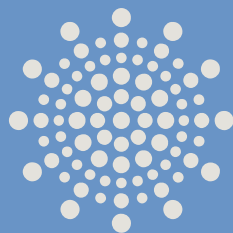


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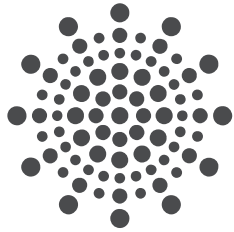
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YAGOONA & CONDELL PARK ANGLICAN CHURCH FOR ALL NATIONS



Our Mission

In light of Christ's return, in prayerful dependence on the Holy Spirit, we proclaim Christ crucified to all nations, to the praise of God the Father.

Core Values

1. Bible based
2. Gospel Centred
3. Prayerful
4. Disciples making disciples
5. United Church Family
6. Training in word ministry
7. Sending Church



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Rector's 2024 Report

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Jesus speaking to his disciples tells them how the kingdom of heaven will start off small like a mustard seed but will grow into a large tree.

Matthew 13:31-32 NIV

"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches".

The book of Acts records the proclamation of the gospel right after Jesus' resurrection and ascension, how the disciples preached the word and God added to their numbers daily.

And we, roughly 2000 years later, have seen the growth of the kingdom of heaven, that is the growth of the church with millions all around the world believing in Christ.

The growth of the kingdom of heaven is God's work through his people. As stated in our mission statement

"In light of Christ's return, in prayerful dependence on the Holy Spirit, we proclaim Christ crucified to all nations, to the praise of God the Father."

We, God's people are called to proclaim Christ crucified to all nations. There are many nations in our Yagoona and Condell Park area. We, that is everyone single one of us, are called to proclaim the gospel, to be engaging with those who don't know Jesus - our neighbours, friends, family etc., and to share the good news with them. Many of us with the busy-ness of life, may forget this. I hope we do not forget this calling and continue to engage and share the good news privately as well as together with our church family to see the kingdom of heaven grow.

And we must pray. We depend on God, hence we pray. We pray for him to work in us and through us to bring people to Jesus for his praise and glory.

I am very thankful that many in our church have been involved in ministries to grow the kingdom. In the past year, we have continued to connect with our community through Easy English, the Mobile Food Pantry and the monthly Hang@Yagoona.

We also had events like International Dinners, Meet Jesus, Holiday Kids Clubs, NTE mission and Christmas Carols to invite our community, our friends and family to hear the gospel. We will continue to do these events this year.



We started our 3 year focus priorities on children, youth, young adults and young families last year. Jenny Moore, and Kingsley and Veronica Box continued to do primary school scripture. We are in need of more primary school scripture teachers, so if you have the time and can help, please see me.

Nam has recently started doing high school scripture.

Kingsley will continue to look after Kids Church as well as training new kids church leaders and looking after the kids at Tuesday night growth group.

Nam will continue to oversee Youth Group on Friday nights as well as the 11.30am service.

I am also hoping that we would be able to reach young mums and families this year, possibly by starting a weekly playgroup. If you can help, please see me.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank all those involved in the ministries I've already mentioned as well as other ministries like music, tech, property maintenance, morning tea, welcoming, growth groups, giving lifts, parish council, wardens, Bible reading, preparing lunch, leading services, prayers (did I forget anything?) etc. We are all members of one body needing each other and working together to grow the kingdom of heaven.

As we continue to proclaim the good news, I would like to encourage us to also keep caring and looking out for each other. There are brothers and sisters amongst us who are advanced in years and may need our help with various tasks. There are others who are very sick. Consider giving someone a call, a text or an email once a week to encourage and pray for them.

I am very privileged to be serving at our church. Here are some of the things I regularly do (I do work more than one day a week 😊) and would appreciate your prayers: Weekly staff meetings, Tuesday night growth group, Friday night Vietnamese growth group, pantry, coffee with seniors, reading the Bible 1:1, Hang@Yagoona, Wardens meeting and parish council meeting.

Please also pray regularly for the growth of our church and God's blessing on all our ministries.

Cam Phong

Rector



Wardens' Report for 2024



*"And let us consider how
we may spur one
another on toward love
and good deeds"*

Hebrews 10:24



As we reflect on 2024—a year themed around Change and Growth—we are both humbled and encouraged by the many ways our ministry has evolved. In our role as the governing body of our church, we wish to share with you a comprehensive look back at the milestones, challenges, and blessings that have marked this transformative year.

Service Expansion and Leadership

This year saw the joyful move of the 11:30 service to our Yagoona site from the Condell Park Community Centre. We saw remarkable growth in attendance and engagement, a development that reaffirms our commitment to expanding our outreach. The warmth and dedication of both new and returning members have made this service a vibrant addition.

To support this new journey, we organised an induction day for the 11:30 service leaders. This event ensured that our new leaders were fully familiar with the Yagoona site and prepared to continue to support the spiritual growth of our community.

Congregational Efforts and Upgrades

Our congregation united to clean and prepare the Yagoona site, setting a welcoming stage for ongoing ministry. With your generous support, we replaced traditional pews with modern, comfortable chairs and completed several cosmetic upgrades in the foyer and main auditorium, creating a more inviting space for worship.

Global Ministry and Transition

We were honoured to host our link missionary, Kylie, from South Africa, whose training course enriched our congregations' ministry practices. Additionally, we bid a heartfelt farewell to our 9am Vietnamese congregation, thanking them for their support and sending them blessings as they begin a new chapter at Cabramatta.

Celebrating Community

The church camp was a joyous highlight, uniting both our 9:30 and 11:30 congregations. With guest speaker Peter Jensen, we celebrated the diverse talents within our church, strengthening our bonds and inspiring each other's growth in the Lord.

Gratitude

We extend our sincere thanks to every volunteer whose dedication makes our weekly gatherings and special events possible. Your service is the foundation of our ministry's success.

As we reflect on a year marked by change and growth, we look forward with renewed hope and commitment to our mission. Together, we continue to build a vibrant, welcoming community in His Name.

Jennifer Moore

Bill Whyte

Ian Krieger

Wardens for Yagoona & Condell Park Anglican



Kids and Families 2024 Report

"In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction"

2 Tim 4:1-2



The aim of our kids' ministries is that children of every nation are saved and grown into life long disciples of Jesus. We do this by prayerfully teaching them the Bible, and its core message about the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus for our sins, every week.

Sunday, is our flagship day. We acknowledge that parents are the primary disciplers, so we start out all together and have a kids talk and kids song. After that, we take the children to Kids' Church, where our dedicated, competent kids' church leaders (every one qualified in safety standards) teach them all about Jesus through Bible stories, games, prayer, and discussion.

As well as Kids' Church we provide: activity packs during holidays, family growth group during the week, a fantastic Holiday Kids Club in the July school holidays, Kids' Church picnics in the local park, training meetings for leaders and junior leaders, and we involve our children in the Christmas carols with instruments, a song and much more.

Highlights and praise points in 2024:

The camaraderie, perseverance and teamwork of our **leaders and junior leaders**:

- Kindergarten-2nd grade: Margaret, Jenny, Bonnie, Veronica, Sooz, Maureen, Melinda, Sophie, Wendy.
- 3-6: Veronica, Josh, David, Sam, Esther, Maisy, Tim, Dash, and myself.

It is a joy to lead these teachers and junior leaders as they prepare diligently, and persevere in teaching the Bible to our kids. The more experienced teachers are mentoring the junior leaders. They prayerfully care for the children in many ways. We can praise God for His work in our Kids' Church team, making them more like Jesus, and being models of what a Christian looks like to our boys and girls. We praise God for the decades of service from Margaret, Sooz, David, and Maisy. We thank God that Dash has joined our team as a junior leader in Term 4 of 2024. Please pray for Wendy and Esther in their changing circumstances.

A highlight of every year is the **July Holiday Kids' Club**. This year we decided to do the theme of Space Mania explaining, through John's gospel, how Jesus came as a light into our dark world to save us. We had between 35 and 40 children each day, hearing the truth about Jesus. We also had parents with pre-school children coming each day and staying for the whole program. As always, the kids (and parents) loved the games, chants, morning tea, discussion groups but more than anything else... they loved the dramas. Praise God for the unity and energy of the team. We pray that the word of God spoken and lived out by his people will change the lives of kids and their families.

We also praise God for the **Family Growth Group** that meets every Tuesday night from 6-8pm. On average about 20 people attended each week. Praise God with us for the regular teaching and learning of the word of God amongst whole families and pray that it will transform the lives of whole families into the future.

Plans and prayer points for 2025

Kids' Church and Leaders – we start the year with very low numbers of children as some families have left our church, some kids are going to High school, and we haven't picked up new families. Last year we had an average of 3 kids in K-2 and 7 in 3-6. Praise God He will build his church. We intend to keep teaching children about Jesus no matter the numbers. Please pray for parents to bring their children consistently each Sunday to Kids' Church. Pray we would invite new families to come to church, and that God would see fit to bring more children and their families into his kingdom this year.

We start 2025 with the desire to recruit and train new teachers of children. Thank God for Mel and Annabelle who have agreed to be trainees this year,



Plans for 2025 – Join us as we keep on with our mission. Pray that God would bless our efforts to:

- teach the Bible clearly and appropriately to children so they are saved.
- encourage parents to disciple their children at home
- recruit and train new leaders to teach the Bible to children
- meet new children and families, invite them to church and that God would save more children and build up those who already know Jesus.
- disciple the children who come each week.

Great stories of God's work in the lives our leaders and children:

We thank God for Margaret Couri and the Wright-Smith family – David, Sooz, and Maisy – for their desire and efforts to win children to Christ. As they step down from leadership we asked them what they love about teaching kids at Yagoona about Jesus from the Bible?

Margaret says: "I have had the privilege of teaching children about Jesus for about 18 years in both Yagoona & Condell Park. I think it's so important to teach children about God & Jesus when they are young (Proverbs 22:6). It's a great joy to see the children grow in their participation and in their knowledge of who God is and what Jesus has done for them. As leaders you also get to better know the children and their parents and to pray for them. I would encourage any members to pray & consider becoming a Kid's Church leader - it's very rewarding.

Sooz says: I feel it's a huge privilege to teach kids about Jesus. I've always enjoyed spending time listening to their questions and answers and I love their energy for singing, learning actions & having fun together. Singing Kids Praise & Bullfrogs & Butterflies was a fun part of following Jesus for me as a kid. I hope kids remember the joy of praising God in kids church at Yagoona.

It is humbling to meet families like the **Emechafor** and **Asogwa** families from Nigeria who have joined us in 2024 as they settle into a new country with all the excitements and challenges that go with that. Their enthusiasm to be at church on Sundays and to bring their children to family growth group and youth group is infectious. This is a great example to us of how to love God and disciple your children, with the help of your church family. Pray they may continue to bless us with their presence and be mutually encouraged by us.

Kingsley Box

Kids and Families Minister

Welcome Team

The role of the Welcome Team is to warmly greet all on their arrival, distribute weekly bulletins, nametags (if desired), & periodic magazines from the diocese as well as invitations to special events.

We may also help members of the congregation who need extra assistance & direct newcomers to church facilities.

I am grateful to the Welcome Team members who have faithfully served our church family in 2024~ Rob Worthington, Noeline Whyte, Garry Seo, Mina Nguyen, & Wayne Godfrey. They will be joined in 2025 by new recruits Chidozie Emechafor, John Pearce, & Rick Caruso. Praise God for all these servanthearted people whose aim is to make our church a welcoming place of worship that all enjoy attending.

My special thanks go too, to Jennifer Godfrey who so diligently records attendances & to those who have left the team due to other commitments; Melinda Hook, Tim Owen, Charmaine Sharp & Siti Abdullah.

An article on Welcoming in a recent issue of Southern Cross, stated the need for all church members to be welcoming when visitors sit near them by introducing themselves, chatting & inviting the newcomers to share morning tea, if they'd like to.

Thank you to those in our church family who already respond in this way & whose friendly greeting make visitors feel more comfortable among us. I pray that we would be aware of the feeling of inclusion that this can give to visitors as they join us for services

Maureen Carney

Welcome Team Leader



2024 Youth and Young Adults Report

"For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction."

1 Thessalonians 1:4-5 NIV





The big news of 2024 with regards to the youth and young adults was the commencement of the 11:30am service in February. This service is made up of, primarily, the young adults from the Vietnamese Evangelical Church that had previously met in the Condell Park Community Centre for the past 15 years. One of the goals of holding this service at Yagoona was to allow the young adults to mix with the mature and older Christians from the 9:30am service. The desire was to have the young adults converse with, learn from, and hopefully be disciplined, by those who have walked with Jesus for many years. This is something that was sorely lacking and greatly needed.

In terms of the new service, it was a rough start in the beginning as they were working out the kinks of being in a new place but as the year has gone by, the numbers have slowly increased. By God's grace, we have seen a number of new people call Yagoona their home church and made 11:30am their main service. We have also witnessed many people, who've been church members for years, finally take on new roles of serving in the church, which has greatly encouraged others, who see their brothers and sisters in Christ stepping up and being part of the church family. We've also seen some people becoming Christian and others who are seeking to know more about Jesus. This has been the most exciting development in the life of this new service. Praise God!

The Collab Youth Group has also seen great fruit in the past year. In addition to the regulars who attend each Friday night, there were some new faces who have joined us; including some unchurched and non-Christian kids. This has given the leaders an amazing opportunity to teach and share the gospel with these new kids every time they turn up at youth group. We get very excited to have the chance to open the Bible and share it with those who've perhaps never opened the Bible before. Another blessing has been the inclusion of our brand new youth leader, Julie Tran. She came on board in Term 4 and this was sorely needed, as we were down female leaders. She has been an answer to prayer for us and it's been great having her join our team

Nam Doan

Youth and Young Adults Minister



Women's English Conversation Class 2024



What we learned:

Term 1: We sang "I milk cows" and danced the Nutbush". The farmer in the song thanked God for his life on the land and as Easter approached, we were able to talk about our thankfulness to Jesus and the life He's given us through His death and resurrection.

Term 2: Introduced vocabulary used to categorise and compare foods. We learnt to play "food bingo" and introduced the ladies to hard and soft tacos and wraps (which they loved!)

Term 3: Olympic theme: talked about traditional sports and new events, equipment and verbs associated with different sports

Term 4: We looked at the many ways we use the word "gold" in common usage idioms. The ladies told the Christmas story from a series of pictures, recognizing that golden moment when the wise men found Jesus, offered their precious gifts and bowed down to Him as King.

(they were very excited when they knew the words "gold, myrrh and frankincense" when singing The First Nowell at the Carols Night)

Give thanks for:

- A consistent group of ladies who accept our invitations to International Food Night, Ladies Morning Tea, Christmas Dinner and Carols (and for the husband and son who've come along to some of those events). Give thanks that they get to hear a bit more about Jesus each time they come.
- The consideration, care and encouragement the ladies show to one another and especially to those who are struggling because they have very little English.
- Our team of teachers and Melinda Hook who joined us in 2024.

Please pray for:

- Patience and perseverance for those ladies who bravely come each week even though they struggle to understand so much.
- Creative and helpful ways for our team to encourage and equip these early language learners.
- Each of our teaching team to speak about Jesus as opportunities present themselves in our conversations and language teaching.

**Jennifer Godfrey,
Jenny Vassallo,
Noeline Whyte,
Cathy Canning,
Melinda Hook,
Jenny Moore**

SRE: Special Religious Education

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Romans 10:14-15



We're thankful for the opportunity to go into schools each week to teach the truths of God's word and encourage children to know Jesus in the hope that one day they will trust in Him as their Saviour and King.

Kingsley, Veronica and I, along with Larissa, Jordan and Wendy from Quizworx, were able to continue teaching scripture to children across 6 local primary schools

Our classes remain small with between 4 to 10 students in the Kinder to Year 2 classes, and up to 15 students in the Year 3 to 6 groups. Each week approximately 85 children hear of God's love, provision and salvation through stories from the Bible, discussion and group activities

Disappointments:

- Well, we've not seen any acceptances to our invitations for kids, parents or care givers to attend our Easter, Christmas or HKC events.

Encouragements:

- Letters and cards from students and a parent expressing their thankfulness for the good Bible teaching the kids are getting through
- Parents or students who've stopped to chat with "the scripture teacher" in places outside the school environment
- This year most of our scripture classes experienced no disruption due to school time-tabling clashes or inadequate staffing issues

Pray that:

- The students going into high school will continue to access the scripture programme offered to them
- The new on-line enrolment system will see an increase in parents choosing to enrol their children in the scripture programme
- We would continue to build good lines of communication with school Principals and admin staff, and they would promote student participation in SRE
- The students entrusted to us would be enthusiastic for Jesus and grow in knowledge and faith as they hear from the Bible each week

Jenny Moore

SRE co-ordinator

Kingsley Box**Veronica Box**

Mobile Food Pantry

The Mobile Food Pantry has been running at our church now for a number of years.

It is an initiative of Anglicare, a charitable part of the Anglican Church. Anglicare sources food items from various places but occasionally they need to purchase items to stock the vans.

Early in the year our team consisted of Margaret Couri, Beverley Ellis, Colin Sharp, Charmaine Sharp, Melinda Hook, Stan John and David Byrne. Sadly, during the year Margaret and Colin had to pull out due to illness. We are hoping that in future it may be possible for them to re-join our team as our regular shoppers love all our team and are sad when someone is not there, as are the rest of the team. At some point last year our Senior Pastor, Cam Phong, joined the team.

Anglicare brings a van that has been packed with non-perishable foods to our church every second Wednesday from early February to mid-December. Customers could purchase one or two bags for \$12 each. That price has increased to \$15/bag this year. Occasionally, there will be extra items available for the customers that are free - e.g., muffins, milk, bread.

It runs from 12.30 to 1.30 in our church car park next to the carport. Anglicare operates several similar food pantries in other churches. Some churches have fresh food. It is usually the same driver who brings the van each week to a church. Tea, coffee and some light refreshments are served to our customers and people are invited to sit and have a chat to others waiting, as well as to our church members who are on the spot.

There is a Rewards Card for customers and after purchasing 9 bags a customer will be given the next bag free. There were Christmas hampers for customers last year. In earlier years there have also been toy packs available to any customer but at the end of 2023, this was limited to immediate carers of children under 16.

The number of shoppers to our van fluctuates a great deal and sometimes there are 12 customers and other times 7 or 8, with a small group who have been coming from the beginning, continuing to come each fortnight. It is a highlight for some of our customers who come earlier than necessary to sit and have a chat before their shopping turn. As in past years our customers were invited to Christmas events at our church and last year some came along. A few of our shoppers are already members of other churches.

Things to give thanks and pray for:

·We are thankful to God for Anglicare which enables this van to operate.

·Please continue to pray for our team members that we will be able to show those who come along the love of Jesus. It is a great opportunity for us to work together as Christians.

·Please also pray for some extra helpers. Just one or two more people would be helpful, especially on very hot days, so that no one needs to be outside the whole time and there are enough helpers when someone is not able to come along.

·Please pray that Anglicare will continue to be able to source the food necessary for the Food Pantry. Please also pray for Margaret and Colin

Beverley Ellis

Womens Ministry 2024

In 2024 our enthusiastic women's events committee organised two events.

In June we hosted an Equip women's conference and were very challenged and encouraged as we studied Revelation 1-5.

In November we ran a Christmas craft event. Jenny Vassallo gave a great talk about remembering Jesus at Christmas. A number of the ladies from the ESL class joined us.

We pray that women's events will help us to grow as Christians and give us opportunities to invite our friends to come and hear about Jesus

Veronica Box



Tech Team

Our Tech Team continues to serve our Lord and our church with quiet love and enthusiasm. Week by week they prepare for and make our time together more enjoyable as they present the visual information and adjust the sound we hear. It is very often a highly stressful role when things don't go to plan or there are technical difficulties.

Behind the scenes though, the Tech Team toils to support our church in many other ways. Here are some of the highlights over the last year:

- **Purchased a new digital sound mixing panel.** Funded by generous donations and church funds, the new equipment required a large amount of setting up and learning by the team but offers ease of use for different groups and extended functionality.
- **Designed new carpark lighting** which was funded by a NSW Government grant and professionally installed.
- **Installed a new security alarm system** in both Yagoona and Condell Park to replace aged and faulty systems, also funded by a NSW Government grant.
- **Installed a new system of security cameras** to improve our safety of people and property. The new system was also funded by a NSW Government grant.
- **Installed a new Local Area Network** in the Yagoona church to improve data flow and reliability

Bill Whyte

Tech Team Leader



Property Report 2024

The Property Committee works under the direction of our Parish Council carrying out works to maintain and develop the properties God has graciously provided for us. As our properties age, there is always an ongoing need to maintain and improve the buildings and grounds. Often there are just minor repairs but occasionally, we carry out more major maintenance and improvements.

The Senior Leadership team, Parish Council and wardens are very thankful to the few church members who regularly, clean, sweep, pick up and mow grass around our properties. Without the help of these very few people our premisses would fail to look like we honour our Lord and would be unattractive to our community. This report summarises the current state of the parishes properties and work undertaken during the year to maintain them.

Yagoona Church Building

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| Condition | Fair to Ordinary |
| Highlights | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Air-conditioners installed in the main church hall and comforting room. • A new alarm system was installed funded by a NSW Government grant. • New security lighting installed in the car park all funded by a NSW Government grant. • A new security video camera system installed around the premises also funded by a NSW Government grant. • The electrical switchboard was upgraded with new safety switches. |
| Minor Works | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New child proof gates and latch installed on the Eastern side of the toilets. • Pot holes in the car park repaired • The aging acrylic cover for the changeable sign was replaced. |
| Comments | |



Condell Park Church Building

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| Condition | Fair to Poor |
| Highlights | Nil |
| Minor Works | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A new alarm system was installed funded by a NSW Government grant.• The children's playground was repaired.• Leaks and staining in the small hall were repaired.• Pest treatment applied to internal rooms. |
| Comments | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The outside of both the Church and Sunday School are deteriorating and in need of significant remedial work.• The exterior walls of the Sunday School are clad with asbestos sheeting and have been extensively damaged over the years. The VECB, a Vietnamese church who rents the building on Sundays, has offered to upgrade the small hall by removing the asbestos and replacing with modern materials. |

The Shop, 590 Hume Hwy

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| Condition | Fair |
| Highlights | Nil |
| Minor Works | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The blocked sewer was cleared after some extensive and prolonged work.• Gutters continue to be cleaned of large quantities of leaves which cause flooding into the shop. |
| Comments | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A rental increase was negotiated and applied. |

Old Rectory, 211 Auburn Road

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| Condition | Exterior Poor. Interior Good |
| Highlights | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New guttering and fascia boards were installed. |
| Minor Works | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A long term problem of water ingress into the rear of the building was corrected with some new steel roofing and flashing material.• Pest treatment applied.• The garage door was repaired. |
| Comments | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The exterior of the building is in poor condition, and we remain blessed to have Quiz Worx as such forbearing tenants |



37 Rodd Street. Birrong

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| Condition | Very Good |
| Highlights | <ul style="list-style-type: none">The air-conditioning system had its second major failure in recent year and could not be repaired. The system was replaced during the summer heat wave. |
| Minor Works | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Blocked sewer cleared by our plumber |
| Comments | <ul style="list-style-type: none">The house remains rented |

37A Rodd St. Birrong

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| Condition | Very Good |
| Highlights | Nil |
| Minor Works | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Re-waterproofing of the shower recess and kitchen bench.Repairs to a water affected internal wall. |
| Comments | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Our long term tenants maintain the property in a spotless condition. |

39 Rodd St. Birrong

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| Condition | Fair. (Vacant block) |
| Highlights | <ul style="list-style-type: none">We have received plans for a development on the block. |
| Minor Works | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Phillip, Jenny Moore's husband, has continued to keep the block mowed and looking tidy for us. |
| Comments | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Our key strategy is to build at least two houses on the block to provide rental income which would enable us to not only pay off the loan for themselves, but also to pay down the loans for 37 Rodd St. and 193 Edgar St. as well. |

**193 Edgar St. Condell Park**

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| Condition | Very Good |
| Highlights | Nil |
| Minor Works | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Repairs to the kitchen lighting completed.• Dishwasher repaired. |
| Comments | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Occupied by Cam Phong |

193A Edgar St. Condell Park

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| Condition | Very Good |
| Highlights | Nil |
| Minor Works | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minor items repaired |
| Comments | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Occupied by the Box family |

The Property Committee

Treasurer's 2024 Report

The annual financial statements are prepared in a form required by the Diocese, and have been audited. They are at the back of these reports. There are simplified statements on 2 pages at the end of this written report.

In 2024 we again employed two full-time staff – the Rector and associate minister – and a part-time youth and young adults minister for 4 days per week. This is a total of 2.67 staff – the same as in 2023.

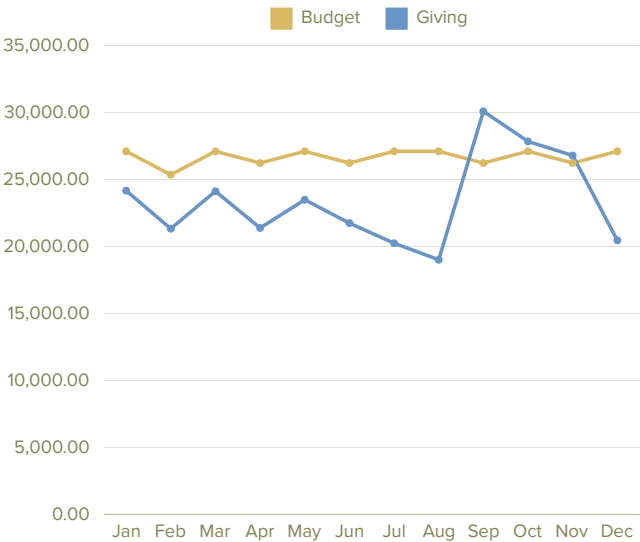
We knew it would be a challenge to meet the increased costs. In round numbers, our total income fell short of the budget by \$6,000 mainly because giving was \$39,400 below the target. This was partially offset by \$12,000 for use of our halls for elections, and \$5,800 from sale of the pews (shown as trading/events & sundry).

A further \$17,000 was received for air conditioning, and was spent on the air conditioning.

Our total expenses were also below what we expected, by \$21,200. We spent less on property maintenance than we expected (but that has changed already in 2025). So with reduced income and reduced expenses, how did we finish the year?

The good news is that we finished the year with a surplus of just over \$27,000.

Our ordinary giving does not come in evenly. The chart shows the ordinary giving during the year, excluding special donations.



For most months giving was below the budget or barely equal to it.

Giving by supporters of our parish is the major source of our income, and we are deeply thankful for all their contributions.

| | |
|----------------|---------|
| Weekly Budget | \$6,154 |
| Weekly average | \$5,396 |
| Difference | -\$758 |



Income from property

In addition to money given by our members we received property income from:

- the furniture shop – Triple J Furniture – on the corner of the Hume Highway,
- two residences at Birrong,
- Quiz Worx in the house next to the Yagoona church, and
- others who use our buildings on a part-time basis.

Expenditure

In 2024 we again employed two full-time staff (Cam Phong Huynh and Kingsley Box) and a parttime youth & young adults worker (Nam Doan – 4 days/week). The costs of paying and housing staff are our major expense each year. In 2024 that cost was \$304,000. The cost of Nam's housing was offset by rent from one of the Birrong houses previously used by the Robinsons.

We paid a contribution of almost \$26,100 to the shared costs of the diocese, such as insurance and other expenses related to parishes. A further \$10,000 went towards the purchase of new church sites and buildings in growing areas.

Property expenses amounted to \$59,800, which included the \$17,000 for the Yagoona air conditioning. We paid only \$3,900 interest on loans for the duplexes at Birrong and Condell Park. The interest cost has been greatly reduced by parishioners' funds deposited into the loans through the Parishioners' Savings Fund. And we paid \$35,700 off the principal of the loans.

Mission giving

A table in the accounts shows the detail of amounts received for missions and amounts paid to them. We received a total of \$8,300 with \$840 of this not for any particular mission organisation. The parish council added \$8,000 of parish funds, and decided how to distribute these amounts, primarily to the missionaries we support as a church.

The 2025 budget

The stipends and allowances for clergy and lay ministers are reviewed each year by the Standing Committee of the Diocese. An increase of 4.1% was applied in January.

- We are planning for increased – but still modest – expenditure on property, and are continuing the loan repayments. And our shared costs with the Diocese increase by nearly \$16,000 largely due to increased insurance costs.
- We anticipate that our loan interest costs will remain low if PSF deposits are maintained.
- Overall we recommend a slightly higher target for giving – \$330,000 or \$6,346 per week.

Direct giving

Most of our giving now comes by direct payment to the bank. This is convenient for the giver and for the church. It gives a planned stream of funds even when members are away. It is a 'set and forget' method of giving, and I recommend it!

The disadvantage is the 'forget' aspect – the amount remains the same unless it is changed. As we review the finances for this year, can I urge all of us who use direct giving to review the amount? In 2024 the giving was below the budget by an average of \$758 per week. *An increase of 14% would match the target.* Let's update our giving to support the ministries of our church!

Parishioners' Savings Fund (PSF)

The PSF was established by the late John Pevely several decades ago, and has contributed substantially to parish finances. In times where the parish has had loans it has offset interest costs; when there has been no borrowing it has earned interest.

Fund consists of deposits from parishioners, which earn low interest or – even better for the parish – no interest



The Westpac loans for the duplexes at Birrong and Condell Park have re-draw facilities. This means that we can deposit funds into the church loans, and re-draw them as needed. We have now deposited \$450,000 into the loans. This has greatly reduced our interest cost at a time when rates have been rising. We have reduced our repayments, freeing further funds for parish use. The loan reductions were reduced slightly to avoid strain on the budget.

The PSF is a helpful way to contribute financially to the parish. See Clive Ellis if you would like to deposit some funds into it.

Bequests

Last year I commented on the bequest of \$208,000 we received from the estate of Megan Carmody. This is a lasting benefit to the parish, as it has reduced our loans, freeing up funds that would otherwise be used to pay interest.

You could consider leaving some of your estate to the parish. A bequest like this can make a major difference to the ability of the parish to fund its ministry. You could talk to Clive Ellis (treasurer) about this, or see a solicitor.

Bank Loans

This table shows the current state of our loans from Westpac, as at 31/12/2024

| Westpac Loans | Birrong | Condell Park | Total |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| Outstanding Balance | \$114,126 | \$346,238 | \$462,364 |
| Funds re-draw on loans | \$110,000 | \$340,000 | \$450,000 |
| Balance (on which interest is paid) | \$4,126 | \$8,238 | \$12,364 |
| Line fee rate (on loan limit) | 0.75% | 0.75% | |
| Interest rate (on balance) | 6.2206% | 6.4378% | |
| Loan Limit | \$380,000 | \$360,000 | \$740,000 |

Thanks

I am grateful to Wayne Godfrey for his guidance in financial matters during the year.

Bryan Pevely has continued to keep the records of the accounts in the PSF.

And again I am very grateful to Melody Shekede for her work in reviewing the accounts in the midst of her work and family responsibilities.

Clive Ellis

Treasurer



Anglican Church - Diocese of Sydney

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|--------|------------------------------|
| Parish | <i>Yagoona</i> |
| ABN | <i>46 017 936 045</i> |
| Church | <i>the parish</i> |

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

SIMPLIFIED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

| | ACTUAL 2023 \$ | ACTUAL 2024 \$ | BUDGET 2025 \$ |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| REVENUE | | | (not audited) |
| Offeratories & Donations | 505,021 | 297,685 | 330,000 |
| Offerings & donations | 278,850 | 280,577 | 330,000 |
| On-off gifts | 226,171 | 17,108 | |
| Government grants | 6,000 | - | - |
| Property Income | 152,814 | 168,500 | 168,000 |
| Property income - shop & residences | 146,464 | 156,500 | 164,000 |
| Casual bookings - elections | 6,350 | 12,000 | 4,000 |
| Interest income | 374 | 331 | - |
| Income from ministry events incl church camp | 3,595 | 14,364 | 14,500 |
| Other income (including sale of pews in 2024) | 800 | 13,040 | 800 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | 668,604 | 493,921 | 513,300 |

| | ACTUAL 2023 \$ | ACTUAL 2024 \$ | BUDGET 2025 \$ |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| EXPENSES | | | (not audited) |
| Ministry staffing costs | 254,972 | 303,755 | 323,312 |
| Diocesan costs incl insurance | 33,321 | 36,068 | 51,840 |
| Resources for Ministry | 1,217 | 1,448 | 3,000 |
| Donations to missions + gifts | 10,960 | 10,500 | 11,000 |
| Parish Administration | 4,529 | 5,860 | 7,350 |
| Expenses re Parish Property (& MV) used for Ministry | 50,019 | 42,253 | 40,300 |
| Expenses re Parish Property Leased for Income | 33,387 | 17,519 | 25,900 |
| Ministry events incl church camp | 5,740 | 12,377 | 14,500 |
| Other Expenses | 1,683 | 1,507 | 1,500 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 395,828 | 431,284 | 478,702 |
| NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR | 272,776 | 62,637 | 34,598 |
| Less repayment of loans | (246,483) | (35,706) | (36,000) |
| NET CASH SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR | 26,293 | 26,930 | (1,402) |

AVERAGES PER WEEK

REVENUE

Giving (ordinary)
Property

EXPENSES

Staff
Property


| | ACTUAL 2023 | ACTUAL 2024 | BUDGET 2025 |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Giving (ordinary) | 5,363 | 5,396 | 6,346 |
| Property | 2,939 | 3,240 | 3,231 |
| Staff | 4,903 | 5,841 | 6,218 |
| Property | 1,604 | 1,149 | 1,273 |

**Simplified Balance Sheet**

Yagoona Anglican Parish

| Account | 31 Dec 2024 | |
|---|-------------------|---|
| Assets | | |
| Bank | | |
| Funds in bank accounts | 46,825 | |
| Current Assets | | |
| Parish deposit with Diocese | 20,332 | |
| Parish deposits - re-draw on Westpac loans | 70,000 | Edgar St & Birrong properties |
| PSF deposits - re-draw on Westpac loans | 380,000 | Edgar St & Birrong properties |
| Prepayments | -1 | PSF = Parishioners' Savings Fund |
| Total Current Assets | 470,331 | |
| Fixed Assets | | |
| Total Fixed Assets | 20,529,044 | Value of land, buildings & contents |
| Total Assets | 21,046,199 | |
| Liabilities | | |
| Current Liabilities | | |
| Owed to minister re MDBA | 40,730 | Discretionary A/C (Cam, Kingsley & Nam) |
| Taxes payable | 3,680 | Taxes - GST & PAYG |
| Rec'd Donations for Missions | 430 | Paid out in 2025 |
| Total Current Liabilities | 44,840 | |
| Non-current Liabilities | | |
| Parish deposits - re-draw on Westpac loans | 70,000 | Edgar St & Birrong properties |
| PSF deposits - re-draw on Westpac loans | 380,000 | Edgar St & Birrong properties |
| Long Service Leave Provision | 3,353 | |
| Parishioner Loans | 357,659 | Loans from parishioners in PSF |
| Restricted - grants & special donations | 23,851 | Grants, youth camp, church camp etc |
| Westpac loan balances | 12,364 | Edgar St & Birrong properties |
| Total Non-current Liabilities | 847,227 | |
| Total Liabilities | 892,067 | |
| Net Assets | 20,154,132 | |
| Equity | | |
| Total Equity | 20,154,132 | |
| Cash Available | | |
| In Bank | 46,825 | |
| In Redraw | 70,000 | |
| With Diocese | 20,332 | |
| Total | 137,156 | |
| Owing To:- | | |
| Ministers | 40,730 | |
| Other | 31,315 | |
| Total | 72,044 | |
| Cash Reserve | 65,112 | |
| Total loan bal Edgar St & Birrong 31/12/24 | 462,364 | |
| Total parish & PSF in offset | 450,000 | |
| Westpac loan balances | 12,364 | |
| Monthly interest saving | 2,438 | |
| Yearly interest saving | 29,250 | |



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