



The Anglican Parish of

**Holy Trinity Lara with
Christ Church Little River**

FOR THE YEAR 1ST OCTOBER 2019 TO
SEPTEMBER 30TH 2020

**REPORTS TO COMBINED
ANNUAL MEETING**

HELD ON SUNDAY 22ND
NOVEMBER 2020 AT 10:15 AM

Reports for year ended 30th September 2020

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Annual meeting Agenda 2020

Opening devotion

Apologies

Reception of minutes annual meeting 2019

Business arising from minutes annual meeting 2019

Reception of the parish electoral roll

Report presentations:

- Vicar
- Proceedings of parish council
- Wardens
- Financial and budget
- Other parish groups

Reception of all reports

Election of wardens

Election of parish councillors

Election of auditor

Any other business of parochial interest

Annual meeting 2019 minutes

Opening devotion led by Revd Shirley

Apologies

John Thompson

Barbara Thompson

Warren Rumble

Carol Rumble

Joy Leggo

Sam Keown

Marie Keown

Correline Stewart

Alyce Matthies

Rosemary Bascombe

Anne Faithful

Tess Plant

Simon Plant

Apologies accepted: moved Gregory Medwell, seconded Garry Green. Carried.

Reception of minutes annual meeting 2018

Accepted: moved Helen Glare, seconded Annette Wendleman. Carried.

Business arising from minutes annual meeting 2018

No business

Reception of parish electoral roll

Accepted: moved Jenny Cunningham, seconded Brenda Sims. Carried.

Reports

Vicar's report as presented in the published volume of annual reports with verbal comment.

Proceedings of parish council as presented in the published volume of annual reports.

Wardens' report as presented in the published volume of annual reports.

Financial reports and budget as presented in the published volume of annual reports with verbal comment. Reports and budget accepted: moved Lee-Allan Urbanski, seconded Gaye Scott. Carried.

All other reports as presented in the published volume of annual reports.

All annual reports accepted: moved Marge Barrowman, seconded Denis Scott. Carried.

Election of wardens

Garry Green, Elizabeth Bate, Cynthia Roseburgh (vicar's warden) declared elected.

Election of parish councillors

Perrine Body, Leon Pollard, Jennifer Ratcliffe, William O'Brien, Gregory Medwell, John Leeke declared elected.

Philip Starks and Lee-Allan Urbanski as outgoing council members were thanked for their service.

Lee-Allan as outgoing treasurer was thanked for her service in that role.

Election of incumbency committee

Philip Starks, Patricia Peart declared elected, with Garry Green as warden appointee.

Election of auditor

Alistair Horne declared elected.

Other matters of parochial interest

Revd Shirley Littras announced her resignation has been accepted by the Archbishop with effect 5 January 2020.

William O'Brien spoke a vote of thanks to Revd Shirley for her 8 ½ years' ministry and service in the parish, and offered a prayer of thanks.

Vote of thanks given to Revd Shirley and George for their work during the church year 2019.

Vote of thanks given the Philip Starks for his work as Authorised Lay Minister during the church year 2019.

Meeting closed

Annual meeting 2019 attendance list

Gregory Medwell

Jennifer Rakcliffe

Carol Rumble - apology

Warren Rumble - apology.

Leon P. Ward

Val Joanson

Perrine Body

Doug Body

Shem Glenn

Clare Scott

Deis Scott

Libby Bate

Rosemary Burscomb (Apology)

Ann Faithfull (Apology)

Brenda Darcy.

Cynthia Roseburgh

Annette Wendleman

Wendy Taylor

Liz Hunter

Ms Barrowman

Patricia Bell.

Robert Hanlon

Christina Hanlon

Peter Jones

Garry Green.

Dois Smith

Arch. Smith.

Jan Leake

Nudy Leake (Apology)

Jenny Cunningham

Donna + Pam Starks

Brenda M. Sims.

BILL O'BRIEN

WENDY O'BRIEN

Suzanne Wilson

Wes. Wilson.

Jane Armstrong (here)

Joan Cohen

Kennan Cohen

PHILIP STARKS

Lee-Allan URBAN

Names Recorded on Electoral Roll as of 10th November 2020

Holy Trinity Lara

June ARMSTRONG

Marjorie BARROWMAN

Rosemary BASCOMB

Libby BATE

Marion BENNETT

Perrine BODY

Doug BODY

Anne CHASE

Joan COHEN

Brenda DARCY

Anne FAITHFULL

Helen GLARE

Christine HANLON

Robert HANLON

Liz HUNTER

Marie KEOWN

Sam KEOWN

Ian KERIN

Joy LEGGO

John LEEKE

Wendy LEEKE

Lola LEWIS

Ellen MARSH

Valerie MAWSON

Gregory MEDWELL

Wendy O'BRIEN

William O'BRIEN

Patricia PEART

Leon POLLARD

Jennifer RATCLIFFE

Cynthia ROSEBURGH

Carol RUMBLE

Denis SCOTT

Gaye SCOTT

Arch SMITH

Doris SMITH

Philip STARKS

Coralene STEWART

Bronwyn THOMAS

John THOMPSON

Barbara THOMPSON

Val TONKIN

Robert TONKIN

Lee-Allan URBANSKI

Annette WENDLEMAN

Joan WILKS

Gwyneth WILSON

Wes WILSON

Names Recorded on Electoral Roll as of 10th November 2020 Continued

Christ Church Little River

Jenny CUNNINGHAM

Ivan FAIRCHILD

Garry GREEN

Donna HINCHLIFFE

Peter JONES

May McCAW

Brenda SIMS

Marino SUSSICH

PARISH STATISTICS FOR 2019/2020

(October 2019 - September 2020)

Please complete a form for each church in parish - if applicable. Combined parish figures will be accepted

Parish of

Lara with Little River

Church: Holy Trinity Lara with Christ Church Little River

Please return to the Registry by 13 DECEMBER 2020

Most of the responses received from parishes are included in the statistics section of the Diocesan Yearbook and are used by various people. In other instances, the information is used in research projects carried out by the diocese. Your co-operation is sought in completing the data being collected. In instances where records are not maintained, your best 'guesstimate' would be appreciated.

WORSHIP

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| <p>1 a 87 Number of public services wherever held* excluding weddings, funerals, private baptisms, services in residential facilities</p> <p>b 83 Number of public Sunday services wherever held excluding weddings, funerals, private baptisms, services in residential facilities</p> <p>c 14 Number of publicised services held in residential care facilities</p> <p>2 a 2591 Total yearly attendance at all Public services ** exclude weddings, funerals, private baptisms, services in residential facilities</p> <p>b 2448 Total yearly attendance** at all Sunday services excluding weddings, funerals, private baptisms, services in residential facilities</p> | <p>3 a 1013 Total Acts of Communion in public services* excluding private ministrations and services in residential facilities</p> <p>b 955 Total number of Sunday Acts of Communion excluding private ministrations and services in residential facilities</p> <p>c 108 Total Other Acts of Communion including private ministrations and services in residential facilities</p> <p>4 a 106 Total attendance at Christmas Day/Eve services (Christmas Eve means after 5:00 pm)</p> <p>b 48 Total number of Acts of Communion at Christmas Day/Eve services (Christmas Eve means after 5:00 pm)</p> <p>5 a 46 Total attendance at Easter Day/Eve services</p> <p>b 0 Total number of Acts of Communion at Easter Day/Eve services</p> |
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- * Include weekday and Sunday services ** Include children and Non Communicants

MEMBERSHIP

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| <p>6 61 No. on Church Electoral Roll presented at the Annual Parish Meeting</p> <p>7 8 No. of Baptisms</p> <p>8 / No. of children admitted to Communion</p> <p>9 / No. of persons received into the Anglican Communion</p> <p>10 / No. of Confirmations</p> <p>11 No. of funerals conducted:</p> <p>a 3 in the churches of the parish</p> <p>b 1 elsewhere</p> <p>12 No. of marriages conducted:</p> <p>a 1 in the churches of the parish</p> <p>b / elsewhere</p> | <p>13 a 2 No. of continuing home/small groups</p> <p>b 10 Total No. of persons in continuing home/small groups per week</p> <p>14 Estimated no. of frequent attenders - including at weekly programs/worship services (excluding CRE)</p> <p>a / Pre-school (0 - 5)</p> <p>b / Primary School</p> <p>c / Secondary School</p> <p>d / Post Secondary (under 25)</p> |
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Locum Vicar's Report, October 2020

I took up my responsibilities on 6th January this year following Reverend Shirley Littras' retirement on 5th. I came out to Lara on the following day and met Jennifer Ratcliffe, our capable Parish Administrator, and Cynthia Roseburgh, the Vicar's Warden, who welcomed me and introduced me to the people who were volunteering in the Op Shop that day, the church buildings, and various procedures. Jen and I decided that Tuesday morning would be the regular time for our meetings.

It had been a little while since I had done a locum and I wasn't sure whether I would be strong enough to sustain it, so I said originally that I would be here for a one-month trial period.

Well, after a month, I was feeling very happy in the role, quite strong enough, loving the people of Lara and Little River and enjoying the surrounds. The morning drive out to Lara from Geelong was always beautiful. Having got lost a couple of times when first trying to find Little River, I decided that the area is positively heavenly. I settled in for the long haul.

It took me a little while to get my head around the various services that were held at St Laurence Park and Costa House, but with wonderful assistance from Annette Wendleman, Bill O'Brien, Coralene Stewart and Doris Smith, I was just starting to feel comfortable with this when COVID19 reared its ugly head.

What would we do? How could we possibly manage to sustain church life, encourage each other to worship the Lord and grow in Him, keep in touch with and love one another, if we could never meet?

It seemed to me that it had been Providential that in January I had received correspondence from some friends working in East Asia and who were in lockdown at the time. They talked about this wonderful thing called Zoom, that was so easy to use and connected them to so many people.

When I heard from the diocese in March that they were running a training session about this same Zoom thing one Saturday morning, I thought 'YES! We can do it too!' If I had not had this heads-up, I am sure I could easily have decided that it would be all too difficult.

It happened to be the morning of a working-bee at Lara, so Greg Medwell and Doug Body joined me at the Zoom training. We were all optimistic, and Greg and Doug set about organising it immediately.

They have continued to be the mainstays of the program. Huge thanks to them for their expertise and dedication. Others are developing their skills, so as to take some of the load: Simon Plant, Dennis Scott, Philip Starks, Sean Chapman and Leon Pollard in particular.

Thanks too, to the many who came down to the church at 6.30 on a Sunday morning right through the winter to turn on the heaters, so we didn't freeze in the cold!

What about those who don't have computers?? How could we support and connect with them?

It was the brain-child of Perrine Body and Jen Ratcliffe, to put together a Home Church Kit. They knew of some purple bags, printed with the church logo, that were left over from another occasion. They collected a number of worship resources, which included a church Bible, and a holding cross made by Warren Rumble. Jen would run off copies of the pew slip with the readings and news, and copies of a letter I would write weekly.

The Home Church Kits were ready within days, and it was an impressive display on our last morning of worship together: dozens of purple bags lined up with names and addresses attached. People were asked to deliver to those near them, and by the time the church had emptied, the bags were all gone. A number of people have faithfully delivered the letter and pew slip ever since. Thank you so much to all for the deliveries, and we praise God for the inspiration given to Perrine and Jen and their capable and on-going carrying out of the same!

My weekly letter began as a summary of the sermon, but as it had to be ready by Friday morning, and my normal pattern is to finish my sermon preparation on Saturday, I found that too restrictive, so it has morphed into a general reflection with news and encouragements to prayer, which I trust is found to be helpful.

Early in my time here I discovered that July is Mission Month, so I enquired which of the organisations supported here had not been invited to speak recently, and invited them: Adrian Lane from BCA, Hayley Rumble from the

Christian Union at Ballarat University, Esther Cohen from Bushikori, and Peter Winstanley from the local Gideons chapter. When the time came, they were all able to attend in person, as the restrictions were partially lifted at that time, when we were able to have up to twenty people at church. We invited the people who could not attend by Zoom, and a number of them attended enthusiastically. Our total numbers were in the forties, the highest Sunday being 47. We were so disappointed that by the beginning of August we were again not permitted to have more than five at church, and those five had all to be involved with the running of the service. We look forward to having non-Zoomers with us again beginning next week, 1st November.

With the Covid shut-down, practically everything was on hold. Such a shame, as I had experienced an example of the events usually run in the parish: Pancake Tuesday at Little River!

It was a glorious evening, and I was told it was a record attendance. From memory about 150 people came and enjoyed the fruits of the labours of the entire Little River congregation. Congratulations, one and all! Something to build on there.

Just before the lockdown we were also joined at Little River by a young family looking to buy in the district. You never know what God has around the corner.

Along with the services at St Lawrence and Costa House, the Bible Study run by Philip Starks, our Authorised Lay Minister, went into recess, a source of sorrow to many, in particular Philip. He has continued to regularly preach and lead through Zoom, and Leon Pollard has also joined the preaching roster. Thank you very much to them both. The support and assistance of the Rev Warren Rumble has also been a treasure.

We have grieved at the death of the Reverend Vernon Cohen in March, and Brian Faithfull in October, and continue to pray for their loved ones. Others have suffered the loss of family members or have had significant illness. Our love and prayers have been with them.

A group of seven of us has met every Wednesday evening to pray together via Zoom. It has been a special time. I am always reluctant to leave at the end of the half hour. Anyone else can join us, if you choose.

The Incumbency Committee is just entering its most intensive phase, and it is possible that we could have a new vicar early in the new year. I will have been here for more than twelve months by then, so I am planning to take a couple of weeks off after the APM. Although restrictions are easing, we are not expecting the normal intensively busy Christmas this year and sadly the Carols at Pirra are definitely off. We are trying to picture how Christmas can be appropriately celebrated. Any suggestions welcome!

Maintaining parish giving through Covid was an issue that has been largely met through direct debit giving to the parish bank account. Thank you so much to everyone for embracing this method. Together with this, the use of envelopes has declined, and Joy Leggo, who has been the Recorder for parish pledged giving for sixteen years, has decided to cease her role. She has given a wonderful gift to the parish over all this time. Thank you so much Joy.

Some people have been saving their regular giving at home, and seizing whatever opportunity offers to pass it on to the church. Thank you to them for their faithfulness and inventiveness!

The Wardens and Parish Council have worked well and consistently, via Zoom meetings. Work on upgrading the vicarage, led by Libby Bate, is progressing apace. Cynthia Roseburgh as our Covid-Safe officer, has kept us in line, ensuring that both we and the premises present the least possible risk of infection. Garry Green heads up the Little River congregation and is their representative on the Incumbency Committee. Thank you to all of you!

It is impressive how so many people at both centres leap to accomplish the little things to maintain both properties and worship. Thank you, everyone! Eddie Stewart and Joe Urbanski have looked after the grounds at Lara for a long time, out of the goodness of their hearts, weeding, trimming, and planting. Thank you,

guys! Eddie is quite unwell at present and cannot do it any longer. We will need more people to help with these things. Please volunteer if you can. Two people have added their names to the lawn-mowing roster, so that is a step in the right direction, and come summer, watering will also require attention.

How things might change when we eventually have all restrictions lifted, we are yet to discover. I think that Zoom suits some people very well, and I believe that it could continue, together with 'normal' worship, well into the future.

Thank you especially to Bill O'Brien for his ongoing work as Parish Secretary even when he is not so well, and to Lee-Allan Urbanski, going beyond the call of duty in being the bookkeeper for the parish this year. Thank you to Rosemary Bascomb for faithfully sending me the list of Zoom attendees each week, and to Marion Bennett for her recording of people's stories, which we are watching every week on Zoom. She has found a way for us to get to know each other when we can't meet! Thank you so much Marion. Thank you too to all those now reading and praying for us each Sunday. It is one of the things I love about this parish: how willingly people say 'Yes!' to things.

Thank you to Jen Ratcliffe, who capably accomplishes the various administrative tasks, and puts our service onto a PowerPoint presentation for us all to follow every week, adding her own creative touch for our blessing and enjoyment.

Thank you, everyone, for your friendship and support. It is so much appreciated. Special thanks to Cynthia who has been a constant source of information and encouragement, and an excellent sounding board for me. I love Lara and Little River. Who wouldn't? God certainly does.

God bless and keep you all, and build up his church in this place.

Lynne Clarke,

Locum vicar, Holy Trinity Lara with Christ Church Little River.

26th October, 2020.

Proceedings of parish council 2020

The church year began in sensational circumstances with the Reverend Shirley announcing at this meeting last year that she would be resigning as from January 2020 because of family reasons. That it came as a shock would not be over stating the situation. Reverend Shirley was much loved with her positive attitude, energy, vision and determination being just a few of her attributes.

Before she left us, Shirley led us through the Christmas period. This also included being actively involved in Lara Carols by Candlelight at Pirra which she compered for the eighth occasion.

Then on January 4th we had a Farewell Service for her with Bishop Kate in attendance at which Parishioners said their good byes. We said our goodbyes to George too who was a wonderful support.

Later that week, on the 6th January to be precise, we received advice from the Diocese that the Reverend Lynne Clarke would be our Locum for the next month. Little did we know about the challenges that we would face together in year 2020. Little did we know that Lyn would still be at the helm almost twelve months later.

The year began in the usual manner with our Volunteer Christmas Dinner and a “Step back in time Dinner” at Pirra. We also had our Pancake Night at Little River, celebrating Shrove Tuesday.

Then in mid-March we were instructed to close the church at Little River and Lara because of Covid 19.

As from this date, services were commenced to be “zoomed” into the homes of our Parishioners who had the technology to receive this transmission. This was made possible by a wonderful team comprising Gregory, Doug, Philip and Simon. Equipment including installation of data cables and a laptop were necessary to enable us to Zoom.

For a while we were permitted to have up to ten worshippers present in Church but this soon ceased at the direction of the State Government when the Covid second wave hit!

The Op Shop was closed for a total of fourteen weeks, during which time a re-design of the shop was carried out to make it Covid Safe before reopening.

Over the period of this year, we have been wonderfully led by the Reverend Lynne Clarke who, although only working part time, has worked with enthusiasm, direction, single mindedness, plus many other attributes. Lynne did not let Covid get in the way of her ministry. She adapted to changes due to Covid 19 and found ways to Minister.

Reverend Lynne provided a “Lara Letter” each week which challenged us to consider the biblical implications of living through the Pandemic. They were also a welcome source of information about news in the parish.

In early September the tenant left the vicarage and we began to implement renovations to the house which is 55 years old. It had been some years since the house was carpeted and the interior painted. I would like to acknowledge all those that are contributing their skills to bringing the vicarage up to standard.

In parallel to this, our Incumbency Committee has been working alongside Bishop Kate to find our next Incumbent.

In September we saw the conclusion of our pledging (envelope) system with a move toward direct debit giving. We are grateful to our Envelope Recorder Joy Leggo who has been wonderful as she filled this role over many years.

We are thankful to our Lay Minister Philip Starks for the contribution that he has made to the life of the parish.

Finally, we are grateful to Cynthia Roseburgh who has worked tirelessly in the important position as Covid Officer.

It has been a memorable, tough, yet rewarding year.

Bill O'Brien

Parish Secretary

Wardens Report

And what a year it has been!!

On the 5th January we celebrated a farewell service with Shirley Littras who had announced she was retiring at last year's AGM. Bishop Kate was with us for the service and we enjoyed a light lunch following church. One week later we celebrated our first service with the Reverend Lynne Clarke as our locum. Lynne had told us she would be with us for one month as a trial to see how she could cope, soon indicating she would stay on until we found a new vicar. Soon after saying this, COVID-19 hit and Lynne's coping skills have proven of the highest standard. She has been amazing under very different and difficult circumstances and the strict COVID-19 guidelines we have had to follow.

Church services since March have been run predominantly through Zoom technology. How lucky we have been to have a team of Zoom technicians who have undertaken this new way of going "Church." Internet access and technology improvements have been undertaken to enable this to happen.

The Church building at Holy Trinity along with the hall and op shop remain in good order, albeit with changes due to COVID-19 safety rules. Thank you to the volunteers who maintain the lawns and gardens at the Church ensuring that everything is neat and well kept. The church building at Christ Church, the hall along with the grounds are well maintained but in the near future a fence will need to be replaced.

As the task of appointing a new vicar continues we are mindful that work will need to be done on the vicarage. This will include painting, roof and gutter repairs, new carpet or returning to the polished boards under the carpet and some electrical work. An update of the kitchen and the addition of an ensuite may also be necessary if the vicar intends living there.

We thank all our volunteers who have helped keep the ministry of the Church going under very difficult conditions.

Cynthia Roseburgh, Libby Bate, Garry Green

Church Wardens

Anglican Parish of Lara with Little River

Balance of Accounts at 30 September 2020

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| ADF Access Cash 05009178 | \$ 6,752.37 |
| ADF Appd Build Fund 05009120 | \$ 1,211.31 |
| ADF Lt River Investment 443008659 | \$ 4,793.30 |
| ADF Parish Giving 05005195 | \$ 3.75 |
| ADF Vicarage Upgrade 05004543 | \$ 6,476.10 |
| BBL Op Shop 137905048 | \$ 3,377.41 |
| BBL Parish | \$ 45,738.65 |
| Total Funds | <u>\$ 68,352.89</u> |

ADF Parish Loan 444000637 \$ 47,203.29

BBL Lara Churches Carols 157805193 \$ 6,835.09

BBL Lara Food Relief 152286019 \$ 10,178.65

Anglican Parish of Holy Trinity Lara with Christ Church Little River
Profit and Loss Report for 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2020

Income

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Contra | \$ | 1,732.18 |
| Donations | \$ | 683.00 |
| Fund Raising | \$ | 4,697.00 |
| Funeral Surplice Fee | \$ | 300.00 |
| Grants | \$ | 10,460.92 |
| Hall Hire | \$ | 4,164.00 |
| Mission Donations | \$ | 886.95 |
| Parishioner Giving | \$ | 52,084.04 |
| Sundry Income | \$ | 2,587.24 |
| Vicarage Rental | \$ | 14,150.80 |
| Weddings | \$ | 545.45 |
| Work for the Dole Programme | \$ | 545.45 |
| Total Income | \$ | 92,837.03 |

Expenses

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| Assessment | \$ | 12,515.80 |
| Bank Charges | \$ | 67.22 |
| Charitable Contributions | \$ | 6,070.00 |
| Church Chattels | \$ | 984.97 |
| Council Rates | \$ | 765.90 |
| Energy | \$ | 3,959.54 |
| Fund Raising | \$ | 315.33 |
| Gift | \$ | 471.29 |
| Hall | \$ | 30.00 |
| Insurances | \$ | 14,873.93 |
| Loan Interest | \$ | 1,726.88 |
| Ministry | \$ | 2,908.85 |
| Mission Trust Funds | \$ | 817.95 |
| Motor Expenses | \$ | 680.62 |
| Office Expenses | \$ | 4,692.19 |
| Repairs and maintenance | \$ | 1,279.62 |
| Salary | \$ | 8,668.45 |
| Stipend and Benefit | \$ | 19,246.77 |
| Stipend Locum | \$ | 17,361.48 |
| Superannuation & LSL | \$ | 11,590.43 |
| Vicarage | \$ | 2,136.36 |
| Youth Group | \$ | 531.36 |
| Total Expenses | \$ | 111,694.94 |

Net Earnings **-\$18,857.91**

Holy Trinity Lara with Christ Church Little River Op Shop

Profit and Loss Report 1 Oct 2019- 30 Sept 2020

Income

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|---------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Daily Sales | \$ | 32,986.20 |
| Donations | \$ | 437.05 |
| Eftpos Sales | \$ | 28,699.24 |
| Melbourne Cleaning Cloths | \$ | 2,187.85 |
| Total Income | \$ | 64,310.34 |

Expenses

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|--------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Bank Charges | \$ | 828.16 |
| Charitable Contributions | \$ | 3,311.90 |
| Op Shop Equipment | \$ | 941.53 |
| Expenses | \$ | 662.51 |
| Petty Cash | \$ | 454.55 |
| Council Rates | \$ | 2,034.20 |
| Telephone | \$ | 489.29 |
| Total Expenses | \$ | 8,722.14 |

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| Net Income | \$ | 55,588.20 |
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Lara Combined Churches Carols

Profit and Loss Report 1 Oct 2019 to 30 September 2020

Income

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| LDCE Ltd Carols December 2019 | \$ | 3,000.00 |
| LDCE Ltd Carols December 2020 | \$ | 4,545.45 |
| Church Donations | \$ | 3,200.00 |
| Supplier Donations | \$ | 100.00 |
| Sale of Candles and Drinks | \$ | 949.50 |
| Sale of Hay | \$ | 40.00 |
| Total Income | \$ | 11,834.95 |

Expenses

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|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Animal Farm | \$ | 500.00 |
| Candles | \$ | 552.27 |
| Miscellaneous Operating Costs | \$ | 384.30 |
| Mobile Toilets | \$ | 1,000.00 |
| Programme Printing | \$ | 36.95 |
| Sound and Lighting | \$ | 1,269.51 |
| Traffic Management | \$ | 1,120.00 |
| Video | \$ | 600.00 |
| Wages | \$ | 1,606.25 |
| Total Expenses | \$ | 7,069.28 |
| Net Income | \$ | 4,765.67 |

Lara Food Relief

Profit and Loss Report 1 Oct 2019 - 30 Sept 2020

Income

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|------------------|----|----------|
| Grants/Donations | \$ | 7,393.25 |
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| Total Income | \$ | 7,393.25 |
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Expenses

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|---------------|----|-------|
| Fuel Vouchers | \$ | 90.00 |
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| Geelong Food Relief Vouchers | \$ | 340.00 |
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| Lara Pharmacy | \$ | 153.95 |
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| Meat | \$ | 878.81 |
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| Supermarket Goods | \$ | 1,915.19 |
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| Total Expenses | \$ | 3,377.95 |
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| Net Income | | \$4,015.30 |
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Anglican Parish of Lara with Little River Treasurer's Report 2019-2020

What a year it has been, very few people allowed at Church, most people now attending church in a new and exciting way (Zoom).

Firstly, to LeeAllan (our book keeper) you do such a great job, words cannot express my thanks.

I would like to thank those who have embraced the new technology, I would also like to thank those who continue to support our church financially, via envelopes, open plate, direct deposits and those who donate their time, especially those who work in the Opportunity shop. If it was not for our opportunity shop it would make the job of balancing the books very hard.

During the year we have supported many different missions such as CMS with the small collection boxes, ABM, Anglicare, Samaritans Purse, Interserve, AFES, Nungalinya, Gideons, Bush Church Aid, Bushikori and Lara Food Relief. Both Interserve and AFES are supported by regular monthly payments. All these organisations are local, national and international so your giving touches people far and wide. Thank you!!

The parish loan now has a balance of \$42,203.29 owing! Last year it was \$66,729.10 what a magnificent job in the current circumstances. Interest paid this year was \$1,993.19

Which brings me to the Op Shop; without the help of the volunteers, the Op Shop Committee and management we would be struggling to make ends meet if we did not have this magnificent building to sell the donations that the most generous people of Lara continually support us with. Many thanks one and all.

My thanks to Rev Lynne, the Church Wardens, Parish Council and the parishioners for the trust you have in me and my wonderful bookkeeper (LeeAllan).

Gregory Medwell

Treasurer's Report 2019-2020 continued

NOTES to be read with the Profit and Loss Report of the Anglican Parish of Lara and Little River.

Our Opportunity shop was closed for 14 weeks

INCOME

Transferred from the Opportunity shop to the Parish account was \$64,000

Mission Donations were payments from parishioners for specific missions.

Grants were mostly made up of \$10,000 grant from the Victoria State Government

EXPENSES

Charitable and Mission- donations provided by both the parishioners and parish council to the needy

Church Chattles – Furnishings, candles.

Insurances- Buildings, sickness & accident, Work cover and stipend continuance, property valuation

Office – Telephone, photocopier, paper, internet, police checks.

Independent Auditor's Report

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Churchwardens and Parish Council of the Anglican Parish of Holy Trinity Lara with Christ Church Little River.

I have audited the provided financial reports, being a "special purpose financial report", of the Anglican Parish of Holy Trinity Lara with Christ Church Little River (The Parishes), which comprises the Profit and Loss Statement for the year ended 30 September 2020, and other explanatory notes and information.

My audit excluded a review of the assets and liabilities of the Parishes other than a review of the various Bendigo Bank and Anglican Development Fund accounts.

Churchwardens' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Churchwardens of Holy Trinity and Christ Church are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies, which form part of the financial report, are appropriate to meet the financial reporting requirements of the *Parish Governance Act 2013* and are appropriate to meet the needs of the users.

The Churchwardens' responsibility also includes establishing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

An auditor's responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on an audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to meet the needs of the users.

I conducted the audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that I comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment; including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error.

In making those risk assessments, an auditor considers internal control relevant to the Parish's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Parish's internal control.

An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to the Parishioners for the purpose of fulfilling the Churchwardens' financial reporting requirements. I disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates, to any person other than the Churchwardens, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting my audit, I have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies.

Auditor's Opinion

In my opinion the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Parishes as at 30 September 2020 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies mandated by the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne.

Basis of Accounting

The special purpose financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the financial reporting responsibilities under the *Parish Governance Act 2013(as amended)*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Yours faithfully,

Alistair Horne FCPA 719447
Melbourne
24th October 2020

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF LARA WITH LITTLE RIVER

| | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Income | | | | |
| Parish Giving | \$ 49,440.00 | \$ 50,428.00 | \$ 51,436.00 | \$ 52,000.00 |
| Mission | \$ 1,854.00 | \$ 1,900.00 | \$ 1,960.00 | \$ 2,160.00 |
| Other/Op Shop | \$ 77,900.00 | \$ 80,180.00 | \$ 84,000.00 | \$ 110,000.00 |
| Donations/Grant | \$ 28,080.00 | \$ 28,880.00 | \$ 29,746.00 | \$ 30,000.00 |
| Rental/hall hire | \$ 21,925.00 | \$ 23,000.00 | \$ 23,500.00 | \$ 10,000.00 |
| | \$ 179,199.00 | \$ 184,388.00 | \$ 190,642.00 | \$ 204,160.00 |
| Expenses | | | | |
| Stipends & Locums | \$ 80,410.00 | \$ 82,710.00 | \$ 85,190.00 | \$ 94,550.00 |
| Rates and Utilities | \$ 13,490.00 | \$ 13,880.00 | \$ 14,290.00 | \$ 14,870.00 |
| Mission and Out Reach | \$ 12,770.00 | \$ 13,120.00 | \$ 13,500.00 | \$ 14,400.00 |
| Assessment & Office | \$ 26,347.00 | \$ 27,147.00 | \$ 28,000.00 | \$ 28,580.00 |
| Maintenance | \$ 4,345.00 | \$ 4,500.00 | \$ 4,600.00 | \$ 30,000.00 |
| Other | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 2,200.00 | \$ 2,600.00 | \$ 2,800.00 |
| Insurance | \$ 9,000.00 | \$ 9,500.00 | \$ 9,700.00 | \$ 14,000.00 |
| Interest on Loan | \$ 4,200.00 | \$ 3,700.00 | \$ 3,500.00 | \$ 1,560.00 |
| | \$ 152,562.00 | \$ 156,757.00 | \$ 161,380.00 | \$ 200,760.00 |
| Surplus | \$ 26,637.00 | \$ 27,631.00 | \$ 29,262.00 | \$ 3,400.00 |

Notes on above categories

Income

Parish giving includes Open plate and Envelope giving

Mission is what is donated from individuals to be forwarded on our Mission Partners such ABM etc

Other/ Op Shop includes weekly sales in Op Shop, Work of the Dole & Melb. Cleaning Cloths

Donations/Grants are funds given for Building Loan, grants from other sources

Rental/ Hall Hire - vicarage rental

Proposed Budget continued

Expenses

Stipends payments for vicar and locums

Rates and Utilities- Council rates and Gas, power and water and telephone

Mission Outreach -Food cupboard, carols, payments to Nungalinja & Interserve and other missions

Assessment and Office- Photocopier, church chattles, TMA

Maintenance- Op shop, fire equipment, petty cash

Other-Youth Group, police checks, fund raising expenses

Authorised Lay Minister's report

The past year has been very difficult for all of us. COVID 19 has denied us regular fellowship meeting person to person, and the loss of the weekly Eucharist has been particularly stressful for me, as I'm sure it has with all of you. I also miss my work on the first Sundays of the month at Hume Court, St Laurence Park. It's not known when I can resume that.

I have preached five times this year, and my approach, as always, is to convey a sense of personal response to the gospel message and what discipleship means for us today. Sermons are posted on my blog site, biblipoint.blogspot.com, for the benefit of any who might like to make use of them in their own ministry or reflection.

I was in the middle of a Lenten study in the psalms when COVID struck and put a stop to it. I have been asked to look at doing a study by zoom, but the general feeling seems to be that zoom is not a very conducive avenue for teaching and sharing in the particular context of the group I've been leading. As soon as the Melbourne metro lockdown is lifted, I will be available for any evening study people might want.

Another thing I'd like to do in the parish this coming year is to facilitate a weekend at St Mark's Abbey, Camperdown. This is an Anglican Benedictine abbey which I've visited a number of times for quiet retreat.

In the meantime, we are all waiting for a new parish priest, so please pray for the parish as it faces change, and for the Incumbency Committee who are charged with selecting a successful candidate.

Philip Starks

Authorised Lay Minister

Anglican Parish of Lara with Little River Craft Group

What a year it has been and so different to what anyone expected. We would not have believed it!

Our craft group though small, commenced the year with what we normally would do and that is the preparation of shoe boxes to be sent overseas for the Samaritans Purse. And what an amount we managed to assemble and complete with the addition of goodies donated by the hardworking folks of the Lifestyle Village here in Lara.

The boxes were added to the ones the parishioners had put together and a nice lot were sent into Geelong to be shipped overseas. This coming year due to the restrictions put in place it was decided not to complete boxes this year, perhaps for Christmas 2021!

We were meeting green bin Thursday night for a bit of a chat, maybe some craft and a cuppa. This came to a sudden halt and some of us began to meet on Zoom and our time together was a bit of a general catch up, with some show and tell, and finding out what the grandkids are up to. The time was also altered to a daytime, and may continue that way.

Decisions will be made once things return to some normality.

LeeAllan Urbanski

2020 Food Relief Report

Well, Wow what a year of differences for our 7th year of operation

After reporting three years of growth of 34%, 25% and 25% we have stabilized during the Pandemic COVID 19. We have not grown; our weekly numbers have dropped slightly.

Our client base of 102 clients of all make up of a family unit. Our clients are everyday people like you and me, families with two parents and child/children, Single parent, Mums or Dads with child/Children or Single person units. We gave out 30 Christmas Hampers with toys at Christmas time. With the two Federal Governments stimulus packages, we found that people coming for food has dropped off a bit, but 300 meals from Heaven on the Hill at Eastern Hill cooked in the State Parliament kitchens, were distributed around Lara during June, July and August.

We have again been very fortunate to have so much community support from Lara organizations and individuals and we thank them most sincerely for their generous help. We especially thank the Lara District Community Enterprise (Bendigo Bank),

Boomeroo Nurseries, Geelong Lara Junior Girl Guides, Lara Meats. The Sigma Beta Group of Lara, Lara CWA, the Meredith Freemasons Lodge of Lara, Victorian Freemasons Foundation, Laureate Tau Chapter, Rainbow Chiropractic, the Lions club of Lara, Geelong

Central Fidelity Club, Lara Chamber of Commerce, Wyngate, and MACS, Lara Natural Health and many more individuals all who have donated to the Lara Food Relief. Thank you so much.

We are members of Geelong Food Bank and use their vouchers for items we do not keep in our pantry. We also still belong to GFAN (Geelong Family Assistance Network) Apart from food we also help with Petrol vouchers and where needed Medical Scripts from our local Pharmacy.

The foodbank is staffed by 3 volunteers (on a roster) each Monday between 10 am and 1pm on approx. 47 Mondays of each year. To the 30th September 2020 our weekly

client number has been an average of 3 with a total client number of 100. Also, this year we thank 10 extra volunteers under 70 years old for June, July and August helping us to stay open due to government age restrictions and changing our procedures to comply to Covooid19.

We remain at 12 volunteers in 2020 and I thank each and everyone of them for their time and great effort for the food Relief this year. We would like to have a few more volunteers, so we have no double ups during the month. These volunteers are people from our Lara churches and our Lara community. Without volunteers it would not be possible to service this valuable outreach program that serves our community well.

Revd. Warren Rumble

Coordinator

Social Committee Report

Over the past few years we have had a regular program of social events. 2019 started off as no different. We had our usual social events where we could get together for food, fun and fellowship. A night at the movies, our Christmas thank you dinner for op shop volunteers and our Food Relief volunteers and also our fundraiser mystery jars and parcels stall at the St. Laurence Christmas market. Even 2020 began well with our “Step Back in Time” dinner at Pirra Homestead. The weather was in our favour and we all enjoyed pre dinner punch and good old favourites like cob loaf dip, devils on horseback etc in beautiful sunshine in front of the mansion. We then had our dinner inside the mansion once again based on a menu from yesteryear with background music to suit. And there it ended. No movie in March, no more dinners and seeing people face to face ended.

We are looking forward to the time when we can once again get together for food, fun and fellowship.

Libby Bate

Opportunity Shop Annual Report 2020

I can report that the Opportunity Shop traded remarkably well amidst what were exceptional and trying Covid circumstances.

We ended the last year with our traditional Christmas Volunteers Dinner in November and our Christmas Close Down Dinner at The Lara Hotel in December. Both were very good functions.

We again experienced a very active time with many, many donations over the Christmas and New Year period, but we coped well thanks to our wonderful volunteers.

We resumed in mid-January and traded strongly until our Shop was closed by Government direction due to the Covid virus on 24th March 2020.

It was then we reviewed the layout of the shop to make it Covid Safe, which involved social distancing, the need for a larger sorting room, plus an area where goods could be quarantined when they were first donated to the shop. There were many other changes too!

The redesigned shop received the approval of both Parish Council and the Diocese, and the shop was reopened on 16th July 2020.

About six weeks later, we were again closed because of the State Government's State of Emergency (Second Wave). We lost some of our volunteers, at this time, who were reluctant to work through those difficult times or simply needed a break. Because our volunteer base numbers were reduced, we reduced our shop hours to 9.00 to 2.00pm on Wednesday to Friday inclusive. We reopened on 23rd September 2020.

These two breaks in trading resulted in the loss of 14 weeks trading and caused our gross profit in trading to dip down to \$64,574. Nevertheless, it was a good result considering it compares favorably to the full previous year which resulted in a gross profit of \$99,741.

In late March, Robert Hanlon resigned after several years as Op Shop Coordinator. Our thanks goes to Robert for the energetic, cheerful and capable way he discharged his duties. Robert continues to contribute as a volunteer.

We are covering the Coordinators position now with separate three-Day Managers for the three days that we are currently open.

Opportunity Shop Annual Report 2020 Continued

We will grow our volunteer base in the times ahead and gradually revert back to our former hours of operation (four and a half days per week). Please let me know of anyone who might appreciate joining our volunteer network. Hours worked in our Op Shop are recognized by Centrelink for those required to work Mutual Obligation Hours.

Currently we have the use of a shipping container to store such items as out of season stock.

All donations since the commencement of these Covid times have had to be quarantined for a period before they are sorted by Volunteers and placed for sale in the shop. This has taken up valuable space in our hall. The challenge is for us to find some other storage area for these items.

In conclusion I express to all our wonderful volunteers our heartfelt thanks. To the Sorters, Cashiers, Shop Assistants, to those who look after our Op Shop gardens, those who clean, and those who take weekly to the Recycling Centre those things that cannot be sold.

Thank you for making our Op Shop so vibrant and popular. A shop about which we can all be proud.

Cynthia Roseburgh

Young Adults Report 2020

2020 has been an interesting year for everyone. At the beginning for the year the Lara Young Adults were in a comfortable fortnightly routine. We had decided that 2020 would be a year of consolidation, including a stronger focus on our exploring Faith and building our Fellowship. Consequently, one week we would participate in a bible study and discussion lead by Doug (based on *The Jesus I never knew* by Philip Yancey). With the following week focusing on having fun. As is tradition, we shared a meal every week.

During the COVID-19 lockdowns via zoom we have continued this pattern uninterrupted. Following Philip Yancey's lead, Zoom has allowed us to add excerpts from 'Jesus movies' to our bible studies, and on the alternate weeks we have become masters at *skribl.io*, *Among Us*, *TKO* and *GeoGussr*

As we approach the end of the year our numbers have dropped by 1. While our group remains small those involved are committed.

As we continue into 2021 we are looking forward to meeting in person once again.

On behalf of the Lara Young Adults,

Jennifer R.

Parish Council, Wardens, Incumbency Committee Nominations

Parish Council

Leon Pollard

Philip Starks

Gregory Medwell

Jennifer Ratcliffe

John Leeke

Jenny Cunningham

Doug Body

LeeAllan Urbanski

Church Wardens

Cynthia Roseburgh

Garry Green

Libby Bate (Vicar's Warden)

Incumbency Committee (to remain while active)

Philip Starks

Patricia Peart

Garry Green (Wardens Representative)

Closing Prayer:

*May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us
all,
now and evermore, Amen.*





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