

Reports to Combined Annual Meeting

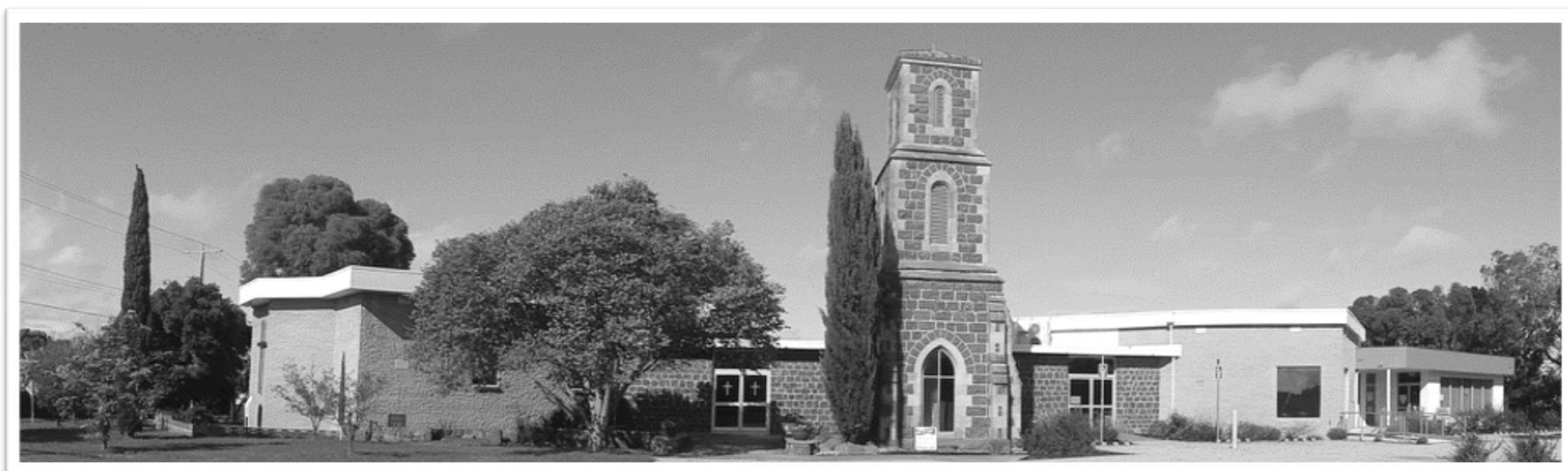
for the year 1st October 2017 to 30th September 2018

for

The Anglican Parish of

Holy Trinity Lara with Christ Church Little River

Held on Sunday 25th November 2018 at 11:00am



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Any other business of parochial interest

Names Recorded on Electoral Roll as at 16th November 2018

June ARMSTRONG

Marjorie BARROWMAN

Rosemary BASCOMB

Libby BATE

Perrine BODY

Doug BODY

Ian BROWN

Anne CHASE

Joan COHEN

Rev'd Vernon COHEN

Brenda DARCY

Anne FAITHFULL

Helen GLARE

Christine HANLON

Robert HANLON

Liz HUNTER

Marie KEOWN

Sam KEOWN

Ian KERIN

Joy LEGGO

John LEEK

Wendy LEEK

Lola LEWIS

Vicar – Rev'd Shirley LITTRAS

George LITTRAS

Ellen MARSH

Dennis MARSH

Diana MARSH

Valerie MAWSON

Alyce MATTHIES

Gregory MEDWELL

Wendy O'BRIEN

William O'BRIEN

Patricia PEART

Leon POLLARD

Jennifer RATCLIFFE

Cynthia ROSEBURH

Carol RUMBLE

Rev Warren RUMBLE

Denis SCOTT

Gaye SCOTT

Arch SMITH

Doris SMITH

Philip STARKS

Coralene STEWART

Dawn TEESDALE

John THOMPSON

Barbara THOMPSON

Val TONKIN

Robert TONKIN

Lee-Allan URBANSKI

Annette WENDLEMAN

Robin WENDLEMAN

Joan WILKS

Gwyneth WILSON

Wes WILSON

CHRIST CHURCH LITTLE RIVER

Jenny CUNNINGHAM

Ivan FAIRCHILD

Garry GREEN

Donna HINCHLIFFE

Peter JONES

May McCRAW

Brenda SIMS

Parish of

Holy Trinity Lara with Christ Church Little River

Church: Holy Trinity Lara with Christ Church Little River

Please return to the Registry by 15 DECEMBER 2018

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

- 1 a 159 Number of public services wherever held* excluding weddings, funerals, private baptisms, services in residential facilities
b 106 Number of public Sunday services wherever held excluding weddings, funerals, private baptisms, services in residential facilities
c 38 Number of publicised services held in residential care facilities
2 a 2831 Total yearly attendance at all Public services ** exclude weddings, funerals, private baptisms, services in residential facilities
b 2464 Total yearly attendance** at all Sunday services excluding weddings, funerals, private baptisms, services in residential facilities

- 3 a 2012 Total Acts of Communion in public services* excluding private ministrations and services in residential facilities
b 1848 Total number of Sunday Acts of Communion excluding private ministrations and services in residential facilities
c 276 Total Other Acts of Communion Including private ministrations and services in residential facilities
4 a 138 Total attendance at Christmas Day/Eve services (Christmas Eve means after 5:00 pm)
b 66 Total number of Acts of Communion at Christmas Day/Eve services (Christmas Eve means after 5:00 pm)
5 a 84 Total attendance at Easter Day/Eve services
b 67 Total number of Acts of Communion at Easter Day/Eve services

* Include weekday and Sunday services ** Include children and Non Communicants

MEMBERSHIP

- 6 No. on Church Electoral Roll presented at the Annual Parish Meeting
7 11 No. of Baptisms
8 No. of children admitted to Communion
9 No. of persons received into the Anglican Communion
10 2 No. of Confirmations
11 No. of funerals conducted:
a 3 in the churches of the parish
b elsewhere
12 No. of marriages conducted:
a 1 in the churches of the parish
b 1 elsewhere

- 13 a 10 No. of continuing home/small groups
b 62 Total No. of persons in continuing_home/small groups per week
14 Estimated no. of frequent attenders - including at weekly programs/worship services (excluding CRE)
a 1 Pre-school (0 - 5)
b 2 Primary School
c 3 Secondary School
d 1 Post Secondary (under 25)

VICAR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2018

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." [Matthew 28:16-20 NRSV]

This year our Parish has seen an increase in the number of people coming forward for Baptism at Holy Trinity, those who previously had no connection with the Parish, this may be due to the ever-expanding boundaries of Lara. We may well be fulfilling the Great Commission of Jesus given to the Disciples and the Church before his ascension, in Matthew, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, but are we making disciples, are we teaching them to obey everything that Jesus commanded? Are we fulfilling the promises we made at these baptisms that we would support them?

In addition to the Great Commission as we look back over the past year as a Parish, how are we fulfilling our Parish, Vision, Mission and Values that we have set for ourselves as the Body of Christ in our communities where God has placed us. In June I celebrated my 7th year in the Parish, these statements of our Vision, Mission and Values, however, we created before my time. Is it time we reassessed them or do they still hold true for us today?

Vision:

Encourage, support, and extend our Christian hand within our township especially to our multicultural families, while developing our own Faith, and celebrating with joy in activities within the Christian context in warm and inviting facilities.

Mission:

Carry out Christ's teachings for a caring and harmonious community.

Values:

With our strong sense of heritage, and sincere hard-working volunteer base, we continue our generous support to our local Community and maintain our commitment to missions.

In January the Parish Council decided that as a Parish would take part in the Diocese Parish Renewal Program that was being offered to the Archdeaconry of Geelong. The Parish Renewal Program emphasised for me, that it is not just what we do of a Sunday in worship that is church. Rather every activity undertaken by the people of God is church. It is a quiet an extensive list when you pause to name them.

Those who do the flowers, others who set up for worship, morning tea, readers, communion assistants, music team, cleaning the church, servers, the gardens and lawns, maintenance on the buildings, social committee/activities, Food Relief, the Drop in Centre, Op Shop, Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings, worship services @ St Laurence, Book Club, Craft, You Yang Walkers, Youth Group, Parish Council, Prayer Circle, Synod members, Parish Council, Wardens, and the list goes on. It even includes those incidental conversations we have with those we encounter throughout the day at the Op Shop, work, in the community and at home.

As mundane as it might seem for those of us who must write or even read the reports for the Parish Annual Meeting, it is imperative as the people of God that we do take time to pause and reflect upon the past year. To give thanks to God and to each other for our labor in the work of building up God's kingdom here in this place.

As a Parish we have had a very jam-packed year on top of those everyday activities that I have just mentioned that make up the life of our Parish.

Starting with the Blessing of the Pets on October 1st, followed by Christ the King Sunday in November and 9 Lessons and Carols in December at Little River.

Once again, the Youth Group did an outstanding job in leading the Children's Christmas Eve service as well as participating in the Combined Churches Carol's at Pirra Homestead and my 5th year as MC. The Carol's as the Combined Churches of Lara major outreach event seems to continue to grow, which is due to not only to our gifted event Co-Ordinator Jeanette Bence but also due to the generous sponsors, Lara District Community Bank, Clockwork video productions, and Bisinella. As well as our supporters Lara Lions, Boomaroo, Burns Archer, Lara Men's Lodge, Coles, CFA, Centre Stage and Dance Move Create, without them the event would not be possible.

This event not only provides a place for families to come together to celebrate Christmas at no cost, it also continues to provide an opportunity for creative outlet for members of the community being involved in the choir. The local schools and music schools were approached to provide opportunity for their choir(s) to perform plus local musicians were invited to perform solos.

In January a few of us participated in the Oodthenong Mission “Living with the Divine”, run by Bishop Philip at Barwon Heads.

Pancake night on Shrove Tuesday at Christ Church was a highlight for February and marked the beginning of Lent. We were once again blessed with seasonable good weather, scrumptious pancakes, delicious toppings and good company.

As part of Holy Week, we established a temporary Labyrinth in the hall at Holy Trinity, with 12 stations, designed to aid those who participated to reflect upon the suffering of Christ in the lead up to Easter.

In May we sent one of our Youth Leaders, Jennifer Ratcliffe on mission to the North Territory with Bishop Genieve Blackwell. Whilst there Jennifer visited and presented a cheque to our Op Shop’s nominated charity Nungalinya College.

Also, in May from Ascension Day to Pentecost Sunday we responded to the Archbishop of Canterbury’s call to join a wave of prayer around the world – **“Thy Kingdom Come”** praying that people we know might know Jesus. Over that period, we also prayed for those who had been Baptised in the Parish during my time here, as well as developing Prayer Walking guides, Prayer stations were also placed around the church at Holy Trinity Lara. This event culminating in a beacon event on Sunday @ the Wesley Centre on Yarra Street Geelong.

In July Bishop Philip Huggins made his final visit to the parish for a Confirmation service before his retirement in October.

In August we began a contemplation/Christian Meditation group that meets on Tuesday at 11:00am at Holy Trinity. The all-important aim in Christian meditation is to allow God’s mysterious and silent presence within us to become more and more not only a reality, but the reality which gives meaning, shape and purpose to everything we do, to everything we are... This has also led to the new signage over the door to the Sit-a-While garden to make Parishioners and those visiting the church plant aware of its availability. As I stated in November in our newly establishing parish magazine, Duck Ponds, in our ever-busy fast paced world how important is it that we as a church continue to provide a place of sanctuary not only for our community but also for ourselves.

On the first Sundays of the month at Holy Trinity, the worship team which so far consists of myself and Carol Rumble, together we have been developing the worship services to be more all age inclusive. In February we had a back-to-school service where we invited the Youth Group and commissioned the Youth Leaders. In March we had a Lenten theme, April was Easter Sunday, May Grandparents Sunday, June a winter theme, July Mission, August Healing and in September Community Sunday.

These services have been enriched by the music team which has continued to expand over the past year, with Alyce on piano, Philip on clarinet, Jennifer on guitar/singing, Lewis on drums and Helen on flute when she is visiting. The music team are now also playing on the 3rd Sunday at Holy Trinity as well as the Uniting Church musicians on the 4th Sunday of the month.

On the first Sundays of the month Reverend Warren takes the services at Christ Church which has enabled me to stay for fellowship at Holy Trinity for morning tea. On a couple of these Sundays a few of us have stayed on to play board games and a bite of lunch. Philip Starks' ministry in our parish as our Authorised Lay Minister continues to be a great support, with his preaching and services at St Laurence. These services on the first Sunday and the fifth Sunday in the month at St Laurence Park have continued to flourish under his ministry.

The worship team have also begun to develop a Task Box, to assist the young when they attend to aid them in worshipping at their level of maturity. In the task box there are a number of activities: handing out the "sorry stones", during Advent to help light the advent candles, help with morning tea, hand out doves to the children to pass to each other at the sign of the peace, hand out the chocolates to those having birthdays, help take up the offering, , help take up the wine and water, hand out the sticker book or the stickers as well as the glory mat which is currently in the process of being made. One of the tasks could also be to hand out the task's cards in the Narthex with the welcomers.

With the rise in the number of Baptisms, one of the strategies this year that the worship team have employed to explain is the meaning and importance of Baptism through the gift of a Baptism Box.

Included in the box is a:

* Bible: We find the Holy Bible in our gift box as a reminder that Jesus commanded, "go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.... *Matthew 28:19*

* Shell: A shell reminds us of God's washing action in baptism. We remember God's promise to wash us clean of our sin whenever water splashes through our hands.

* Shoes: Two pairs of shoes—one a pair of baby shoes, another a pair of adult shoes—reminds us that baptism is just the beginning of our journey with God, one that will continue throughout all of our life. Also, many people will walk with the baptised child. Parents, godparents, grandparents, sponsors, mentors, friends church school teachers, prayer partners, vicar—all will be available to nurture and support the child's growth in faith.

- * Jig-saw: To remind you that you are unique, you are meant to be part of something bigger and that you need someone to put you in the picture,
- * Baptismal Towel: This baptismal towel reminds us not only of getting wet, but also of growing into servant hood.
- * Baptismal Candle: A baptismal candle will be presented at each baptism. We encourage you to light the candle as part of your family's baptismal anniversary celebration. And a candle lighting service that they may like to use.
- * Church Directory: This church directory is placed here to remind us that baptised persons will become fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the kingdom of God.
- * Gown & Oil

Over the course of the year those who have participated in S.A.L.T *servicing and learning together* have completed "40 Day's to a closer walk with God" a Lenten Study, "All will be well" and are now part way through the study "Listening to God." As well as the study undertaken by Warren & Carol's Rumble's home group.

As I stated previously in January as a Parish, we signed up for the Diocese Parish Renewal Program. This program encourages participating parishes and leaders to see both their parish and local communities with fresh eyes – to use *who they are* and *what they're already doing* to identify their best opportunities to *make the word of God fully known*. It does not ask parishes to throw off their tradition, build a whole new program, or model their parish on another church.

How does it work?

The parish renewal program is made up of three interdependent components: A community of practice and coaching for clergy, and a curriculum of learning for Mission Action Teams: Philip Starks, Jennifer Ratcliffe, Lee-Allan Urbanski, Carol Rumble, Bill O'Brien, Leon Pollard and Donna Hinchliffe.

Communities of Practice

As part of the program I gathered with Ken Morgan from the Diocese along with the vicars from the Parishes of Bellarine & Bellarine Gateway who were also participating in the program 4-5 times this year as a community of practice: a context to enrich and extend our knowledge, skills and experience.

Coaching

I then met for coaching with Ken on a monthly basis. Ministry coaching is a 1:1 a regular conversation focused on a minister's effectiveness in fulfilling their ministry goals. A secondary (and complementary) focus is the ongoing development of the minister being coached. Far from being remedial, coaching is about bringing out the best, increasing capacity and preventing developmental plateau.

Curriculum for Learning

A generalised learning curriculum built around the Pathways model provided the basis for a tailored learning program geared to the needs of participating parishes. Core learning units included:

- An opening retreat for the Mission Action Team from all participating Parishes on Saturday 12th May - 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
- Mission Team Workshop: July 28th -10:00 am – 2:00 pm
- Pathways 1 Workshop: September 8th -10:00 am – 2:00 pm

From these workshops the Mission Focus Team were required to discern our Mission Focus Group. This is not about being exclusive. Effective churches tend to welcome everyone and take the care they can for whoever comes their way. And they recognise the unavoidable reality that every decision they make will inevitably suit some people more than others. So, they make decisions about resources, strategies, schedules and style with a particular group in mind, in order to reach and make disciples among them.

This program is designed to work on our mission effectiveness by organising all the activities of our church to build clear and integrated pathways whereby a person who is a stranger to the church and to the faith can become a fully devoted follower of Jesus and a highly committed participant in the life and mission of the church.

Throughout our training Ken Morgan has stated a few times it usually takes at least 5 years before we might begin to see any fruit as a Parish from this renewal process. Which got me pondering on the Parish Op Shop, that without the foresight others had along with Reverend Elaine Ryan and the previous Co-ordinator of the Op Shop Dawn Teasdale for this ministry, where would we be today?

As once again, this year the Op Shop has continued to outperform the previous year's taking by raising \$90,233.16. Over the past few years in my annual reports I have repeatedly remarked upon the importance of the Op Shop to our Parish. However, it is not only in the way of contributions of the funds to the parish, significant as they may

be, for most of the people in our community the first point of contact they will have with our church is through the Op Shop. From customers, volunteers, the work for the dole participants, to those who attended the fashion parade as well as the night at the Op Shop to those dropping off donations. This accentuates the magnitude of this ministry to our Parish and the need to reflect upon if we are utilising this asset to its best capabilities.

Along with the Op Shop coordinator Robert Hanlon and the Op Shop Management Committee, where would we be without the donation of goods and the tireless work of the volunteers who sort, mark, discard, straighten, clean and restock the shop? Thank you all.

Thank you, Robert, and to the woman behind the man, Christine for your time and commitment to the Op Shop, also to Bill O'Brien, Joe Urbanski & Ian Brown for the time-consuming removal of those unwanted items to the tip each month as well.

This year the Lara Food Relief program coordinated by Reverend Warren Rumble and supported by a team of volunteers has continued to operate out of the Hall on a Monday from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. Over the past years we have seen a steady increase in the number of people attending this program as more and more people in our community are struggling in meeting their everyday demands. As a Parish we are able to provide this program through the generous donations from the wider community, from the Community Bank of Lara, Lara CWA, Lara Masonic Lodge, Lions Club of Lara, The Laureatetau Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, Lara Quality Meats, Geelong Food Relief, the Local Chemist and private donations.

Lara Youth has clocked up three years and has continued to meet regularly through the school terms on a Friday night from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm, under the dedicated leadership of our two Youth Leaders Jennifer Ratcliff and Kennan Fry supported by the Parish volunteers who provide supper each week. They are a marvellous group of young people. As I said previously at Christmas the Youth Group did an amazing job in leading the Children's Christmas Eve Service at Holy Trinity. Thank you to the leaders and to those from the Parish who have continued to support them and the youth throughout the year.

The impact upon the church from child abuse in previous generations cannot be underestimated. Not only the damage done to children, the cost of redress, but also to the damage it has done to integrity, image and loss of respect of the church now within our community. Since the Royal Commission several compulsory initiatives set down by the Government have had to be implemented into the organisation of the church. The development of a child safety policy and child safety standards, Crime Checks,

Working for Children Checks, the appointment of Bill O'Brien with the assistance of Jennifer Ratcliffe as the Child safety Officer as well as Parish Compliance Officer.

In addition to this, myself, the Churchwardens, including Vicar's Warden, Treasurer and the Parish Council Secretary have had to complete an online compliance and training system set down by the Government called Learning Manager.

The courses available were:

- Essentials of Anti-discrimination
- Essentials of Harassment & Bullying
- Essentials of Ergonomics & Manual Handling
- Due Diligence for Officers
- Driver Safety Awareness (clergy)

The Parish Council in October has moved to employ Jennifer Ratcliffe as Parish Office Administrator for six hours a week to assist with the administration duties of the Parish. One of the tasks that Jennifer has undertaken is the development of the Parish Magazine, "Duck Ponds," which comes out once a month so as to shrink the size of the weekly pew bulletin.

Throughout my report I am unsure if I have provided any clear answers to the questions that I proposed at the start. Maybe this is something as a Parish we will need to work through in the coming year. However, I constantly remind myself of the adage "to do a few things and do them well." A wise person keeps reminding me, keep your eye on the goal and not to get distracted by incidentals along the way.

Many Blessings



The Reverend Shirley Littras
Incumbent

ANGLICAN PARISH OF LARA WITH LITTLE RIVER

BALANCE SHEET AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

ASSETS

	\$
Accounts Receivable	985.54
	\$
Cash at Bank	30,953.74
	\$
Total Current Assets	31,939.28
	\$
Fixtures and fittings	2,372.00
Freehold	\$
buildings	601,985.00
	\$
Improvements	40,000.00
	\$
Total Long Term Assets	644,357.00
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Total Assets	\$ 676,296.28

LIABILITIES

Current liabilities	\$
ATO Transactions Pending	5,599.46
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Total Current Liabilities	5,599.46
Non current liabilities	\$
Parish Loan Account	83,110.19
	\$
Total non current liabilities	83,110.19
	\$
Net Income	32,131.72
	\$
Accumulated Surplus	497,737.47
	\$
Building Appeal	266.00
	\$
Opening Bal Equilty	1.00
Retained	\$
Earnings	68,649.36
	\$
Total Shareholders' equity	598,785.55
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Total liabilities and equity	\$ 676,296.28

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 2018, 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 2018 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 2018

Holy Trinity Lara with Christ Church Little River

As I was reading annual reports from previous years it struck me as to how far we have come in the time that I have been with the Parish, and my goodness how fast that time has fled.

In the Treasurer's report of 2013 our loan balance stood at \$205,000- and now, 2018 it is at the incredible amount of \$83,000-. Well done everyone! And in that time of paying off the loan we have enjoyed many fundraising activities over the years. In particular this year, pancake night, high tea, fashion parades plus many more, all helping in one way or another to keep our parish afloat and enjoying each other's company.

Though we could not survive without the Op Shop and the funds and donations from our local community. Management and volunteers have kept the shop running like well-oiled clockwork, nothing ever being too much trouble for those smiling faces! Our Work for the Dole people have been an enormous help in staffing our shop and providing extra funds to the parish for training these people to be "Job Ready". The rent from the vicarage and the hire of the hall to the public and the dance group has also helped to keep our parish viable.

Once again, the people of the parish have been very supportive of our different missions some being Nungalinja, ABM, Samaritans Purse, CMS, AIM, AFES, Gideons, Bushikori and especially sending Jennifer on her mission trip to the Northern Territory.

Another thing I have noticed over the years is the Bendigo Bank has been a constant support to the parish providing funds to the Lara Food Relief and our Combined Churches Carol Service. Our many thanks once again for the support they provide.

Last but not least, my thanks to Rev. Shirley, the Church Wardens, Parish Council and Parishioners for the continued support provided to me.

Lee-Allan Urbanski

Parish Treasurer

BUDGET 2019**Revenue**

	2018	2019	2020
	\$	\$	\$
Donations	6,000.00	6,120.00	6,250.00
	\$	\$	\$
Fund Raising	12,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Mission	\$	\$	\$
Donations	1,800.00	1,836.00	1,875.00
	\$	\$	\$
Offertory	54,000.00	55,080.00	56,200.00
	\$	\$	\$
Rental	16,400.00	16,728.00	17,060.00
	\$	\$	\$
Services	9,300.00	9,486.00	9,675.00
Sundry	\$	\$	\$
Income	1,000.00	1,200.00	1,225.00
	\$	\$	\$
Weekly Sales	84,000.00	85,680.00	87,500.00
Work for the	\$	\$	\$
Dole	5,500.00	5,600.00	5,700.00
	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
	<u>190,000.00</u>	<u>187,730.00</u>	<u>191,485.00</u>

Expenses

	\$	\$	\$
Assessment	20,850.00	21,420.00	21,848.00
	\$	\$	\$
Bank Fees	690.00	705.00	720.00
	\$	\$	\$
Bond Refund	1,200.00	1,225.00	1,250.00
Church	\$	\$	\$
Chattels	4,150.00	4,233.00	4,320.00
	\$	\$	\$
Fund Raising	550.00	560.00	575.00
	\$	\$	\$
Insurance	7,900.00	12,000.00	12,250.00
Loan	\$	\$	\$
payments	3,500.00	3,000.00	2,500.00
	\$	\$	\$
Maintenance	2,800.00	2,856.00	2,915.00

Ministry	\$	\$	\$
Expenses	2,735.00	2,790.00	2,850.00
Mission	\$	\$	\$
Payments	3,500.00	3,570.00	3,640.00
Mission	\$	\$	\$
Trust Funds	1,800.00	1,840.00	1,875.00
	\$	\$	\$
Office	5,575.00	5,686.00	5,800.00
	\$	\$	\$
Op Shop	1,100.00	1,122.00	1,144.00
		\$	\$
Salary		7,243.00	7,390.00
	\$	\$	\$
Stipend	84,415.00	86,103.00	87,825.00
	\$	\$	\$
Utilities	11,365.00	11,592.00	11,825.00
	\$	\$	\$
Vehicle	<u>2,020.00</u>	<u>2,060.00</u>	<u>2,100.00</u>
	\$	\$	\$
	<u>154,150.00</u>	<u>168,005.00</u>	<u>170,827.00</u>
	\$	\$	\$
Surplus	35,850.00	19,725.00	20,658.00

Bank fees includes eftpos and account fees

Insurance - Buildings, sickness, accident, work cover

Ministry - TMA, Youth, plus others

Mission payments - Parish Council Authorised

Mission Trust Funds - Parishioners Donations

Office includes internet, phone, paper, police checks, petty cash, photocopier

Utilities includes land rates, water, electricity, rubbish removal

Minutes Parish Annual Meeting 19 November 2017

Apologies

As listed on the Attendance sheet following the minutes

Present

As listed on the Attendance sheet following the minutes

Opening mark of remembrance

A minute's silence was observed to remember parishioners who passed away during the year.

Reception of minutes annual meeting 2016

Moved Cynthia Roseburgh; seconded Peter Jones. Carried.

Business arising from the minutes 2016

No business arising

Reception of the parish electoral roll

Moved Lee-Allan Urbanski; seconded Gregory Medwell. Carried.

Annual reports

Vicar: Thanks to parish council, wardens, treasurer, and all others who have contributed to the life of the parish during the past year. Thanks to Rosemary, chaplain at Geelong hospital. Thanks to Warren and Liz, locums during the year.

Treasurer: The report of the main parish accounts showing detailed figures was omitted from the annual report. This will be provided next Sunday (26 November) at the combined parish service in Little River.

The budget needs to include an amount for a levy imposed by the Diocese to cover possible diocesan legal liability arising from the Royal Commission in to child abuse.

Congregation congratulated the Treasurer on a job well done.

All other reports taken as read.

Reports received: *Moved Jenny Cunningham; seconded Peter Jones. Carried.*

Election of wardens

People's wardens: Gregory Medwell and Gary Green.

Vicar's nominated warden: Cynthia Roseburgh.

Election of parish councillors

Philip Starks, Brenda Sims, William O'Brien, John Leeke, Lee-Allan Urbanski.

Vicar moved thanks for those members of the 2016 council retiring this year.

Election of incumbency committee

Philip Starks, Patricia Pert

Election of auditor

Alistair Horne nominated by Lee-Allen Urbanski, seconded by Gregory Medwell.
Carried.

Other business of parochial interest

Cynthia Roseburgh encouraged as many as possible to attend the parish renewal program talk on Tuesday 21 November to be given by Ken Morgan from the Diocese.

Patricia Pert suggested we approach the youth group to take over the running of the parish efforts for Clean Up Australia Day.

Annette Wendleman suggested the social committee be approached to organise the Biggest Morning Tea.

Meeting acknowledged George Littras for his contribution to parish life in his various roles. Thanks given.

Patricia Pert moved thanks to Revd Shirley for all she does as our parish priest and leader.

Meeting concluded 11:45 am



The Anglican Parish of
**Holy Trinity Lara with
 Christ Church Little River**

Combined Annual Meeting for the Year 1st October 2016 to 30th September 2017

For the

Parish of Lara with Little River

Held at Holy Trinity Church Lara at 11am on 19th November 2017.

Attendance:	Apology:
V. Dawson	Anne Faithfull
M. Barraman	Ian Brown
J. Barraman	Ian Kerin
P. Starks	May McCaus.
G. Wilson	Rosemary Basscomb
W. Wilson	ARCHIE SMITH
June Armstrong	DAISY SMITH
Janet Sims	Val & Rob Tonkin
Gary Cunningham	Dawn Teesdale
John Jones	Gregory Medwell
Shirley Hanton	
Robert Hanton	
Ivan FAIRCHILD	
Brenda Darcy	
Jan VESCE	
Wandy LEECE	Apology.
Libby Bate	
CORAENE STEWART	
Carol Rumble	
Warren Rumble	
Alan Harsh	
Patsie Ash	
Choseburgh	
George Littas	
Kevin Glare	
Joy Loope	
GARY SCOTT	
DEWIS SCOTT	Apology - Dawn
Gregory Medwell	



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Attendance:	Apology:
JOHN THOMPSON	SARAH THOMPSON
Val Mason	ROBIN HENDLEMAN
Mari Barrowman	
Josh Barrowman	
Bill O'Brien	
Wendy O'Brien	
ANNETTE HENDLEMAN	
Garry Greer	
Marie Keown	
Sam Keown	
Keppan Urbanski	

"Encourage one another and build up each other:

Wardens Report

On behalf of all I would like to thank Rev'd Shirley for her spiritual guidance, support and effort over the last year. I would also like to thank the Rev'd Warren Rumble who has ably been our locum in Rev'd Shirley's absence.

Holy Trinity Lara with Christ Church Little River are well maintained. Furnishings are in good condition.

The Parish Op shop has traded well this year with up to 25 volunteers.

The Vicarage is managed by Ray White Lara and is currently tenanted.

Our social events and fund-raising activities have been supported by the congregation and the general community.

Thank you to our many volunteers who help with worship services, op shop duties, food ministry, cleaning and maintenance of the inside and outside of our worship centres and the Op Shop, social organizing and fundraising.

Cynthia Roseburgh (Vicar's Warden)

Garry Green

Gregory Medwell.

Annual report on the proceedings of Parish Council 2018

This year's highlights of parish council's activities are:

Warren Rumble was appointed as Food Bank Coordinator, and Helen Glare recognised at the conclusion of her many years of service in the role. We thank you Helen.

Support for Rob and Tianne Varicak from African Inland Mission continued throughout the year as our contribution to overseas mission work of the worldwide church.

Philip Starks was appointed as Sacristan, and Trish Peart recognised at the conclusion of her many years of service in the role. We thank you Trish.

Wendy Leeke coordinated the custom manufacture of two new altar cloths for Holy Trinity to replace the very old ones. Lace from the old cloths was removed and reattached to the new cloths.

New sound systems were purchased from Music Workshop and installed in Holy Trinity and Christ Church.

Jennifer Ratcliffe was supported financially to cover a mission trip to Nungalinga College with a team led by Bishop Genevieve. Nungalinga College is an Australian

focused mission support venture of our Op Shop, and Jen personally presented the college with a contribution from the Op Shop.

Enrolment in the diocesan parish renewal program was approved and continues to be supported. We are one of three parishes participating in a Geelong region cohort. Parish council views the renewal program as vital to the growth in mission, spirituality and wellbeing of our parish.

Rental of the vicarage was negotiated through the diocese with Ray White estate agents and approved. A tenant has been in residence for most of the year.

Robert Hanlon was appointed as Op Shop Coordinator for a second term of 12 months, and we thank Robert for the excellent job he is doing.

Philip Starks

Secretary to Parish Council

Authorised Lay Minister's report

I continue to exercise a preaching ministry on the third Sunday every 2 months with the aim of conveying a sense of personal response to the gospel message, and what discipleship means for us today. Sermons are posted on my blog site, biblipoint.wordpress.com, for the benefit of any who might like to make use of them in their own ministry or reflection (although not to be reproduced commercially). And I know some of you do look at them.

Evening prayer services at Hume Court, St Laurence Park, on the first and fifth Sundays of the month are still well attended with between 9 and 14 each week. Services are based on the Sunday evening daily office with a short homily preached and 4 hymns accompanied by piano and clarinet. The elderly residents at Hume Court are very much an extended congregation of the parish, and the services are recorded in the parish register.

An additional role this year has been as Sacristan, and I thank Cynthia and Lee-Allen for their assistance in the weekday setting up of the altar.

As a licenced lay minister, I am expected to attend to my own spiritual development in ministry, and to that end have twice attended retreat time at St Mark's Benedictine Abbey in Camperdown, and some workshops at the Living Well Centre in Malvern.

I am grateful for all the opportunities afforded me to minister how and when I can.

Philip Starks

Authorised Lay Minister

OPPORTUNITY SHOP ANNUAL REPORT

I am pleased to report that sales for the year 2017/18 increased by 15% to \$90,000.

This is very healthy increase and couldn't have been achieved without the hard work and cooperation of all our volunteers, of which we have about twenty-five.

We had EFTPOS installed earlier this year and it has proved very popular, being used for payment for 26% of our transactions.

We have lost some volunteers, but we have also attracted some new volunteers, which is pleasing.

There appears to be no shortage of donations as evidenced by a surge donations in October when it was National Op Shop Week.

All our volunteers are doing a fantastic job, without them the Op Shop couldn't function as smoothly as it is.

They are great workers, they always get the job done. It makes my job a lot easier.

Thankyou volunteers.

Our Op Shop Fashion Parade held in June was again very successful, and our annual "Night at the Op Shop" held in late September again proved a winner.

Finally, a special thank you to Ian Brown and Joe Urbanski who regularly take unsellable items to the North Geelong Recycling Centre using their cars and trailers.

Thankyou

Robert Hanlon

Op Shop Co-ordinator

FOOD RELIEF REPORT

After 5 years as Coordinator Helen Glare retired at the end of 2017.

The Lara/ Little River Anglican Parish and the community, thanks Helen for her mighty effort, that she has put into the Lara Food relief in establishing it and getting it off the ground, to be truly a valued ministry of the Parish and to the community of Lara and surrounding district.

The Parish Council appointed Warren Rumble to replace Helen after having been a volunteer during 2016.

Last year's report stated that a 34 percent increase had occurred, well 2017 has seen another 25 percent increase of clients coming on Mondays and other times during the

week seeking help. Our clients number have grown by at least 10 new clients, to quite a large number.

We have been very fortunate again to have so much community support from Lara organizations and we thank them most sincerely for their generous help.

We especially thank the Lara Branch of the Bendigo and District Community Bank, to Andrew at Lara Meats. The Sigma Beta Group of Lara, the Lara CWA, the Meredith Freemasons Lodge of Lara, the Lions club of Lara, Lara Medical Clinic. Lara Drop in Centre, and all who have donated to the Lara Food Relief. Thank you so much.

As usual, we continue to be a member of Geelong Food Bank and use their vouchers for items we do not keep in our pantry. We also belong to GFAN (Geelong Family Assistance Network) and attend the quarterly meetings with other Food Bank members in the Greater Geelong area. Apart from food we also help with Petrol vouchers and where needed Medical Scripts from our local Pharmacy.

Our volunteers (17people in all) are a great group of people and we have welcomed 7 new volunteers during the year, but also have lost some (for various reasons) and I thank those who have volunteered with the Food relief over the last 6 years.

Without volunteers it would not be possible to service this valuable outreach program that serves our community well.

Warren Rumble Coordinator

Craft Group

“Green Bin Thursday” is when you will find the small, though eager group of crafters in the meeting room of Holy Trinity Hall. Sometimes there may not be a lot of crafting taking place, perhaps it is more the problem solving of the world, but nevertheless a good time is had by all. One night we went to the local library where we were shown how to upcycle old books into a variety of objects such as a mouse and a tree.

A few of our meetings were used in decorating shoe boxes in preparation for Operation Christmas Child. Boxes were filled another week with things we had bought along and also provided by our most generous local community.

We would welcome all who come, even if it was just for a bit of a chat and a cuppa. Green Bin Thursday from 7pm.

LeeAllan Urbanski

Social Committee Report

Our committee has had another busy year of events with both a fundraising and social focus.

We began the year with a Progressive Dinner-entre finger food at the Bascomb's, spit roast and salads mains at the Medwell's and then desert back at the church hall.

Once again we held a very successful "High Tea" in May which sold out very early and whilst a lot of work is our most successful fund raiser. In July we held our "Op Shop Fashion Parade" and it is always great to see our models strut their stuff in beautiful recycled clothing. Both of these events have become an integral part of our calendar of events.

We held 2 movie nights at the "Shirley Mills Theatre" which is part of the St. Mary's Administration block in Geelong and these have become really good social events whilst also raising some funds for us. Hire of the theatre has just been increased almost 100% so we will need to weigh up whether we can continue with film nights.

A "Winter Warm Up Dinner" was a new addition to our program. We joined forces with the Uniting Church and had a lot of fun and fellowship in our hall whilst enjoying a great 3 course meal.

Our "Mystery Jars and Parcels" at the Christmas market in the St Laurence Grounds continues to be very successful and a sell out for us. I don't think any other stall holder could say that.

Our "Christmas Dinner" event in November also serves as a "Thank You" dinner for our Op Shop volunteers.

Whilst our committee is small, we have many hands that help with providing yummy food for our events, help with serving food, help with setting up the hall, washing up, printing tickets and all those other things that make the events successful. A big thank you to you all.

Libby Bate

Lara Youth Report

The Lara Youth Group have met every Friday night during the school term for three years. The youth group alternate activities each fortnight between team activities and youth band. The youth band prepares songs that can be sung during church services as well as preparing music for the Christmas Eve kids service and the combined churches of Lara Christmas Carols.

The Youth Group have also attended 2 Geelong United events; one worship service and one sport tournament. They have also attended the annual Youth Alive event, a youth worship service that takes place all over the nation.

Each youth group meeting starts with dinner, sometimes provided by members of the parish. We believe this is a key part of our ministry as many valuable conversations have happened during the evening meal. It is also a great way for our youth group to meet and develop relationships with other members of the parish.

On behalf of the Lara Youth Group I would like to thank all the members of the parish who have supported us with meals and company over the last few years.

I would also like to thank Keenan, for his continued support as a youth leader and the Rev'd Shirley for supporting myself and Keenan as youth leaders in this parish.

Jennifer Ratcliffe

Parish Council, Wardens, Incumbency Committee Nominations

Parish Council:

Philip Starks

William O'Brien

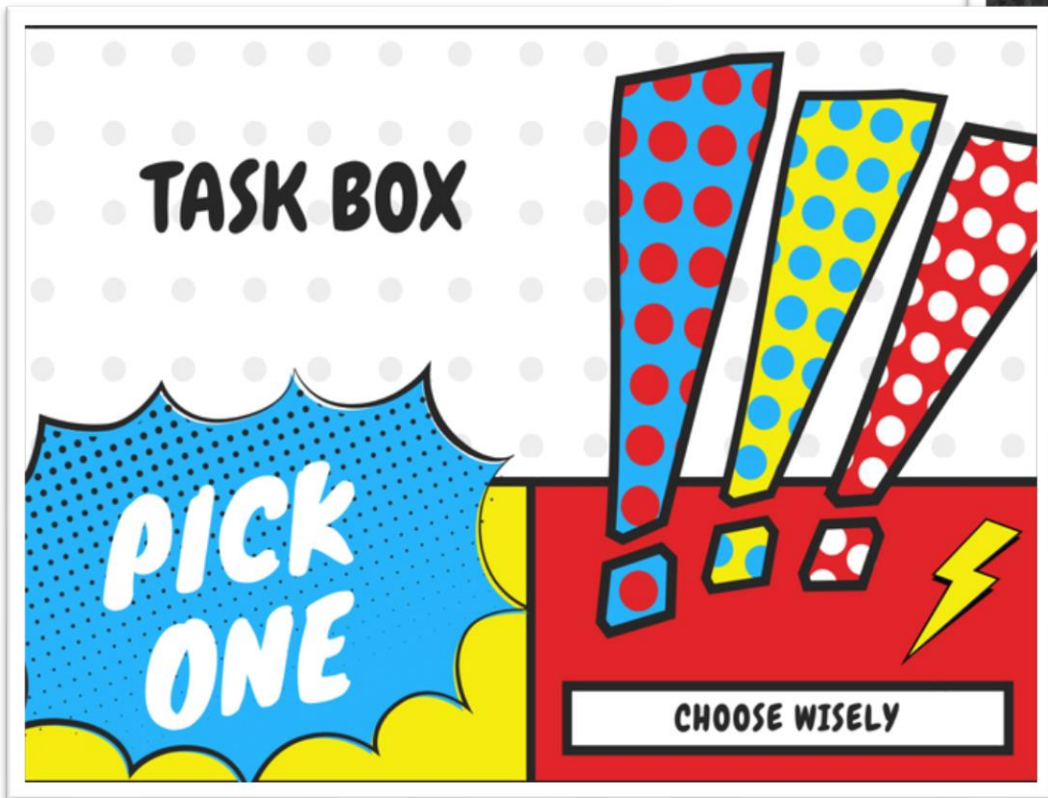
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Church Wardens:

Incumbency Committee:

Philip Starks



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