

2022

Annual Report

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Introduction.

"Christianity is in decline"

This seems to be the big-ticket item in the news cycle over the recently released 2021 Census Data. The media attention shouldn't surprise us - western media outlets seem to take every opportunity they can get to try and belittle Christianity, nowadays.

But the data shouldn't surprise us either. Over the years, there has been a steady trend away from Christianity in our western culture. We have become increasingly wary of institutions (including religious ones), particularly due to historical institutional abuse. Our culture has become more individualised, with more emphasis made on 'my personal fulfilment or spirituality' rather than subscribing to communal, traditional religious beliefs. This is exemplified in the rise of the 'nones' (those who have ticked 'no religion' in the census data). Unsurprisingly, everyone seems to be asking the question:

"What is the future of Christianity in Australia?"

And as you read these reports, you may very well be thinking a similar thing:

"What is the future of the church in Warialda?"

Well, The 2021 census figures for Warialda give me great optimism: Australia-wide, just 9.8% of people self-identified as 'Anglican'. But compare this to Warialda, where 35% of our community (a whopping 518 people) ticked the 'Anglican' box. Now, this doesn't mean that 518 people in Warialda know Jesus as their King, (Every week, we see just under 10% of that figure attend church). But it does mean that Jesus has placed us into a community where many people have a positive attitude toward our little Church, and Christianity in general: They might not yet regularly come to church, but they do see us as "their church". They might call themselves 'Christian', they just don't know Christ himself.

As you read through these reports, I wonder what opportunities God is putting on your own heart? Perhaps you might be bolder in showing practical love and care to others. Perhaps you might join a Bible Study group to grow in your own faith this year. Or you might invite a friend (who more than likely ticked 'Anglican') to church, and they may even say "yes". Perhaps you could be more prayerful in the resources and opportunities that God gives you.

Or perhaps you may just need reassurance. Likely, the numbers of 'Christians' or 'Anglicans' in Australia and our community will continue to wane. But the wonderful thing is that you and I are not on a 'sinking ship'... For this ship is captained by none other than the All-powerful, All-knowing, All-wise, All-Good King of the Universe, King Jesus. The future of Jesus' church is not reliant on our fickle society, but on Jesus himself. He has promised to build his church, and no secularisation, individualisation, or erosion of our community values will be able to stop him.

Come, Lord Jesus!

Rev. Steve Cimarosti
Vicar

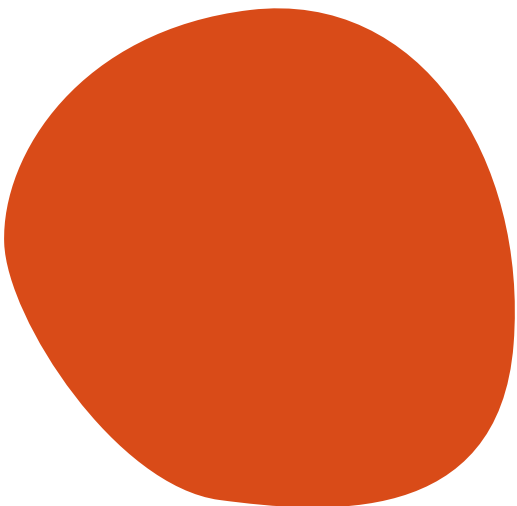
Agenda.

1. Prayer
2. Appointment of Minutes' Secretary
3. Declaration of a Quorum, Attendance & Apologies (Quorum = 7)
4. Declaration of General Business and Confirmation of Agenda
5. Declaration of Vacancies
6. Reports for Tabling & Adoption:
 - Vicar's Report
 - Churchwardens' Report
 - Treasurer's Report
7. Adoption of budget for 2022-23
8. Adoption of mission organisations to be supported in 2022-23
9. Other reports to be tabled and/or read:
 - SRE Report
 - Mission Report
 - Safe Ministry Report
10. (Appreciation to retiring councillors)
11. Elections:
 - 1 Parish Warden,
 - 4 Parish Councillors,
 - 1 Parish Nominator,
12. Appointment of Honorary Auditor/Auditor
13. General Business
14. Appointment of AGM minutes' approval and signing
15. Close

Note: Positions of Parish Secretary, Treasurer & Mission Secretary are elected at the first meeting of the newly elected Parish Council.



***2022
Reports.***



Vicar's Report.

The year in Brief

To my great delight, our Churchwardens have written a very in-depth report, and so I will try and keep my report as brief as possible, whilst filling in some extra details where needed. Thank you Rod & Garth, for all your hard work (not just in writing your report, but in your ministry to us all over the year).

Firstly, I want to thank YOU, our whole parish. The last year has been another year of shifting sands. Many of us were hoping to be 'past-Covid', but instead it seems that our community will end up living with the scars of this virus for quite some time. A big thank you to you all for the way you have patiently, and graciously dealt with the upheaval and changes over the year.

I have seen many of you holding firm to Christ, through good times and bad, all on top of the extra pressure that Covid-19 and government regulations have placed on us all.

Before I briefly touch on various areas around church, I also want to thank Louise and my kids. Having another baby has been absolutely wonderful, but has also brought extra complexity to our household. Giving birth in our region is not all that easy - with a 120km round trip to Inverell, our family ended up going to many medical appointments over there (often multiple times a week), and this was compounded by relatively inconsiderate covid-legislation. All through this, we have tried to juggle good ministry as a family together, but there have been many times when I have been quite a selfish husband and father, and have not dealt with these stresses well.

So thank you, Lou, August, Marcus & Bethany for your patience, forgiveness and kindness through all the joys and stresses of life.

Sunday Services - Warialda

I have specifically tried not to make too many changes to our Sunday services, since arriving in 2021. No public gathering is going to be exactly what everyone wants, but most of our Sunday service forms are helpful in their familiarity, flexibility & above all faithfulness to Christ.

Having said this, I have tried to add some other service types and flavours to our repertoire. (eg. A traditional midnight Christmas Eve service), in hope that this might be helpful for people whom we might not have catered for previously.

I am incredibly encouraged by everyone who is involved in serving on Sundays in various formal ways: Bible Reading, Praying, Service Leading, A/V, Welcoming, or preparing and serving Morning Tea. Let alone those who simply attend (which is just as much ministry!) It is truly wonderful to see God's people use the gifts that he has given them, for the building of each other's faith.

There are some areas for growth on Sundays. I would love a few more people to lead our services (It doesn't have to be 'the vicar' all of the time). I think we would all relish the idea of some live music rather than singing at a screen - but this requires (skilled) people. I would love our current volunteers to grow in the roles that they are already doing (and I include myself in this category!).

Here are the attendance records for the whole year (July 2020 to June 2021)

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE:

Highest weekend attendance:	41	(53)
Lowest weekend attendance:	12	(17)
Average weekly attendance:	31	(30)

(Last year's figures in brackets)

EASTER/CHRISTMAS ATTENDANCE:

Christmas Eve - 6pm Family:	33	(25)
Christmas Eve - 11pm trad:	25	(n/a)
Christmas Day:	10	(19)
Good Friday Morning service:	15	(16)
Good Friday Evening service :	22	(23)
Easter Sunday:	65	(46)



Noelie's 100th Birthday Party after church.

Branch Church Services - Coolatai

We hold a Holy Communion service at Coolatai at on the First Sunday of the month.

Coolatai continues to be an important part of our Parish - whilst attendance is low, the residents of Coolatai still come under our watch, and are often dealing with big challenges which require the comfort of Christ and his people.

Last year, I had a dream to try things a bit differently, by holding church in the pub in addition to more formal services at the church, but in conversation with the regulars, they thought this would not be helpful.

As I said last year, my hope is NOT to close down the congregation at Coolatai, but it has been hard to get momentum with this congregation, particularly as it only meets once a month (if that). This year we only had 6 services.

The Highlight at Coolatai was our Christmas Carols service we held in the Coolatai Hall. About 30 adults and children attended. Everyone had a wonderful time, and I received lots of positive feedback from people who don't normally attend church.

ATTENDANCE:

Highest attendance:	13	(11)
Lowest attendance:	8	(8)
Average attendance:	11	(8)

(Last year's figures in brackets)

We are addressing significant issues with the Coolatai church building, which I will refer you to the Wardens' report for.

Bible Studies

Bible Studies are the 'engine room' for growing as deep disciples of Christ. It's great to meet on Sundays to hear a sermon, but Bible Study is where we get to discuss and digest, to ask questions, and deeply explore God's word together.

At the moment, 2 Bible study groups meet weekly, and I am very grateful to Janelle and Garth for running these two groups. I would love more people to take the opportunity to read and study the Bible together. I commend them to you.

Morning Prayer

Our mid-week Morning Prayer meetings have continued this year. We meet on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 9:00 am at the church.

We follow the rhythm of the Book of Common Prayer, as we read some passages from the Bible, think about them briefly, and then pray together.

Again, these times have been poorly attended, but over the year, I have found them incredibly helpful as we commit the day to the Lord, and ask him to help us be his faithful disciples through all the 'changes and chances' of the day. I will continue to be praying for more souls to meet with us on a regular basis.

Aged Care Ministry - Naroo

I have been greatly encouraged by the staff and residents at Naroo. During the Covid lockdowns, including a recent facility lockdown due to an outbreak, the Naroo staff have acted as though I am on the 'care team'. It seems that I am continually building a good rapport with the staff at Naroo, and I do not take this for granted.

It has been a deeply encouraging time for me to meet with people in their rooms and as I 'do the rounds'. I hope it has been just as encouraging for the residents and staff.

During the lockdown in August 2020, the government regulations didn't let us meet publicly for church, but they did let me visit people at Naroo. So there were a few Sunday mornings where the team at Naroo let me (work within the regulations) to hold church services at Naroo for the residents there, rather than running services at church.

It's always a sad thing to see residents pass away, but it is also a wonderful privilege to performing some of their funerals - Recently, I have held three funerals for residents I knew at Naroo, and their families have been thankful for our care and service.

Mid-week chapel services have continued at Naroo on roughly a fortnightly basis. Although, I have recently changed these arrangements to spread my attention to the aged-care residents at the Hospital also. (see below under 'Hospital/Ambulance Chaplaincy' for more information)

The format for these chapel services is very simple, we sing a few hymns, read a psalm and perhaps another Bible passage, a short 3-5 minute devotion on the passage, and some prayers together. Then we follow this up with some conversation, and personal prayer for the residents if they ask it of me.

For most chapel services at Naroo, we have around 10-12 residents who normally attend.



Our 'newest' church member (Bethany), meeting Audrey (101) and the residents at Naroo

Hospital/Ambulance Chaplaincy

This year, I was appointed to the board of the Warialda Multi-Purpose Service (Hospital). This group meets every second month to provide local guidance and oversight over the running of the hospital.

This year, we have only met once, but this connection with the hospital has been helpful to

give greater access to hospital visitation and palliative care. I now have a HNE Health name badge, and the staff at the hospital all seem to know me (or at least know who I am). Likewise, I seem to be growing a good rapport with the admin and nursing staff.

The Hospital has been happy for me to start Chapel services in the recreation room of the Aged-Care wing, and so I am alternating these chapel services between Naroo and the MPS. This enables residents from each facility to come across, and spend time with some new faces (if able).

Through organic relationships, I have also happened to get to know every one of the paramedics at the Warialda Ambulance Station. They are happy to call me their 'chaplain' (although without the official title), And I pop my head into the station every once in a while to see how they are going. Through these relationships, our family have had all of them over separately for a meal at least once, I have had a good few conversations about their lives, Jesus and faith, trauma and loss. There are great opportunities here to care for them emotionally, physically and spiritually in Jesus' name.

I have often thought about becoming an 'official' Ambulance NSW Volunteer Chaplain, hoping to increase my learning of dealing with trauma and strengthening these relationships, but I have held off on this up until now, so that I don't have the pressure of being 'on-call', and can manage my family a bit easier. This is still a possibility in the future.

Occasional Services

There have been a smattering of what I would classify as 'occasional' services, - no weddings, baptisms or confirmations for the year 2021-22, but quite a few funerals, and a few people interested in baptisms or child 'naming ceremonies' which haven't quite eventuated.

There were 10 funerals for the whole year (July 2021 - June 2022), held either at the church, the graveside, or at the crematorium in Inverell. We

continue to have a great rapport with the Funeral Home, and I have had good conversations about faith with them too.

Thankfully the restrictions for funerals have all been revoked at the beginning of this calendar year.

Other community events & organisations

Our family has continued to try and be as visible and available in the community as possible. Events like Australia Day, the Warialda show, and being involved in the local Toy Library, Community Preschool (Louise is on the P&C) have all been highlights. We also have a good relationship with the principal and staff at Warialda Primary School (I'll refer to Lou's SRE report for further details).

I have been greatly encouraged to see many other parishioners wish to represent Christ in their own lives and at various town events too. Keep up the good work, and ask for God to use these efforts!

Evangelism and Outreach

Over Christmas 2021, we held a few outreach events: having a stall at the town Christmas Carnival, as well as our annual 'Carols in the Park' with a BBQ, Christmas carols, an interactive kids talk, and some of Bill McIntosh's Bush-dancing.

The hope was to have a Mission team from Port Macquarie Christian Students come to help us with these events, along with some door-knocking and walk-up evangelism, however, their trip was cancelled, due to the team contracting Covid-19.

At the Christmas Carnival, we asked people to answer a survey about what they thought about Jesus - this was a way to gauge what our town thinks, and also provide an opportunity to invite people to our various Christmas Services and Christianity Explored.

In March/April 2022, we ran the Christianity Explored course. Throughout the course, there were 14 attendees, of which a few were self-confessed non-Christians. We will aim to run this course again next year, in hopes of sharing the Gospel with others.

Pastoral Care & Visitation

This year's Covid Lockdowns afforded me much more time to visit people in their homes, although I have not been able to engage in visitation as much as I would have liked.

Giving physical, emotional and spiritual care to others is just as important as 'formal' areas of ministry around church. I am so encouraged to see and hear of many people around the parish caring for others in their day to day lives. Keep it up!

Kids & Youth Ministry

Kids & Youth Ministry has been run informally, due to a lack of young people within the parish. But It has been important to keep kids ministry on the agenda, through age-appropriate teaching in our services. We do have a multi-generational congregation, and so helping all people know and trust Jesus, regardless of their age, is important. I want to add my personal thanks to those who have looked after my own kids on Sundays, particularly whilst Louise was terribly ill during her pregnancy.

Around Easter this year, we have seen a few other families come to Warialda and join our church family. Please be praying for each of their little ones, and please keep your eyes open to the ways that we can minister to them together as their family of faith.

Last year, I raised the idea of running a Holiday Kids Club. However, this event did not get off the ground again this year because of Covid lockdowns, a lack of volunteers, and the Parish Hall project still being unfinished. I am looking to commence this in 2023, all being well.

There are a few local High-school kids who would

be a good core group to start a local youth group (something our town desperately needs), and so when we finish off the Hall, this is a definite area of growth, I'd like us to try and facilitate.

Finally, this year the local toy library has been open for fewer days, so there is scope for us to run a group for young mums and bubs. Louise has run a music & movement group for many years and will be looking to start one up once we have the Parish Hall finished to host it.

Parish Administration & finances

Cecile, our Treasurer has provided a report regarding our financial position, along with the audited financials from our auditor. I wish to thank Cecile for all the hard work she has done with our finances over this year. It has been a steep learning curve for her to understand the new financial systems, but she has taken it in her stride, and I am led to believe that her treasurer's role is a lot easier with some of the heavy lifting that the technology does for us.

We have a wonderfully generous parish! Last year we moved an ambitious budget: to balance our books, we proposed a 10% increase in giving. I am so encouraged that we all but met that target (falling just \$1500 shy of the \$8800 increase). In addition to this, we saw some sizeable grants which enabled us to fully pay our diocesan bills and fund some extra Hall Renovation bills that we weren't expecting. With other underspending, we came out nearly \$9,500 in surplus of our ambitious budget! Praise God for his generosity, and for your faithful generosity back to him!

Unfortunately, this new financial year, we are going to have to 'walk by faith'. Some of last year's external income sources are not granted, in addition to many of our running costs going up. This means that our parish is looking at a possible \$21,000 deficit for 2022/23.



Gillian Law (CMS) talking to the congregation, as we met in the sun during a planned power outage

This is concerning, to be sure, but most parishes in our diocese are also in the same (if not worse) position, and Bishop Rod has assured me that he will do everything in his power to keep ministry flourishing in our patch, and is seeking external funding, perhaps from a bigger parish in Sydney, to try and help us pay some of our bills. Please do be praying for some miraculous way to balance our budget, so we do not have to eat into reserves too much.

Finally, I must also thank our Parish Council for their wealth of experience and knowledge, and their willingness to meet together to look after our parish. Last year we rolled over our parish council from the previous year. This year we will elect a new council, so please be praying that God would grant us another faithful group of people to further serve and grow His church here in Warialda.

Parish Hall

I hope you can already see in this report, that we are in a holding pattern for some very good ministry opportunities, until we have a functional Parish Hall.

We have received many generous offers of finances and help from outside and within the parish. Thank you to everyone who has donated time and money to help us finish off the hall. Lord willing, it will be done by Term 4 this year! Please continue to be praying for this, that we may be able to use this resource for good Gospel and community use. More info is in the Wardens' Report.

Good job on getting to the end of my report. Why not take a minute, and commit some of these things to the Lord - it's only according to His plans that we have the ability to do any of this!

By Christ's grace alone,

Rev. Steve Cimarosti
Vicar

Churchwardens' Report.

"A Challenging Year"

THE CHURCH AND COVID-19

During 2021, the Delta variant of the virus was proving to be very transmissible and extremely potent, requiring very careful and diligent management. In the latter part of 2021, strict conditions were imposed upon all churches by the NSW government (along with other establishments).

There were requirements for us to :

- ⊕ Self-isolate if we had travelled through other states or hot spots in NSW.
- ⊕ Record detailed attendance for each service, and info kept for a set period.
- ⊕ Wear face masks in church.
- ⊕ Ban congregational singing, with fines in place for flouting this regulation.
- ⊕ Wear masks in outdoor situations for a time.
- ⊕ Adhere to a one-person-per-4m² rule

There was a period of two or three weeks after Covid-19 vaccinations had become available when unvaccinated parishioners were not permitted to attend church. During this period, for three weeks, Parish Council decided to cancel church in solidarity to anyone for whom coming to church would be considered illegal by the government.

Thankfully, from the beginning of 2022, attendance to church has been opened up, with minimal restrictions and no more requirement for record-keeping placed on us from the Government.

Our church attendance throughout this period was a steady 25 – 35 worshippers.

Worship

During this year, we have worked our way through the following sermon series:

- ⊕ Gospel readings from the Lectionary
- ⊕ Job
- ⊕ Genesis
- ⊕ Seasonal lessons and Christmas and Easter

Out-Centres

Worship services continue to be held at Coolatai on the first Sunday of each month. The attendance at each meeting has been disappointing, and this lack of interest is beginning to show in the gradual deterioration of the church building. We are worried that if this trend continues, the venue could be declared non-compliant with Workplace Health & Safety regulations and be too hazardous to host our monthly services.

There appears to be some interest from the Coolatai locals at present in seeing the building brought up to scratch, and we are investigating the scope of works required to rectify the problems, and putting a team together to carry out the work.

We would be greatly encouraged to see our Warialda locals gather around the Coolatai community, particularly when we organise a working-bee or two in the near future.

Bible Studies

There are presently two bible study groups meeting on Wednesday afternoon. Bible Study Groups meet primarily for us to grow as deeper disciples of Christ. There are wonderful opportunities to share fellowship and care for one another in these groups also.

We encourage you to join one of these groups. Janelle Smith (0417 372 891) and Garth Skinner (0475 142 560) run these two current Bible Study groups, So you can get in contact with them.

Synod

The 2022 Synod will revert to the three-day duration as was experienced in previous Synods before the Covid-19 pandemic.

It will be held at the Brisbane Street campus of Calrossy School, and our Parish will be represented by Rev. Steve Cimarosti, Bill McIntosh, and Rod Smith, as per our election for these representatives in May 2022.

Maintenance & Repairs

Once again, it has been a HUGE year for church building and maintenance:

PARISH HALL REFURBISHMENT

- ⊕ Twelve parishioners attended a working bee in preparation for the arrival of MMM (Mobile Mission Maintenance).
- ⊕ Five timber stumps were removed because they had rotted out over the years and were a risk to the stability of the foundations.
- ⊕ A start was made on resurfacing the deck and tightening the timber screws.
- ⊕ Preparation was continued on the walls and ceilings of the office and meeting room to allow for the hanging of the Gyprock.
- ⊕ The external walls of the office and meeting room and the handrail outside the meeting room were painted with sealer undercoat.

MOBILE MISSION MAINTENANCE (MMM)

On 15th May 2022, we welcomed ten members of MMM to our Parish. They planned to complete the work on our hall within a two week visit. The planned work was to include:

- ⊕ Attaching skirting boards to the exterior stumps on the northern and western walls;
- ⊕ Finishing the servery including constructing a hardwood slab bench top, and architrave surrounds
- ⊕ Patching, sanding and sealing the internal floor of the hall;
- ⊕ Finishing the storage pantry (including shelving);
- ⊕ Sanding and sealing the external deck;

- ⊕ Plastering the walls and ceiling of the office and meeting room;
- ⊕ Internal and external painting;
- ⊕ Concreting a path on the southern side;
- ⊕ Repairing guttering and down-pipe on the northern side.

This was an ambitious project, but sadly, our local workforce and our visitors were hit badly by Covid-19, and the MMM team were forced to withdraw their services and return home after only a few days.

They are planning on returning to Warialda on Monday 18th July, for a week, to finish off this scope of works. After this, it should just be skilled labour required to finish the Hall renovation.

CHURCH BUILDING AND GROUNDS

The front door of the church and the adjacent glass panels are in need of replacement. The timber beading around the doors and glass has rotted out over the years, and the glass is old and damaged in parts. We are pursuing a plan to repair this.

Several exterior areas of the church building such as guttering, timber doors and wall panels require painting and repair.

The outside furniture in the morning tea area needs to be painted and some of the benches require some repair work.

The sandstone wall on the western end of the Hall needs to be stabilised with mortar.

Mission & Outreach

Gillian Law (our "link missionary") works in Rome for GBU (Gruppi Biblici Universitari), a student-based movement that unites students, and organises events focused on God's Word in universities up and down the country. GBU was established in 1950. GBU is the Italian branch of an international student movement called IFES (International Fellowship of Evangelical Students) which operates in more than 150 countries worldwide.

Gillian spent three days with us during the last week of June, during which time she visited our Bible study groups, participated in a Zoom (online) training seminar, spoke at our regular Sunday service and addressed our Parish Council. It was great to welcome Gillian back into our Parish.

MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP (MAF)

MAF has been in contact with our church since the resignation of our previous mission family, the Starrs. We intend to conduct a fundraising activity in the latter half of 2022.

CMS MISSION ENCOUNTER

CMS Mission Encounter was held on August 5-6 August 2022 in Tamworth to learn more about God's saving work in the world, and how we can be involved.

The speaker was Rev Stuart Coulton, the retired Principal of the Sydney Missionary and Bible College.

At the time of printing, the report from this event was not available.

MEN@GLEN

Men@Glen was cancelled in 2022 due to the outbreak of the Omicron variant of Covid-19. Plans are in place for March 2023

MEN'S BARBECUE

On Saturday 10th September, we will welcome Andrew Dekkers and Andy Paton, two young Christian guys from Inverell, who will bring two interesting stories of Christian life. Invitations will be out soon.

WOMEN'S BARBECUE

Wendy Smith from Anglicare New England will be our speaker for this year's ladies' dinner. This will happen on Saturday 6th August.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Our Carols Service in December last year was held at Captain Cook Park. It was an excellent night, with a BBQ, a good mixture of traditional carols modern Christian songs, and lively kids' activities.

The audience stayed on afterwards, and there were great Christian-centred conversations that occurred during this time.

TOWN CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL

On 11th December 2021, our church had a stall at the town Christmas party. Questionnaires were completed by the attendees which gave us good information on attitudes and beliefs.

Steve and Lou handed out a large number of "Jesus Loves You" balloons to anyone interested. Our church had a good visual presence at this event, and our stall was well patronised.

Next Phase Conference

In May 2022, a number of our congregation attended the Next Phase Conference at the Armidale Cathedral. It was a conference for people over 50 years of age who may have been looking for ways to serve God in their retirement. The keynote speaker for all of the sessions was Rev. Peter Jensen, the former Archbishop of Sydney, delivering talks on Romans 8.

Participants were given the opportunity to attend elective sessions such as:

- + Introduction to Bible Study Leading;
- + Experienced Bible Study Leading;
- + Pastoral Care;
- + Gospel Outreach;
- + Lay Preaching and Short Term Ministry;
- + Scripture Teaching;
- + Children's Ministry;
- + Anglicare;
- + Setting up a Pastoral Care and Hospital Visitation Team.

Other News

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Thanks to Margaret for taking on this most important task. You are doing an excellent job and your efforts are much appreciated.

WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY

Work Health and Safety issues are reviewed regularly by Parish Council and rectified where identified.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

We are grateful to two special people in our congregation – our Treasurer, Cecile Egan, and our Assistant Treasurer, Alison Allen, for the work they have done during the period of transition from our previous Treasurer.

Being the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer is a time-consuming, and at times extremely stressful job.

In Cecile's case, it required her to learn Xero, a new suite of computer software which was a requirement of the Australian Tax Office for her to remain compliant with their rigorous record-keeping expectations.

Alison Allen, as Assistant Treasurer has conscientiously checked and banked our finances weekly. We thank them both for their faithful stewardship of our finances.

Our thanks also go to Tania Stevens in Coolatai for the assistance she has given Cecile during the changeover to Xero, and to Melissa Landers for taking on the role of Honorary Auditor.

Weekly giving via direct deposit online transactions has helped maintain a constant income stream, even during times when church attendance is down due to school holidays, long weekends, COVID-19 etc.

In Christian love,

Rod and Garth
Parish Wardens



MMM Team, who arrived for the second time, to help with the Parish Hall project in July 2022.

SRE Report.

In 2021-22, SRE (special religious education) continued at Warialda Public School (WPS) taught by myself.

In 2021, Covid lockdowns at WPS meant that we only taught term 1, a little of term 2 and then three final lessons at the end of term 4. Praise God that we had 117 enrolled.

Despite the disruption to lessons, I tried to make the most of the time I had with the students. At the end of the year I sent them all home with an invite to all our church Christmas events.

In 2022, SRE has resumed with lessons allowed every week. Baby Bethany was born in the first weeks of term 1, and so Steve taught SRE for the majority of that term allowing me to settle into a good routine with Beth. In term 2, I have returned to the classroom while Steve watches the children on Friday mornings.

Enrolment in Anglican SRE is down from last year by about 20 students, although we do know of a few parents who have enrolled their children in SRE for the first time, largely due to personal relationships that they have with our family. This means that we have just under 100 students split across 4 separate classes: Kindy, yrs 1-2, yrs 3-4, & yrs 5-6 - I hope you can appreciate is a massive undertaking! It takes about 2 hours each week for me to prepare for the lessons and then another 2 hours to teach them. I have developed a lovely relationship with the students and I believe they look forward to my lessons. Over the last semester, we have been working through the kings of the Old Testament and looking at how they point to God's perfect king, Jesus. We also sing, pray and learn memory verses each week.

This year I have also been attempting to step outside my comfort zone and interact with the teachers/staff at the school more too. I have enjoyed sharing a cuppa with them in the staff room and offering to pray for them as the need arises.

Preparing and teaching four classes by myself brings me joy, but it is tiring. I do feel stretched to get to know all 100 students, and race from classroom to classroom each Friday morning. In addition to this, each class requires different teaching content and style to suit their age and development. Specifically, I feel I should dig deeper into the Bible with the year 5-6 class, but I don't always have the energy to prepare well to do that with them.

It would be so wonderful to be able to share the load with someone who is also passionate about kids knowing Jesus. If this is you, please let me know. Our church would love to train up others to be in our schools. All the training is provided, and all you need is a heart that is willing to learn and serve.

Thanks,

Louise Cimarosti

Safe Ministry Report.

Safe Ministry is an important system in place within our whole diocese to ensure that we maintain a safe environment and our duty of care for all people associated with our parish (volunteers, parishioners, visitors, and staff).

Whilst Safe Ministry Training is a requirement for Wardens, Parish Councillors, and Children's Volunteers within the parish, my ongoing encouragement is that every parishioner does the Safe Ministry Training course, so that we all can have our eyes open to care for each other well.

The Training course covers things like:

- ⊕ Identifying and appointing appropriate leaders for Christian ministry,
- ⊕ Safe practices to protect vulnerable people,
- ⊕ Recognising and reporting abuse,
- ⊕ Providing a safe physical & social environment within a church context.

Our Parish continued to use the Safe Ministry Records Online (SaMRO), a secure online system, to record all our Safe Ministry data. Volunteers will get an email and/or SMS notification as their Working With Children Checks or Safe Ministry Training are close to expiry.

In the system, we have 13 people trained in the Safe Ministry Training (SMT) course as well as NSW Working With Children Check (WWCC) accredited.

As part of our Safe Ministry responsibilities, our parish has a Safe Ministry Representative. The Safe Ministry Representative ensures that we comply with Safe Ministry Protocols, and is the first point of contact for our parish, for any questions or concerns in this area.

Rev. Steve Cimarosti is our Safe Ministry Representative.

For all Safe Ministry questions or concerns within the parish, please contact Steve on the Parish phone number (02) 6729 1501.

If the Safe Ministry concerns are related to Steve's personal conduct, then the next level of contact would be the Diocesan Registry Office at (02) 6772 4491.

Further information about Safe Ministry Policies, and our diocesan code of conduct: "Faithfulness in Service" can be found on the Diocese website: www.armidaleanglicandiocese.com



Financial Reports.

Audited Statements from Financial Year 2021–22

Income Statement

St Simon's & St Jude's Anglican Church

For the year ended 30 June 2022

Income	
Offertories	
Direct Deposit	54,770.00
Warialda	31,241.10
Coolatai	510.00
Total Offertories	\$86,521.10
External Mission Giving	
External Mission Giving	5,572.85
B C A Boxes Giving	645.05
World Day Of Prayer Giving	255.00
Total External Mission Giving	\$6,472.90
Other Income	
Funerals/Occasional Services	2,250.00
Interest Income - Unrestricted	31.50
Miscellaneous	2,812.25
Total Other Income	\$5,093.75
Grant	20,500.00
Building Fund Giving	9,980.00
ATO Tax Refund	3,733.35
Total Income	\$132,301.10
Gross Income	\$132,301.10

Expenditure

Staffing Expenses

Stipend 32,847.62

Stipend Sacrifice & Ministry Expenses

Stipend Sacrifice 21,594.66

Ministry Expenses

Motor Vehicle Allowance 9,900.02

Mileage 567.90

Book & Tech. Allowance 1,000.00

Entertainment for the Parish 1,040.00

Total Ministry Expenses \$12,507.92

Total Stipend Sacrifice & Ministry Expenses \$34,102.58

Superannuation 9,306.96

C A S I 547.44

Long Service Leave 1,596.00

Professional Development 273.00

Total Staffing Expenses \$78,673.60

Running Expenses

Church Services 228.12

Office & Administration 1,371.50

P O Box 196.36

Total Running Expenses \$1,795.98

Electricity

Vicarage 1,915.26

Church Building 1,099.20

Parish Hall 655.38

Total Electricity \$3,669.84

Diocesan Quota 10,800.00

General Insurance 7,179.00

Outreach 578.68

Telephone & Internet 994.21

Water Rates 344.05

Other Expense 500.00

Property Expenses

Building Maintenance 1,011.59

Interest 1,018.03

Hall Renovation 4,160.80

5 KW Solar System-Vicarage 5,600.00

Total Property Expenses \$11,790.42

External Mission Giving

CMS - Newman A & N 205.33

CMS - Law G 1,872.61

Pioneers - G&R Appleby 1,872.61

North Kigesi Diocese in Uganda 1,667.80

BCA Boxes 645.05

World Day of Prayer 255.00

Total External Mission Giving \$6,518.40

Total Expenditure \$122,844.18

Surplus \$9,456.92

Balance Sheet

St Simon's & St Jude's Anglican Church

As at 30 June 2022

Assets

Bank	
Warialda Anglican Church Building Fund	12,365.57
Warialda Anglican Church General Fund S3	41,130.74
Warialda Anglican Church General Fund S30	100.00
Total Bank	\$53,596.31
Non-current Assets	
AHDF Investment	2,077.82
Total Non-current Assets	\$2,077.82
Total Assets	\$55,674.13

Liabilities

Current Liabilities	
GST	-2,004.27
PAYG Withholdings Payable	768.00
Superannuation Payable	0.12
Total Current Liabilities	-\$1,236.15
Non-current Liabilities	
Loan-Armidale Diocese	27,480.02
Total Non-current Liabilities	\$27,480.02
Total Liabilities	\$26,243.87

Net Assets	\$29,430.26
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Equity

Current Year Earnings	9,456.92
Retained Earnings	19,973.34
Total Equity	\$29,430.26

Note: Auditor's statement has been placed on page 24, so that the proposed budget can fit on a full spread

Warialda Anglican Church

Proposed Budget for Financial Year 2022-23

- Expenditure

	BUDGET 2021-2022	ACTUAL 2021-2022	BUDGET 2022-2023
STAFFING EXPENSES			
Stipend (inc. PAYG)	\$ 32,848	\$ 32,847	\$ 33,997
Stipend Sacrifice & Ministry Expenses	\$ 35,838	\$ 34,102	\$ 36,000
Superannuation	\$ 9,300	\$ 9,307	\$ 9,633
Clergy Accident & Sickness Insurance (CASI)	\$ 550	\$ 547	\$ 567
Long Service Leave	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,596	\$ 1,596
Professional Development		\$ 273	\$ 1000
Category Total	\$ 80,136	\$ 78,674	\$ 82,793
RUNNING EXPENSES			
Church Services	\$ 900	\$ 228	\$ 400
Office & Administration	\$ 800	\$ 1,568	\$ 1,600
Outreach	\$ 1,000	\$ 579	\$ 1,000
Electricity:			
Vicarage	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,915	\$ 2,000
Church Building	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,099	\$ 1,000
Parish Hall	\$ 1,000	\$ 655	\$ 1,200
Vicarage Heating	\$ 400	\$ -	\$ 400
Water Rates	\$ 700	\$ 344	\$ 500
Diocesan Quota	\$ 5,400	\$ 10,800	\$ 10,488
Insurance	\$ 5,400	\$ 7,179	\$ 6,714
Telephone & Internet	\$ 1,090	\$ 994	\$ 920
SRE Materials ¹	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ -
Category Total	\$ 20,890	\$ 25,861	\$ 26,222
PROPERTY EXPENSES			
Building Maintenance	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,011	\$ 3,000
Interest on Vicarage Renovation Loan	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,018	\$ 1,350
Vicarage Renovation Loan Principal ²		\$ 1,626	\$ 1,650
Parish Hall Renovation	\$ 10,000	\$ 4,161	\$ 5,000
Vicarage Grant – Solar System		\$ 5,600	
Volunteer Grant Redemption			\$ 5,000
Category Total	\$ 16,300	\$ 11,790	\$ 16,000
EXTERNAL MISSION GIVING	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,518	\$ 5000
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$ 122,326	\$ 122,843	\$ 130,015

Explanatory footnotes

1. There is currently \$1,723.32 in reserves for SRE materials, although no figure is budgeted.
2. This is not technically an 'actual expense', so not included in last year's actuals, but is considered an expense for the sake of budgeting.

Warialda Anglican Church

Proposed Budget for Financial Year 2022-23

- Income

	BUDGET 2021-2022	ACTUAL 2021-2022	BUDGET 2022-2023
OFFERTORIES			
Direct Deposit	\$ 55,000	\$ 54,770	\$ 55,000
Warialda	\$ 33,000	\$ 31,241	\$ 33,000
Coolatai	\$ 800	\$ 510	\$ 800
Category Total	\$ 88,800	\$ 86,521	\$ 88,800
EXTERNAL MISSION GIVING	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,473	\$ 5,000
BUILDING FUND GIVING	\$ 17,650	\$ 9,980	\$ 11,000
OTHER INCOME			
Funerals/Occasional Services	\$ 500	\$ 2,250	\$ 1,250
Interest Income		\$ 32	\$ -
Grant Income ³		\$ 20,500	\$ 1,000
ATO:			
PAYG Tax Refund ⁴	\$ 3,201	\$ 3,733	\$ -
GST Refund ⁵	\$ 6,941	\$ 6,941	\$ 1,900
Miscellaneous	\$ 442	\$ 2,812	\$ -
Category Total	\$ 11,084	\$ 29,327	\$ 4,150
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 122,534	\$ 132,301	\$ 108,950
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (From opposite)	\$ 122,326	\$ 122,843	\$ 130,015
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	\$ 208	\$ 9,457	\$ (21,065)

Explanatory footnotes

- A \$5000 federal government 'volunteer grant' was received in the 2021-22 financial year, which accounts for corresponding \$5000 expense must be used in the 2022-23 financial year. The Diocese has offered a \$1000 grant to the parish to cover our professional development expenses. In addition to this, the Bishop is seeking a grant of up to \$10,000 to help cover our Diocesan Quota, however at printing this is not guaranteed.
- This item was a 'tax credit' from the ATO for the year 2021-22. It meant that the parish didn't have to pay income tax. This credit is exhausted for 2022-23.
- GST Refund is not technically 'income', so not included in last year's actuals, but is considered as income for budgeting purposes. We are owed \$1900 of GST from ministry purchases in 2021-22.

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11th July 2022

St Simon's & St Jude's Anglican Church Warialda

Review of year ending 30th June 2022

I have reviewed a selection of the transactions and supporting documentation made available of St Simon's and St Jude's Anglican Church Warialda for the year ended 30 June 2022.

In my opinion, based on the information obtained, the Balance Sheet and accompanying Income Statement are properly drawn up as to give you a true and fair view of the St Simon's and St Jude's Anglican Church Warialda affairs and the operations of for the year ended 30 June 2022.



Melissa Landers

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***2021 SGM
Minutes.***

**Minutes of the Special General Meeting
Sts Simon's and Jude's Anglican Church Warialda
Sunday, 19th September, 2021**

1. Welcome: Meeting opened 11.20 am with prayer

2. Secretary for the Meeting appointed/elected

Moved Garth Skinner, seconded Janelle Smith: Margaret Haug be elected as Secretary. **Carried.**

3. Declaration of a Quorum, Attendance and Apologies

(Quorum = 10 voting members, plus the incumbent = 11)

Present: See attached sign-on sheets, quorum met.

Apologies: Heather Gilmour, Margaret Keith, Louise Cimarosti, Di Coote, Noeline Hatcher, Fay Cains, Robbie Burge

4. Call for items of General Business (to be included for discussion)

No further items for discussion.

Motion from the Chair: List of items for General Business to be closed. **Carried**

5. Reports

The following reports were adopted as read and questions were dealt with:

a) The Vicar's Report was tabled as read and questions and comments from the floor were dealt with. Steve Cimarosti spoke about attendance at services and noted that it's not just the job of the minister to grow members in the church. Steve asked for prayer for Coolatai church regarding low attendance there. Additional to the written report:

- Naroo - During the recent lockdown, Steve has been able to meet with parishioners in Naroo and run morning prayer in an outside setting. Six other residents joined the services.
- Pastoral Care – a decision was made with the wardens not to do online content for Sunday's in lockdown but rather to use the time to visit people.
 - Steve requested for people to let him know if unwell or in any need so support can be provided.

Moved chair: that the Vicar's Report be received. **Carried**

b) The Warden's Report was tabled as read and questions and comments from the floor were dealt with. Rod Smith spoke to the report and highlighted an amendment – Men@Glen did go ahead in 2020. Garth Skinner spoke to the report. He expressed thanks for Steve and family taking up ministry in our parish and for the good partnership that is already evident.

Steve Cimarosti spoke about the need to get the parish hall project completed. We need to make good use of the grant money. It is not good stewardship, or a good witness, if we don't get it done. Steve is hoping that it can be finished by the end of the year so it can be available to the community, not just for functions, but a centre of support to the community during crisis e.g. bushfire emergency.

A vote of thanks was made by Amy McIntosh for all that the Wardens have done to get through a very difficult 12 months and how they have showed us how to love and persevere through adversity. Carried with applause.

Moved: Rod Smith Seconded: Garth Skinner. That the Church Warden's report be received. **Carried**

c) The Audited Financial Statements for Financial Year 2020-2021 were tabled.

Cecile Egan noted that the loan from the Armidale Diocese for the vicarage renovation is listed under liabilities.

Moved: Cecile Egan, Seconded Alison Allen: that the Treasurer's Report and audited financial statements be received. **Carried**

6. Adoption of Budget for 2021-2022

Steve Cimarosti and Cecile Egan both spoke to the new proposed budget. It has been put together based on a 10% increase in giving in order to have a balanced budget, rather than a deficit budget, as in the previous year.

Steve explained that the budget for electricity has increased as the solar panels on the vicarage are at end of life. New air conditioning units in the vicarage and the hall will also raise electricity expenses.

Moved Cecile Egan seconded Helen Rose: that the budget for 2021-2022 be adopted as written. **Carried**

A vote of thanks from the floor to Cecile for stepping into the role of treasurer and doing so competently and graciously was carried with applause.

7. Adoption of mission organisations to be supported in 2021-2022

Moved Janelle Smith, seconded Cecile Egan: that mission monies received by the Parish be equally split between CMS, Pioneers and the North Kigezi Diocese. **Carried**

8. Other reports to be tabled and/or read

The following reports were adopted as read and questions were dealt with.

- a) SRE
- b) Safe Ministry
- c) Mission – there was no written or spoken report for mission.

Steve Cimarosti spoke briefly about expressions of interest from a Sydney parish to partner with us in prayer, finances and mission. Conversations for this are still in their infancy.

Steve also spoke about a university group from Port Macquarie who would like to run a mission week in our parish in December.

Moved Chair, seconded Alison: that the SRE and Safe Ministry reports be received as written. **Carried**

9. Appointment of Parish Nominator

Steve Cimarosti explained the role of parish nominator to the meeting.

This role was vacated by Mrs Virginia Boland earlier in the year, so is up for election.

Only one nomination was received, so Mrs Amy McIntosh was appointed as Parish Nominator.

10. Appointment of Honorary Auditor for 2021-2022

Moved Rod Smith, seconded Bill McIntosh: to appoint Mrs. Melissa Landers as honorary auditor for 2021-2022. **Carried**

11. Items of General Business

There were no items of general business.

12. Appointment of SGM minutes' approval and signing

Motion from the Chair: that the minutes of the AGM be read at next Parish Council General Meeting and signed as an accurate record at that meeting. **Carried**

Next Parish Council meeting is 12th October, 2021, 7:30 pm in the Church.

13. Close

Meeting closed at 12.40 pm



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