

BANYULE BABBLE

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HOLY SPIRIT WATSONIA ❖ ST ANDREW'S ROSANNA ❖ ST JOHN'S HEIDELBERG

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SPECIAL AGM EXTRA EDITION!

PHILIP PHILOSOPHISES

After a long period of consultation, at our AGM on 28 November, we adopted a Mission Action Plan for the future growth of our Parish.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

We are a people of faith

We want to serve God

We seek to be a blessing to others.

Over the next 3 years our 6 goals will be:

To build a sense of Community:

Across all centres, all ages, and all members of the parish.

To reach the next generation:

Particularly, to provide for our young families, and find new ways of "being church".

To enliven worship:

Our deepest thirst is to connect with God: whether it be through traditional worship, or more contemporary styles.

To be good stewards:

We have a responsibility to use our resources as wisely as we can to serve God and others.

To build a stable staff team:

We want to know that we can rely on good, strong leadership which will build us up for the future. This includes both staff and lay leadership.

To be a blessing to others:

We want to reach out in any way we can so that the Good News which we have can enrich people's lives.

These are noble and worthy plans. Let us commit ourselves wholeheartedly to seeing God do His work of renewal and growth in our Parish.

Philip

The Parish AGM

by the Editor

Lots of parish members gathered at St John's on Sunday 28th November for the Parish Annual General Meeting. After the formalities the meeting got down to the main important business: a plan for our goals and visions and direction for the coming years. This was the culmination of much discussion, including congregational meetings at each centre.

There has been general agreement across the parish that we do not want to be a parish that only ministers to its current members, declining in numbers (though we all agree that continued ministry to our current members is important); which means doing new things, with prayer and under God's guidance. At this AGM we sought to establish where we will focus our energies in the next 3 years, and the directions we will follow.

Philip and the wardens presented a set of slides that were a working-out of the discussions and congregational meetings. The text of the slides is presented on page 2 of this special edition of the *Babble*. The slides gave six visions, with proposed ways in which those visions could be developed. It should be pointed out that

the detailed proposals are subject to further discussion and modification by the new wardens and Vestry. However, they indicate current thinking and it is expected that most will be carried out.

Some, indeed, have already been carried out, and Philip was pleased to announce new staff appointments: **Andrew Bowles** will be our new, young, full-time Assistant Curate and **Rosaleen Rudd** will be our Sunday Student, both from February, when they will both be newly made deacons. More about both of them will appear in the February *Babble*.

We are glad that Rosemary Young will be continuing in her current half-time position with us. Unfortunately Anne Maher is leaving us: her shoes will be very difficult to fill.

The AGM endorsed the Parish Visions and Goals as presented with no votes against.

Mike Terry presented the beautifully-balanced accounts, and, with obvious great relief, handed over the official Parish Treasurer's Laptop to his successor, Geoff Murphy, who presented the budget for the coming year, which contains a fiscal stimulus in the form of higher staffing, and a consequent \$20,800 deficit.

The churchwardens pointed to some challenges for the coming year, including the Parish Hall at Rosanna, in dire need of serious renovation, and two proposed developments of many stories adjacent to and overlooking the St John's land.

Tokens of thanks were given to Mike Terry (outgoing Treasurer), Dolores Burke (outgoing Assistant Treasurer), Anne Maher (outgoing Family Worker), and Syd Simpson, Geoff Hosking and Betty Cummings (organists, thankfully not outgoing).

The same churchwardens were appointed: Crystal Dunn and Gay Miller (Heidelberg), Mavis Lean and Peter McKay (Rosanna), and Allan Way and Charles Doyle (Watsonia). Vestry will be these bods plus Rosemary Bellair, Althea Bernet, Marion Edmonds, Goff Hemsworth, Judith Thomson and new members Geoff Murphy (as Treasurer) and Laurel Cef. Parish auditors and Incumbency Committee were appointed as before.

Joan Shilton then thanked God for "winsome and boyish" Philip. Philip apologised again for not putting 'Parish of Banyule' on the Fair flyers. There was a discussion on choir robes: in future no-one will wear them. We ended in prayer.

VISIONS AND GOALS FOR 2011

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF BANYULE:

*“A people of faith;
Serving God;
A blessing to others”*

Mission Action Plan

(Our STRATEGIC PLAN)

SIX STRATEGIC AREAS:

- 1 **Building community**
- 2 **Reaching the next generation**
- 3 **Connecting with God**
- 4 **Being good stewards**
- 5 **Providing balanced ministry**
- 6 **Being a blessing to others**

VISION #1:

TO BUILD A SENSE OF COMMUNITY

*for all members,
from each centre,
all ages
and stages of life*

“A people of faith”

- A **Theme** for each year:
2011 *“A people of faith”*
2012 *“Serving God”*
2013 *“A blessing to others”*
- **Social** Events
- **Leaders’** training once a term
- **‘Pastoral Partners’** team
- **Home** groups +
- Encourage people to attend **all** centres
- One **main pastor** per congregation

VISION #2:

TO PASS ON THE BATON:

*develop a church which includes
families and younger people*

- **Family ministry committee** (plan family/child friendly events monthly)
- Reach out through **mainly music**
- A **roster** including younger people
- More **social** events for all
- More events for **younger** people

VISION #3:

CONNECT WITH GOD

*through engaging and varied
service styles*

A WORSHIP COMMITTEE

- **good music**
- a **teaching** time
- **shorter liturgy**
- modernise services
- Children’s segments
- Night **healing** service once/mth (H)
- Night **Taizé** service once/mth (W)
- Guest **speakers** through year
- **Missions:** CMS, BCA, local
- **Combined** services 5th Sundays etc
- **Preaching/teaching** plan
- **Clergy rostered** for a month

- Various **retreat days** offered (including a parish retreat)
- A **Music ministry team:**
 - choosing music
 - introducing new songs
 - sharing the load

VISION #4:

TO BE GOOD STEWARDS

*of the rich resources God has given us
(with thankfulness for those who
have given us this heritage)*

Vestry form a

BUILDING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A “Think Tank” of experts
- An Administrator
- Negotiate with the Diocese
- Rationalise 4 vicarages to 2
- Part of a M.A.P. (*Fit in with Diocesan Vision*)

RENOVATIONS: Rosanna

- Unscrew pews
- Buy 50 chairs
- Space at back of church
- Internal blinds for back windows
- Electronic keyboard
- Renovate choir room for storage & other uses
- Office more functional: new desk, chairs, photocopier (phone, internet?)

RENOVATIONS: HEIDELBERG

- New modern signs
- Locks and glass for offices
- New office: Assistant minister
- Appeal: for outdoor café veranda
- Glass partition – small chapel (children’s area, heating)

WATSONIA:

- A cross on front
- A distinctive Saturday night style – alternative church
- Army families
- Student outreach?

VISION #5:

TO DEVELOP A BALANCED & LONG TERM TEAM MINISTRY

which is able to meet the diverse needs of this large parish

Team ministry emphasis:

- Senior Minister
- Assistant Curate
- Part time Associate
- “Shared” mm team (P/T worker?)
- Parish secretary
- Sunday Student

More lay leadership in:

- Music, worship leading, social committee, finances.

VISION #6:

TO GET TO KNOW AND TO ENGAGE WITH THE COMMUNITY

*in a way which seeks
to be a blessing to them*

- More RE in schools
- mm teams – more links with church
- listening/surveys
- Baptism preparation teams
- Community seminars
- Healing services
- Meditation classes
- Christmas Carols in the park
- Blessing/thanks for pets
- Local council Thanksgiving event
- Flyers/advertising
- Health workers/Palliative care
- Nursing Homes +
- Special style Watsonia
- Alpha
- Wedding ministry
- 3 year plan

“With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

“It seems good to the Holy Spirit and to us...”

Parish Fair Prize-Winners!

Olivia Villegas	Cake First Prize
Betty Land	\$30
Barbara Andrews	Ginger Bread Cake Prize
Gaglyn Penniger	First Hamper
‘Joë’	Second Hamper
Maureen Peters	Third Hamper
Hemsworths	Fourth Hamper

Due to sterling work by Mike Terry, altering cheques, skimming cards, etc, the Parish Fair profit is now over \$10,000.



Not a prize-winner, but too boyishly winsome to leave out