,206.05	\$20,174.74
Parish Centre Account	1-1111	Catering and Hall Hire	Cheque - at call	\$13,816.88	\$17,258.20
Marriage Account	1-1112	Marriages	Cheque - at call	\$2,566.25	\$2,282.96
Parish 1 month	1-1121	management of a variety of funds	Term due 28th of the month	\$84,902.99	\$84,068.90
St Anne	1-1113	Working	Cheque - at call	\$3,186.57	\$5,271.83
St James Music Guild	1-1115	organ & music	Cheque - at call	\$4,023.88	\$5,276.03
			<i>sub-total all operating accounts</i>	<i>\$131,702.62</i>	<i>\$134,332.66</i>
Rex George Payne Bequest	1-4130	Bequest - General purpose	Trust - term due 28/6/2010	\$105,262.72	\$104,414.64
Wrembeck Bequest	1-4140	Bequest - St Thomas	Trust - term due	\$26,099.18	\$26,543.70
Hills Foundation	1-4150	Bequest - specific ministry	Trust - term due	\$58,236.53	\$59,497.69
James Taylor Memorial	1-4160	Bequest - JT Hall	Trust - at call	\$475.89	\$478.75
Staff Benefit	1-1114	Salary sacrifice -	at call	\$15,537.95	\$837.87
			<i>sub-total all bequest &amp; benefit</i>	<i>\$205,612.27</i>	<i>\$191,772.65</i>
			<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$337,314.89</b>	<b>\$326,105.31</b>
		Debtor (BAS)	that is owed to the parish	\$2,179.65	\$612.86
		Creditor (SUPER)	that is the parish owes	-\$0.40	-\$0.40
		<b>Nett (Total Equity)</b>		<b>\$339,494.14</b>	<b>\$326,717.77</b>
		<b>Nett without Benefit Account</b>		<b>\$323,956.19</b>	<b>\$325,879.90</b>
		<b>Total available parish cash assets</b>		<b>\$323,956.19</b>	<b>\$325,879.90</b>
			<b>Increase in equity for yr 2009 (without benefit acct)</b>		<b>\$1,923.71</b>
		<b>Total available parish cash assets</b>	<b>at 31 Dec 2009</b>	<b>\$325,879.90</b>	
These comparison figures should be read with care. Cash is often saved for a number of years before being spent on its designated purpose. Over the years the number of full time clergy has varied considerably, thus changing income and expense.			at 31 Dec 2008	\$323,956.19	
			at 31 Dec 2007	\$346,952.70	
			at 31 Dec 2006	\$317,334.14	
			at 31 Dec 2005	\$323,059.30	
<b>Information on other accounts - separately audited - not part of the official audit.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Balance 31/12/2009</b>	<b>Balance at 1/1/2009</b>		
<b>St James' Property Capital Trust</b>	31/12/09	<b>\$1,229,150.37</b>	\$1,220,474.38	Capital kept in the common Fund - proceeds from Taylor St property sales	
GFS - working	31/12/09			Connected to a wider Diocesan organisation	
GFS - Fundraising for camps and leadership training	31/12/09	<b>\$2,677.56</b>		Connected to a wider Diocesan organisation	
MU - operating	31/12/09	<b>\$1,406.11</b>		Connected to a wider Diocesan organisation	
MU - bookstall	31/12/09	<b>\$228.69</b>		Connected to a wider Diocesan organisation	
AMS operating	31/12/09	<b>\$1,605.14</b>		Connected to a wider Diocesan organisation	
AMS term	31/12/09	<b>\$2,537.91</b>		Connected to a wider Diocesan organisation	
Guild - (Card days)	31/12/09	<b>\$2,816.81</b>		For use in the parish	

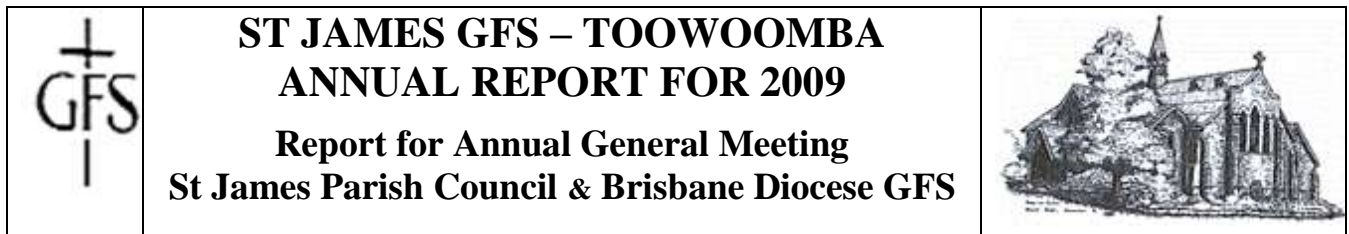
RECONCILIATIONS - AUDITED					
ACCOUNT		Operating	Parish Centre	Marriage	St Anne
Opening Balance 1/1/2009		\$23,206.05	\$13,816.88	\$2,566.25	\$3,186.57
Revenue		\$364,018.68	\$37,265.28	\$5,654.49	\$9,369.29
Sub-total		\$387,224.73	\$51,082.16	\$8,220.74	\$12,555.86
Expenditure		\$367,049.99	\$33,823.96	\$5,937.78	\$7,284.03
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$20,174.74</b>	<b>\$17,258.20</b>	<b>\$2,282.96</b>	<b>\$5,271.83</b>
Statement 31/12/2009		\$29,834.54	\$17,281.10	\$2,607.96	\$4,825.83
Outstanding Deposits					\$446.00
Outstanding Cheques		\$9,659.80	\$22.90	\$325.00	
<b>BALANCE 31/12/2008</b>		<b>\$20,174.74</b>	<b>\$17,258.20</b>	<b>\$2,282.96</b>	<b>\$5,271.83</b>
RECONCILIATIONS (continued) AUDITED					
ACCOUNT		Parish 1 Month		Rex George Payne	Wrembeck Bequest
Opening Balance 1/1/2009		\$84,902.99		\$105,262.72	\$26,099.18
Revenue		\$28,165.91		\$4,152.91	\$444.52
Sub-total		\$113,068.90		\$109,415.63	\$26,543.70
Expenditure		\$29,000.00		\$5,000.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$84,068.90</b>		<b>\$104,415.63</b>	<b>\$26,543.70</b>
Statement 31/12/2009		\$84,068.90		\$104,414.64	\$26,543.70
Outstanding Deposits		\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Outstanding Cheques		\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>BALANCE 31/12/2009</b>		<b>\$84,068.90</b>		<b>\$104,414.64</b>	<b>\$26,543.70</b>
RECONCILIATIONS (continued) AUDITED					
ACCOUNT		Hills Foundation	James Taylor Memorial	Staff Benefit (not for parish use)	
Opening Balance 1/1/2009		\$58,236.53	\$475.89	\$15,537.95	
Revenue		\$1,261.16	\$2.86	\$17,890.28	
Sub-total		\$59,497.69	\$478.75	\$33,428.23	
Expenditure				\$32,590.36	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$59,497.69</b>	<b>\$478.75</b>	<b>\$837.87</b>	
Statement 31/12/2009		\$59,497.69	\$478.75	\$837.87	
Outstanding Deposits		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Outstanding Cheques		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
<b>BALANCE 31/12/2009</b>		<b>\$59,497.69</b>	<b>\$478.75</b>	<b>\$837.87</b>	

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Income and Expense for St James' Parish		2009		09 operating	09 non operating
For the year 2009 - except Benefit account		amount	subtotal	subtotal	subtotal
Income Group	Detail at level 3				
<b>Bequests &amp; Gifts Rec - Income</b>					
	Gifts (Income) - General	\$9,964.00			
	Gifts (income) - Specific	\$10,000.00			
	Sudanese ministry	\$700.00			
	subtotal		\$20,664.00	\$20,664.00	
<b>Offerings</b>					
	Offerings - Open Plate	\$41,709.40			
	Offerings - Envelopes	\$75,163.45			
	Offerings - Parish Direct	\$55,454.00			
	Offerings - Other	\$4,186.00			
	subtotal		\$176,512.85	\$176,512.85	
<b>Transfers from Other Church Groups</b>					
	Transfers within our MYOB	\$4,658.00			
	Transfers groups not on MYOB	\$3,450.00			
	subtotal		\$8,108.00	\$8,108.00	
<b>Fundraising</b>					
	Maintenance St James Church	\$840.00			
	Maintenance Fund - St James Organ	\$3,170.00			
	Maintenance Fund - St James	\$160.00			
	Maintenance Fund - Rectory	\$1,210.00			
	subtotal		\$5,380.00	\$5,380.00	
<b>Parish Functions</b>					
	Various	\$18,499.26			
	Sundry Income -	\$2,034.19			
	subtotal		\$20,533.45	\$20,533.45	
<b>Property Income (Non-Invest.)</b>					
	Hall Rental Income - St James	\$6,329.45			
	Hall Rental Insurance - St James	\$48.18			
	Hall Donations - St James	\$367.00			
	Hall Rental Income - St Anne's	\$3,710.00			
	Hall Donations - St Anne's	\$128.75			
	Hall Rental Income - St Thomas	\$2,371.82			
	Hall Donations St Thomas	\$80.00			
	subtotal		\$13,035.20		\$13,035.20
<b>Property Income-Rental Property</b>					
	Rent RP1 - 1 Kenneth Street	\$12,051.50			
	Rent RP2 - 41 Taylor Street				
	Rent RP3 - 43 Taylor Street				
	Rent RP4 - 45 Taylor Street	\$128.55			
	Rent RP5 - 47 Taylor Street				
	Rent RP6 - James Taylor Hall	\$16,121.81			
	subtotal		\$28,301.86		\$28,301.86
<b>Invest. Income (Non-Property)</b>					
	Interest Received - Operating	\$3,598.67		\$3,598.67	
	cheque write backs	\$71.28		\$71.28	
	Interest Received - Non Operat	\$27,504.34			\$27,504.34
	subtotal		\$31,174.29		
<b>Ministerial Services Income</b>					
	Archdeacon Allowance				
	LSL Payments from Diocese	\$11,529.69			
	Marriage Fees	\$3,490.00			
	Funeral Fees	\$4,310.00			
	Other Services Income	\$10,162.76			
	subtotal		\$29,492.45	\$29,492.45	
<b>Received for Others</b>					
	Diocesan Appeals	\$6,139.95			
	Other Appeals	\$5,617.20			
	subtotal		\$11,757.15	\$11,757.15	
<b>Grants received</b>					
	Grants - Other Sources				
	Grant - Heritage				\$0.00
	subtotal				\$0.00
<b>Business/Activities Income</b>					
	Catering Income	\$29,445.55			
	Music Guild	\$7,307.85			
	Benefit Accounts - Personal*				
	(*benefit account not included)				
	subtotal		\$36,753.40		\$36,753.40
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$381,712.65</b>	<b>\$381,712.65</b>	<b>\$276,117.85</b>	<b>\$105,594.80</b>

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For the year 2009 (except benefit)					
Expense Group	Detail at level 3		09 subtotal	09 operating subtotal	09 non operating subtotal
Payroll Expenses					
	Rector's Salary etc	\$64,038.83			
	Honorary Priest	\$5,681.31			
	Asst Minister Salary etc	\$64,607.27			
	Locum	\$6,840.00			
	Relieving- visiting Clergy	\$240.00			
	Student & Youth worker	\$500.00			
	Admin Staff Salary etc	\$18,166.20			
	combined staff costs	\$525.40			
	Cont Education for Ministry	\$3,201.14			
	subtotal		\$163,800.15	\$163,800.15	
Ministry & Worship Expenses					
	Worship Resources	\$8,819.78			
	Outreach Expenses	\$1,634.99			
	Transfers on MYOB	\$4,579.05			
	subtotal		\$15,033.82	\$15,033.82	
Giving					
	Diocesan Contribution	\$27,000.00			
	Diocesan Administration Levy	\$810.00			
	Diocesan Appeals - Parish Givi	\$7,268.40			
	Diocesan Appeals - Rec from Ot	\$789.00			
	Other Appeals - Parish Giving	\$6,534.17			
	subtotal		\$42,401.57	\$42,401.57	
Occupancy Expenses					
	Rental Expenses	\$1,036.95			\$1,036.95
	Council Rates - gen sew clean	\$9,296.43		\$5,650.93	\$3,645.50
	Land Tax	\$1,895.00			\$1,895.00
	Water Rates	\$4,121.19		\$1,940.31	\$2,180.88
	Electricity	\$5,989.70		\$5,989.70	
	Gas	\$965.89		\$765.89	\$200.00
	Security & Fire Protection	\$826.96		\$826.96	
	Insurance - Property	\$5,823.01		\$4,710.14	\$1,112.87
	Maintenance & Repairs	\$46,074.02		\$19,976.76	\$26,097.26
	subtotal		\$76,029.15		
Administration Expenses					
	Admin	\$1,200.00			
	Office Expenses	\$12,265.21			
	Cleaning Expenses	\$8,351.90			
	Motor Vehicle Expenses - Recto	\$4,316.68			
	Motor Vehicle Expenses - AM	\$1,657.75			
	Telephone/Fax/Internet	\$4,216.11			
	Sundry Expenses	\$75.00			
	subtotal		\$32,082.65	\$32,082.65	
Finance Expenses					
	Financial expenses	\$119.00			
	subtotal		\$119.00	\$119.00	
Capital Acquisitions					
	Capital Acq - Minor (<\$1000)	\$4,599.79			
	Capital Acq - Major (>\$1000)	\$9,844.77			
	subtotal		\$14,444.56	\$14,444.56	
Fundraising Expenses					
	Parish Functions	\$13,629.62			
	subtotal		\$13,629.62	\$13,629.62	
Other costs by centre					
	St James	\$1,165.31			
	St Anne	\$1,913.37			
	subtotal		\$3,078.68	\$3,078.68	
Business/Activity Expenses					
	Catering	\$16,522.17			
	Music Guild Expense	\$3,087.48			
	Benefits Accounts - Personal* (*benefit account not included)				
	subtotal		\$19,609.65		\$19,609.65
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$380,228.85</b>	<b>\$380,228.85</b>	<b>\$324,450.74</b>	<b>\$55,778.11</b>
			<b>\$1,483.80</b>	<b>-\$48,332.89</b>	<b>\$49,816.69</b>
			<b>09 total</b>	<b>09 operating</b>	<b>09 non operating</b>
			This is the net change in equity for the year to date excluding benefit account. While benefit account is a parish account it is only for the use of the staff.		



**ST JAMES GFS – TOOWOOMBA**

Report for Annual General Meetings

St James Parish Council & Brisbane Diocese GFS

**Attendance:** 1 Commissioned Leader, 3 Adult Helpers, 1 Non-Commissioned Junior Leader (in training), 12 registered members – (including 2 young boys) aged preschool to 21 year old, 3 visitors. By the end of the year, a regular 7 were in attendance.

**Programming:** “Seasons of the Spirit” programme was utilised, along with special activities throughout the year. Highlights:- Mums & Dads visits for Mothers & Fathers Day respectively, our Christmas gift making & visits to Westhaven RSL Home & Symes Thorpe Home for the Aged (this year knee rugs – made 6 for each home); Leader Training; Wreath Laying at Westhaven on Anzac Day; Attending Family Services, Flower Roster at St James. We were unable to, this year, as a branch, to attend Diocesan Activities – World Day of Prayer, Kids Day Out & some meetings, nor were we able to hold our Annual Cent Sale.

**Fundraising:** The members & leaders, worked to raise funds for GFS Projects – Diocesan, Provincial, Australian & World Projects, Leader Training & Diocesan Meeting Expenses. Tuckshop nights and spoon cleaning was all we could manage this year.

**Promotion:** is via

- weekly Parish Pew Bulletin informing through our two churches
- Calendar of events to each parent and on notice board
- Promotional pamphlets & newsletters
- Being seen/involved in other Parish activities (both members & parents) such as the flower roster, with MU, servers, readers, children’s lessons & craft on Sundays
- Word of mouth at every opportunity

**Goal from 2008 for 2009:** We were unable to maintain our increased membership – some through moving from Toowoomba – others choosing to not continue to attend because of other commitments. The Sudanese children were invited to come along to both GFS and the women to MU but to date none has attended either group.

**Thanks** Rose, Karen, ‘Nanny’ & Amanda. You were all great.

**Thank you:** to members, helpers, junior leader, parents/guardians, clergy, parishioners & friends of GFS, and Brisbane Diocese GFS members – what a great year!

**Aims & Goals for 2010 from a GFS point of view:**

- encourage new membership
- praying for an adult to step into the role of leader of St James Branch – I am looking at 2010 being my last year as leader of the Branch (I feel it’s time).

Jean Cameron – Leader – St James GFS, Toowoomba

## **WANTOKS LEADERS REPORT**

It gives me great pleasure to present Toowoomba Wantoks Leader's Report for 2009.

It has been a very busy year and a sad one also with the passing of one of our members Bev Dewer. Other members have also been unable to attend every meeting due to illness, family and other commitments or because of moving away.

The year commenced with our fellowship morning and discussion on our Caritas Prayer and what it means to us. We made great progress with our banner this year. Many thanks to Ann Paroz for helping us with ideas and materials. Our design was approved by the Banner Committee and we hope to be 'full-steam-ahead' in the new year.

In April, Helen Chapman told us all about her Learning Ladder books for children. Some members purchased books for gifts and Helen gave us a 'Noah's Ark' book to be raffled with the proceeds going towards our banner.

May saw one again our video and quiche morning. Thank you to Rosslyn and Kay for organising things while I was away. In June we had a visit to the Cobb & Co. Museum and in July, Charmaine showed us how to make butterfly and teapot decorations to be used at the Teapot Extravaganza at Carnival time.

Our Mystery Auction was a great success and lots of fun in August and in September, although our numbers were small due to flu, our visit to Symes Thorpe Nursing Home was a happy time for all. Thank you to Kris for playing the piano for us. October was our Show and Tell morning. It was great to share our special keepsakes and hear the stories about them.

Thank you to St James Parish for letting us use their centre once again and a big thank you at all Office Bearers for your support in 2009. I won't be continuing on as president in 2010 as we plan to travel quite a bit next year. Thank you to Kris one again for chairing our AGM this year.

Best wishes for the year ahead to all our Wantoks Members.

Beth Harvey

## **REPORT FOR MU (Mothers Union)**

St. James Parish MU currently has 34 members.

**The Purpose** of The Mothers' Union is to be especially concerned with all that strengthens and preserves marriage and Christian family life.

**Our Aim** is the advancement of the Christian religion in the sphere of marriage and family life.

### **Our Five Objects are:**

1. To uphold Christ's teaching on the nature of marriage and to promote its wider understanding.
2. To encourage parents to bring up their children in the faith and life of the Church.
3. To maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service.
4. To promote conditions in society favorable to stable family life and the protection of children.
5. To help those whose family life has met adversity.

The St James MU members have had a very busy year with their commitment to keep the five objectives that are stated above. The list below will give you an understanding of the work that has been carried out.

Craft group – knitting for special care nursery at St. Vincent's Hospital Toowoomba, Teddy Bears for baptized children, Aids babies in Africa and beanies for Mission Seafarers.

Court Roster – MU members help with cups of tea providing a service for the community throughout the year.

Bookstall with cards etc. are sold at Wednesday meetings and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday every month providing a service for the MU members as well as the parish of St. James.

The A.B.C. Service is held on the last Wednesday of the month and morning tea is provided by the MU ladies. Playtime for the children is exciting due to the Jumping Castle provided. Our aim is to encourage young families in the life of the church and make St. James a welcoming and friendly place to visit.

Sheela Turner, Barbara Carlile and Karen Klein all contributed their sewing skills by making the Stoles for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese.

Packs of hand washes and toiletries were donated to the hospital in May.

In March the Mothering Sunday retiring collection raised \$505.55 for the World Wide Relief Fund providing emergency support worldwide to families who have suffered from natural or worldwide disasters.

We delivered Easter eggs at Easter time and biscuits at Christmas time to the residents at Rangeview nursing Home - donated by our members.

A donation of \$20.00 was given to then 2009 MU Australia Holiday for a disadvantaged family that MU Australia selects.

In August the Spiritus Chaplaincy Retiring Collection was held and \$216.35 collected.

Member participation within our Parish --- Prayer circle--- Wave of Prayer --- Women's World Day of Prayer--- Lady Day--- Council meetings--- Deanery Day and MU conference.

On Wednesday 2nd December 2009 we held our Christmas party and hosted a day for the Trading Circle with Sister Kay Mc Grath from the Order of the Good Shepherd. Trading Circle helps women out of poverty, it empowers women to earn money for their families to survive and live in dignity. Sister Kay sold \$995.00 of merchandise on this day.

St. James MU hosted two special days this year, "Mary Sumner Day and World Day of Prayer".

St. James MU has contact with members overseas: Margaret Serson (Ireland) and Eileen Benson (England) and New Guinea.

MU members became involved with the Christmas Tree Festival at St. Luke's Church. Our Monday night members definitely thought outside the box when they made a very large cardboard tree, decorating it with the theme of the English song "The 12<sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas". All the beautiful decorations were made by the night time members. The Wednesday group took up a collection and provided funds for the much needed craft supplies to make the decorations. Also MU members from Wednesday and Monday night time group volunteered for duties such as serving tea and welcoming people to St. Luke's during the Christmas Tree Festival.

Looking back over the past year, it has been an enjoyable time where members have worked together on different projects and spent time in fellowship with one another and the wider community. I have enjoyed the experience of being secretary and working alongside my fellow committee members. I have learnt quite a lot during this past year about how MU works together for the good of society. I would like to thank all MU members for their love and support.

Yours Sincerely

Wilma Maslen.

## **SOCIAL CLUB REPORT**

### **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST NOTES:**

**7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2009:** This was the first women's fellowship breakfast for the year. Lynne Newton welcomed everybody and said Grace. Twenty two ladies enjoyed fellowship and a continental breakfast. Bev Belford read a lovely poem "The Housewife's Christ", which was taken from a Parish paper from Ceylon in the year 1960. Wilma organized "Have a chat", where the ladies speak to someone they don't know or don't see very often. Going by the buzz in the room it was quite successful and the ladies enjoyed it very much. Profit \$19.00

**7<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2009:** Our guest speaker today was Bonnie Jones who talked about her holiday to Europe. Bonnie talked about her adventures in England, Ireland Scotland and Wales and showed photographs, postcards and books of places where she went. Bonnie said she will come back and talk about the rest of her holiday another time. Nineteen ladies enjoyed a continental breakfast. Profit \$29.45

Total \$48.45

**4<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2009:** Due to rainy conditions only 12 ladies were present this morning. Amanda said Grace and we all enjoyed a lovely continental breakfast. After breakfast Lynne and Wilma read Easter poems by Helen Steiner Rice. We then listened to two A.B.M. films about Melanesia. Lack of education and poverty is a real problem for the people of these islands. The ladies unanimously voted that we give a donation of \$50.00 to the A.B.M. appeal from the proceeds of our breakfast club.

Profit \$48.45 + \$22.15(April ) = \$70.60

**Donation to A.B.M. Appeal \$50.00**

**2<sup>nd</sup> MAY 2009:** 12 Ladies attended this breakfast including Rev Kay who was our guest speaker. Rev Kay told us about her career as a teacher in Papua New Guinea, Canada and the Northern Territory. It was wonderful to hear the interesting stories that she told us. We are truly blessed to have her with us.

**Donation to Leprosy Mission \$20.00**

**4<sup>th</sup> JULY 2009:** 19 Ladies were brave enough to come out on this cold morning. We all warmed up with hot porridge and sausage casserole on toast. Our guest speakers were Lynne Newton and Bev Belford who talked about their holidays in France and England. Profit \$50.00

**1ST. AUGUST 2009:** Bev Belford was the hostess this morning. The guest speaker was Carol Lawrence – Publicity Officer from the Bible Society. Bev cooked up a savoury mince on toast for the ladies. Profit \$30.00

**5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009:** This morning we celebrated spring with a continental breakfast. Our guest speaker was our very own Reverend Frances Andrews. Frances reflected back to her earlier years and her calling to the ministry which was quite moving. We also found out that she is now a true blue Aussie. Rene recited two lovely poems. Profit \$38.20

**Donation: \$68.90 Bible Society**

**4<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2009:** Sandy Whybird was our guest speaker this morning. Sandy spoke about her role as a teacher and how things have changed over the years. All the ladies interacted by talking about their schooldays. Unfortunately, there was a very badly behaved school girl at the breakfast who was very rude and disrupted the morning events. No names will be mentioned as we all know who she was. We all shared a lot of laughs remembering the good old days! Profit \$54.00

**14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2009:** This morning our guest speaker was Mrs. Joy Woodfield. Joy spoke about Hagar (the servant of Sarah) and how God worked in her life. This was a very inspirational talk and was most appreciated by the women at the breakfast. We also had Mrs. Leonne Newman display her beautiful jewellery that she designed and made herself. Profit \$59.00

**5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2009:** “Christmas Party” . Rene entertained us with her wonderful poetry and Julie talked to us about her trip to New Zealand.

**OTHER EVENTS:**

**14<sup>th</sup> JULY 2009:** Pam Wedgwood and Lyn Hodgson organized “A Celebration of Bastille Day” in the Parish Centre. French cuisine, French wine and French maids set the scene for a fun night. Special guest performance from the cast of Les Miserables entertained the diners. A special mention to Pam and Lyn who worked tirelessly cooking the French cuisine. Just over \$2,000 was raised from this special event.

**3<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER 2009:** The Melbourne Cup Luncheon and Fashion Parade was held in the Parish Center. Miller’s Fashion Store (Clifford Gardens) provided the fashion for the fashion parade and Mrs. Rae Blinco provided the lovely music. This year “The Fashions on the Field” were amazing with all the guests, ladies and men wearing their finest hats. Our models were Dale Sinidoc, Colleen Hall, Leonne Newman, Rosemary Warbrick, Carol Baldwin and Denise Snape. Our caterers were Pam Wedgwood and Lyn Hodgson. Father Gary, Chris Hall, Mal Maslen , Lynne Newton and Noel Newman were a tremendous help. This event raised \$1,125.50.

I would like to thank all the people who support these events and the people who work very hard making these events possible.

Yours sincerely Wilma Maslen.

**ST JAMES’ ANGLICAN MEN’S SOCIETY**

It gives me great pleasure to present the report on the activities of the Society for 2009.

We started the year with the AGM in February where we elected the office bearers for the year. Jim Smith – Chairman, Frank Francis – Secretary, Des Wieck – Treasurer. I would like to thank Frank and Des for the work that they have put in through the year, also our Rector Gary and all the members, for attending our meetings.

Our Catering Team of Bev, Carmen, Lorna and Leslie have kept us well fed and all the members join with me in a big thank you.

Our guest speakers spoke on a variety of subjects that were all informative and interesting. Our delegates travelled to different branches for the provincial council meetings to have a say in how the Society is run. My wife and I travelled to Bathurst to attend the National council Meeting in November and had an extended holiday through some of NSW.

Some of our members travelled to Ipswich to compete in the Egg Cup and Lighter Competition and we won the Lighter Trophy.

Our fundraising for the year consists of a live theatre night at the Toowoomba Reparatory theatre and the profits for the night are shared by us and the parish. The funds are sent to the provincial council to go towards the project.

On a sad occasion we said farewell to one of our loyal members, Errol Jorgensen OAM MM. Errol was given a full military funeral as he was a Milne Bay returned soldier.

Barry and I also attended the funeral of John Ridge who was a member and long serving secretary of the provincial council.

We have 2 functions through the year when we invite our partners along to take part in a meal and some good fellowship.

I wish all the members good health and happiness for 2010.

Yours in WFS

John Smith  
(Chairman)



## **CHOIR REPORT**

In 2009 the choir continued to be led by Andrew Doecke and his patience and expertise was much appreciated. Besides leading the worship at the 7.30am service most Sundays the choir contributed to a number of special services during the year.

The choir continued its membership of the Royal School of Church Music and fund raising by the music guild meant further purchases of music from this organisation were possible. Most of the new music purchased focused on Christmas, giving the choir an increased repertoire for future years.

Special services for the Mother's Union and to celebrate the New Guinea Martyrs took the form of Evensong and it was a refreshing change to be able to present a modern version of this much loved format. Rev. David Snape was able to join the choir for the Martyrs service and act as cantor. (What a shame we can't have him every week!). Other choirs from Holy Trinity Fortitude Valley and St. Paul's Ipswich were invited to join us for this service but unfortunately the bus bringing the Holy Trinity contingent broke down. Rev. Stephanie (now our assistant priest) was able to join us with other members from St. Paul's. Music included the favourite hymn of John Barge who was one of the martyrs. A similar service is planned for 2010 and we pray there will not be any transport problems.

The highlight of the year was the celebration of the 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our parish. For this service the choir was augmented by members from St. Anne's and Ars Cantorum (Andrew's 'other' choir). With the Sudanese contribution also included it was a truly memorable occasion. The presentation of the Faure version of Psalm 84 was a tribute to the psalm having been sung at the service for the laying of the foundation stone in 1869.

Simon Pierce completed the restoration of the organ early in the 2009, as planned, and it was wonderful to have it at its best for our special celebrations.

We continue to thank God for Andrew's dedication and guidance and for the faithful members of the choir. In 2009 we welcomed Dale Sinnidol as a new member of the soprano line. There are still vacancies for others to join us especially men. Though few in number we endeavour to "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord"

Pam Wedgwood

## **ST JAMES' PARISH CENTRE – CATERING**

2009 continued to be as busy as ever. We continue to have some "regular" clients as well as "one off" functions throughout the year.

As always we are in need of volunteers to help particularly with setting up and using the dishwasher at the end of a function. Thanks must be extended to Barry Hockins, Merv Bond and Mark Carlyon who will set up where possible and also to the other men of the parish who will often put the furniture away on a Sunday after a function. Another area that we require male assistance is to man the dishwasher and if there are any ladies who could volunteer to help at some of the functions it would be appreciated if you could let Bev or myself know. We are not asking for help with the cooking, it is the preparation and serving on these days as some weeks can be very busy and it is helpful if others can be there on the day to do the serving..

This year, with the assistance of the ladies from St James Ladies Guild, a shade cloth sail has been placed in the courtyard adjacent to the Parish Centre. This appears to be effective and should be lower maintenance than the tree. Because of the protracted delay for the approval for the installation of the sail there were no other large projects undertaken in the year.

Teak seating was installed on the veranda of the Centre and there are two small cement seats to be shortly placed in the church grounds. The stairs leading to the garden shed are also being remodelled to make them safer to traverse.

The southern side of the roof of the Parish Centre and the walkway to the church were steam cleaned as well as the cement paths and surrounds prior to the erection of the sails.

Parishioners are reminded that proceeds from the sale of coffee mugs go to the restoration of St James, so we would encourage you to purchase same to support this project.

Installation of a new gas stove and cooktop is still required as parts are no longer available for the current stove which was purchased second hand when the Centre was built. Reorganization of the kitchen will need to be done as well because of the difference between imperial and metric measurements.

Thank you to all the ladies and gents who continue to help at our functions. We look forward to your continuing support in 2010.

Carmen Varcin - Bev Bond

### **INDOOR BOWLS CLUB**

Another year has passed with eleven members belonging to our club. As not all members can attend each week the average attendance is less than that so we would welcome and encourage anyone, whether they have played bowls or not, to come along and join us for a fun evening. Two of our members were invited to, and enjoyed a game of bowls down at the Indoor Bowls Hall in Annand St one night during the year. We were able to make a donation of \$300.00 to the parish in 2009.

Graham Newton (President)