Annual Report 2026



St Andrew's
Brighton

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Agenda of the Parish Annual Meeting

Sunday 22 November 2026 at 11.30am in the church

Opening

1. Prayer

Attendance

2. Attendance list & apologies to be noted
3. Parish Electoral Roll to be tabled

Minutes

4. **Motion:** THAT the Minutes of the previous Parish Annual Meeting be confirmed.

Elections and appointments

THAT the following elections take place or the vacancies otherwise be determined:

5. Churchwardens *(2 to be elected)*
6. Parish Council *(4 to be elected)*
7. Parish Nominators *(2 to be elected – one male and one female & two male and female reserve Parish Nominators)*

An election is required for certain officebearer positions. After your attendance has been recorded, please collect a voting form from the attendance desk (just inside the entry doors), complete it as indicated, and return it to the attendance desk. The Returning Officers are Ms Kaye McNaught and Mrs Margaret Jolly.

Statutory reports

The following reports will be tabled:

8. Vicar's annual report, including a report on the Parish Registers for the financial year, the parish's pastoral care, evangelism, community engagement, social and ecumenical programmes, the Parish Council proceedings and future plans for the Parish.
9. Churchwardens' report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church, the vicarage and other Parish buildings.
10. reports of other Parish groups

Financial reports

11. **Motion:** THAT the audited accounts for the year ending 30 September 2026 be received and adopted. *A more detailed summary of Parish's income and expenditure and cash position will be provided.*

Queries regarding the accounts, and/or the more detailed summary must be submitted in writing by 5.00pm on 19 November by email to: vicar@standrewsbrighton.org.au so a response can be given before the meeting, if possible. Questions from the floor will be taken on notice and a response provided subsequent to the meeting).

12. The budget approved by the Parish Council for the year commencing 1 October 2026 will be presented.
13. **Motion:** THAT Stannards be appointed as the Parish Auditor for the year 2026/27.

Elections results

14. Declaration of election results.

Other matters of parochial or general church interest - *for noting and reference to the new Parish Council.*

Closure

Vicar

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ANNUAL MEETING 2026-27

ELECTION OF OFFICEBEARERS

NOMINATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

CHURCHWARDEN

Ken Whelan

James Zhao

*There being **2** positions to be filled and **2** nominations, the nominees will be declared elected at the meeting.*

PARISH COUNCIL

Wendy Davis

Corey East-Bryans

Mike Hanneberry

Liam Price

Diarne Revelle

Cathy Zhang

*There being **4** positions to be filled, and **6** nominations, an election will be held at the Parish Annual Meeting.*

PARISH NOMINATORS
(Incumbency Committee)

Lian Price
Alan Roberts
Arnold Xu
Mary Ogilvy
Kerrie Reith
Heather Sanderson

*There are **2** positions to be filled (1 male & 1 female) and **2** reserve position (1 male and 1 female), so an election will be held at the Parish Annual Meeting to determine these positions.*

Fr Ian Morrison
Vicar
13.11.26
amended
20.11.26

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH OF

ST ANDREW'S BRIGHTON

DATE	22 November 2025 at 10am	
VENUE	St Andrew's Church Brighton	
PRESENT	Andrew Bottomley Betty Carlyle Val Comport Dale Dobson Victoria Freckleton Robyn Greenhalgh Nola Guest Jean Hawkins Keith Jones Vicky Liu Apple Low David Ogilvy Michael Talbot Robert Timms Cathy Zhang	Sue Brown Brian Comport Wendy Davis Angela Edwards Nina Fu Mel Guest Michael Hanneberry Jonathan Hough Suzie Leary Brighton Liu Kaye McNaught Mary Ogilvy Kem Whelan Johnson Xu Margaret Jolly
APOLOGIES	Helen Lovell Ken Pearce Calvin Bowman Nick Stretch Peter Freckleton Peter Gray Alastair Hicks Bill Palmer	Paul Lovell Elizabeth Pearce Jill Timms Felicity Stretch Carolyn Harris Heather Leadbetter Tony Cross
IN ATTENDANCE	The Reverend Xeverie Swee De-Leon-	
CHAIR	The Reverend Ian Morrison (Vicar)	
SECRETARY	The Vicar	

Item	Topic
	Opening, Attendance & Minutes
1.	**Welcome and opening prayer** The meeting opened with prayer.
2.	**Attendance list, apologies & Returning Officers** Apologies were accepted from those noted above. The Returning Officers for the election of office bearers were Margaret Jolly & Kaye McNaught.
3.	**Reception of the Parish Electoral Roll** The Vicar tabled a copy of the Parish Electoral Roll with 101 parishioners recorded on it.
4.	**Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting** **Motion** That the minutes of the last Annual Meeting on 22 November 2024. be confirmed. **Carried**
5.	**Matters arising** – *to be referred to the Parish Council.* Nil.
6.	**Clergy Reports & Report on the Parish Registers** The Vicar's report and a report from the Assistant Priest were tabled. The Vicar spoke to his report, noting:

	• St Andrew's Day lunch • The Duigan Centre opening • Weddings, Funerals and Baptism numbers up • Leases to Brighton Grammar • The Greening Project • Viability & sustainability The Assistant Priests report was tabled.
7.	**Parish Council Report** The Parish Council report was tabled.
8.	**Churchwardens' Report** The Churchwardens' Reports was tabled.
10.	**Financial Statements** The Vicar tabled the signed accounts for the year ending 30 September 2025, to be audited by Stannards together with the Treasurer's report on the financial position of the parish and a profit, loss and budget statement. He then spoke to the results shown in that statement. **Motion:** THAT the audited accounts for the year ending 30 September 2024 be received and adopted. **Carried.**
11.	**Budget for 2023-24** The Vicar presented the Churchwarden's budget for the year commencing 1 October 2025 as approved by the Parish Council. He pointed to a projected surplus for the year of $122,000. It was noted that the Parish were aiming for an increase in direct giving to $160,000 from $150,000.
12.	**Reports of other Parish groups** The reports from other Parish groups were tabled.
	Elections & Appointments
13.	**Churchwardens** The Vicar advised that 2 nominations had been received for the 2 elected positions as Churchwardens and the following were **declared elected**: Ken Whelan and Andrew Bottomley The Vicar further advised that he had appointed James Zhao as a Churchwarden.
14.	**Parish Council** The Vicar advised that as 5 nominations had been received for the 4 elected positions as members of Parish Council, tan election would be held. As a result of that election, the following people would comprise the Parish Council (with the Churchwardens): Wendy Davis Mike Hanneberry Jean Hawkins Cathy Zhang The Vicar advised that he had appointed Corey East-Bryants and Liam Price to the Parish Council.

15.	**Parish Nominators** The Vicar advised that as a result of the nominations received, an election would be held for the positions of 2 elected positions (male & female) as Parish Nominators and 2 reserves. As a result of that election, the Parish Nominators would be: Liam Price and Kerrie Reith Reserve Parish Nominators: Arnold Xu and Mary Ogilvy The Churchwardens advised that their nominee to that committee would be Ken Whelan.	
16.	**Auditor** The Treasurer advised that Stannards had agreed to audit the current year's accounts. **Motion:** That Stannards be appointed auditor for 2025-26 accounts. **Carried**	
	Other matters of parochial or general church business	
	Nil.	
	Closure The meeting closed at 10.55 am.	
	Confirmation Signed as a true and correct record	

Vicar's report 2026

The Past Year

The new Parish year started with our **St Andrew's Day Parish Lunch** in the Pioneer Chapel. We thank Phoebe Paine for singing, Pantry Brighton for the food, and those who assisted in making this event so much fun.




Our Advent studies led up to the **Christmas** season. Again this year we welcomed the Bayside City Council's Church St Christmas tree. St Mary's Pre-School joined us for their Christmas pageant which we followed with a sausage sizzle for the kids and their families. Thank you to those who assisted with the food and beverages at that event.





Then Christmas was upon us and we celebrated on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with our usual services:

- Children's Christmas
- Readings & carols
- more Carols, leading to
- Midnight Mass, and
- 2 Christmas Day Choral Eucharists.

Kids' Christmas was lots of fun and well attended. Thank you to those who assisted with the activities.

Our Christmas services were well attended with over 890 visitors during these 6 services.

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In January we had only one Sunday service at 9.30am, bringing together our 8am and 10am congregations. Our usual Sat@6 and mid-week services continued as usual.

We began our **Australia Day** service in the Eastern Courtyard with the congregation spread along the new Vicars' Cloister (out of the sun). We acknowledged those who have gone before us, including those who provided the facilities that we now enjoy, before proceeding into the church.




Of course, no Australia Day would be complete with pavlova and lamingtons afterwards.

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At the beginning of the school term, our Archbishop, Ric Thorpe, gave the opening address at Brighton Grammar's commencement service. It was the Archbishop's first visit to St Andrew's.

One of our three cultural outreach programs is **Lunar New Year**, a great production supported by Bayside City Council and directed by Mthr Xeverie. It brings a lot of people to visit us who are not regular attendees and each year we gain more members for our Thursday Morning Prayer group through the interest garnered from these events. We have lots of dancing, singing, dragons, lions and a parade along Church Street so that those in the shops don't miss out.








In **Holy Week** we had a service every day, including our popular Tuesday evening reflection on the Stations of the Cross in Art followed by a fish and chips dinner.

On **Good Friday** we hosted the Walk of Witness conducted by the Brighton Covenant Churches, with a hot cross bun morning tea.




Good Friday evening saw our choir provide us with a wonderful Tenebrae service. Thank you to those who read for us that evening, and on Holy Saturday for our service of new fire and first Eucharist of Easter.








Weddings

It has been a bumper year for weddings, 8 this year. Both Xeverie and I have been busy with weddings, and our website is bringing lots of bookings for the future too.











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Baptisms

A record number of baptisms this year. We welcomed 34 new members into the Church of God through the sacrament of Holy Baptism - both babies, young people and adults. Sometimes they came in threes (triplets). Their elder brother was baptised here last year.









Funerals

We conducted 28 funerals this year, most of which have been in the church, some in the Pioneer Chapel, and occasionally at a crematorium, graveside or at a local funeral chapel. I find it an honour to participate in the farewell of those whose lives have moved to a higher place. This year, from our own congregation we note, with regret, the deaths of:

Jill Bentley
George Bolitho
Geoff Disney
Margaret Fitch
Nereda Hanlon
Peg Harkness
Winston McKean
Chris Timms

✠ Rest eternal grant to them O Lord, and let light perpetual sign upon them.











100th birthday

Ron Stannus reached this milestone recently and we celebrated at the 10.30am Wednesday service.

Congratulations Ron.



Kids' Church

What a delight it is to have Kids' Church on the first Sunday of the month at 11.30am during term. We have several new young people who have joined us this year from time to time and they enjoy the stories, songs, prayers and activities, the latter greatly assisted by Carolyn Harris and Helen Yao. The program for 2027 will be released shortly.



Safe Ministry

Last year, Safe Ministry exclusions were imposed on two former parishioners. These matters were subsequently reviewed by Kooyoora Ltd, who provide professional standards and safeguarding solutions to the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne. The Parish's actions were upheld. Whilst there is a willingness of the part of Christian communities to support the neurodivergent (those with mental health issues), this must be tempered with necessary boundaries to ensure that the Parish is a safe place for all people.

Leases to Brighton Grammar

All the lease documentation for the arrangements underpinning the Duigan Centre development have been signed by Brighton Grammar and the School will now attend to getting the leases approved by the Supreme Court due to the terms of the original trust under which the land is held for St Andrew's.

Once the approval is obtained, the documents will be signed by the Melbourne Anglican Trust Corporation as trustee on behalf of the Parish.

In the meantime we are all operating under the terms of these new arrangements.

Assessment

Once the Supreme Court approval is finalised, the Churchwardens will be in a position to bring proceedings for a determination that the additional rent should be excluded from Diocesan Assessment. The Wardens are also investigating other possible missional activities to which such funds might be applied directly.

The coming year and beyond

Appointment of a new Bishop



The Archbishop consecrated 3 new Assistant Bishops for the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne in September. Our new Bishop is The Right Reverend Ben Wong, Bishop of Nunawading. Our new Archdeacon is The Venerable Dr Colleen O'Reilly AM.

Appointment of a Lay Minister



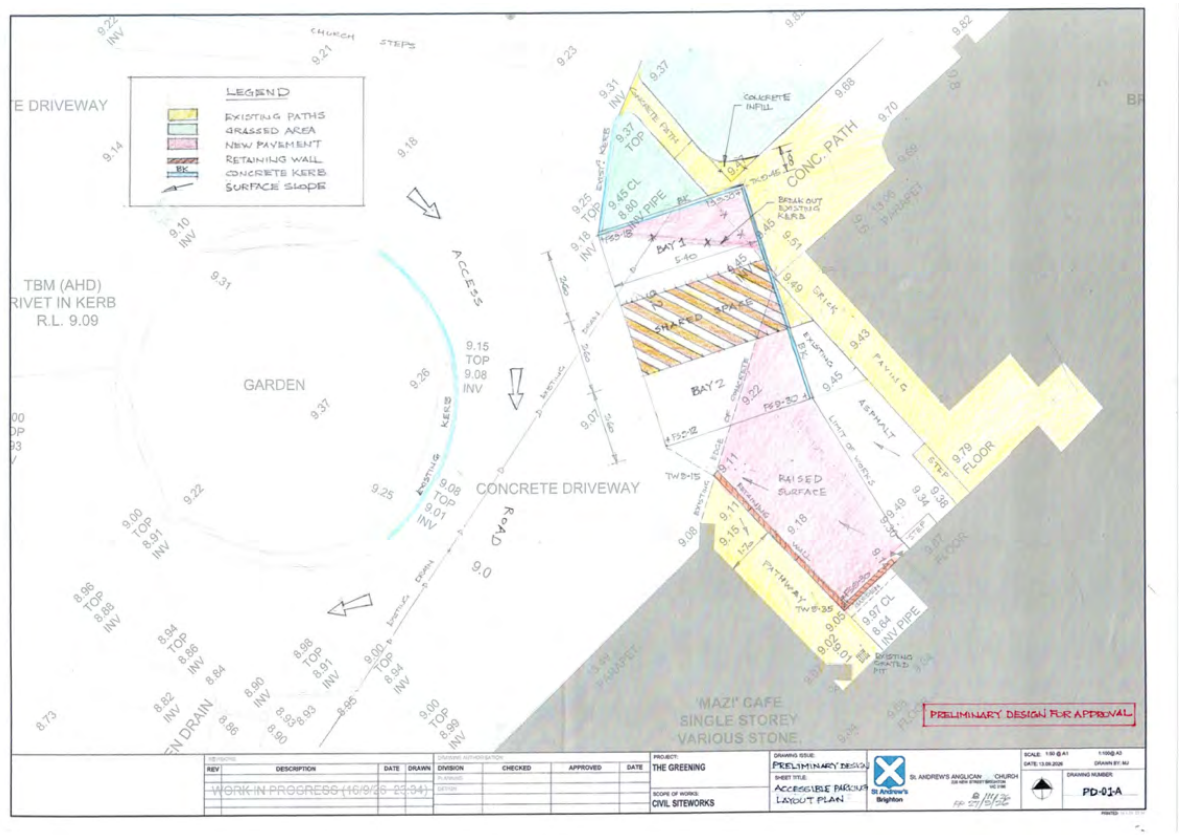
On 15 November we will be commissioning Alex De-Leon as a Lay Minister for the Parish and handing to him the Archbishop's Licence for that role. This is the first time we have had a Lay Minister in recent years and we look forward to Alex leading a number of new programs for the youth in our community. Early in the new Year we will commence two new initiatives: *St Andrew's Chess Club* and *Music for Pleasure Youth Group – see below*.





The Greening Project

Part of the consideration for the granting of the Ground Lease to BGS in 2018 was that the School would pay for a project to irrigate and re-landscape the church grounds. A Master Plan has been agreed and we are grateful for the School having recently provided us with the funds ($500,000) which we have invested with the Anglican Development Fund. Major works will commence in the new year.



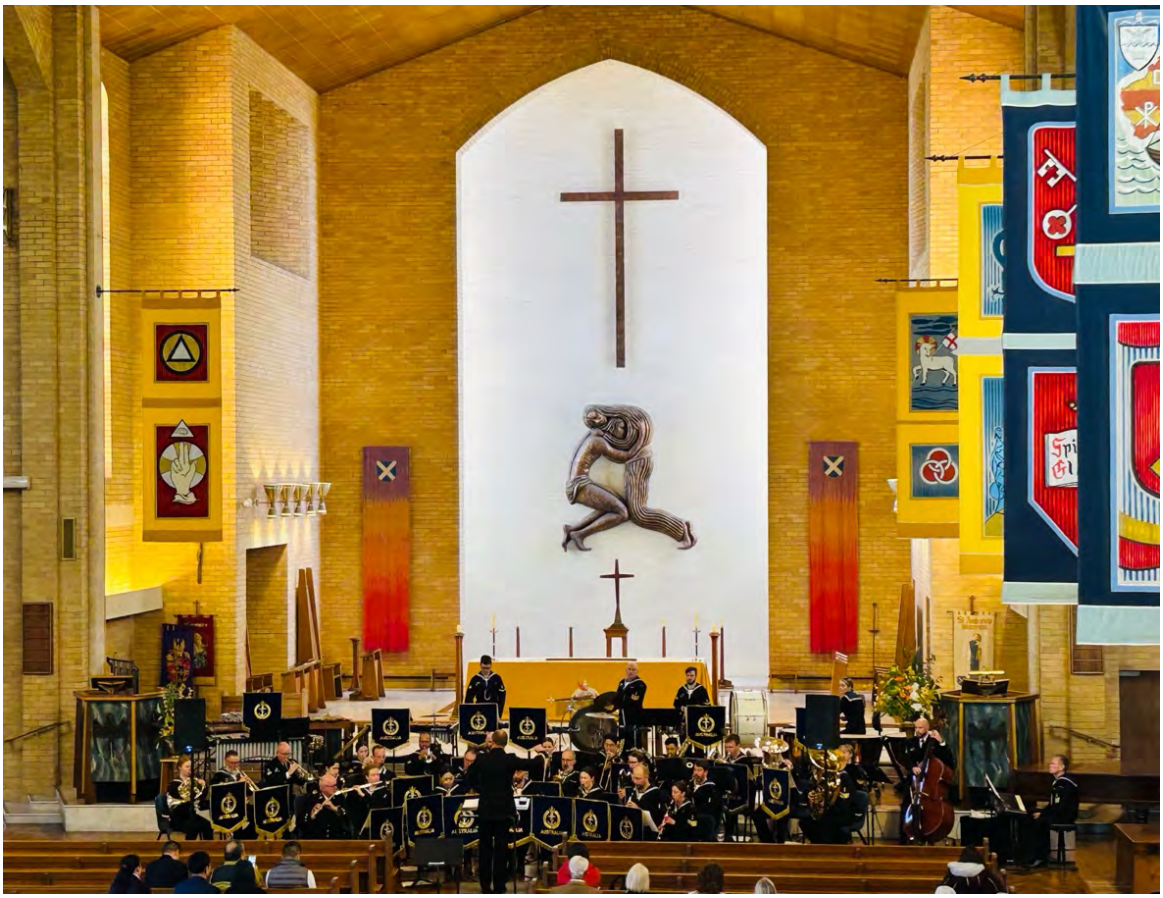
Plan of proposed new disabled parking behind the Op Shop.



We have already relocated of the garbage receptacles to a new garbage bay located St Andrews Street between café and Op Shop. This will facilitate the re-working of the area behind the Op Shop to prevent the flooding of the Café. This work will also facilitate the relocation of the disabled parking to behind Op Shop (closer to church and café).

Guest musicians

On Sunday 15 March 2026 the Royal Australian Navy Band joined us for a concert at 10.30am.



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In late March the Australian Boys Choir visited us.



In July it was the Gesualdo Six.

And coming up…

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NOVEMBER 2026
Saturday 28
Concert: Lora Sky Choir

DECEMBER2026
Thursday 3
St Andrew's **Christmas Party & Carols**
Saturday 5
Concert: Make we Merry
Glen Eira City Choir
Sunday 6
Concert: A Christmas Fanfare
Melbourne Bach Choir
Saturday 12
Concert: Victoria Chorale with St Andrew's Choir
(St Paul's Cathedral)
Sunday 13
St Andrew's **Choral Evensong**
St Andrew's Choir

MARCH 2027
Good Friday 26
Concert: St Matthew Passion
The Australian Boys Choir

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St Andrew's Choir



Our Choir (in red) took part in a major concert in December in St Paul's Cathedral organised by Mario with his own choir, Victoria Chorale and orchestra, Art of Sound. This is great honour for us and signifies the accomplishment of our choristers in achieving an excellent standard for public performances.

This year there will be a similar performance so book in now:



This year 3 choristers retired from the choir, 9 will be graduating in 2027, and 5 in 2028. Unless Brighton Grammar is able and prepared to provide a full compliment of choristers, it will be difficult to field a decent choir of 4 parts. We are negotiating with the School regarding the choir's future. They have been reluctant to provide scholarships as they are now full. For a number of reasons, the Churchwardens have suggested that we allow the choir run down and we supplement the remaining choristers with Lay Clerks. Eventually the choir would be wholly composed of 8 or 12 Lay Clerks (not necessarily all performing each week.

As the provision of scholarships is the major part of the consideration for the lease of the senior school land, we have suggested that BGS buy the Parish out of that arrangement with a significant annual specific donation tied to variations in the School's fees.

Updates soon in the Vicar's News.

Lady Chapel

The controversial Beryl Dean tapestry of the Blessed Virgin Mary which formerly hung in the Lady Chapel was made with fibreglass material which has perished was removed by the Churchwardens some time ago. It is to be replaced by a painting of the *The Madonna and Sleeping Child*, in the style of Giovanni Battista Salvi da Sassoferrato (1609-85). A reproduction painting of this work is nearly completed and should be installed in December.

At the side, a bronze plaque of *St Andrew being called by Jesus* has been installed.





Viability & sustainability

In August last year, the Diocese proposed determining the viability of Parishes by the use of a 'traffic light' system. With the advent of a new Archbishop, that plan was delayed, and I understand has now been abandoned.

There were 11 criteria for the assessment of parish viability (should they close), and there were determined thresholds by which that viability was to be measured - benchmarked into a traffic light system. Without any substitute, I attach a similar table which reflects our position as at the date of this report.

	Area	Measure and threshold
1	Stipendiary Ministry	1 FTE or greater
		We have 2 full-time clergy members
2	Governance	Parish has key officeholders required by the Parish Gov. Act
		3 Churchwardens and a treasurer
3	Congregation	Average weekly attendance last year (excluding online)
		Above 50
4	Congregation	Average weekly attendance trend over last 3 years
		0% decline or growth
5	Congregation	Rites of initiation in last 3 years (baptism, confirmation)
		20 or more people
6	Finance	Financial performance over last 3 years
		Red: deficit over 5% **Green**: Surplus
7	Finance	Parish has no unauthorised debts over 30 days
		No unauthorised debts
8	Finance	Average live giving (plate & direct) over last 2 years
		$100,000 or more
9	Safeguarding	Parish is compliant with professional standards requirements
		Submitted volunteer register & working with children declaration
10	Property	Up to date with property department compliance
		Parish is compliant
11	Accountability	Parish submits annual returns to Diocese
		Full return received on time

Gratitude

This is a very busy parish. There is an ever increasing burden of administration heaped on us from the Diocese and the State government . This limits our ability to do all we would wish to do, or that some otherwise may expect us to do. It would not be possible to maintain the services, the administration, and with the community and institutional interface and engagement that we do achieve without the able assistance of a teams of people.

I am particularly pleased that Mthr Xeverie Swee DeLeon, our Assistant Priest, as she is an enormous assistance me and our parishioners. Her tireless work and initiatives drives the Parish into a promising future. I welcome her husband Alex as Lay Minister as we introduce new mission programs in 2027.



Vicar's Report 2026

Thank you to our Churchwardens, James, Ken and Andrew, who have been studious in continuing to deal with a number of complex legal issues this past year, and whose willingness to attend to a host of property maintenance issues has ensured that the Parish presents well for all of us.

Our Parish Council members (which include our Churchwardens) have collegially met both in person and by Zoom throughout the year, in a spirit of harmony, and good humour. To Mike, Jean, Wendy, James, Liam, Corey and our Treasurer Cathy, thank you for all your input in making decisions about mission and ensuring accountability for the expenses incurred during the year as nominated in our budget.

Thank you to those who work on our sausage sizzle at the Farmer's Market on the third Saturday of each month – Jonathan, Mike, Johnson, Michael, Wendy, Ken, Alex and Xev. And special thank you to Ken and Gail who so diligently look after the gardens around the church site, and from which we, and many locals who visit us, all benefit greatly. Also, the Liu family who keep the grounds tidy on Sunday mornings. Thank, too, to Diarne for all her work with the Christmas raffle.

Again, without any doubt, we all owe a great deal of thanks to our Parish Administrator, Angela Alomes, who works tirelessly, often on weekends, to complete an enormous volume of paperwork, pew sheets, and service booklets for our Parish, as well as meeting with the variety of trades and service personnel who come to us during the year.



Calvin and Mario continue to outperform expectations with the quality of our music and their stewardship of our choristers.

To our readers, refreshment teams, servers, SACPA Committee members, sidespeople, and not forgetting, our Opportunity Shop volunteers who beaver away at providing a community resource for Brighton – thank you.

Fr Ian Morrison
Vicar
13.11.26

VICAR'S REPORT ON THE PARISH REGISTERS

Parish Statistics for the year ending 30 September 2026

	2023	2024	2025	2026
Baptisms	23	21	34	37
Admission to Communion	0	0	0	0
Confirmations	0	3	2	1
Reception as Anglican	0	0	1	0
Weddings	5	3	10	8
Funerals	33	35	37	28
Public services	225	220	235	252
Sunday services	116	115	116	116
Residential Care services	24	24	24	30
Sunday Communions	5,532	5,601	5,526	5,022
Weekday Communions	632	731	860	791
Home Communions	142	140	132	128
Total Communions	**6,306**	**6,472**	**6,622**	**5,941**
Sunday Attendances	6,808*	6,999*	5,630	5,121
Weekday Attendances	1,310	1,290	1,410	1,319
On-line views*			3,047	2,632
Total Attendance	**8,118**	**8,289**	**10,017**	**9,072**

	2023	2024	2025	2026
Christmas				
Communions	410	450	442	435
Attendance	872	901	920	897
Easter				
Communions	298	288	406	389
Attendance	492	423	451	433

Assistant Priest's Report 2026

Dear friends in Christ,

As I look back on the past year, I am deeply thankful for God's faithfulness and for the privilege of walking with you through the joys, challenges, and opportunities that have shaped our parish life at St Andrew's. Throughout the year, we have witnessed God's grace at work in remarkable ways, strengthening our fellowship, deepening our discipleship, and opening new avenues for ministry and outreach.

Together, we have continued to grow as a worshipping community while seeking to be a faithful and welcoming presence in Brighton and the wider Bayside region. Through worship, pastoral care, community engagement, and cultural celebrations, we have shared the love of Christ with those both within and beyond our parish family. It has been encouraging to see new relationships formed, existing ministries strengthened, and fresh opportunities emerge for us to live out our calling as God's people.

As I reflect on the year that has been, I am particularly grateful for the many ways in which our congregation has worked together in service of the Gospel. Through the commitment of clergy, wardens, Parish Council members, ministry leaders, volunteers, and parishioners, St Andrew's has continued to flourish as a place of worship, hospitality, and witness. The following highlights provide a snapshot of some of the events and ministries that have enriched our common life and advanced our mission during the past year.

Above all, these moments remind us that God continues to be at work among us, drawing people into community, nurturing faith, and opening doors for us to share the hope of Jesus Christ with the world around us.

Lunar New Year Celebration 2026



We began 2026 with remarkable energy and enthusiasm through what was undoubtedly one of the most successful Lunar New Year celebrations in our parish's history. The event showcased both the richness of Chinese culture and the welcoming spirit that characterises St Andrew's.



Visitors were captivated by the mesmerising art of Sichuan face-changing, delighted by the children's dragon dance, and entertained by performances featuring traditional Chinese music and instruments. Throughout the day, the church grounds were filled with colour, laughter, and joy as families, visitors, and parishioners gathered together.

The response was overwhelmingly positive. Many expressed appreciations not only for the quality of the performances but also for the warmth of the welcome they received. It was particularly encouraging to see so many newcomers engaging with parish life and experiencing the hospitality of our church for the first time.

Each year this event continues to grow in significance and reach. What began as a cultural celebration has become an important expression of our mission, creating opportunities for friendships to be formed and for meaningful connections to develop between St Andrew's and the wider Bayside community.

Beyond these outreach initiatives, I was also given opportunities to contribute to the leadership and pastoral life of the parish in new ways during the year.

Leading the Parish During the Vicar's Leave

One of the personal highlights of the year was the opportunity to assume greater leadership responsibilities during our Vicar's annual leave. For approximately a month, I was entrusted with the day-to-day oversight of parish life, a responsibility that was both challenging and deeply rewarding.

The experience provided valuable insight into the many facets of parish leadership and reinforced my appreciation for the dedication of our staff, ministry leaders, volunteers, and congregation. It also reminded me that the strength of St Andrew's lies in the faithful service of many people whose contributions often take place quietly behind the scenes.

ANZAC Day Service



Another significant milestone was the privilege of leading our ANZAC Day Service. It was heartening to witness strong participation from both the congregation and the wider community.

A particularly moving moment was the creation of the large red poppy cross, accompanied by the laying of a commemorative wreath by members of the parish. Through prayer, music, and remembrance, we honoured those who served our nation while proclaiming the Christian hope of peace, reconciliation, and resurrection.



Events such as these demonstrate that the Church remains an important place where communities gather to remember, reflect, and find hope grounded in Christ.

As the year progressed, our commitment to engaging with the wider community continued through a number of well-established cultural festivals that have become significant expressions of hospitality and mission.

Dragon Boat Festival

Building upon the success of previous years, St Andrew's once again hosted its annual Dragon Boat Festival, now firmly established as a cherished tradition within our parish calendar.

Drawing visitors from across the Bayside region, the festival transformed our church grounds into a vibrant gathering place where people from many cultures and backgrounds could come together. Through the sharing of food,

music, traditions, and stories, new friendships were formed and existing relationships strengthened.

The continued growth of this event reflects the increasingly diverse character of our local area and the important role St Andrew's plays as a place of welcome and belonging. More than a cultural festival, it serves as a tangible expression of Christian hospitality, demonstrating how the Church can build bridges, foster understanding, and create opportunities for meaningful engagement with those who may have little prior connection with the Christian faith.

Melbourne Synod 2026

Another highlight of the year was attending the Melbourne Synod alongside our newly elected parish representatives.

As the governing assembly of the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne, Synod brings together clergy and lay representatives to consider matters relating to doctrine, mission, ministry, governance, and the future direction of the Church. It provides an important opportunity to learn from the experiences of other parishes and to discern together how we may faithfully respond to the challenges and opportunities before us.

It was particularly encouraging to see our new representatives engage thoughtfully with the proceedings and contribute meaningfully to discussions that help shape the future ministry of our Diocese.

Returning to parish life, one of our most significant outreach initiatives later in the year was the Moon Festival celebration.

Mooncake Festival Celebration

One of the most memorable evenings of the year was undoubtedly our Moon Festival celebration, which beautifully showcased the warmth, vitality, and cultural diversity of St Andrew's.



The wholehearted involvement of Parish Council members, volunteers, performers, and organisers contributed enormously to the success of the evening. Their commitment was a visible demonstration of our shared desire to see St Andrew's flourish as a welcoming and outward-looking church.

More than 300 people attended the event, many of whom were visitors with little or no previous connection to our parish. This reflects the very heart of Christian outreach: creating opportunities for people to encounter genuine hospitality and experience the life of the Church in an accessible and welcoming environment.

Looking ahead, we continue to seek fresh opportunities to connect with our local community and share the good news of Jesus in creative and accessible ways.

St Andrew's Carols and Christmas Party

As the year draws to a close, we look forward with great anticipation to the inaugural St Andrew's Carols and Christmas Party.

This new initiative has been developed with a particular focus on connecting with families from local schools, as well as residents throughout Brighton and the surrounding suburbs. Christmas remains one of the few times when many people who would not ordinarily attend church are open to engaging with the Christian story.

By combining festive celebration, fellowship, music, and the proclamation of the birth of Christ, we hope to provide a welcoming entry point into the life of our parish. We pray that this event will become an important annual opportunity for evangelism and community engagement, helping people encounter not only the joy of Christmas but also the transforming hope found in Jesus Christ.

Conclusion

As I reflect upon these events and ministries, I am struck not simply by their success, but by what they reveal about the character of St Andrew's. Time and again, we have seen people welcomed, friendships formed, cultures celebrated, and lives touched through the ministry of this parish.

Whether through worship, pastoral care, civic remembrance, cultural festivals, diocesan engagement, or seasonal outreach, God continues to open doors for us to share the love of Christ with those around us. I give thanks for the faithfulness, generosity, and partnership of our clergy, wardens, Parish Council, ministry leaders, volunteers, and congregation.

Together, may we continue to be a church that welcomes warmly, serves faithfully, grows deeply, and proclaims confidently the good news of Jesus Christ in Brighton and beyond.

Blessings,
Mthr Xeverie Swee De-Leon

Assistant Priest
St Andrew's Brighton

Churchwardens Report 2026

Grounds

We continue to cherish and take care of our extensive church grounds which are enjoyed not only by parishioners, but by many members of the public at large. We note with satisfaction the maturing of gardens in the Eastern Courtyard and Vicar's Cloister that have now blended in so well with the surrounding buildings and walkways and are to be enjoyed for many years to come.



St Andrew's Garden of Remembrance continues to be a place of peace and reflection for those whose loved ones ashes are laid to rest, or indeed anyone in need of quiet contemplation from this busy world.



The maintenance of church grounds throughout the year have been a constant oversight of the Churchwardens and concerns have included:

- Major clear out of underground site drains and drainage pits. This included mapping all sub drains and removal of rubbish and tree root blockages
- Sections of drain were replaced in several locations and new inspection pits installed
- Improved lighting along the church driveway plus concrete grinding to remove uplifted concrete pathway hazards
- Various water leaks through the site, but one in particular on 230A/230B New St driveway in front of the garages
- Commencement of fence/gates across 230A/230B New St driveway due to site security concerns
- Replacement of vandalized ground lights (Eastern Courtyard) and Parish Office window
- Repairs to church front steps due to delivery van damage
- Repair to damaged / lifting pavers on café forecourt
- Regular removal of rubbish on site and emptying of rubbish bins
- Greening Project – levels and survey undertaken; back of café prepared for levelling.

We would like to thank in particular Ken Whelan for the work done in our gardens, whose expertise and commitment is second to none. Special thanks to Gail Quilliam for her weekly commitment to the Garden of Remembrance, and to Michael Hanneberry for being available when called on to assist in this important service.

We must also thank Johnson Xu and helpers for their excellent repair work in and around the church grounds . We are also grateful to Brighton Grammar School for their contribution to our grounds upkeep, particularly the large amount of lawn mowing. This contribution is greatly appreciated.

Buildings

Once again repair, maintenance and improvement of church buildings is a constant and ongoing issue that this year included:

- New doors on the western end of the narthex were installed together with improved locking system on the Lady Chapel doors
- A complete refurbishment of the Parish Hall toilet
- An upgraded switchboard at MAZI café
- Relocation of Opportunity Shop and café rubbish bins entailing installing a rubbish hatch in the café kitchen and construction of a new rubbish compound and bin pathway
- Refurbishment of the mechanisms on the Vicarage driveway gates
- Through gutter cleaning of Vicarage, 230A &230B New St plus all accessible gutters on both cloisters and church buildings

OTHER

The Farmers Market is still going well together with our volunteers who man the **St Andrew's Sausage Sizzle Stall**. Thanks must be made to all those who give their time for this – in particular Jonathan Hough, Ken Whelan, Johnson Xu, Alex De-Leon, Michael Hanneberry and Wendy Davis.

Our **counting teams**, and Peter Gray for his oversight of envelopes and direct deposit giving, must be thanked for their commitment and accurate accounting for various monies donated to the church throughout the year.

We continue our thriving **English Conversation Class** each Tuesday morning during school terms. Attendees vary widely in their English language skills but all are happy to attend eagerly and consistently increasing in numbers. This is a wonderful outreach for our church. Thanks must be paid to our 'teachers' who include Angela Edwards, Michael Hanneberry, and all others who commit their time and patience to this activity. This church is also blessed with certain Chinese held festivals e.g. Lunar New Year Festival held in our church grounds. Mthr Xeverie in particular must be thanked for her time and inspired leadership in this church outreach.

THANK YOU

The Churchwardens would like to sincerely thank all those who work and labour at St Andrew's Church, Brighton in the furtherance of its Christian message of peace, respect and love. We would include in this each member of the Parish Council who bring to bear their own considered opinion on many church matters and especially to our Treasurer and council member Cathy Zhang. Our homage must also rest with Dr Calvin Bowman and Dr Mario Dobernig, respectively Organist and Director of Music, for the wonderful church and other music through choir and instrument to inspire and delight us. The Choir and Lay Clerks must also be thanked for their inspiration singing. Angela Alomes, whose work is so vital to the efficient running of the church, and advice and guidance to the Churchwardens is important to us, we just say thank you so much.

Finally, our love and respect must be held out to our Vicar, the Reverend Ian Morrison, and Assistant Priest, the Reverend Xeverie Swee De-Leon. We know how lucky St Andrew's is to have such committed, knowledgeable and energetic leadership to guide this church not only in the present time but to things they plan now but will have their fulfilment in the future. Thank you so much Ian and Xeverie.

James Zhou
Ken Whelan
Andrew Bottomley

Parish Council Report 2026

Month	Decisions and discussions
October 2025	• The success of the Blessing of the Pets service was noted. • The Moon Cake Festival was noted and congratulations offered to Mthr Xeverie. • The upcoming Brighton Covenant Churches 'Peter Cross' Lecture was held at St Andrew's on 11 October. • Positive cash result was $139,000. • Audit underway • Churchwardens' budget for 2025/26 to be presented to Parish Annual Meeting • Kooyoora had to be contacted regarding some concerning conduct and the Wardens are following Kooyoora's advice. • St Andrew's Day lunch to be on 30 November
December 2025	• New members of Parish Council welcomed • Only one service in January on Sundays – 9.30am • Accounting Protocol and Parish Code of Conduct review and agreed. • Annual returns lodged with Diocese. • Report on Safe Ministry matter noted. • Fundraising raffle for Christmas discussed and approved.
February 2026	• Bank signatures to be amended following change of Warden. • Parish Electoral Committee to comprise Vicar and Ken Whelan. • Jean Hawkins elected as Parish Secretary. • Death of Jill Bentley noted with sympathy to Kerry-Anne. • New glass doors to narthex approved ($15,151) • Water leak near driveway of 230A/B noted as urgent repair. • Financial result to date: $171,188. • Vote of thanks to Xeverie for the Lunar Festival organisation.
March 2026	• The Wardens' valuation of the Duigan Centre rooftop was $37,500 but the Tennis Club had indicated it was unlikely to meet that figure. Wardens had issued a deadline for acceptance. •
April 2025	• In Vicar's absence, meeting chaired by Mthr Xeverie • Silent auction raised $12,580 for new gates across residential driveway. • Fish and chips for Holy Tuesday to be sourced from shop in Bay Street. • ANZAC Day preparations underway. • Good Friday safe ministry stalking incident discussed. • Lady Chapel entrance keypad had been replaced. • Possible black mould in 230B to be investigated.

	• Policy on the use of bathrooms by people identifying as transgender adopted.
May 2026	• Mthr Xeverie thanks for her time as locum during the Vicar's holiday. • New doors to be installed from the Narthex to the Eastern Courtyard, as required by the current building regulations and new doors have been installed from the Vicars' Cloister to the Parish Hall foyer, replacing the wooden doors ($33.400). • Renovations to the unisex toilet ($3,586) • Construction of a new garbage bay between the Café and the Op Shop ($27,885) • Tree lopping to various trees on the site had been partially approved. Some tree removals required council approval which had been lodged. • Further plumbing quotes were being obtained. Budget only contained 2/3 of rent figures as arrangements commenced 1 February. • Trading surplus to end April $181,715
June 2026	• Death of Peg Harkness noted with regret. • Quote for new garbage area accepted. • Successful Parish Dinner with the Choir moted. • Dragon Boat Festival discussed. • Insurance valuation to be reassessed this month (again, was done in 2025 but needs to be redone). Figure will not be available until June 2027! • Trading surplus to date $259,789 before maintenance items. • Land Tax on Café $13,000
July 2026	• Café switchboard to be replaced during their winter vacation. • Café closed until August 2026. • New garbage bay construction commenced. • Plumbing work to Café stormwater to be carried out. • Plumber to identify line of stormwater drains to Church Street and to New Street for The Greening Project. • Vicars' Walk roof cleared (15 tennis balls) and arrangements made for our cleaner to keep the ceiling free of cobwebs. • It was noted that Johnson Xu had: repaired 3 loose pavers in café courtyard, also toilet area pavers, and cleared café sub-floor vents. • Car park drain grate to be cleaned out and then plumber to clear the pipe to the gutter. • New residential driveway gates to be installed shortly. • Mission Action Plan discussed in light of the Archbishop 'For the Harvest' program.
August 2026	• Mission Action Plan 2026-29 approved. • New garbage bay complete

	• Chute installed for café to access garbage bay directly. • Café switchboard work complete. • Site survey for Greening Project complete. • Café closed until 5 August for holidays • Café drainage work complete. • Gate to vicarage driveway have had motors replaced. • New Diocesan episcopal structure discussed. • Moon Cake Festival to be held on 4 September at 6pm in the church. • Noted Churchwardens have agreed to Alex DeLeon being part-time Authorised Stipendiary Lay Minister for new programs in MAP 2026-29, hopefully from 1 October. • Mission outside the Parish: agreed to $10,000 to the Karen Media Project and $10,000 to Op Shop volunteers' choice between Anglicare, Brotherhood of St Lawrence, Green Cross project and Anglicare (ABM selected) • Possible MAP activites considered: • Music for Pleasure Youth Group @ St Andrew's – for secondary school students to bring their instruments, learn new pieces and play together on a Friday evening; • St Andrew's Brighton Chess Club – all ages, playing in a rostered events with monthly prizes; • Musical offerings and Concert performances - a three-evening series designed to deepen St Andrew's spiritual life through the integration of scripture, sacred music, and theological reflection; • Expanding Chinese worship – a monthly Chinese bible study shaped by the liberal Anglican catholic tradition, with the aim of enriching biblical understanding, enlivening spiritual imagination, and empowering parishioners for daily discipleship; • External speakers - a three-lecture series designed to deepen theological understanding, strengthen congregational discernment, and cultivate a mature and courageous liberal catholic Anglican identity. • St Andrew's Book Club, facilitated with books from the Brighton Library, perhaps including some theological books; • St Andrew's Cook Book – a collection of favourites from parishioners to be sold on-line; • A Whiskey Tasting evening – led by one of our Chinese parishioners
September 2026	• Alex DeLeon awaiting clearance approval • Moon Cake Festival discussed • Drainage pipe assessment for The Greening project completed • Year to date result +$277, 638 before maintenance expenses • Royal Australian Navy Band performed for the Parish on 23 August. • MAP 2026-29 with initial activities approved

Director of Music's Report

The choir in worship and concert

The St Andrew's Choir has sung to a consistently high standard at our weekly parish services. It has been a pleasure to see our young choristers (and also the adults) grow both as musicians and as people. Singing different repertoire at a high level each week gives them a rare opportunity to develop musicianship that will stay with them throughout their lives.

Highlights included Tenebrae on Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Lessons and Carols, Christmas Day and the Parish Dinner. At St Paul's Cathedral, the choir sang beautifully before an audience of 900. The concert showcased the choristers' vocal talents and gave them the opportunity to represent St Andrew's beyond the parish.



Director of Music's Report

Choral scholarships

For the past two years, Brighton Grammar School has not permitted students to audition for St Andrew's choral scholarships. As a result, no new choral scholars have joined us from Brighton Grammar during that time. We lose choristers each year as Year 12 students graduate and as other students leave the school. If this pattern continues, I expect that within two years the choir will be unable to sing at parish services.

Our relationship with Firbank Grammar School works well. Firbank provides additional choral scholarships each year, and I am grateful for that continuing support.

My thanks to our organist, Dr Bowman, Parish administrator Angela Alomes, to our lay clerks and choral scholars, to the clergy and congregation, and to everyone who believes in our choir.

Dr Mario Dobernig
Director of Music

St Andrew's Choir Parents Association (SACPA)

Annual Report

Reporting Period: 1 October 2025 – 30 September 2026

The St Andrew's Choir Parents Association (SACPA), a subsidiary group of St Andrew's Brighton, continues to support the life and ministry of the Choir through hospitality, administration, and community engagement. The Committee met three times during the period and coordinated a full program of activities aligned with the Church's liturgical calendar.

Key events included: robe fittings and maintenance, multiple after-service hospitality occasions, Remembrance Sunday hospitality, St Paul's concert, the Christmas Day breakfast, and Easter events including Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday meals. SACPA also hosted social gatherings such as the January AGM Drinks, Parish BBQ, Annual Choir Photo, and the Parish Dinner, concluding with Valedictory Sunday morning tea and lunch in September.

In addition to event support, SACPA assisted Choir Leadership with administration and logistics, ensuring smooth coordination throughout the year.

Financial Overview:
Funds at 1 October 2025: $5,970.15
Income (for period): $4,957.10
Expenses (for period): $3,538.19
Closing Balance at 30 Sept 2026: $5,970.15

Acknowledgements:
Sincere thanks are extended to the Vicar (President); the 2026 SACPA Committee – Felicity Stretch (Chair), Kisane Soriano (Vice-Chair + Keeper of the Robes), Andrew Giles (Treasurer/Secretary), and members Nada Denning, Jessica Lindeman, Caitlin Chaponnel, Emily Lendrum – along with the Choir Leadership team for their ongoing collaboration.

SACPA also thanks departing choir families, the wider choir community, parishioners, volunteers, Brighton Grammar School, Firbank Grammar School, and local businesses for their invaluable support.

SACPA remains committed to fostering fellowship, service, and support for the Choir in the year ahead.

St Andrew's
Music Foundation

Report for St Andrew's Brighton



During the 2025/26 year the Foundation, through its trustee St Andrew's Music Foundation Ltd, continued to receive donations for the following purposes Parish purposes:

- St Andrew's Organ Appeal Fund
- St Andrew's Music Program Fund,

as well as other groups in Brighton, principally *The Friends of Brighton Grammar Music*.

The restoration of the War Memorial Organ is now complete and we are no longer collecting funds for the **Organ Restoration Fund**. The balance of that Fund is held for future organ repairs and maintenance ($42,130 as at August 2026).

Funds donated now for St Andrew's are held for the general music purposes account for the Parish or for theGrand Piano Appreal. During the year the ANZ Bank closed its not-for-profit fundraising platform, Shout for Good, and the St Andrew's Music Foundation has transitioned its online giving to **GiveNow.**

The Foundation is launching a program to fundraise for a **new concert grand piano**. The current balance is $2,000.

St Andrew's Music Program Fund is a general fund for the provision of music at St Andrew's. Funds are received from donors, parishioners, and from Brighton Grammar ($75,000pa). These funds are used to reimburse the Parish for the salary expenses of the Music Department, to cover monthly maintenance of their musical equipment and other musical endeavours. During the year ending 30 June 2025, the Foundation contributed $70,375 towards the Parish's music program from funds on hand. As at 18 August 2026, $40,994 was held for this purpose.

The Music Foundation also accepts gifts for other music programs in Brighton, including the BGS Friends of Music, the BGS Music Program Fund, and St Andrew's Choir Parents Association.

All funds are separately accounted for - by the intended recipient and purpose. As at 30 September 2026, no funds were held for other purposes other than as noted above, and for the administrative costs of the Foundation.

St Andrew's Music Foundation Ltd
Directors
Nick Stretch
Roger Pym
Rev. Ian Morrison

13 November 2026

If you would like to continue supporting the Foundation, **tax-deductible donations** can now be made securely via:

https://www.givenow.com.au/samf

Opportunity Shop 2026

Our Opportunity Shop has once again had a busy and successful year by exceeding significantly last year's takings. The shop is continually presented in a thoughtful way with due regard to product display, cleanliness and notable customer service by all our volunteers. The shop has become a unique outreach to the local community reflected in encouraging and consistent feedback regularly expressed by our customers.

A gorgeous old-fashioned op shop with absolutely charming staff.
Very well laid out, thoughtful displays. Prices are not the cheapest
but it's easily more affordable than the two others on the main drag.
Loved it.

The standard of goods offered for sale remains high by application of careful and consistent principles of inspection of goods donated. Clothing not considered appropriate for sale is collected by a specialist recycler. All other sub-standard goods such as toys, crockery, kitchenware etc has to unfortunately be sent to landfill. This is common to all opportunity shops and therefore taken in our stride.

Lovely ladies here are always so polite and welcoming.
Great prices compared to other local op shops, and on multiple
occasions I've picked up quality items for an amazing price.
Always worth stopping in for a look!

Pricing of the goods in our shop demands careful consideration. We have to asses what the item is worth, what we can sell it for in an opportunity shop and what our local competitors doing. It is a difficult thing to get the balance right but is handled expertly by our backroom staff.
As always, of course, our thanks for smooth running to St Andrew's Opportunity Shop must go to our wonderful team of volunteers who donate their time and energy on a regular long-term basis. They are a close and committed crew without which our shop would simply not exist. Particular recognition and tribute must be paid to Lorraine Winkler, and Jan Atkins until early 2026, for their hard work and strategic guidance in formulating pricing and strategies from the back room, as well as their presence in dealing with customers in the shop. It is with these sentiments mind that we can all look forward to a happy and productive future when St Andrew's Opportunity Shop will continue to be a warm and welcoming place for all.

It's a great Op Shop.

Andrew Bottomley
Op Shop Volunteer and Churchwarden

St Mary’s Pre-School — 2026 Annual Report

It is a pleasure to share this year’s update from St Mary’s Pre-School. In 2026, we continued to offer our three- and four-year-old kindergarten programs alongside our optional Monday program. Our educators worked closely with families to help children settle, build friendships and grow in confidence through play.

Our partnership with St Andrew’s Church

On behalf of the Committee of Management, I would like to thank Fr Ian, Angela and the Churchwardens for the time and care they gave to reviewing our rental agreement this year. We appreciated the opportunity to discuss the financial pressures facing the preschool and what would help us plan with greater certainty.

The new five-year lease, which commenced on 1 October 2026, gives us a more secure footing as we plan our programs and care for the premises. We are grateful for the parish’s willingness to work through the details with us and for its ongoing support of St Mary’s and the local families we serve.

Finances, facilities and fundraising

We have updated our 2027 fee schedule to reflect the rising costs of running the preschool. St Mary’s will continue to participate in Free Kinder, so families will not pay regular term fees for the funded kindergarten program. Under the Free Kinder guidelines, we will introduce a fee for eligible one-off incursions, with the applicable exemptions and hardship arrangements in place. This will help cover the cost of bringing visiting presenters and hands-on learning experiences into the kinder, supporting the quality and variety of the program we offer children.

General operating expenses, including WorkCover premiums and utilities, continue to rise and put pressure on our budget. We have also been managing repairs following water ingress, with roof works among our priorities. We continue to budget carefully so we can meet these costs while maintaining the premises and investing in learning resources.

Our recent Bunnings sausage sizzle raised approximately $1,850, including online contributions. Thank you to everyone who helped organise the day, took a shift or came by to support us. We are also grateful to the families who chose to make a voluntary contribution to the preschool.

Workforce and sector developments

This year saw stop-work action across the Victorian kindergarten sector as part of bargaining for the new Victorian Early Childhood Teachers and Educators Agreement (VECTEA 2026). At the time of writing, the proposed agreement is awaiting approval by the Fair Work Commission. We are preparing for changes to pay and employment conditions and considering what they will mean for our staffing and budget.

At the end of 2025, we farewelled Heather Atkinson, who had been an educator at St Mary's for more than 35 years. Heather took great pride in the kinder and helped make it a place where generations of children and families felt welcome. She has been greatly missed this year, and we thank her for all she gave to St Mary's over so many years.

Kinder life and community

In 2025, we celebrated 65 years of St Mary's Pre-School with an end-of-year family disco. It was a lovely way to bring our families together and mark a milestone in the kinder's history. Our three-year-old group also visited Chesterfield Farm, while our four-year-old group explored Melbourne Museum. Both excursions gave children a chance to discover new places and share those experiences with their friends.

As we wrap up 2026, we look forward to bringing families together again for this year's end of year disco. We will also welcome our incoming new families for orientation, giving children a chance to meet their teachers and get to know the kinder before they start.

Looking ahead

Our kindergarten places for 2027 are currently full, and we look forward to welcoming our new children and families. Thank you to our educators, families, volunteers and Committee of Management for all you have contributed this year. To St Andrew's Church, thank you again for your support in reviewing our lease and for helping St Mary's continue to provide a welcoming place for local children to learn and grow.

Warm regards,
Sophie Craig

Business Manager
St Mary's Pre-School Centre Inc.

Treasurer's Report 2026

This year has been a very positive year in financial terms, thanks to our neighbours Brighton Grammar who lease back parts of the Duigan Centre from the Parish.

Our result for the year was a trading surplus of $168,423. This is great result and, if as the Churchwardens hope, we do not have to share any property rental income with the Diocese through the assessment process, then the Parish is well placed to finally be able to accumulate some capital to ensure that that further future maintenance can be undertaken in a timely manner. Our Mission Action Plan aims to achieve funds on hand of at lease $3m, about 10% of the replacement cost of our facilities.

The formal accounts from our auditors, Stannards, are attached, as it the **summary** of our Profit & Loss results and an indicative **budget** for the next 3 years.

In this **summary**, you will note that:

Income

- Our **giving income** (offertory + envelopes and direct deposit) totalled $147,819, just a bit short of our budget target of $153,720;
- BGS provide a **specific purpose donations** (for the maintenance of our buildings) of $. We also received a one-off donation of $500,000 (for The Greening Project) which is now invested with the ADF;. This donation formed part of the original consideration for the ground lease upon which the Duigan Centre has been constructed;
- The **Op Shop** was just short of its budget target, when allowing for monies received but not banked as at 30 September;
- During the year we raised specific-purpose donations of $11,500 for the installation of the new **gates across the driveway** to 230A & 230B, of which $6,010 remained undisbursed to the contractor as at the end 30 September;
- The **Services** income is significantly higher than budget although the number of services (weddings & funerals) was slightly less than last year.
- The **Café** was paid in advance as at 30 September 2026.
- Rental income from **BGS** was $375,000 for this year;
- There was no income from **St Mary's Pre-school** due to a significant drainage and plumbing problem which they encountered on the site. The Churchwardens provided the school with rent relief. A new lease has been signed from 1 October and they are now paying rent under that lease. That lease provides special accommodation for outgoings with the Parish will pay in the future *(see the Vicar's report)*;

Expenditure

- Our **Diocesan assessment** has not been revised this year pending determination by the Supreme Court as to whether the Parish is liable to pay assessment on rents received due to the particular wording of the trust under which the Parish formally received the land in 1843.
- The **Music Department** and **Lay Clerk** costs will be reimbursed by the St Andrew's Music Foundation up to a total of $75,000 each, although the actual costs incurred are in the order of $125,000pa;
- **Legal costs** relating to rectifying the leasing arrangements are the bulk of the legal costs of $18,266. We do not anticipate further leasing costs of this magnitude as BGS has agreed to meet the costs of obtaining Supreme Court approval of the leasing documentation. The budgeted future legal costs relate to the possible future court application concerning assessment liability on rents.
- There were significant **repairs and maintenance** carried this year, largely on the past two decade or so.

Most pleasingly we have finally been able to accumulate available funds, with available resources of $731,251 after allowing for the specific-purpose accounts (which cannot be used for general parish purposes.

The **budget** columns anticipate that:

- the Parish will be able to raise its giving to a goal of $150,000 in the coming year;
- expenditure on legal fees will continue in 202627 with one issue to be raised in Court. The legal expenses are one-off items which will not reoccur at these levels in future years;
- no allowance has been made for additional Diocesan Assessment for 2 years of about $80,000 pa pending determination by the Court;

A successful year.

Cathy Chang
Treasurer

ST ANDREW'S BRIGHTON - P&L and BUDGET **3 YEARS 2026/27 to 2028-29**

*Specific donations - not assessible
** Wardens opinion - not assessible
*** Includes fees for essential services inspections
inflation est. 4 %pa

	THIS YEAR ACTUAL 2025/26	THIS YEAR BUDGET 2025/26	BUDGET / FORECAST 2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
INCOME					
Offertory	59,255	47,250	**60,000**	65,000	70,000
Envelopes and Direct Deposit	88,531	106,470	**90,000**	90,000	100,000
General Donations	182	7,500	**1,000**	1,000	1,000
Specific Donations* ^ - Gates	6,010	-			
Specific Donation - Preservation & maintenance*	99,999	103,332	**107,500**	111,800	116,250
Specific Donations- The Greening Project*	500,000	-	**-**		
Institutional Donations - Op Shop	61,451	66,000	**66,000**	69,000	72,500
Fundraising	15,696	15,000	**15,000**	15,750	16,500
Services	56,985	43,956	**45,000**	47,250	49,600
Property - Café **	139,730	125,000	**125,000**	131,250	137,800
Property - BGS **	375,000	372,228	**372,233**	390,844	410,350
Property - St Mary's	-	11,000	**20,000**	**20,800**	21,600
Hall facilities	707	-			
Interest	11,998	10,000	**15,000**	10,000	10,000
Total Income	**1,415,544**	907,736	**916,733**	952,694	1,005,600
EXPENSES					
Diocesan Assessment	45,840	80,004	**80,000**	84,000	88,200
Stipends	209,092	209,004	**250,000**	260,000	270,400
Ministry related expenses	0	996	**1,000**	1,000	1,000
Conferences	655	1,500	**1,500**	1,575	1,650
Sacristy Costs	3,052	2,004	**3,000**	3,120	3,250
Office Staff and costs	74,484	100,000	**85,000**	104,000	108,200
Fundraising and Social Events	2,625	7,000	**7,000**	7,350	7,700
Music Department staff	69,896	50,000	**65,000**	62,500	64,600
Music & choir costs	2,388	2,000	**2,000**	2,100	2,205
Organ / Piano maintenance	3,276	4,000	**4,000**	4,200	4,410
Services	11,569	15,000	**15,000**	15,750	16,500
Miscellaneous	1,666	2,000	**2,000**	2,100	2,205
Utilities, Tel, Rates and Land Tax	79,371	95,000	**95,000**	100,000	110,000
Legal Fees	18,266	40,000	**50,000**	40,000	5,000
Property Repairs and Maintenance***	152,478	96,752	**80,000**	84,000	88,200
Finance Charges	1,550	728	**2,000**	2,080	2,375
Insurance and finance charges	50,913	100,000	**80,000**	90,000	100,000
St Mary's outgoings	-		**16,800**	17,500	18,200
Mission Giving	20,000				
Total Expenses	**747,121**	805,988	**839,300**	881,275	894,095
Surplus / (Defecit) of Income over Expenses	668,423	101,748	**77,433**	71,419	111,505
less Non-recurring items					
The Greening Project	500,000		**-500,000**		
TRADING SURPLUS	**168,423**	80,948	**82,433**	193,549	238,286
FUNDS ON HAND					
ADF - Specific-purpose accounts					
Rusden bequest	1,983				
Graveyard	7,853				
Garden of Remembrance	56,135				
Maintenance & preservation	20,766				
The Greening Project	500,000				
Total Specific-Purpose funds	**586,737**				
ADF - general accounts					
Bequest	56,135				
Parish Giving a/c	1,412				
Trust Land Rent a/c	565,793				
Refurbishment a/c	35,514				
ANZ	64,976				
Bendigo	7,428				
Available funds	**731,258**				
TOTAL FUNDS	**1,317,995**				