



2025

ANNUAL REPORT

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Notice and Agenda of the Parish Annual Meeting

Saturday 22 November 2024 at 10am in the church

Nominations of candidates for the offices of:

2 churchwardens

4 members of the Parish Council

2 Parish Nominators (Incumbency Committee) and any reserve nominators

must be given to the Vicar by 3.00 pm on Friday 14 November 2024

by email vicar@standrewsbrighton.org.au or by leaving the form in the Parish Office letterbox.

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.

Statutory reports

The following reports will be tabled:

5. 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.
6. Churchwardens' report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church, the vicarage and other Parish buildings.
7. reports of other parish groups

Financial reports

8. **Motion:** THAT the audited accounts for the year ending 30 September 2025 be received and adopted.
(queries regarding the accounts must be submitted in writing by 5.00pm Thursday 20 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 given subsequent to the meeting).
9. The budget approved by the Parish Council for the year commencing 1 October 2025 will be presented.

Elections and appointments

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

10. Churchwardens (2 to be elected)
11. Parish Council (4 to be elected)
12. Parish Nominators (2 to be elected – one male and one female & any reserve Nominators)
13. **Motion:** THAT Stannards be appointed as the Parish Auditor for the year 2025/26.

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

Closure



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH OF
ST ANDREW'S BRIGHTON**

DATE	24 November 2024 at 11.30am	
VENUE	St Andrew's Church Brighton	
PRESENT	Sue Agar Brian Comport Helen Cong Dale Dobson Angela Edwards Nina Fu Robyn Greenhalgh Tricia Harper Paul Lovell Anne Martin Mary Ogilvy Pat Phair Ian Russell Ken Whelan Judy Sargent	Sue Brown Val Comport Wendy Davis Corey East-Bryans Murray Evely Peter Gray Mike Hanneberry Jonathan Hough Apple Low Kaye McNaught Bill Palmer Tim Renouf Robert Timms Cathy Zhang
APOLOGIES	Helen Lovell David Ogilvy Ken Pearce Liam Price Heather Sanderson Felicity Stretch Peter Freckleton Alan Harper Jean hawkins	Keith Jones Jill Timms Elizabeth Pearce Calvin Bowman Nick Stretch Victoria Freckleton Carolyn Harris Mrgaret Jolly
IN ATTENDANCE	The Reverend Xeverie Swee De-Leon Michael Jordan, Elixabeth Jordan,	
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 Apologies were accepted from those noted above.	
3.	Reception of the Parish Electoral Roll The Vicar tabled a copy of the Parish Electoral Roll with 115 parishioners recorded on it.	
4.	Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting Motion That the minutes of the last Annual Meeting on 26 November 2023. 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.	

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 2024, 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 2024 as approved by the Parish Council. He pointed to a projected surplus for the year of \$68,000, noting that this did not include costs relating to the Music Department, paid by the St Andrew's Music Foundation Ltd. Concerns about rising insurance costs was noted, particularly in light of the revaluation the results of which were awaited. This is likely to have a major impact on expenses
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 Johnson Xu as a Churchwarden.
14.	Parish Council The Vicar advised that as 4 nominations had been received for the 4 elected positions as members of Parish Council, the following were declared elected : Helen Cong Mike Hanneberry Cathy Zhang James Zhao The Vicar advised that he had appointed Jean Hawkins and Wendy Davis to the Parish Council.
15.	Parish Nominators The Vicar advised that as 2 nominations had been received for the 2 elected positions (male & female) as Parish Nomnators and the following were declared elected: Heather Sanderson and Peter Gray In addition, Reserve Parish Nominators (in the following order) were elected: Anne Martin, Liam Price, Nick Stretch and Helen Cong. 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 2024-25 accounts.	Carried
	Other matters of parochial or general church business	
	Nil.	
	Closure The meeting closed at 12.30 pm.	
	Confirmation Signed as a true and correct record	



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The Past Year

Following last year's Parish Annual Meeting, the new parish year began with our **St Andrew's Day Parish Lunch**, this year in the Pioneer Chapel. We thank Pantry and those who assisted in making this event so much fun. Phoebe Paine sang for us and we enjoyed a suitable St Andrew's Day cake.





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Following the Advent studies in the lead up to **Christmas**, we hosted the Bayside City Council's Church St Christmas tree and celebrated Christmas for St Mary's Pre-School which is always an enjoyable day, especially with a sausage sizzle for the kids and their families following the service.



Then Christmas was upon us and 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.





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Our Christmas services were well attended with over 700 visitors during these 6 services.



In January we experimented with having only one Sunday service at 9.30am, bringing together our 8am and 10am congregations. For the holiday period. I think this was judged a success and we will be repeating this in January 2026. Our usual Sat@6 service will continue as usual.

January saw us celebrate the new Eastern Courtyard between the church and the Duigan Centre. We began our **Australia Day** service in that courtyard with the congregation spread along the new Vicars' Cloister (out of the sun). We acknowledged those who have gone before us and who provided the facilities that we now enjoy and we blessed this new place of sanctuary before proceeding into the church.





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



Our **choir** returned from school holidays in February and there were inductions for the new members and the installation of Jared Thomas as Head Chorister for the year. Many thanks to our hardworking Director of Music and Parish Organist Dr Calvin Bowman for all they have contributed to bringing out such an excellent standard from our choristers this year.



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Thanks to **SACPA** (the St Andrew's Choir Parents Inc) who not only provided refreshments after the service but also feed our choristers between performances at Easter and Christmas.





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One of our three cultural outreach programs is **Lunar New Year**, a great production supported by Bayside City Council and directed by Mthx 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.





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The Duigan Centre

The new BGS building in St Andrews Street on our former tennis court site has been named 'The Duigan Centre' (Centre for Science, Creativity and Entrepreneurship), after John Robertson Duigan who was the first Australian to build a plane and fly it in Australia and an Old Boy of Brighton Grammar. Below is a photo of a replica plane erected in the 1886 Gallery of the Duigan Centre.



The building was officially opened on 27 February 2025 by The Hon Nick Duigan (grand nephew of pioneer aviator and Old Boy Jack Duigan) with Bishop Kate Prowd performing the blessing.





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The Duigan Centre creates a new courtyard between the building and the church, our 'Eastern Courtyard'.



This courtyard is bordered on two sides by the 'Vicars' Cloister' - a reference to myself, and Fr Jan Joustra who was instrumental in commencing the project on behalf of the Parish. The cloister provides undercover and windproof access from the Parish Hall and the Duigan Centre from the church.

At the beginning of Lent we had our Shrove Tuesday pancakes on the night before Ash Wednesday.



Mthr Xeverie and I visited the Central Shule in South Caulfield with several other local Anglican Ministers, engaging in ways to secure social cohesion for Jewish residents in Australia.





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As a result an evening was arranged for a **Shabbat meal** at this synagogue and 15 parishioners from St Andrew's attended. Everyone agreed that it was a very informative evening and a joy to be with our Jewish brethren who kindly shared their worship and meal with us.

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.





EASTER & HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Monday 14 April @ 7pm - Holy Eucharist
Tuesday 15 April @ 6.45pm -
Stations of the Cross
in art and fish and chips dinner
Wednesday 16 April @ 10.30am - Holy Eucharist
Maundy Thursday 17 April @ 7pm -
Commemoration of the Last Supper
Good Friday 18 April
10.30am **Walk of Witness** with refreshments
2pm **Veneration of the Cross**
7pm **Tenebrae**
Holy Saturday 19 April @ 7pm
New fire, Vigil and first Eucharist of Easter
Easter Day 20 April
8am Sung Eucharist
10am Sung Family Eucharist



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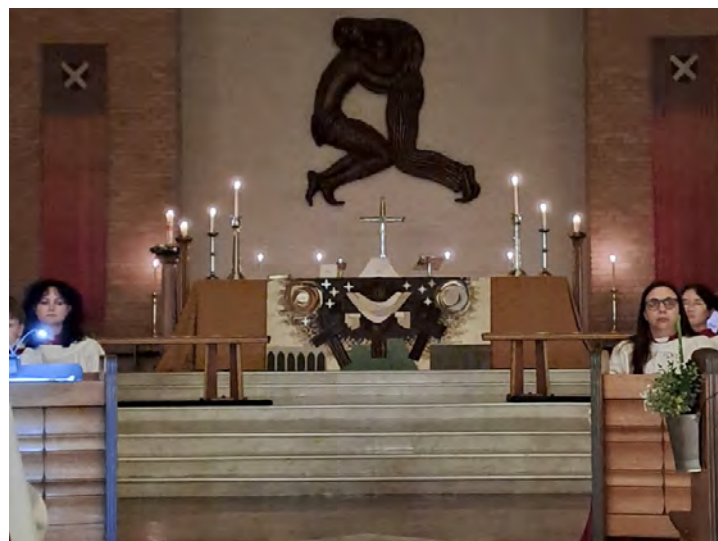


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On **Good Friday** we hosted the Walk of Witness conducted on behalf of the Brighton Covenant Churches, with a hot cross bun morning tea.



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.





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On **Easter Day** we were blessed with a visit from our Bishop, the Rt Rev'd Paul Barker, who confirmed two candidates and received another into the Anglican Church. It was a joy to have him with us.

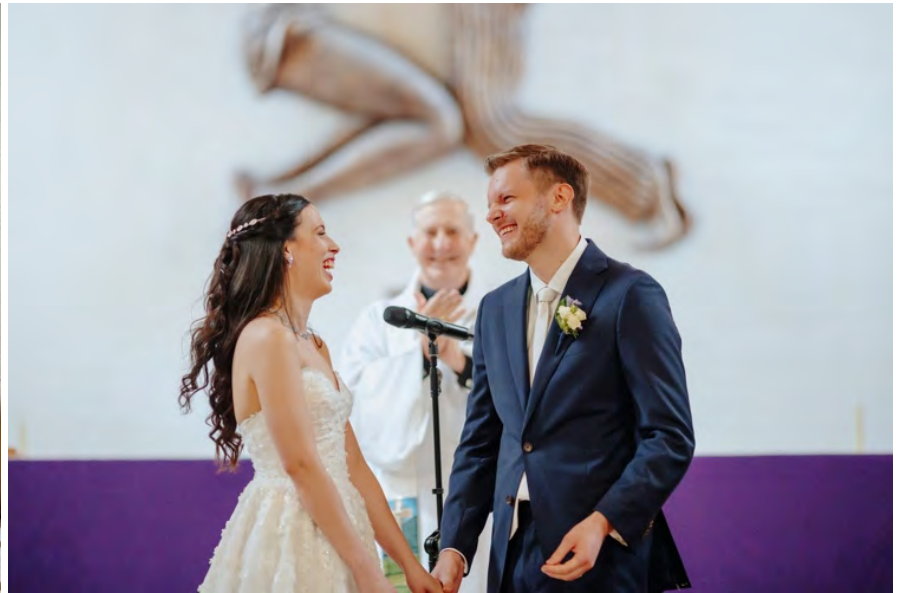




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Weddings

It has been a bumper year for weddings, 10 this year, more than at any time in recent memory. Both Xeverie and I have been busy with weddings, and our website is bringing lots of bookings for the future too.



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.





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Funerals

I have conducted 43 funerals this year, most of which have been in the church, some in the Pioneer Chapel, and occasionally at a crematorium 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:

Norman Barrow
Dorothea Carmichael
Ruth Jones
Dwight King
Anne Martin
Ian Mence OAM
Gwen Sampson
George Thomson

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



Kids' Church

What a delight it is to have Kids' Church on the first Sunday of the month at 11.30am. We have several new young people who have joined us this year and they enjoy the stories, songs, prayers and activities, the latter greatly assisted by Carolyn Harris and Helen Yao. The program for 2026 will be released shortly.





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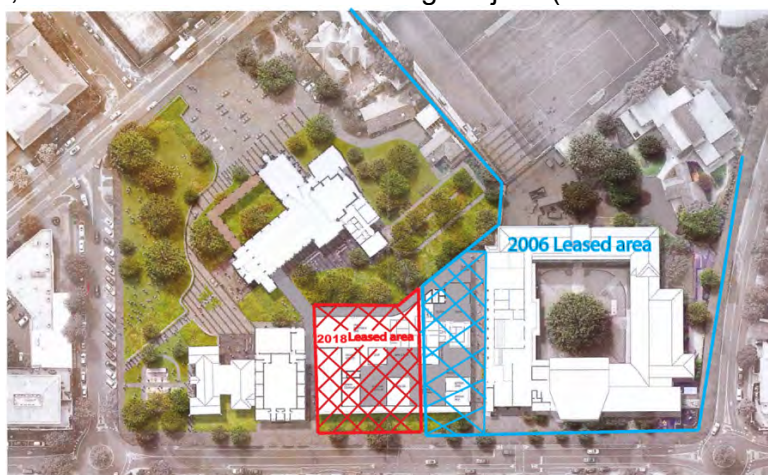
Safe Ministry

Unfortunately we had occasion recently to approach Kooyoora Ltd (who provide professional standards and safeguarding solutions for the Diocese) regarding conduct which made the clergy, Wardens and some parishioners uncomfortable, and which possibly breached the safe ministry standards of the Diocese. Kooyoora's advice was followed and we hope that this matter is being brought to a close. As it is a personal matter, it would not be appropriate to provide details which otherwise might lead to gossip. Suffice to say the Wardens and Safe Ministry Officers of the Parish are mindful of ensuring that St Andrew's is a comfortable and safe environment for all participants.

Leases to Brighton Grammar

In late 2018 a Heads of Agreement and a 99-year **Ground Lease** were entered into with BGS for the construction of a new building on the then tennis court site in St Andrews Street, next to the Parish Centre. Construction, delayed by the need for approvals and then COVID lockdowns, began in late 2022 and the Duigan Centre was completed at the end of 2024. The consideration for the Ground Lease was:

- BGS would construct a new building on the courts and on part of their school site;
- some new facilities within that building were to be subleased to the Parish and these areas comprise:
a reception room, new Parish Offices, toilets, and 65 carparking spaces, together with 3 rooftop tennis courts and a pavilion; and
- contribute \$500,000 of the cost of 'The Greening Project' (*see later in this Report*).



The **Ground Lease** was defective in a number of significant respects, not the least of which is that it wasn't approved by the Supreme Court of Victoria before being signed due to the restrictions placed on the land in the trust created in 1841 (Trust). The Trust doesn't allow the land to be used as a school. A **Variation of Lease Deed** is being entered into to correct the Ground Lease errors and missing information.,

Under the 2018 Heads of Agreement, BGS were to provide the Parish with the new facilities mentioned above. These facilities were completed by BGS at the end of 2024, and a **Sublease** of these areas of the Duigan Centre has been agreed between BGS and the Parish, and approved by the Diocesan trustee, Melbourne Anglican Trust Corporation (MATC).

New BGS arrangements

At last year's Parish Annual Meeting I spoke of a separate and new agreement with BGS to sub-sublease back to BGS those areas in the Duigan Centre which the Churchwardens and Parish Council decided that we could not justify using, given our then precarious financial position. The Parish needed money not offices.

The Churchwardens reached agreement with BGS for the school to use most of these new areas, now including the rooftop (*see below*). A **Sub-sublease** has been agreed for the remainder of the Ground Lease term, about 93 years. The Parish has retained 10 underground car spaces for use by



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Café and Op Shop staff, plus a storeroom on the walkway from St Andrews Street. The Sub-sublease allows the Parish to terminate the arrangement every 10 years if it wishes to recover use of these facilities for Parish purposes. It is probably unlikely that the Parish would ever be in a financial position to do so. This Sub-sublease will also need Court approval.

The rent is \$325,000 pa from 1 February 2025 (indexed). In addition, the Parish has leased the large Parish Hall to BGS for \$50,000pa. This provides the Parish with a regular income for a largely unused facility and relieves us of the administration of the casual users of this area.

BGS is also giving the Parish \$100,000pa for the specific purpose of maintaining the structures on our site, as well as donating \$75,000pa to St Andrew's Music Foundation to support of music program.

The total value of these new arrangements is \$550,000 pa (indexed). The Parish is represented in all these leasing negotiations by Gadens, Lawyers who have acted in other leasing matters for the Parish.

St Andrew's Tennis Club

Negotiations with the committee members of St Andrew's Middle Brighton Tennis Club Inc (SATC) faltered in January when it became clear that the Club would not be able to meet our anticipated rental for the rooftop courts. The Churchwardens had obtained a rental valuation of \$37,500pa for the new facilities and were of the view that the Parish could not afford to subsidise SATC.

BGS agreed to pay the Parish \$50,000pa for the rooftop and to also continue negotiations with SATC for shared use of the facilities. The Churchwardens then included the rooftop in the Sub-sublease, and they have not been party to subsequent negotiations between BGS and SATC since January.

In October we learned, through a BGS announcement, of an arrangement with Royal South Yarra Tennis Club (RSYTC) for the provision of tennis coaching and other services on all of BGS's courts (including the rooftop). RSYTC will be assisting SATC with shared facilities and membership services. Use of the courts may begin this month.

Assessment

The Churchwardens have taken the view, based on the specific terms of Trust applying to our land, that all of the rents and licence fees paid for use of parts of the Parish's land should be solely for the benefit of St Andrew's Brighton, and not be shared with the Diocese through the imposition of assessment (currently 16% of gross income). Consequently the estimate of Diocesan Assessment shown in the attached Budget does not include any additional assessment at 16% of the rentals received.

Given that the new arrangement will last for the next 93 years, the Churchwardens (on behalf of the Parish) will seek a determination to this effect from the Supreme Court of Victoria in separate proceedings to those necessary for the approval of the various lease documentation. The Churchwardens have appointed the law firm K & L Gates to act for them in this application and have been indemnified by the Parish for the costs which will be incurred. This will be an expensive exercise, but we need to build a corpus of funds for the future, noting that our 'new' church is 63 years old.

Organ Refurbishment

A report from our Parish Organist, Dr Calvin Bowman, is attached giving an update on the organ works as they near completion. We are grateful for the fundraising efforts of St Andrew's Music Foundation (SAMF) and all those volunteers who assisted with this project. There have been significant donations to this project from several parishioners and the work would not have been possible without those gifts. The total spent to date by SAMF on the project to date is \$362,982.



The coming year and beyond

The Greening Project

Part of the consideration for the granting of the Ground Lease to BGS in 2018 was that they would pay for a project to irrigate and relandscape the church grounds. This project is underway and the Churchwardens have been liaising with our consultant, Peter Perkins, regarding a Master Plan from which the various detailed drawings can be drawn. That Master Plan has been on display in the narthex for the past few weeks. Essentially it involves:

Underground water tanks

- underground water storage
- underground pipes to direct roof drainage and surface run-off to these tanks
- Irrigation pipes for lawns and gardens will be linked to these tanks

Carparking

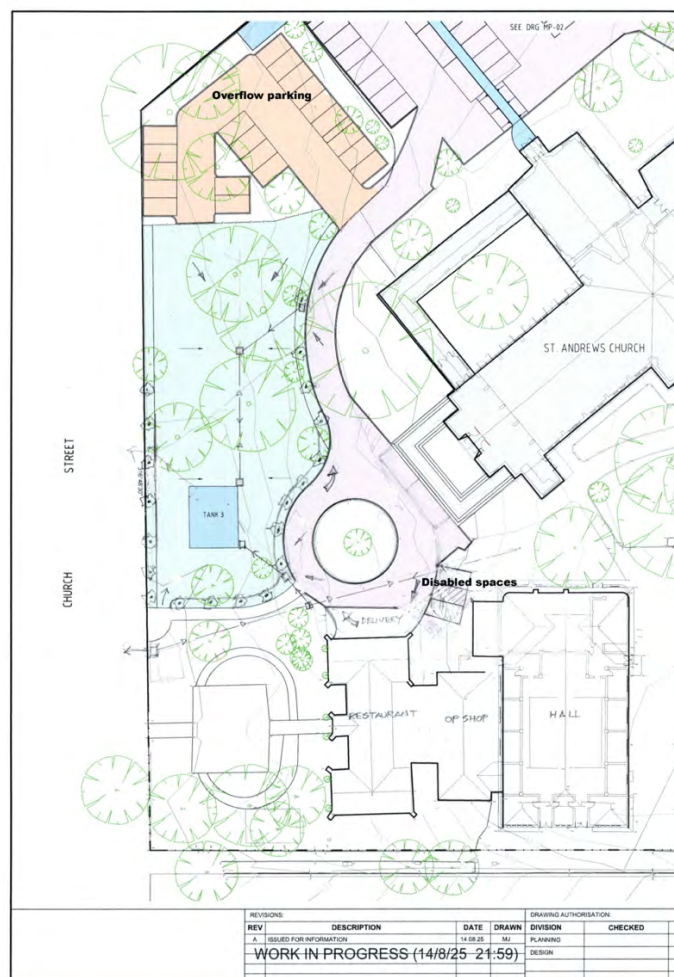
- a paved pathway from Lychgate to Pioneer Chapel door
- redirection of some carpaces
- a safety speed hump at Pioneer Chapel door
- maximisation of paved parking (42 spaces) with 9 new spaces near vicarage
- treed area on Church and New Streets corner to be unpaved (existing grass and mulch) overflow parking – (15 spaces) with white stone markers.
- relocation of the disabled parking to behind Op Shop (closer to church and café)
- 2 retractable bollards to be installed at New Street entry, operated by number plate recognition, to prevent unauthorised parking.
- gated rear driveway entry to vicarage.
- gated entrance to form 'St Andrew's Close': accessing 230A & B, cemetery, Garden of Remembrance, Parish Office and Eastern Cloister from New Street – time restricted access for pedestrians due to anti-social behaviour experienced in Eastern Courtyard

Lawn and gardens to Church Street

- relocation of the Garbage bays to to St Andrews Street between café and Op Shop
- to maximise the potential collection of surface runoff it is planned to revise the surface profile of lawn, creating a shallow central valley with grated inlet pits draining to Tank 3.
- planter beds along Church St boundary and driveway for visual amenity and prevent parking on lawn.
- regrading of paving behind Op Shop to prevent flooding of Café.
- installation of church and tree lighting at front of church, incorporated into new entrance step paving, with step edges delineated.
- relocation of disabled spaces to rear of Op Shop, adjacent to disabled entry to church and Café.

The extent of the work carried out in 2026 will depend on the costings which will be obtained as soon as more detailed plans are prepared.

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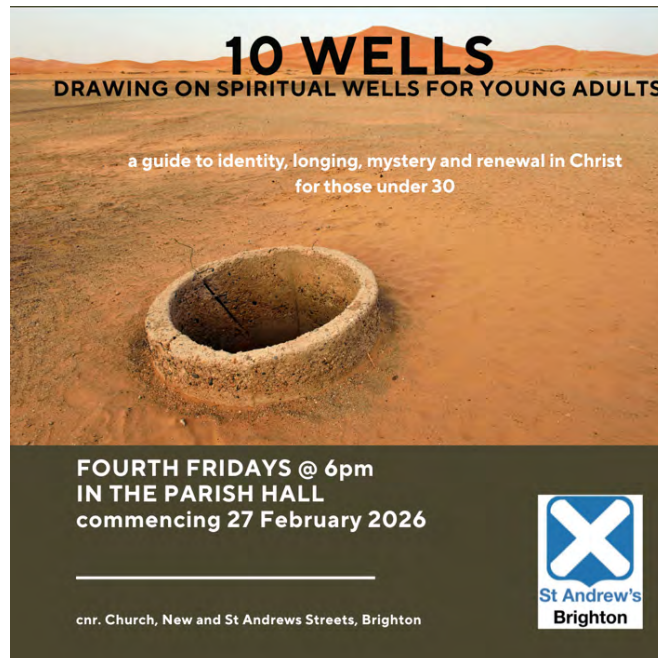




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The 10 Wells

In February 2026 we propose to begin an exciting new course of spiritual formation for young people under 30.



More on this initiative in Xeverie's report.

Guest musicians

We hope to have a variety of musicians with us during those parts of the year when the choir are in recess.

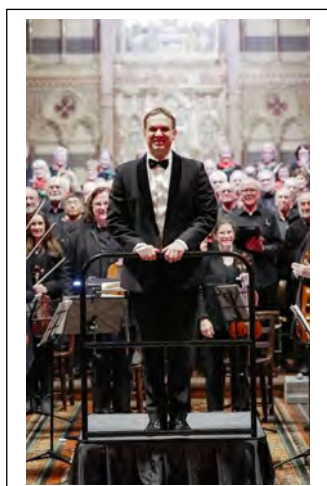
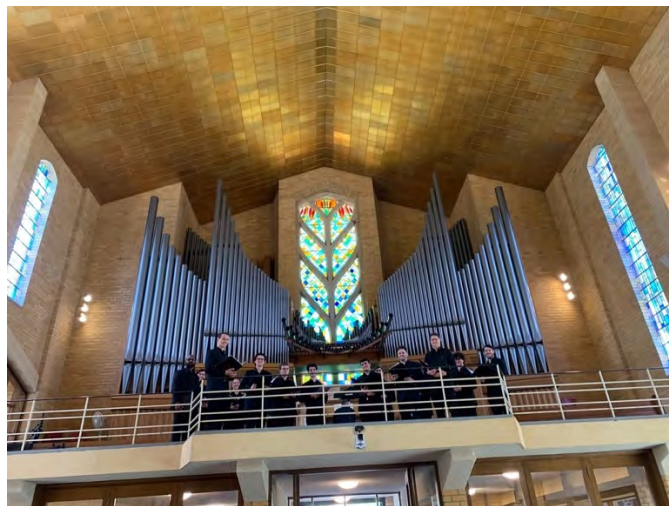
One such event is planned for Sunday 15 March 2026 at 10am when the Royal Australian Navy Band will join us for a concert at 10.30am. As they cannot perform during a church service, we will have morning prayer at 10am instead of Holy Eucharist, and then welcome the band afterwards. This should be a performance not to be missed, so please add it to your diary now.





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In late March we plan to have another visit from the Australian Boys Choir.



St Andrew's Choir will be taking 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.

The concert – *Magnum Mysterium: the wonder of Christmas* will be held on 13 December 2025 is already nearly sold out.

Changing of the guard



We have a new Archbishop of Canterbury (to be installed in March 2026), a new Archbishop of Melbourne (to be installed on 30 November) and there is a new Pope. Times are changing and we need to adapt to those changes or risk being left behind. We can look back fondly back at the past, but new cannot do what we did then. Through initiatives such as '10 Wells' and the introduction of



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younger people into our administration, we hope to bring new energy to our Parish as we navigate a new future under our Archbishop-elect, Bishop Rick Thorpe. Let us continue to pray for our clergy, Bishop Paul, Bishop Rick and all Anglicans in Melbourne Diocese that the future will be bright, with a broad spectrum of beliefs allowing us to meet together in unity and diversity.

Viability & sustainability

In August the Diocese released a paper setting out how they calculate the viability of Parishes. This is important because, although they plan 30 new church plants and 30 church renewals in the next 5 years, the money for these initiatives has to come from somewhere. This will be through the closure and sale of parishes that are no longer viable in their eyes and which they don't propose to renew in some way.

There are 11 criteria for the assessment of parish viability, and determined thresholds by which they are measured, which have been benchmarked into a traffic light system. Below is a table which reflects our position as at the date of this report. The assessment is over the past 3 years which explains why we have some **red** lights under Measure 6, due to past financial performance.

	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 Wardens 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

If there are current **red** lights, our Bishop will engage with us as to how we might overcome the issue. We would be given 12 months to secure improvement. We should be fine if we are successful in our litigation concerning the accessibility of rental income. Prayers needed.

Gratitude

This is a very busy parish and there is an increasing burden of administration heaped on us from the Diocese and the State government which inevitably 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 the community interface and engagement that we do achieve that we do without the able assistance of a team of people.



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I am particularly pleased that Mthr Xeverie Swee DeLeon has been appointed as our Assistant Priest, as she is an enormous assistance me and many parishioners. Her tireless work and initiatives drives the Parish into a promising future.

Thank you to our Churchwardens, Johnson, Ken and Andrew, who have been studious in dealing with a number of complex legal issues during the year, and whose willingness to attend to a host of property issues has ensured that the Parish presents well for all of us. I can't count how many times Ken has had to unblock a toilet, or Johnson replace a toilet seat!

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 earnestness. To Mike, Jean, Wendy, James, Helen 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 – Mike, Johnson, Michael, Wendy, Ken, Alex and Xev. And thanks 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.



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 a 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 in particular our Opportunity Shop volunteers who beaver away at providing a community resource for Brighton – thank you.

Fr Ian Morrison
Vicar
13.11.25

VICAR'S REPORT ON THE PARISH REGISTERS FOR THE PARISH FINANCIAL YEAR

Parish Statistics for the year ending 30 September 2025

	2023	2024	2025
Baptisms	23	21	34
Admission to Communion	0	0	0
Confirmations	0	3	2
Reception as Anglican	0	0	1
Weddings	5	3	10
Funerals	33	35	37
Public services	225	220	235
Sunday services	116	115	116
Residential Care services	24	24	24
Sunday Communions	5,532	5601	5,526
Weekday Communions	632	731	860
Home Communions	142	140	132
Total Communions	6,306	6472	6,622
Sunday Attendances	6,808*	6,999*	5,630
Weekday Attendances	1,310	1,290	1,410
On-line views			3,047
Total Attendance	8,118	8,289	10,017

*includes on-line

	2023	2024	2025
Christmas			
Communions	410	450	442
Attendance	872	901	920
Easter			
Communions	298	288	406
Attendance	492	423	451



Assistant Priest's Annual Report – 2025

I will sing of loyalty and of justice; to you, O Lord, I will sing. I will study the way that is blameless. When shall I attain it? I will walk with integrity of heart within my house. I will not set before my eyes anything that is base. (Psalm 101)



This year has marked a profound turning point in my journey as Assistant Priest at St Andrew's Brighton. Though I have served in this role for two years, 2025 has been the year in which my vocation truly took root—emotionally, spiritually, and communally. Under the steady and gracious guidance of Fr Ian, I have grown not only in confidence but in clarity of purpose. His mentorship has been a quiet anchor, allowing me to step more fully into the responsibilities and joys of priestly ministry.

It has been deeply affirming to hear parishioners affectionately refer to Fr Ian and I as “The Vicars.” While light-hearted, this phrase carries a weight of recognition—of shared leadership, mutual trust, and visible unity. I cherish this sentiment, not for its title, but for what it reveals: that our ministry is being received as collaborative, consistent, and spiritually nourishing.

Reflecting on the year, I am filled with gratitude to our Parish Council, Church wardens, Church Admin, Music team and all our volunteers. Their cooperative spirit, strategic insight, and unwavering support have been instrumental in every success we've achieved liturgically and spiritually. It enables Fr Ian and I to expand our calendar with new offerings that respond to the evolving needs of our community while remaining rooted in Anglican tradition and Gospel hope.

Throughout 2025, St Andrew's continued to offer a rich tapestry of worship and formation opportunities that reflect both our Anglican heritage and our commitment to spiritual hospitality.

We have deepened our engagement with the parish through a variety of liturgical and educational offerings.

The Lectio Divina sessions have invited participants into a contemplative encounter with Scripture—creating space for silence, listening, and spiritual insight. The English Conversation classes have become a vital ministry of welcome, fostering inclusion and friendship among newcomers and migrants navigating life in Melbourne.



Assistant Priest's Report

The Thursday Chinese Morning Prayer, offered bilingually, honours both cultural heritage and spiritual depth, allowing worshippers to pray in the language of their heart while engaging with Anglican liturgy. Our Saturday 6 PM service continues to provide a flexible worship option for those unable to attend on Sundays, while the Sunday 8 AM and 10 AM services remain the heartbeat of our weekly gathering—drawing together a diverse and faithful community.

In addition, our seasonal studies during Lent and Advent have enriched the parish's spiritual formation, offering thoughtful reflection and meaningful dialogue as we journey through the Church's sacred calendar.

These offerings are not simply programs—they are expressions of our parish's calling to be a place of depth, welcome, and transformation. Each gathering, each prayer, each conversation is part of the living witness we offer to the grace of God in our midst.

A particular highlight was our participation in Hope 25, a national initiative encouraging churches to share the hope we have in Jesus. From Easter Day (April 20) to Pentecost Sunday (June 8), Fr Ian and I hosted a Gospel of Luke Bible study series that drew participants from across our services. It was a beautiful expression of unity and hunger for the Word—people gathering not out of obligation, but out of desire to grow in faith and understanding.

Another significant addition was the Wednesday Morning Prayer, designed to welcome both believers and spiritual seekers into a gentle rhythm of worship. Anglican Morning Prayer, with its elegant structure and scriptural richness, offers a sanctuary of stillness in a hurried world. Its liturgical flow—confession, praise, psalms, readings, and intercession—creates a sacred space where hearts are reoriented toward grace and truth. Whether prayed in solitude or community, it is a daily invitation to begin anew, grounded in God's mercy and mission.

Celebrating Culture, Building Communion: Chinese Festivals at St Andrew's



In 2025, St Andrew's Brighton continued to deepen our ministry of cultural inclusion and community engagement through a series of vibrant Chinese festivals that Fr Ian and I had the privilege of pioneering. These events were not only celebrations of heritage—they were sacred acts of hospitality, drawing people from across Melbourne into shared spaces of joy, beauty, and belonging.



Assistant Priest's Report



Our **Lunar New Year celebration** was a resounding success, attracting crowds from all corners of the city. The church grounds came alive with colour, music, and festivity, offering a powerful witness to the Church's capacity to honour tradition while extending grace. The **Dragon Boat Festival**, held in collaboration with Brighton Grammar and Firbank Grammar, became a bridge between generations and institutions—strengthening ties between the parish and our local schools through storytelling, ritual, and shared purpose.

The **Mid-Autumn Mooncake Festival** was another highlight, gathering people across cultures and faith backgrounds in a spirit of unity and delight. Even our local Member of State Parliament attended and expressed heartfelt appreciation for the way these events brought together believers and non-believers alike in a spirit of welcome and mutual respect.



Through these festivals, we have embodied the Gospel's call to radical hospitality—not only to the Chinese community, but to all who call Brighton home. We have shown that the Church can be a place where cultural celebration and spiritual depth meet; where dances, poetry, art and music, liturgy and laughter, all speak of a God who gathers us in love.

This year has been one of deepening roots and widening reach. We have not only expanded our programming—we have cultivated belonging, fostered dialogue, and invited people into the beauty of Anglican worship. I remain committed to this work with joy and reverence, and I look forward to what God will continue to do in and through our parish in the year ahead.

I would like to thank Johnson, Nina, Vicky, Brighton, Apple, Li Fang, Lilian for their relentless help in all our outreach events. Their dedication and tireless help is commendable. I would also like to thank Michael H., Angela E., Andrew B., Maya G., Trisha H., and Maggie L. (ex-B.G.S International liaison coordinator) for their on-going help as volunteer English Conversation teacher.

Melbourne Synod – 2025

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?"

Isaiah 43:19





Assistant Priest's Report



This year's Melbourne Synod was nothing short of transformative for me. As someone still relatively new to ordained ministry, I am privileged to have Fr Ian by my side explaining to me the ins and out of synod election process. Being present at an election Synod felt both historic and humbling, it is a rare privilege—one that many clergy may never experience in their lifetime—given that Archbishop Philip Freier faithfully

served for 18 years.

To witness the discernment process unfold, and to participate in it, was a profound reminder of the weight and wonder of ecclesial leadership.

Fr Ian and I have often spoken about the significance of this moment. We both hope that the Archbishop-elect will bring fresh energy and hopeful renewal to the Diocese of Melbourne, especially among grassroots communities and parishes. There is a palpable sense that something new is stirring—not merely through human decision-making, but through divine orchestration.

Looking forward to 2026:-

Lunar New Year celebration 2026

I'm pleased to announce that Bayside Council will once again be supporting our upcoming Lunar New Year celebration. We will be celebrating this on the 14th February, the same day as Valentine's day. The traders on Church street are very excited at the chance to welcome more human traffic to Church St.

Next year's Lunar new Year celebration promises to be our most engaging yet, featuring a wider range of activities and more opportunities for community participation. There will be something for everyone to enjoy as we come together to celebrate the year of the Fire horse in the Chinese Zodiac calendar.

St Andrew's Ten Wells program: *A Spiritual Formation Journey for Young Adults (Targeted for February 2026)*

Next February we will launch the St Andrew's Brighton Ten Wells program—a ten-session spiritual formation journey designed specifically for young adults seeking depth, beauty, and belonging in Christ.

This initiative, came out of one of our clergy brainstorming meeting, it is our avenue to reach out to the youth that already attends our church. It has become a cornerstone of our commitment to nurturing the next generation in faith, offering a sacred rhythm of reflection, learning, and liturgical engagement.



Assistant Priest's Report

Rooted in the liberal Anglo-Catholic tradition, “Ten Wells” draws from the rich reservoirs of Scripture, sacrament, silence, and the wisdom of the saints. Each session is crafted as a liturgy of the heart, where ancient practices meet contemporary questions, and the mystery of God is encountered in both reverent ritual and honest conversation.

Participants are invited into a space of spiritual hospitality—where they can be seen, known, and renewed. Whether discerning vocation, wrestling with shame, or yearning for deeper intimacy with God, Ten Wells offers a gentle yet profound pathway toward healing and wholeness.

The program explores themes such as: Identity in Christ when the masks fall away, holy desire and the ache that leads us home, wilderness Faith and the God who waits in silence, healing Grace that rewrites our wounded stories, justice and Compassion as acts of Eucharistic love, freedom from Shame through truth and tenderness, spiritual Friendship that mirrors the communion of saints, sabbath Presence in a world that never stops, mystery and Trust, even in the unknowing, resurrection Hope that rises from the ashes and more.

Sessions led by Fr Ian and I will incorporate journaling, guided prayer, storytelling, altar setting, server training, and sacristy craft—offering a tactile and contemplative experience of formation. This is not a course in the conventional sense; it is a consecrated space, a holy wellspring, and a fellowship of becoming.

“Ten Wells” will meet every fourth Friday of the month from 6:00 to 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall. It is Fr Ian’s and my hope that it continues to draw young adults from diverse backgrounds into deeper communion with God and one another.

Conclusion



As I look back on this year, I do so with a heart full of gratitude and awe. This has been a year of sacred unfolding—of deepened vocation, widened ministry, and renewed hope. From the quiet stillness of Morning Prayer to the vibrant Chinese events we have celebrated, from the solemn discernment of Synod to the joyful rhythms of parish life, I have witnessed the Spirit of God moving among us with tenderness and power.

We have not merely added programs; we have cultivated spaces where people feel seen, nourished, and called. We have not simply maintained tradition; we have allowed it to breathe anew in the lives of those who walk through our doors. And we have not only served—we have transformed others and have ourselves been transformed.



Assistant Priest's Report

I remain committed to walking with integrity of heart, as Psalm 65 so beautifully declares:

"You crown the year with your bounty; your paths overflow with abundance. The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy." (Psalm 65:11–12)



May this coming year 2026 be one of continued faithfulness, courageous love, and holy imagination. May we be a parish that sings of justice, walks in mercy, and lives with hearts open to the mystery of God.

Ex corde sacerdotis in Christo,

Mother Xeverie

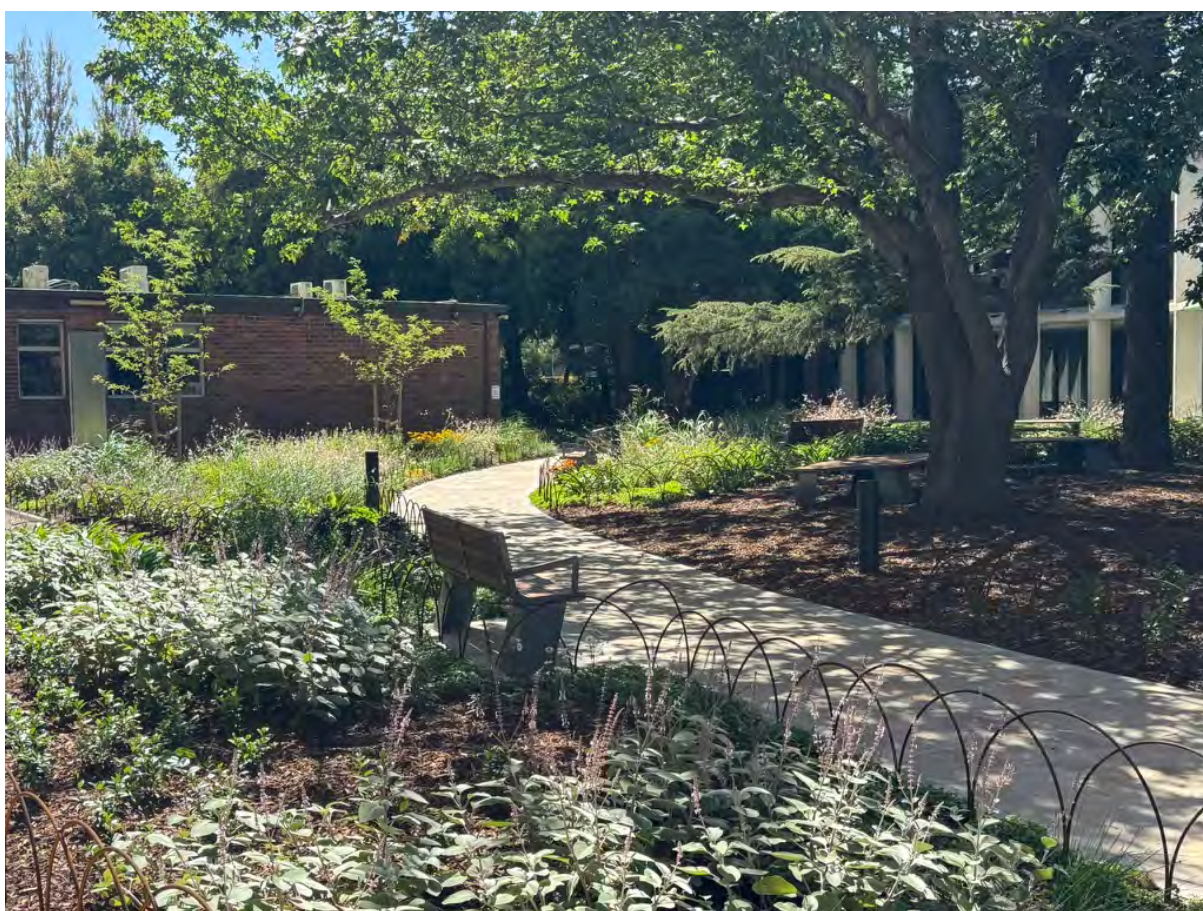
Assistant Priest
St Andrew's Brighton



Churchwardens Report 2025

GROUNDNS

It is with great satisfaction that we continue to observe the development and care of our extensive grounds that give so much pleasure and peace to St Andrew's parishioners and the general community at large. With the completion of the Duigan Centre, our grounds have now include an area between the school and church building now known as the *Eastern Courtyard* and surrounding *Vicar's Cloister*. They are a landscaped and planted garden area that blends so well with surrounding buildings and walkways and are a wonderful improvement to our grounds to be enjoyed for many years into the future.



It is with great anticipation that the Churchwardens are keen to report that preliminary consideration is now being given to a proposed 'Greening Project' to be undertaken largely on the western side of the church property. This project is at a very early planning stage that will include such facilities as to water collection and water storage tanks, additional planting and garden configuration together with consideration of adjustment of the car park area and access. These preliminary proposals by a selected consultant now on display in the narthex of the church and your feedback is welcome.



Churchwardens Report 2025

The maintenance of church grounds throughout the year have been a constant oversight of the Churchwardens, that has included:

- Monitoring and dealing with the large number of trees on site
- Maintenance and replanting in garden beds
- Repair to retaining walls in and around the Lady Chapel and Garden of Remembrance
- Repairing the front steps
- Cleaning and repairing ground drains
- Replacement of damaged café pavers
- Clearing away and disposing of garden waste
- Emptying site rubbish bins
- Repair of broken and smashed garden furniture

We would like to thank in particular Ken Whelan, for the work done in our gardens, whose expertise and commitment is second to none, while ably assisted by Gail Quilliam and Michael Hanneberry. The Churchwardens are additionally grateful to all those who volunteered their work in the garden during Easter. We must also thank Johnson Xu and helpers for his 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. Their contribution is greatly appreciated.

BUILDINGS

It is pleasing to note that the refurbishment of the Parish Hall is now complete. Work included attention to flooring and carpets, window blinds, together with internal painting. It is now a pleasant and sound place for our church activities.

Once again repair and maintenance of church buildings is a constant and ongoing issue that includes:

- Clearing of gutters and drains in all church property
- Repair of drainage at the back of the café
- Frequent repair of church front steps
- Frequent repair of church toilets - taps, toilet seats, locks on cubicles and unblocking toilet bowls
- Installation of decking and garden beds and attention to heaters in church residences

Much of this work has been done by Johnson Xu and Ken Whelan, and many volunteers over the year. Heartfelt thanks to all.



Churchwardens Report 2025

Towards the latter end of our church year the Diocese put before all churches under its jurisdiction a proposal concerning the inspection of their utilities and essential services covering specifically electrical, fire, gas, asbestos, signage for evacuations. St Andrew's has for all ages past kept its eye on all these regulatory requirements under its own arrangements at reasonable costs. This function now been taken out of our hands from next year onwards but at what cost is yet to be declared. The Vicar and Churchwardens attended a Diocesan wide meeting of churches to air their justifiable grievances. We await developments for 2026.

OTHER

The Farmers Market is still going well together with our volunteers who man the **St Andrew's BBQ Sausage Sizzle Stall**. Thanks must be made to all those who give their time for this - in particular Jonathan Hough, Ken Whelan, Johnson Xu and Alex DeLeon, Michael Jordan 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 now have a 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 Patricia Harper, 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 rounds. Mthr Xeverie in particular must be thanked for her time and inspired leadership in this church outreach.

St Andrews Tennis Club has for years past existed under the auspices of St Andrew's Anglican Church, Brighton. Due to the disruptive consequences of the Duigan Centre build, and with a consequent fall in their membership, the club found it difficult to come to agreement with the church over court rental terms. The outcome of this is that Brighton Grammar School have taken over responsibility from the church, much to St Andrew's advantage. The Churchwardens gave considerable thought and effort to this concern, bearing in mind the future of the club as well as the church.



Churchwardens Report 2025

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 DeLeon. 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.

Johnson Xu

Ken Whelan

Andrew Bottomley



Parish Council Report 2025

Month	Decisions and discussions
October 2024	• Vicar reported on a recent inspection of the Duigan Centre construction site. • Painting of the Parish Hall was nearing completion. • Blessing of the Pets service has been well appreciated by those attending. • SAMF has successfully obtained a grant of \$90,000 from the Joe White bequest towards the restoration of the organ. • Unaudited loss was \$108,189 • Tennis Club rent not yet determined, estimated in budget • Churchwardens' budget for 2024/25 tabled and discussed.
November 2024	• Parish Hall awaiting installation of the new blinds • Only one service in January on Sundays – 9.30am • Amended Churchwarden's budget tabled
December 2024	• Official opening of the Duigan Centre to be 27 February 2025 • We should be able to use the new Eastern Courtyard for the Australia Day service. • Helen Cong to be secretary of Parish Council. • The Archbishop has licenced the Rev. Xeverie Swee DeLeon to St Andrew's for 5 years as Assistant Priest. • Flyer for the Christmas services was noted. • SAMF advised it expected to receive the \$90,000 grant on 18 December 2025. • Christmas Raffle had raised \$2,600 to date. • Parish Code of Conduct revised. • Accounting Protocol confirmed unamended. • Ken Whelan elected to the Parish Electoral Committee for 2025. •
January 2025	• 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. • Christmas Day and Christmas Eve services exceeded 700 attendees. • Dr Bowman to be Parish Organist from 1 February and Dr Dobernig to assume the role of Director of Music from that date. SAMF had agreed to further restoration works for the organ. • The Australia Day service to begin in the Eastern Courtyard and process into church. • Given that the new arrangements with BGS begin in February, the Wardens had decided to hold off on any expenditure until sufficient funds were to hand. Works needed were discussed.



Parish Council Report 2025

February 2025	- Churchwardens advised that the rooftop of the Duigan Centre would be included in the lease-back to BGS for an additional \$50,000pa. BGS had agreed to negotiate with SATC regarding shared use of the courts. - Noted that the Australia Day and Lunar New Year celebrations had been a great success.
March 2025	- Lease documentation had been issued to BGS's lawyers - Revised budget adopted including an increase in estimated legal costs, and reduction in anticipated insurance premium renewals expected in the coming weeks. - The BGS rent is calculated as follows for the commencement year: - Reception room and office \$200,000 - Car Parking \$ 75,000 - Rooftop tennis courts \$ 50,000 - Large hall \$ 50,000 - Total \$375,000 - Specific donation of maintenance of buildings. \$100,000 - Donation to St Andrew's Music Foundation \$75,000 - Total \$550,000 pa - Budget only contained 2/3 of rent figures as arrangements commenced 1 February. - The Vicar had been elected to the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia. - Noted that the Wardens had begun discussions with consultant, Peter Perkins, regarding the irrigation and landscaping project. - On 28 February 15 of our parishioners joined our clergy for a Shabbat meal at Central Schule South Caulfield. - The Duigan centre was officially opened on 28 February 2025. - Shrove Tuesday pancakes were hugely popular. - Lenten studies commenced on 9 March.
April 2025	- Death of George Thomson noted - Invoices issued for the first 3 months under the new BGS leases. - A successful working bee had been undertaken. - Holy Week services discussed
May 2025	- February to May BGS accounts paid. - External storeroom adjacent to Op Shop to be cleared out and used by café for storage of their external chairs and lounges. - Swipe card access to underground garage given to Op Shop. - Archbishop's election synod coming up. - Trading loss now reduced to -\$24, 312 from projected -\$187,040.
June 2025	- Awaiting response from BGS regarding lease documentation - Café closed until 5 August for holidays - Order of St John of Jerusalem to hold their induction in the church on 16 August



Parish Council Report 2025

	• 2 injuries sustained during the Glen Eira Choir function. They to claim on their insurance. • St Mary's to be billed for July. • Budget amended to reduce insurance expenditure to \$70,000.
July 2025	• Death of Anne Martin, Dorothea Carmichael and Doug Reid noted. • Our lawyers awaiting response from BGS's solicitors regarding subleases • Significant tree lopping undertake along side boundary of Garden of Remembrance. • Year to date result +\$52, 455 compared with projected loss of \$95,757. • Anonymous donor provided new headsets for Chinese translation at 10am Sunday services. • Parking permits to be considered to reduce illegal car parking in church grounds. • An attendee at the giving buckets on Farmers' Market days might garner bigger donations.
August 2025	• The death of Ian Mence was noted. • Security cameras to be installed in hallway of office and in the counting room and sound desk. • Tow away program discussed regarding carpark in addition to parking permits. • Moon Cake Festival to be celebrated on 12 September in the church 6-8pm. No food or refreshments this year. • A successful Parish Dinner with the Choir was held on Wednesday 11 August in the Duigan Centre and we hope to use this venue again next year. • the Order of St John of Jerusalem held an investiture at St Andrew's on 16 August and we were able to use the Duigan Centre carpark for the first time. • Safe Ministry requirements needed for all volunteer jobs. • Privacy Policy amended to restrict photographs or videos to be taken only by choir parents, clergy, or people specifically authorized by the Vicar in writing and though our video system for services. • Financial surplus now \$137,498 • Due to legislative changes, all musician payments to be made by the Parish rather than SAMF so superannuation can be paid.
September 2025	• The death of Ruth Jones was noted • 'Blessing of the Pets service was well received. • Peter Cross Memorial Lecture for Brighton Covenant Churches to be held in the Parish Hall on 11 October. Chris Mulherin from ISCAST to be the speaker. • The Moon Cake Festival was a great success. • Fall in enveloped and ADF giving covered by increase in open plate giving.



Parish Council Report 2025

	• SAMF to reimburse music salaries. • Parish Annual Meeting to be on Saturday 22 November at 10am in the church.
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Report for St Andrew's Brighton

During the 2024/25 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.

The **Organ Restoration Fund** is for the purpose of restoration of the organ by Australian Pipe Organs in accordance with approved quotes. Fundraising began in 2020, a difficult time due to COVID, but a team of volunteers led by Roger Pym assisted with the launch of the fundraising drive. Several parishioners have made substantial donations to this project, indeed some regularly, as did Brighton Grammar.

This year the Foundation received a large donation of \$90,000 from the Joe White Bequest to enable to remainder of the restoration work to be brought to a conclusion, and we were very grateful to that donor.

During the year ended 30 June 2025, the Foundation paid \$81,114 towards the restoration of the organ at St Andrew's.

In all, a total of \$425,463 has been raised for this project since 2020 and \$362,982 as been spent on the organ to date. A further \$62,480 is held for further work.

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 17 October 2025, \$17,961 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 15 October 2025 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

10 November 2025

Donations welcome





St Andrew's Opportunity Shop Report for the year ending 30 September 2025

Our Opportunity Shop has again had busy and successful year serving our regular and new customers with a variety of quality goods, priced at attractive prices. This shop is continually presented in a thoughtful way with due regard to product display, attention to comfort and cleanliness that is reflected in encouraging customer feedback over the past year.

Sales over the year have varied according to such factors as season, inclement weather, and public and school holidays but it is pleasing to note that over the whole year the shop has met its annual sales target. We have achieved this by careful pricing policies together with the occasional 'sale' promotion at critical times of the year.

The standard of quality of goods we offer for sale remains high by application of careful and consistent principles of inspection of goods received. Clothing not considered appropriate for sale is separated and packaged for collection by a separate business that specialises in processing and recycling used clothing, with high quality items exported to support low-income families in developing nations. The quality of all other goods deemed not appropriate for sale in our shop, however, can still be frustratingly high, and sometimes awkward to dispose of. This is common to all opportunity shops and therefore is taken in our stride.

As always of course, our thanks for the smooth running of St Andrew's Opportunity Shop must go to our wonderful team of volunteers who donate their time and energy in a regular and long-term basis. Their sense of commitment interest between themselves and towards our customers is a wonderful outreach to the Brighton community and beyond.

Without them our shop simply would not exist. Particular recognition and tribute must be paid to Jan Atkins and Lorraine Winkler for their hard work and strategic guidance in formulating policy and strategies from the back room as well as their presence dealing with customers in the shop. It is with these sentiments in mind that we can all look forward to a happy and productive future where St Andrew's Opportunity Shop will continue to be a prominent feature in our local community.

Andrew Bottomley
Churchwarden



Music Director's Report 2025

It has been a rewarding year for the music ministry at St. Andrew's. I am proud of the positive atmosphere within the choir and the high level of musical talent among our members. The repertoire has expanded substantially, with singers introduced to a wide range of new works, including several by Australian composers.



Musical Highlights

Throughout the year, we enhanced our musical offering by incorporating additional instruments and guest artists. Notably, a brass quintet joined us for two services, which were warmly received by both the choir and congregation. Looking ahead, the choir will perform at St Paul's Cathedral on 13 December alongside the Art of Sound Orchestra and Victoria Chorale's 100 voices, in what is expected to be a major event before an audience of around 800. A performance of the Royal Australian Navy Band is scheduled for March 2026.





Music Director's Report

Choir Membership

At the beginning of the year, the choir comprised 35 singers, including four new volunteers, one choral scholar from Brighton Grammar School (BGS), and two from Firbank Grammar School (FBGS). During the year we welcomed two additional volunteer choristers, while one scholar and her mother departed following a school change.



We have been fortunate to have three permanent lay clerks, Phoebe Paine, Katie Richardson and Ethan Rowe, who have provided valuable continuity and leadership alongside our talented pool of choral scholars and volunteers. Guest singers were engaged as needed to cover absences.



At the close of the school year, we farewelled four choral scholars: Roco Theuma, Jared Thomas, Jarvis Rowe, and Harry Denning.



Music Director's Report

Recruitment and Partnerships

While the number of volunteer choristers has grown, we were unable to appoint new BGS choral scholars for next year, as the school did not accept applications for auditions. However, we are pleased to welcome one new choral scholar from FBGS next year.

Our collaboration with school music staff remains strong, and I would like to thank Jared Furtado and Michael Kent(BGS) and Heather Timms (FBGS) for their ongoing support.

Acknowledgements

My sincere thanks to Calvin Bowman for his expert organ playing and to all choir members for their dedication, enthusiasm and musicianship. Together, we continue to enrich the worship life of the church through music.

I would also like to express my gratitude to Father Ian, Mother Xeverie, Angela in the parish office, and to the parish volunteers and congregation for their ongoing encouragement, support, and practical assistance throughout the year. Their help has been invaluable to the success of the music program.

Finally, I note that the acquisition of a new grand piano would be a valuable and lasting investment, enhancing both our worship and concert performances in the years ahead.

Dr Mario Dobernig
Director of Music
12 .11.25



Parish Organist's Report - Organ Refurbishment

2026 saw additional major work done to our wonderful War Memorial Grand Organ. This year, we have been fortunate to add some significant stops which have come from the old organs at Trinity College, University of Melbourne, and St James, King Street, Sydney.

These enhance the versatility of the instrument in manifold ways. It's been exciting to explore the new colours made available to us. There now only remains the addition of three stops to complete the work in its entirety.

Many people have contributed to making this 'pipe dream' come to fruition: our organ committee, our donors, and our supportive clergy. Instruments such as ours are large and, therefore, expensive to renovate.

Let us remind ourselves, then, of the purpose of having such a magnificent pipe organ; that being to praise God in the language of music. We are indeed blessed.

Dr Calvin Bowman
DMA (Yale)
13.11.25

St Andrew's Choir Parents Association (SACPA)

Annual Report

Reporting Period: 1 October 2024 – 30 September 2025

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 four times during the year 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, 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 2024: \$5,909.86

Income (for period): \$3,977.71

Expenses (for period): \$3,917.43

Closing Balance at 30 Sept 2025: \$5,970.15

Acknowledgements:

Sincere thanks are extended to the Vicar (President); the 2025 SACPA Committee – Felicity Stretch (Chair), Kisane Soriano (Vice-Chair), Rebecca Rowe (Treasurer), Andrew Giles (Secretary), and members Dianne Noulukas-Galinas, Nada Denning, Jessica Lindeman, Caitlin Chaponnel – 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.

Felicity Stretch
Chair



St Mary's Pre-School

2025 Annual Report

It is with great pleasure that I present the 2025 Annual Report for St Mary's Pre-School. This year has been another remarkable journey of growth, learning, and community connection within an ever-changing early childhood education landscape.

Despite the ongoing financial and regulatory challenges faced across the sector, our commitment to providing a high-quality, nurturing, and inclusive learning environment for all children has remained steadfast. Our dedicated educators continue to deliver engaging programs that support the individual strengths, interests, and wellbeing of each child. Through intentional teaching, creativity, and collaboration, they have ensured that St Mary's remains a place where children feel safe to explore, learn, and grow.

Community and Church Partnership

Our partnership with St Andrew's Church continues to be a valued and meaningful part of our preschool community. In December 2024, a large group of families once again participated in the annual Nativity Play, a cherished event that brings our community together in celebration.

This year, we also held a productive meeting with Fr Ian to discuss changes to the compliance maintenance requirements of the building and our concerns regarding the significant increase in pricing associated with these changes. These discussions are ongoing, and we greatly appreciate the continued collaboration and communication with St Andrew's as we navigate these challenges together.

Facilities and Grants

In 2024, we were thrilled to complete the redevelopment of our playground, a major milestone funded by the Victorian School Building Authority. The new play space has provided fresh opportunities for outdoor exploration, physical activity, and imaginative play.

In 2025, we were fortunate to receive an additional Victorian Government grant, which enabled us to install a new shade sail in the playground. This improvement has not only enhanced the safety and comfort of the outdoor learning environment but has also increased inclusivity, allowing all children to participate more comfortably in outdoor activities regardless of weather conditions or sensitivity to sun exposure.



St Mary's Pre-School Report

Financial Challenges and Sustainability

St Mary's continues to face significant financial challenges due to changes in the regulatory environment and the evolving impacts of the Free Kinder Victorian Government initiative.

To help sustain our operations, the kindergarten now seeks voluntary donations of \$750 per family to support the delivery of our programs. In 2025, we achieved a donation rate of approximately 40%. These contributions are now the only source of income, aside from an unfunded program, and are critical to maintaining our operations.

The unfunded program, introduced in 2025, currently only breaks even and is not profitable. As a new offering, it has not yet reached full enrolment demand, but we hope to see this grow in the coming years as families become more familiar with the opportunity.

This limited income base significantly impacts our ability to meet rent and maintenance obligations, as well as to invest in ongoing improvements. It also shortens the financial runway of the kindergarten. We hope these financial realities will be considered in future lease negotiations with St Andrew's to help ensure the long-term sustainability of the service to families across Bayside.

We sincerely acknowledge Fr Ian for advocating for the kindergarten. And also to the Churchwardens for their generosity in providing rent relief this year. This support was invaluable in assisting us to manage major plumbing issues and maintain the safe operation of the kindergarten.

Despite this relief, the kindergarten is expected to make a significant loss in 2024.25

The Committee of Management remains dedicated to proactive financial management and will continue exploring funding, grant, and partnership opportunities to safeguard the future of St Mary's.

Advocacy and Collaboration

Our Vice President Myles Harris, with the support of Local Member James Newbury and Brad Rowsell, facilitated a Bayside Summit, continue to bring together representatives from local kindergartens to discuss shared challenges. Key topics this year have included the financial impact of Free Kinder, future infrastructure needs across the sector, as well as adequate resourcing for kindergartens in light of significant child safe issues this year.

The Department of Education has since confirmed that the transitional grant, previously provided to assist with the implementation of Free Kinder, will no longer be available.



St Mary's Pre-School Report

This change has had a detrimental impact on the kindergarten, further straining our ability to operate sustainably within the current funding framework.

Highlights of 2024/2025

- A vibrant Term 1 Family Social Event, featuring a *Bop Till You Drop* disco for our youngest community members.
- Continued class representative initiatives, including family meet-ups, coffee mornings, and community picnics to strengthen connections among families.
- Successful fundraising events, including the Easter Raffle, Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, and Picture Plates.
- Engaging incursions and excursions, such as *Holly's Backyard Bees*, drama workshops, regular music and sport sessions, visits from the Melbourne Museum, and excursions to Chesterfield Farm and Ricketts Point Marine Sanctuary.

Acknowledgements

In closing, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated staff, supportive families, St Andrew's Church, and the Committee of Management for their unwavering commitment throughout the year.

The strength of St Mary's lies in the shared dedication of our community, educators, families, and partners, all working together to create a nurturing and inspiring environment for our children.

We look forward to another year of learning, growth, and collaboration in 2026.

Warm regards,
Sophie Craig
Business Manager
St Mary's Pre-School Centre Inc.



Treasurer's Report 2025

This year has been the most successful year in financial terms, thanks to our neighbours Brighton Grammar and the new arrangements regarding the lease-back of spaces in the Duigan Building. And the large Parish Hall.

Our result for the year was a surplus of \$133,761 possibly the first time there has been any significant surplus in the last two decades. This is great result and, if as the Churchwardens' hope, the Court agrees that 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 future maintenance can be undertaken in a timely manner.

The formal accounts from our auditors, Stannards, are attached, as is the summary of our results and indicative budget for the next 3 years.

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

- Our giving income (offertory + envelopes and direct deposit) totalled only \$138,690, less than the budget expectation of \$153,720;
- BGS provide a specific purpose donation (for the maintenance of our buildings) of \$100,000, the portion for this financial year being \$66,666;
- The Services income is significantly higher this year due to the greater number of weddings and funerals conducted during the year;
- Rental income from BGS is shown separately as \$250,374 for this year, being an 8 month portion of the annual rent of \$375,000;
- There were no receipts from the Tennis Club this year, as this rent (\$50,000) is now included in the funds received from BGS;
- The Op Shop met their budget target, when allowing for monies banked after the end of the financial year;
- The Music Department staff salaries now appear in our expenses where the amount spent exceeds the \$75,000 reimbursed by the St Andrew's Music Foundation;
- Utilities were considerably more than the budget this year and a greater allowance has been made in the budget;
- Legal costs relating to rectifying the leasing arrangements will continue until the relevant leases are approved by the Supreme Court of Victoria. Some of the future litigation costs will be met by BGS.

Most pleasingly we have finally been able to accumulate funds, with available resources being \$445,663.



Treasurer's Report 2025

The **budget** columns anticipate that:

- the Parish will be able to raise its giving to a goal of \$160,000 in the coming year;
- expenditure on legal fees will continue in 2026 with two matters being 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 of about \$80,000 pa pending determination by the Court;
- the Parish will achieve a similar surplus in the current 2025/26 year., and hopefully increasing thereafter.

A successful year.

Cathy Chang
Treasurer

ST ANDREW'S BRIGHTON
BUDGET / FORECAST CASH BASIS
3 YEARS 2025/26 - 2027-28

*Specific donations - not assessable

** Wardens opinion - not assessable

*** Includes fees for essential services inspections

^ 8 months from February

THIS YEAR

ACTUAL

2024/25

THIS YEAR

BUDGET

2024/25

BUDGET / FORECAST

2025/26

2026/27

2027/28

Income

Offertory	61,473	47,250	70,000	80,000	84,000
Envelopes and Direct Deposit	88,930	106,470	90,000	90,000	100,000
General Donations	875	7,500	1,000	1,000	1,000
Specific Donations* ^	66,666	66,666	103,333	108,500	113,925
Institutional Donations	16,562				
Op Shop	68,195	60,000	66,000	69,000	72,500
Fundraising	20,537	15,000	15,000	15,750	16,500
Services	75,058	43,956	45,000	47,250	49,600
Property - Café **	116,518	118,976	125,000	131,250	137,800
Property - BGS ** ^	250,374	216,666	372,233	390,844	410,350
Property - St Mary's	10,878	19,000	11,000	20,000	21,000
Property - Tennis Club ^	-	25,000	-	-	-
Interest	11,170	6,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Total Income	787,236	732,484	908,566	963,594	1,016,675

Expenses

Diocesan Assessment ***	62,559	65,000	80,000	84,000	88,200
Stipends	191,477	183,718	199,000	202,000	209,000
Conferences	1,228	1,000	1,500	1,575	1,650
Sacristy Costs	362	2,000	2,000	2,100	2,205
Office Staff and costs	71,786	72,678	72,450	76,070	79,900
Fundraising and Social Events	8,830	7,000	7,000	7,350	7,700
Music Department staff	23,895	-	50,000	52,500	54,600
Music & choir costs	1,049	3,215	2,000	2,100	2,205
Organ / Piano maintenance	3,064	5,250	4,000	4,200	4,410
Services	23,043	14,352	15,000	15,750	16,500
Miscellaneous	2,133	2,000	2,000	2,100	2,205
Utilities, Tel, Rates and Land Tax	82,240	67,197	95,000	100,000	110,000
Legal Fees	59,405	40,000	100,000	40,000	5,000
Property Repairs and Maintenance	60,920	96,752	80,000	84,000	88,200
Finance Charges	401	728	1,000	1,050	1,102
Insurance and finance charges	64,856	100,000	80,000	90,000	100,000
Cleaning (toilets)	-	5,292	5,000	5,250	5,512
Total Expenses	657,248	666,182	795,950	770,045	778,389

Excess / (Defecit) of Income over Expenses

	129,988	66,302	112,616	193,549	238,286
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Non-recurring items

Nil

Overall (Defecit) / Surplus

	129,988		112,616	193,549	238,286
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Funds on hand

ANZ, floats, Bendigo	43,086				
ADF	541,273				

less in ADF for **specific purposes**:

Historic Graveyard	7,744				
Rusden Bequest	1,982				
Garden of Remembrance	55,330				
BGS Preservation & Maintenance	73,640				

Available cash:

	445,663		558,279	670,895	909,181
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ST ANDREW'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, BRIGHTON

**AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -
SPECIAL PURPOSE MEMBERS' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 SEPTEMBER 2025**

ST ANDREW'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, BRIGHTON

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ST ANDREW'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, BRIGHTON

Statement of Surplus or Deficit and Other Comprehensive Income for the Year Ended 30 September 2025

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Donations	67,541	3,289
Fundraising and Social	20,537	17,956
Institutional Donations	16,562	55,246
Interest	11,170	6,921
Offertory, Pledges & Planned Giving	150,403	148,087
Properties	377,770	116,890
Services Income	75,058	50,159
Opportunity Shop	68,195	58,327
Total	787,236	456,875
Choir and Organ	28,207	7,825
Cleaning	-	1,461
Conferences	1,228	460
Diocesan Assessment	62,559	56,872
Fundraising and Social	8,830	6,562
General Ministry Expenses	2,133	1,500
Insurance and Finance Costs	65,257	74,555
Legal Fees	59,405	19,195
Office and Staff Salary	71,786	66,447
Repairs and Maintenance	60,920	36,432
Sacristy Cost	362	3,022
Services	23,043	15,089
Stipends	191,477	201,504
Utilities	82,041	54,063
Total	657,248	544,987
Other Income		
Bequest - Non Specific	-	96,121
Other Sundry Income	-	22
Total	-	96,143
Net (Deficit) / Surplus	129,988	8,031
Other comprehensive income for the year (net of tax)	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income for the year attributable to the members	129,988	8,031

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

ST ANDREW'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, BRIGHTON

Statement of Financial Position as at 30 September 2025

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	5	581,308	412,936
Trade Receivables & Other Assets	2	3,051	40,957
Total Current Assets		584,359	453,893
Total Assets		584,359	453,893
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	3	15,249	26,730
Employee Provisions	4	48,255	36,296
Total Current Liabilities		63,504	63,026
Total Liabilities		63,504	63,026
Net Assets		520,855	390,867
Equity			
Parishioners' Funds		382,807	252,819
General Reserve		138,048	138,048
Total Equity		520,855	390,867

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

ST ANDREW'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, BRIGHTON

Statement of Changes in Equity for the Year Ended 30 September 2025

	Parishioners' Funds	General Reserve	Total
	\$		\$
Balance at 1 October 2023	246,888	135,948	382,836
Transfers (from)/to reserve	(2,100)	2,100	-
Deficit attributable to members	8,031	-	8,031
Balance at 1 October 2024	252,819	138,048	390,867
Transfers (from)/to reserve	-	-	-
Deficit attributable to members	129,988	-	129,988
Balance at 30 September 2025	382,807	138,048	520,855

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

ST ANDREW'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, BRIGHTON

Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 30 September 2025

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Donations and other receipts		813,973	523,175
Payments to suppliers and employees		(656,768)	(572,054)
Interest received		11,170	6,921
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities	5(b)	168,375	(41,958)
Cash Flows from/(to) Investing Activities			
Security deposit received/(refunded)		-	(71,249)
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Investing Activities		-	(71,249)
Net increase in cash held		168,375	(113,207)
Cash at beginning of financial year		412,933	526,140
Cash at end of financial year	5(a)	581,308	412,933

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

ST ANDREW'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, BRIGHTON

Notes To and Forming Part of the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2025

1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

In the opinion of the Churchwardens, the Parish is not a reporting entity since there are unlikely to exist users of the financial report who are not able to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy specifically all of their information needs. These special purpose financial statements have been prepared to meet the reporting requirements of the Parish Governance Act 2013.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards and Accounting Interpretations. An accrual basis of accounting has been adopted, based on historical costs, modified where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected assets, financial assets and financial liabilities. Significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of this report are presented below and are consistent with the previous year unless stated otherwise.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and cash held at bank.

Land & Buildings

The Statement of Assets and Liabilities does not incorporate the value of the Grant of Land nor does it include the cost of the Church, Parish Hall, Vicarage and other properties, since these properties are situated upon the land registered in the name of the Melbourne Anglican Trust Corporation on behalf of the Diocese of Melbourne and are held in trust for the Parish of St Andrew, Brighton.

Financial Instruments

Initial recognition and measurement

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Parish becomes a party to the contractual provisions to the instrument. For financial assets, this is the date that the Parish commits itself to either the purchase or sale of the asset (i.e. trade date accounting is adopted).

Financial instruments (except for trade receivables) are initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs, except where the instrument is classified "at fair value through profit or loss", in which case transaction costs are expensed to profit or loss immediately. Where available, quoted prices in an active market are used to determine fair value. In other circumstances, valuation techniques are adopted.

Trade receivables are initially measured at the transaction price if the trade receivables do not contain a significant financing component or if the practical expedient was applied as specified in AASB 15: Revenue from Contracts with Customers.

Classification and subsequent measurement

Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are subsequently measured at:

- amortised cost; or
- fair value through profit and loss.

A financial liability is measured at fair value through profit and loss if the financial liability is:

- a contingent consideration of an acquirer in a business combination to which AASB 3: Business Combinations applies;

ST ANDREW'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, BRIGHTON

Notes To and Forming Part of the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2025 (cont'd)

1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)

Financial instruments (cont'd)

- held for trading; or
- initially designated as at fair value through profit or loss.

All other financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a debt instrument and of allocating interest expense in profit or loss over the relevant period.

The effective interest rate is the internal rate of return of the financial asset or liability, that is, it is the rate that discounts the estimated future cash flows through the expected life of the instrument to the net carrying amount at initial recognition.

A financial liability is held for trading if:

- it is incurred for the purpose of repurchasing or repaying in the near term;
- it is part of a portfolio where there is an actual pattern of short-term profit taking; or
- it is a derivative financial instrument (except for a derivative that is in a financial guarantee contract or a derivative that is in effective hedging relationships)

Any gains or losses arising on changes in fair value are recognised in profit or loss to the extent that they are not part of a designated hedging relationship.

The change in fair value of a financial liability attributable to changes in the issuer's credit risk is taken to other comprehensive income and is not subsequently reclassified to profit or loss. Instead, it is transferred to accumulated surplus upon derecognition of the financial liability.

If taking the change in credit risk in other comprehensive income enlarges or creates an accounting mismatch, then these gains or losses are taken to profit or loss rather than other comprehensive income.

A financial liability cannot be reclassified.

Financial asset

Financial assets are subsequently measured at:

- amortised cost;
- fair value through other comprehensive income; or
- fair value through profit and loss

on the basis of the two primary criteria:

- the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial asset; and
- the business model for managing the financial assets.

A financial asset that meets the following conditions is subsequently measured at amortised cost:

- the financial asset is managed solely to collect contractual cash flows; and
- the contractual terms within the financial asset give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principle amount outstanding on specified dates.

A financial asset that meets the following conditions is subsequently measured fair value through other comprehensive income:

ST ANDREW'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, BRIGHTON

Notes To and Forming Part of the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2025 (cont'd)

1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)

Financial instruments (cont'd)

- the contractual terms within the financial asset give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principle amount outstanding on specified dates; and
- the business model for managing the financial assets comprises both contractual cash flows collection and the selling of the financial asset.

By default, all other financial assets that do not meet the conditions of amortised cost and fair value through other comprehensive income's measurement conditions are subsequently measured at fair value through profit and loss.

The entity initially designates a financial instrument as measured at fair value through profit and loss if:

- it eliminates or significantly reduces a measurement or recognition inconsistency (often referred to as accounting mismatch) that would otherwise arise from measuring assets or liabilities or recognising the gains and losses on them on different bases;
- it is in accordance with the documented risk management or investment strategy and information about the entity was documented appropriately, so as the performance of the financial liability that was part of an entity's financial liabilities or financial assets can be managed and evaluated consistently on a fair value basis; and
- it is a hybrid contract that contains an embedded derivative that significantly modifies the cash flows otherwise required by the contract.

The initial designation of the financial instruments to measure at fair value through profit and loss is a one-time option on initial classification and is irrevocable until the financial asset is derecognised.

Equity instruments

At initial recognition, as long as the equity instrument is not held for trading or is not a contingent consideration recognised by an acquirer in a business combination to which AASB 3 applies, the entity made an irrevocable election to measure any subsequent changes in fair value of the equity instruments in other comprehensive income, while the dividend revenue received on underlying equity instruments investment will still be recognised in profit or loss.

Regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised and derecognised at settlement date in accordance with the entity's accounting policy.

Derecognition

Derecognition refers to the removal of a previously recognised financial asset or financial liability from the statement of financial position.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

A liability is derecognised when it is extinguished (i.e. when the obligation in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires). An exchange of an existing financial liability for a new one with substantially modified terms, or a substantial modification to the terms of a financial liability, is treated as an extinguishment of the existing liability and recognition of a new financial liability.

The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability derecognised and the consideration paid and payable, including any non-cash assets transferred or liabilities assumed, is recognised in profit or loss.

ST ANDREW'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, BRIGHTON

Notes To and Forming Part of the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2025 (cont'd)

1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)

Financial instruments (cont'd)

Derecognition of financial assets

A financial asset is derecognised when the holder's contractual rights to its cash flows expires, or the asset is transferred in such a way that all the risks and rewards of ownership are substantially

All the following criteria need to be satisfied for derecognition of a financial asset:

- the right to receive cash flows from the asset has expired or been transferred;
- all risk and rewards of ownership of the asset have been substantially transferred; and
- the entity no longer controls the asset (i.e. no practical ability to make unilateral decision to sell the asset to a third party).

On derecognition of a financial asset measured at amortised cost, the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the sum of the consideration received and receivable is recognised in profit or loss.

On derecognition of a debt instrument classified as at fair value through other comprehensive income, the cumulative gain or loss previously accumulated in an investment revaluation reserve is reclassified to profit or loss.

On derecognition of an investment in equity which the entity elected to classify under fair value through comprehensive income, the cumulative gain or loss previously accumulated in the investments revaluation reserve is not reclassified to profit or loss, but is transferred to retained earnings.

The entity recognises a loss allowance for expected credit losses on:

- financial assets that are measured at amortised costs or fair value through other comprehensive income;
- lease receivables;
- contract assets (e.g. amount due from customers under construction contracts);
- loan commitments that are not measured at fair value through profit or loss; and
- financial guarantee contracts that are not measured at fair value through profit or loss.

Loss allowance is not recognised for:

- financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss; or
- equity instruments measured at fair value through other comprehensive income.

Expected credit losses are the probability-weighted estimate of credit losses over the expected life of a financial instrument. A credit loss is the difference between all contractual cash flows that are due and all cash flows expected to be received, all discounted at the original effective interest rate of the financial instrument.

The entity uses the following approaches to impairment, as applicable under AASB 9:

- the general approach;
- the simplified approach;
- the purchased or originated credit impaired approach; and
- low credit risk operational simplification.

ST ANDREW'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, BRIGHTON

Notes To and Forming Part of the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2025 (cont'd)

1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)

Financial instruments (cont'd)

General approach

Under the general approach, at each reporting period, the entity assesses whether the financial instruments are credit impaired, and if:

- the credit risk of the financial instrument has increased significantly since initial recognition, the entity measures the loss allowance of the financial instrument at an amount equal to the lifetime expected credit losses; and
- there is no significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, the entity measures the loss allowance for that financial instrument at an amount equal to 12-month expected credit losses.

Simplified approach

The simplified approach does not require tracking of changes in credit risk at every reporting period, but instead requires the recognition of lifetime expected credit loss at all times.

This approach is applicable to:

- trade receivables
- lease receivables; and

In measuring the expected credit loss, a provision matrix for trade receivables is used, taking into consideration various data to derive an expected credit loss, (i.e. diversity of its customer base, appropriate groupings of its historical loss experience etc).

Purchased or originated credit-impaired approach

For a financial asset that is considered to be credit impaired (not on acquisition or origination), the entity measures any change in its lifetime expected credit loss as the difference between the asset's gross carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate. Any adjustment is recognised in profit or loss as an impairment gain or loss.

Evidence of credit impairment includes:

- significant financial difficulty of the issuer or borrower;
- a breach of contract (e.g. default or past due event);
- where a lender has granted to the borrower a concession, due to borrower's financial difficulty, that the lender would not otherwise consider;
- where it is probable the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation; and
- the disappearance of an active market for the financial asset because of financial difficulties.

Low credit risk operational simplification approach

If a financial asset is determined to have low credit risk at the initial reporting date, the entity assumes that the credit risk has not increased significantly since initial recognition and accordingly can continue to recognise a loss allowance of 12-month expected credit loss.

In order to make such determination that the financial asset has low credit risk, the entity applies its internal credit risk ratings or other methodologies using a globally comparable definition of low credit risk.

ST ANDREW'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, BRIGHTON

Notes To and Forming Part of the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2025 (cont'd)

1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)

Financial instruments (cont'd)

A financial asset is considered to have low credit risk if:

- there is a low risk of default by the borrower;
- the borrower has strong capacity to meet its contractual cash flow obligations in the near term; and
- adverse changes in economic and business conditions in the longer term, may, but not necessarily, reduce the ability of the borrower to fulfil its contractual cash flow obligations.

Recognition of expected credit losses in financial statements

At each reporting date, the entity recognises the movement in the loss allowance as an impairment gain or loss in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

The carrying amount of financial assets measured at amortised cost includes the loss allowance relating to that asset.

Assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income are recognised at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in other comprehensive income. The amount in relation to change in credit risk is transferred from other comprehensive income to profit or loss at every reporting period.

For financial assets that are unrecognised (e.g. loan commitments yet to be drawn, financial guarantees), a provision for loss allowance is created in the statement of financial position to recognise the loss allowance.

Employee entitlements

Provision is made in respect of the Parish's liability for annual leave and long service leave at balance date. Long service leave is accrued in respect of all employees with more than 7 years service with the Parish which it is believed approximates the provisions of all Australian Accounting Pronouncements.

Contributions are made to an employee superannuation fund and are charged as expenses when incurred. The Parish has no legal obligation to provide benefits to employees on retirement.

Revenue

Revenue from the rent of properties is recognised on a straight line basis over the life of the lease. Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised once ownership passes.

Revenue from offertery/donations and bequests is recognised upon receipt.

Revenue from events/fundraising activities is recognised upon receipt.

Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

Income Tax

The Parish is exempt from income tax under Section 50 of the ITAA 97.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues and expenses are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST. Cash flows are presented in the cash flow statement on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financial activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

ST ANDREW'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, BRIGHTON

Notes To and Forming Part of the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2025 (cont'd)

1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)

Comparative Figures

Comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgements

The Churchwardens evaluate estimates and judgements incorporated into the financial report based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the Parish. There were no key estimates in the compilation of the financial report.

Leases

The Parish assesses at contract inception whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. That is, if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration. AASB 16: Leases standards have not impacted financial information at reporting date.

New Accounting Standards for Application in Future Periods

There are no new Accounting Standards issued by the AASB that are not yet mandatory applicable to the Parish, that are expected to have a significant impact on the Parish when adopted in future periods.

ST ANDREW'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, BRIGHTON

Notes To and Forming Part of the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2025 (cont'd)

	2025 \$	2024 \$
2 TRADE RECEIVABLES & OTHER ASSETS		
Current		
Accounts receivable	3,050	40,957
	3,050	40,957
3 TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES		
Current		
Trade creditors	931	8,748
Security deposit	-	-
Other payables	14,318	17,981
	15,249	26,729
4 EMPLOYEE PROVISIONS	48,255	36,295

Provision for Employee Benefits

Provision for employee benefits represents amounts accrued for annual leave and long service leave.

The current portion for this provision includes the total amount accrued for annual leave entitlements and the amounts accrued for long service leave entitlements that have vested due to employees having completed the required period of service. Based on past experience, the Parish does not expect the full amount of annual leave or long service leave balances classified as current liabilities to be settled within the next 12 months. However, these amounts must be classified as current liabilities since the Parish does not have an unconditional right to defer the settlement of these amounts in the event employees wish to use their leave entitlement.

5 NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

(a) Reconciliation of Cash

Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to the related items in the statement of financial position as follows:

Cash on hand	-	-
Cash available	40,448	52,316
Cash held for specific purposes	540,860	360,617
Total	581,308	412,933

(b) Reconciliation of Net Cash provided by Operating Activities to Operating Surplus or Deficit

Operating (loss) / surplus	129,988	8,031
<i>Change in Operating Assets & Liabilities:</i>		
(Increase) / decrease in receivables and other assets	37,907	(22,923)
(Decrease) / increase in trade creditors and accruals	(11,480)	(30,292)
(Decrease) / increase in provision for employee entitlements	11,960	3,226
Net cash from / (used in) operating activities	168,375	(41,958)

ST ANDREW'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, BRIGHTON

Declaration by the Churchwardens

The Churchwardens have determined that the Parish is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The Churchwardens declare that:

- 1 The financial statements and notes are in accordance with the Parish Governance Act 2013; and
 - a. Comply with Accounting Standards as described in Note 1 to the financial statements; and
 - b. Give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 September 2025 and of its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 of the financial statements.
- 2 In the Churchwardens opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Parish will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Churchwardens.

Signature

 A. R. BOTTOMLEY

Title

MR. Churchwarden

Signature



Title

Churchwarden

Dated

13th November 2025.

**Independent Audit Report
To the Members of St Andrew's Anglican Church, Brighton**

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of St Andrew's Anglican Church, Brighton, ("the Parish"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 September 2025, the statement of surplus or deficit and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the Churchwardens' declaration.

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis of Qualified Opinion paragraph, the accompanying financial report of the Parish:

- a) gives a true and fair view of the Parish's financial position as at 30 September 2025 and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1; and
- b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Parish in accordance with the independence and ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants ("the Code") that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Basis of Qualified Opinion

Donations and fundraising income are significant sources of cash receipts for St Andrew's Anglican Church, Brighton. The Churchwardens' have determined that it is impracticable to establish control over the collection of such cash proceeds prior to entry into the financial records. Accordingly, our audit procedures with respect to cash proceeds from these sources had to be restricted to the amounts recorded in the financial records. We therefore are unable to express an opinion whether these cash proceeds obtained by St Andrew's Anglican Church, Brighton are complete.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 of the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Churchwardens' financial reporting responsibilities under the Parish Governance Act 2013. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

**Independent Audit Report
To the Members of St Andrew's Anglican Church, Brighton (cont'd)**

Responsibilities of the Churchwardens' for the Financial Report

The Churchwardens' are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with the Parish Governance Act 2013 and Note 1 of the financial report and for such internal control as the Churchwardens' determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Churchwardens' are responsible for assessing the ability of the Parish to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Churchwardens' either intend to liquidate the Parish or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: <http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Stannards Accountants and Advisors



Michael B Shulman
Director

Dated: 13th November 2025

ANNUAL MEETING 2025-26

ELECTION OF OFFICEBEARERS

NOMINATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

CHURCHWARDEN

Andrew Bottomley, Ken Whelan

There being 2 positions to be filled and 2 nominations, the nominees will be declared elected at the Parish Annual Meeting.

Vicar's appointment

James Zhou

PARISH COUNCIL

Wendy Davis

Jean Hawkins

Mike Hanneberry

Diarne Revelle

Cathy Zhang

There being up to 4 positions to be filled, and 5 nominations, an election will be held at the Parish Annual Meeting.

Vicar's appointments

Corey East-Bryans, Liam Price

PARISH NOMINATORS

(Incumbency Committee)

Mary Ogilvy

Arnold Xu

Kerrie Reith

Peter Gray

Heather Sanderson

Michael Talbot

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 the positions of nominator and reserves.

Churchwarden's appointment

The Churchwardens have indicated that they will appoint Ken Whelan as a Parish Nominator following the declaration of the election of Churchwardens.



Fr Ian Morrison
Vicar
14.11.25