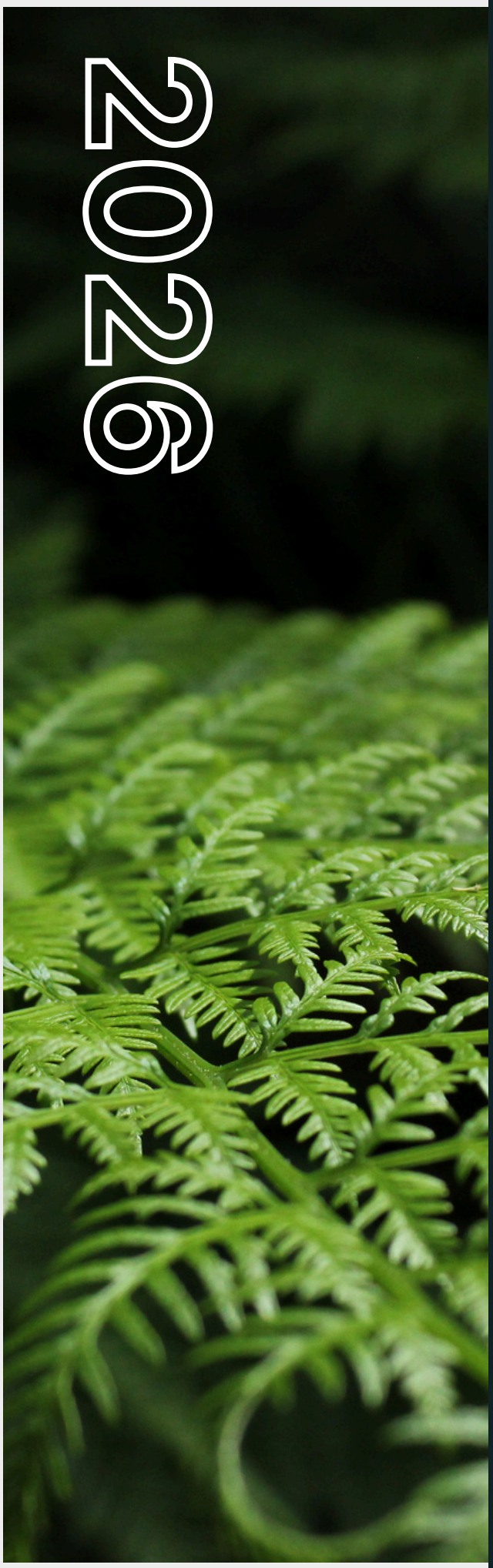


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Annual **Report**

All Saints' Anglican Church:

A place to encounter Jesus

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From the Vicar



As we look back over the previous year, I give thanks for a faithful community of committed disciples of Jesus. It has been a joy to worship alongside each other, each week, as we gather to encounter Jesus; through His Word; His people; His presence. This year has seen leaps and bounds in our community engagement, the opening of The Nest, a strengthening in our Youth Group, growth in Digital Ministry, Music & Community Engagement. Across all areas of parish life, I've seen people offering their gifts with humility and commitment, and I'm deeply grateful.

Key highlights of the year:

Strengthened community engagement. Establishment of The Nest (our local Drop-In Centre) and in partnership with The Good Brick.

Growth and maturity in our youth group. Younger children have grown, teens have joined and Youth have had leadership & growth opportunities. 4 were confirmed!

A vitalised staff team. Co-labouring in Christ towards the mission of God with which God has entrusted us.

Full worship teams. Musicians have offered their talents and skills as offerings to bless.

Lay leadership and volunteering. The Parish is sustained by dedicated volunteers & quiet contributors across our church. Special thanks to wardens, parish council, ministry teams & service teams.

A new **Archbishop** and resulting **10-year Shared Vision, 'For the havest'.**

Challenges and Learnings

Death of a number of parishioners/friends. We've grieved together and miss them still.

Reduction of staff team. Responding to declining income.

Like many churches, we experience pressures around **stretched resources** (financial stretch and volunteer capacity/availability) and fluctuating attendance patterns.

Consideration has been given to the **'myth of the 200 barrier'.**

These challenges invite us to prayerful discernment around what to focus our energies and resources on, as well as where to simplify. It is an opportunity to bring things back to the very good gospel wherever we can.

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Key Figures

Church Year*:	2024/5†	2025/6‡
Communion	3308	3102
Confirmations	0	4
Sunday Services	133	132
Mid-week Services	52	38
Funerals	2	8
Memorials	1	0
Home/Pastoral Visits	53	47
Nursing Home Visits	16	15
Life Groups	15	13
Weddings	0	0
Baptisms	0	2

*Church year spanning October–September
†Oct 2024–2025
‡Oct 2025–Sept 2026

Parish Council

Our thanks to all who have served in governance.

Julie Blinco-Smith (Chair), Tracey Thomas (Warden), Hugh Bryant-Parsons (Warden), Andrew Denke (Warden), Ru Thomas (Treasurer), Beverley Burgoyne, Josh Rae, David Eddy, Janie Beasley, Andrew Laird, Liz Jones, Jayne Facey, Stuart Armitage and Michele Pilmore (who resigned when employment began).



Staff Team

Rev Julie Blinco-Smith (Senior Minister)
Rev Weiyi Lou (Assistant Minister/Curate & Digital Minister)
Rev Xiaoxi Lou (Assistant Minister/Curate & Community Engagement Officer)
Rev Julie-Anne Laird (Curate)

Jake Wilkins (Youth & Worship Pastor, finished 4/10)
Catherine Rae (Children's & Family Pastor)
Johanna Boutros (Office Assistant)
Michele Pilmore (Hospitality Facilitator)
Elkan Christian (finished 21/6)

Honorary Staff
Rev Joy Sandefur (Wednesday Service)
Rev Gail Pinchbeck (for Semester 1)

We give thanks to Birch Trust for grant funds received, allowing Xiaoxi and Weiyi to be on staff, in partnership with Parish of Banyule, for the second year.

Our Vision

A place to encounter Jesus!

Making space around your table, creating room in your tribe, offering hospitality through the Drop-In Centre, welcoming one more into ministry groups and Sunday Services. These are places we believe for all to encounter and grow in Jesus.

As you go, into your workplaces, into your schools, into your neighbourhoods and extended family, these are places we believe for all to encounter Jesus, again and again.



Our Mission, Looking forward

1 **Deepen your Spirituality**
What is your next step in knowing/following Jesus? As a church, we are a safe and accessible place to belong, believe, abide & be fruitful in Christ & fellowship with others.

2 **Disciple-Making Church**
As a church we are cultivating spaces for learning & growth, for believing & baptism, for leadership development & multiplication of missional disciples.

3 **Neighbourhood Renewal**
We are praying & forming harvest workers, developing gospel partnerships and creating pathways for followers of Jesus to go and tell others about him.

Review of Mission Goals Achieved

Vision: A place to encounter Jesus
(Former) **Mission:** Jesus Following, Community-Engaged and Global Minded

2025/6 Priorities

1 **Jesus Following:**
Enabling people to experience Jesus — in progress

2 **Community Engaged: Inviting, empowering and equipping followers of Jesus to follow His Way**
— in progress

3 **Global Minded: Partnering to spread the love of Jesus in local community and within global connections — significant achievement**

Progress Achieved

Jesus following. Enabling people to experience Jesus — in progress
Peak Experiences — A highlight of the year was seeing the Youth Group grow in maturity and Godliness. 5 confirmations of faith and growth in leadership and discipleship through excellent Children's and Youth ministry has enabled this.
Enhanced Digital Witness — Weekly sermons now available on Podcast and regular livestreamers trained have allowed for those unable to attend in-person to still hear and grow from God's word preached.
Accessible & Safe — Our physical space this year was deemed 'compliant' allowing greater accessibility and availability for our mission and ministries.

Community Engaged. Inviting, empowering and equipping followers of Jesus to follow His Way — in progress
Healthy Churches Bearing Fruit.
Training of new and existing leaders and volunteers is ongoing and occurring in ministry teams. Janie Beasley has enabled this with in-person Safe Ministry training.
Training of local leaders is multiple teams across the parish.
Developing Leaders
- 4 people attending Year of Discernment and 1 commencing Ridley Studies.
- Development of Worship Teams & Leaders
- Marriage Course hosting 5 couples. 1 couple trained to lead in future.

Review of Mission Goals Achieved pt. 2

Global Minded. Partnering to spread the love of Jesus in local community and within global connections — significant achievement

Significant and strategic gospel partnerships have been identified, establishd and are in the process of expanding.

1.Local partnerships — Drop-In Centre & The Good Brick
Drop-In Centre
a.Partnership with Southern Cross Community Church. Open 3 days with volunteer teams onboarded and serving the public. Growing number of visitors from referrals and walk-ins, and local connections made through teams.
b.Partnership with Creativity for a Cause. Meet once a week and create gifts made 'in Jesus Name' to various charities and people in need across NE Melbourne.
c.Partnership with **The Good Brick**. Share footpath and entry and more formal partnerships with Banyule Council Youth Fest.
d.Partnership with Nillumbik Youth Centre — collecting winter gear for youth in need.
e.Partnership with Diamond Valley Community Centre — mutual referrals.

2.Local partnerships — Community & Church
a. Partnership with Parish of Banyule to continue shared employment of curates Weiyi and Xiaoxi Lou, made possible through financial provision of Birch Trust Grant Funding over 2 years
b.Partnership with Greensborough Primary School established to provide a Homework Club.

3.Global partnerships— continued. See 'Global Gospel Partnerships Report' for more details.

Note. We honor those involved in the One-Way Driving school start-up, thanking them for their faith, prayers and early partnerhship.

All Saints Greensborough
Financial Report for the year ended 30 September 2026

	Notes	9/30/2026	9/30/2025	Budget 30 Sept 2027
Income				
General Church Giving		370,965	$ 375,972	$ 374,674
Grants Income		32	$ 7,961	$ -
Mission Giving	1	18,915	$ 19,772	$ 19,104
Specific Mission Giving		4,000	$ 18,657	$ -
Outreach	2	22,356	$ 21,143	$ 22,356
Donations				
Lease - Car Park		36,312	$ 35,328	$ 36,312
Commercial Hall Hire		15,801	$ 30,027	$ 16,739
Interest Received		3,341	$ 3,028	$ 2,074
Bequest		0	$ 85,845	$ -
Bookshop Funds		33,200		$ -
NEST Income		3,140		$ 3,173
NEST - Good Brick		11,250		$ 15,000
Sale of Assets		80		$ -
Total Income		**$ 519,392**	**$ 597,732**	**$ 489,432**
Expenses				
Admin & Office - Sundries		$ 1,238	$ 746	$ 1,300
Bank charges		$ 663	$ 623	$ 696
Church Supplies		623	$ 6,707	$ 654
Cleaning - Church		31,167	$ 27,982	$ 22,342
Computer, Printing, Internet		4,909	$ 2,237	$ 5,154
Diocesan Assessment		60,111	$ 44,291	$ 57,454
Hospitality, Gifts and Visitor Fees		1,026	$ 3,002	$ 3,577
Health and Safety		0	$ 32	$ 100
Grant Expenses		$ 32	$ 7,961	
Insurance - property		18,755	$ 21,637	$ 18,452
Licences & Certificates		10,851	$ 4,406	$ 8,480
Missions Donations	1	18,915	$ 19,772	$ 19,104
Outreach Expenses	3	$ 16,190	$ 11,904	$ 22,356
Specific Church Expenses	4	$ 33,785	$ 110,987	
Office Equipment <1,000		$ -	$ 150	
Phone & Fax		$ 2,458	$ 3,180	$ 2,482
Professional fees- Audit		$ 800	$ 1,900	$ 840
Repairs and Maintenance		$ 63,378	$ 28,645	$ 21,729
Rates		$ 3,588	$ 9,188	$ 3,214
Land Tax		$ 3,700		$ 3,884
Staffing Costs		$ 264,167	$ 222,395	$ 259,816
Training		$ 5,176	$ 2,561	$ 12,142
Staionery & Photocopying		$ 2,985	$ 3,149	$ 2,940
Travel & Accommodation		$ 22	$ 635	
Utilities - Electricity, Gas Water		$ 20,523	$ 15,405	$ 20,329
Waste Disposal		$ 1,378	$ 1,384	$ 2,387
Total Expenses		**$ 566,440**	**$ 550,879**	**$ 489,432**
Surplus / (Deficit)		**-$ 47,047**	**$ 46,852**	**$ -**

Balance Sheet

All Saints Greensborough
As at 30 September 2026

Account	30-Sep-26	30-Sep-25
Assets		
Bank		
Bendigo Bank Building Fund - 137306528	1	1
Bendigo Cash Management Account - 1304537	28,772	26,428
Bendigo Club Account - 633000 - 130451156	238	8,238
Total Bank	**29,010**	**34,666**
Current Assets		
Accounts Receivable	5,652	10,683
ADF Savings A/c - Church Investment Account	207,446	288,139
ADF Savings A/c - Giving 05009271	2,232	2,201
ADF Savings A/c - Organ Fund	5,665	5,665
Bendigo Bank - Debit Card	441	3,406
Petty Cash	250	250
Total Current Assets	**221,686**	**310,344**
Fixed Assets		
Fixed Asset - Property Plant and Equipment	1,383,683	1,377,931
Total Fixed Assets	**1,383,683**	**1,377,931**
Non-current Assets		
Investment Account - Property Plant Project	83,661	83,661
Total Non-current Assets	**83,661**	**83,661**
Total Assets	**1,718,041**	**1,806,602**
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	7,694	10,066
GST8	(8,737)	(30,088)
Bookshop Funds	0	33,200
Grant Funds	6,717	20,938
Total Current Liabilities	**5,674**	**34,116**
Non-current Liabilities		
Accruals	7,686	3,072
ADF Loan - 444000795	0	0
City to City Church Planting	25,000	25,000
Annual Leave	12,281	14,702
GST Paid/recd to/from ATO	0	16,524
Specific Church Building Mission Appeal	0	0
Other Liabilities - Donations for Church Upgrad	1,930	1,930
Rental Bond	1,375	0
Total Non-current Liabilities	**48,272**	**61,228**
Total Liabilities	**53,947**	**95,344**
Net Assets	**1,664,095**	**1,711,258**

Equity		
Asset Revaluation Reserve	405,572	405,572
Accumulated Funds	1,305,571	1,258,834
Current year Surplus/(Deficit)	(47,047)	46,852
Total Equity	**1,664,095**	**1,711,258**

Notes to the Accounts for year ended 30th September 2026

	9/30/2026	9/30/2025
Note 1: Mission Giving and Donations		
Wycliffe - D & S Healey	$ 1,053	$ 1,579
City to City - J Laird	$ 853	$ 681
Pioneers	$ 4,423	$ 4,462
OMF - Fungs	$ 1,598	$ 2,147
Bursaries for equipping All saints' people	$ 97	$ 815
BCA	$ 2,504	$ 340
Ridley	$ 97	$ 1,256
Nungalinya College	$ 1,325	$ 420
Online Mission - Barnabas Aid	$ 65	$ 977
Online Mission - Arab world media	$ 65	$ 227
TEAR Fund	$ 6,552	$ 5,761
CMS	$ -	$ 1,000
Cancer Council	$ 289	$ 105
	$ 18,919	**$ 19,772**
Note 2: Outreach Income		
Community Meal	$ 2,265	$ 2,314
Kids Club	$ 934	$ 1,370
Mainly Music	$ 1,390	$ 710
Weddings/Funerals	$ 4,932	$ 1,110
Love gifts	$ 9,805	$ 680
Youth	$ 282	$ 533
Shalom & Passover meal	$ 1,394	$ 743
Alpha	$ -	$ 156
Pre-Election sales to community	$ -	$ 3,698
170th Celebrations Bibles and merchandise	$ -	$ 9,614
Merchandise	$ 812	$ -
Coffee Cart	$ 43	$ 171
Repair Café	$ 60	$ 45
Christmas Hampers	$ 263	$ -
Men's Breakfast	$ 162	$ -
Homework Club	$ 15	$ -
	$ 22,356	**$ 21,143**
Notes 3: Outreach Expenses		
Christmas Hamper	$ 175	$ 80
Community Meal	$ 1,661	$ 2,354
Youth	$ 94	$ 231
Funeral	$ 1,955	$ -
Kids Club	$ 670	$ 970
Mainly Music	$ 743	$ 880

Weddings at Church	$	-	$	136
Shalom & Passover meal	$	1,087	$	712
Love Gifts	$	9,805	$	749
Pre-Election expenses	$	-	$	1,174
170th Celebrations Bibles and merchandise	$	-	$	4,618
	$	**16,189**	**$**	**11,904**

Note 4: Specific Church Expenses

Roof Replacement	$	-	$	73,000
Youth Drop In Centre Build	$	33,785	$	29,000
Community Room	$	-	$	8,987
	$	**33,785**	**$**	**110,987**

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INDEPENDENT REVIEW REPORT TO THE PARISH COUNCIL AND MEMBERS OF ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH GREENSBOROUGH

Report on the Financial Report

I have reviewed the financial statements of All Saints Anglican Church Greensborough for the year ended 30 September 2026 as presented in the report to the annual congregational meeting.

Committee of Management Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Parish Council Members, treasurer and bookkeeper are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements and the information contained therein. The Parish Councils Committee of Management is responsible for the internal controls necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of the financial reports that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibility

I have conducted an independent review of the financial statements in order to express an opinion on them to the Parish Council and members of the church.

My review has been conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatements. My procedures include examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements.

These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with the requirements of All Saints Anglican Church Greensborough and other mandatory professional reporting requirements so as to present a view of the church which is consistent with my understanding of their financial position and the results of their operations and cash flows.

I believe that the review evidence obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our unqualified review opinion.

Independence

In conducting my review, I have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Review Opinion

As is common for Church's, cash donations and collections are a vital source of revenue. The Church has established internal controls over the collection of cash donations and offerings prior to entry into its financial records. Accordingly, as the evidence available regarding cash from this source was limited to these internal controls my audit procedures with respect to cash donations and offerings had to be restricted to the amounts recorded in the financial statements. I am therefore unable to express an opinion whether cash donations and offerings received and recorded by the church are complete.

In my opinion, based on my review, which is not an audit, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the income and expenditure of the All Saints Anglican Church Greensborough for the year ended 30th September and the financial position as at 30th September 2026.

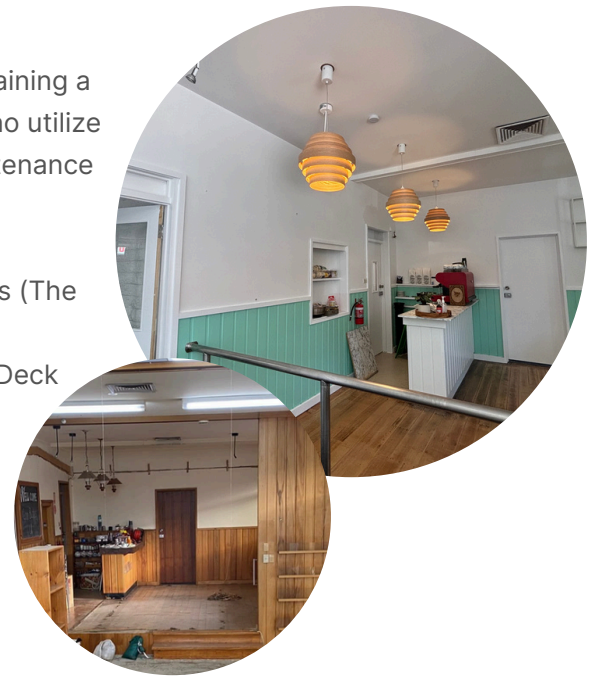


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Dated: 14th October 2026

Property Warden's Report



With 2026 well underway, we continue to work towards maintaining a safe and accessible All Saints' Building and Vicarage, for all who utilize these spaces. Another great year of generosity from our maintenance team, working bee volunteers and fellowship.

Key Highlights

• Completion of renovations to enable three new ministry areas (The Good Brick, The Nest & Staff Offices).

• The new vicarage kitchen, and repair and extension of back Deck

Key Challenges

• Financial costs

• Structural Decay

Steps to overcome challenges

• Saving costs through maintenance volunteers

• Regular working bees

ADBuild Group completed the required work in the **renovation space** in mid-October 2025; this enabled the beginning of preparation to move from the office space into the planned Good Brick/Nest space. Thankyou to all volunteers who came along to this space to either remove carpet, paint, clean windows or pop their head in with words of encouragement. Most of the work was completed towards the end of December 2025 in preparation for The Good Brick opening in January 2026.

On March 13th, 2026, the new kitchen for **the Vicarage** was completed at a cost of $35,200. After Parish Council viewed three quotes, they voted to go with ADBuild due to being satisfied with their recent work at All Saints' & significantly better price.

Enterprise services conducted their **mandatory compliance** tests in June & discovered the outdoor Heater unit was faulty and needed replacing. Parish Council looked at the option of changing over to electrical, however voted to go like for like, and the heater unit was replaced at a cost of $4576.00.

On April the 2nd **new signage** was Installed by Peak Installation to update the old sign logo & website.

Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain. – Psalm 127:1

A huge thanks to all those who continue to help out at our regular working bees and maintenance issues, specifically Dennis Fitzgerald & Peter Jacobs on the weekly call ups. Thank you to Richard Sutherland and Richard Prankerd for all their assistance with the OHS report. Grateful to Andrew Smith & Johanna Boutros for the organisation of our new signage. Andrea McMahon for initiating progress for the Vicarage kitchen, Darren, Riley & Tracey Thomas for providing blinds/coffee bench for The Nest & also a shout out to The Good Bricks Mel & Andrew who attended one of our working bees to finish painting The Good Brick walls! Blessings All!



Worship Services

Service Type	Avg. Weekly Attendance	Report
Sunday 8.30am /9am	39 (range of 26–50)	The faithful, early-morning Saints of God have met regularly to worship God through the alternating Service structure of Holy Communion & Proclamation Prayer and Praise. Significant to this community of approximately 30-40 people, several friends in Christ died in this past year. We remember with love, Joy Lavery, Geoff Smith, Patricia Ballard and Lorna George. The Service of 9 Carols has been an Advent highlight, as has the Choir, almost doubling in size as The Renew Family have joined. Apprenticing new leaders and new worshippers is occurring, in particular through rostered roles such as the Sound Desk/Live Stream, the Service Leading/rostered roles. Donuts in The Plaza after the service remains both a place of open hospitality as well as a witness and outreach to the Plaza retail staff, in particular the two who make the donuts. For 6 winter months of the year, the Service began at 9am. This responded to pastoral care needs raised around increased transport availability and warmth/light for those attending the early morning service through winter.
Sunday 10.30am	77 (range from 56–137)	The Morning Service continues to gather a diverse range of local believers, seekers and skeptics. Jake's leadership of worship meant 4 worship teams were formed and musicians were noticed, recruited and apprenticed. Under Weiyi's leadership, volunteers were recruited and trained for livestreaming, podcast sermons and digital enhancements. Both of which have improved the experience of worshipping God together. Junior Parish Council requested they 'run the services' on Mother's Day and Father's Day which have been highlights, as was the Jake's Spot created to farewell Jake as their Youth Pastor, inspired by The Story of the Good Samaritan. Hospitality is strong and regular in the Community Room and Friendship Club continues to meet, though decreasing in numbers. We farewelled and mourned the death of Clive Murdoch and Jeffrey Egan, 10.30am Service brothers.

Service Type	Avg. Weekly Attendance	Report
Sunday 4pm/6pm	26 (range from 11–39)	The Evening Service provides a safe and intimate space for people to worship Jesus, with a guaranteed gathering of friends and visitors staying on for supper in The Community Room afterwards. With attendance fluctuating, volunteer availability corresponding, the departure of the worship leader and future reduction in staff, the future of 6pm Service remains unclear. An Alpha Course was offered earlier during this time slot, in an attempt to reach the lost and increase our numbers. Numbers of regulars decreased during this time and only a few visitors attended. The Course was reduced to 4 weeks in response. Under the collaborative leadership of Xiaoxi, various attempts to respond to the needs mentioned above have occured. Those who gather list extended worship, authentic community, seeker-friendly and relaxed as elements they greatly appreciate and value about the service.
Wednesday 11am	10 (range from 6–23)	This mid-week communion service has offered a quiet, safe space for many whom are not able to make Sunday or whom prefer the style. While well, Joy has faithfully led and discipled those under her care. While unwell, lay leaders rose to the challenge and learnt to lead the service and devotions, in partnership with Clergy presiding. The mid-week service hosted Ash Wednesday & Quiet Christmas last year. Both were well attended and received. A Quiet Christmas was a new service offered, meeting a need during Advent to remember those whom we mourn their death and receive comfort from God for our grief, in what can be a challenging 'joyful' season.
Youth Church	N/A	A new form of service has been trialled within Youth Group: a gathered worship service run by youth, for youth. The trial offered youth a chance to be apprenticed/coached and 'have a go' at worshipping God together, without an adult audience and without the larger audience of a morning service. Youth loved it and it remains an option for a future ministry offering, should numbers increase.

Children & Families (Chifam) Ministry

Our Chifam programs seek to be a place where children and families can encounter Jesus and we are so grateful for the opportunities we have. From Mainly Music (MM) songs telling the children that God loves them, Holiday Kids Club (HKC) stories, drama and crafts, Kids Learning Time (KLT) bible teaching and activities and 10:30 service Kids' Spot songs and talks, all point towards Jesus as the centre of our faith. Our Junior Parish Council (JPC) recognises the importance of giving our young people a voice in our parish, and has met quarterly.



Key Highlights

a. **KLT** – Starting our Tinies group for kinder to grade 1, and welcoming Julie L. to the KLT team.

b. Increased attendance at **Mainly Music**, with a mix of mums and grandmas, and some dads on celebration days. At Easter the children took home 'The Good Farmer' Easter storybook.

c. **Holiday Kids' Club** – Life Beneath the Waves (January) and Star Peace (July), particularly seeing more involvement in planning from our teens as they chose the Star Wars based theme for July.

Key Challenges

Reaching new / younger families to draw in new HKC participants as our older kids graduate into the team. Health & energy for the Mainly Music team.

Steps to overcoming challenges

A weekly Chifam prayer request has continued, to prompt more of our All Saints' community to be praying for our children and families. Mentoring our youth into leadership is part of our long-term development program.

At **Christmas 2025** we created a stop motion video of the Christmas story, narrated and set up by the children using a nativity set, enabling them to be involved even if their family was away for Christmas services.

Mother's Day and Father's Day services are now an established tradition of service for our young people! It is wonderful to see them using their gifts and trying new things. Thanks to all in the congregation who are encouraging them.

Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people! Mark 1:17

A key verse from our January Life Beneath the Waves Holiday Kids' Club. Our Chifam volunteers are not only living this out in keeping our young people 'on the hook' for Jesus, but also training up the next generation of leaders so they can join us in fishing!

Special thanks to Janie Beasley, Michele Pilmore and there are too many other volunteers to list so thanks to you all!
Typical numbers: KLT: juniors – 3 team / 5 children (grade 2 - grade 5),
Tinies – 2 team / up to 5 children (kinder – grade 1);
MM - 6 team / 8 families;
HKC - 20+ team / 15-20 children;
Kids Spot – 12+ different presenters;
JPC – 2 adults / up to 12 members.



Youth Ministry





Youth Group, the Older Teen Girls' Life Group, camps, and Friday night hangouts have fostered a growing community of teenagers being discipled as followers of Jesus, exercising practical community-engaged activities, and becoming globally-minded as Christians responding to our world.

Key Highlights

Our population of teenagers regularly being involved in Sunday services, Youth Ministries, and leading in kids ministries has grown significantly this year from 8 to around 14. This is through new families joining the church and current teenagers becoming more involved.

The Armitage Family have opened their home to host Friday night gatherings throughout the year, which has tightened community and deepened our parents' involvement and investment into our Youth Group.

8 teenagers attended our local NCYC Camp 2026, and as many as 20 teenagers served as volunteer leaders at the Holiday Kids' Club and joined in the two-day Youth Hangout at the Nest. One teenager relayed to their parents how they "really enjoyed [NCYC Camp] and the spiritual experience was amazing too [... I got quite] emotional during one of the night sessions."

1 teenager attended LIT Camp (Leaders in Training), our first ever!

Key Challenges

There is a lot of opportunity for greater ministry connections between our Youth Group and with The Nest and The Good Brick. Volunteers are needed.

The Older Teen Girls Life Group has been somewhat irregular but still meeting up when they can in small numbers.

Steps taken to overcome challenges

Small steps through one-off events, such as Lego workshops with the Good Brick and Youth Hangouts at the Nest.

Flexibility and communication where possible with the Older Teen Girls Life Group.

[Paul] planted the seed in your hearts, and Apollos watered it, but it was God who made it grow. - 1 Corinthians 3:6

Big thanks to youth volunteer leaders: Andrew Denke, Joshua Rae, Toni Freeman, Ann-Marie Pickett.



Community Engagement







There are many groups reaching out in the community of Greensborough. **The Nest** has been an exciting new endeavour as we partner with many groups including the Good Brick, Youth Homelessness, Banyule City Council and Creativity for a Cause. The Nest operates as a drop-in centre from Tuesday to Thursday, managed by 12 volunteers from a variety of churches and denominations. From our official opening until now, there has been gradual and steady interest from those outside of All Saints'.

Repair Cafe continues to run about 5 times throughout the year, offering creation care/upskilling and a place to belong. **Homework Club** has been meeting weekly and **The Write Stuff Cafe** monthly, but both programs ran their course with TWSC finishing in Sept and Homework Club by the year's end due to decreasing attendance.

The English Conversation Class serves many interested international students from a variety of different countries.

Key Highlights

Archbishop Ric Thorpe attended the opening of The Nest in April.

Many donations were received as we collected jackets and winter clothes to support homeless youth in partnership with HealthAbility.

Repair Cafe was approached by Banyule City Council to partner, which generated more interest from the wider community.

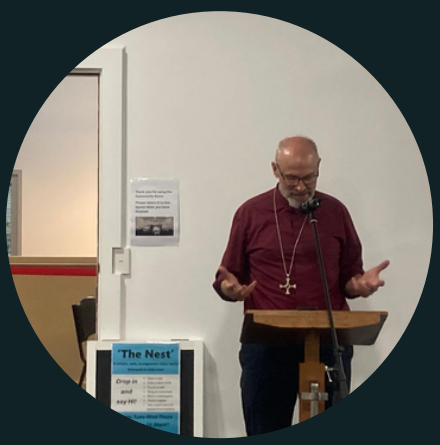
Youth Games afternoons being run in the Nest on the school holidays saw many of our young people come together after the Holiday Kids' Club for fun and friendship.

Key Challenges

Managing so many different groups towards mission, and varying community groups, is always a challenge, as is finding volunteers in some of our programs.

Steps taken to overcome these challenges

The uniting goal of sharing Jesus with those around us helps cover the different approaches and opinions with His grace and uniting power. We pray for continuing wisdom and perseverance and for partnerships to grow, and for Christ's uniting power to cover the various different approaches and opinions. May all this outreach provide a powerful witness to those who do not yet know Jesus.



Huge thanks to Marion H, Michele P, Kaye C, Janet M, Xiaoxi L, Leigh H, Helen Berger along with their teams of voluteers who pull together to make all of these ministries run.

Music Ministry

Through supporting worship leaders and musicians, and music ministry more broadly, the culture of worship leading at All Saints has steadily lifted in its commitment and craft, helping people to encounter Jesus.
This year we have had as many as 9 more musicians have a go and join a music team, including 2-3 new or returning worship/band leaders.



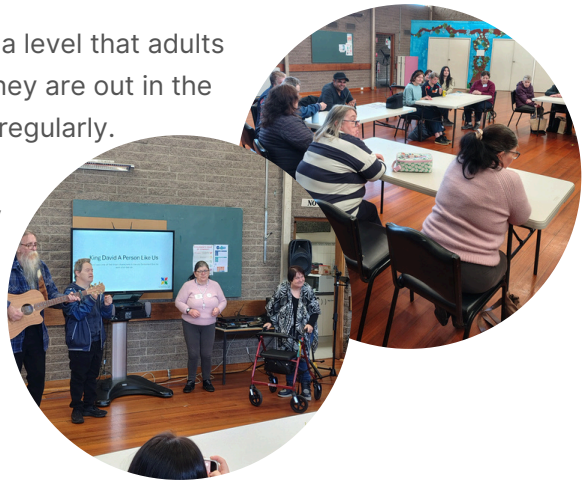
A generous donation of Android Tablets from Ian Wanden, coupled with a new Google Drive database of music resources, has helped to establish some good processes for onboarding new leaders as well as streamlining the organisation of music ministry at All Saints'.
Christmas in 2025 was particularly polished and strong from a musical perspective.
At the beginning of the year many musicians committed to growing in their craft and heart of worship.

Key Challenges
The breadth of giftedness and variety between our music teams does result in a different worship experience each Sunday, since we prioritise a culture of participation over perfection.
Weekly organising of song selection and slides, as well as a culture of practising in music teams, has steadily grown.
Steps taken to overcome these challenges
Flexibility in membership of music teams.
New resources and processes for song selection and slides.

Praise him with the tambourine and dancing
Praise him with strings and flutes! - Psalm 150:4

Musicians: around 20 or so people play an instrument and have participated in music
Volunteer Worship Leaders: Ian Wanden, Sunny MacLeod, Chris McKenzie, Viju Abraham, Andrew Smith.

Friendship Club



Friendship Club is a ministry where the word of God is taught at a level that adults with disabilities understand and can apply the teachings when they are out in the community. The ministry current sees 20 participants attending regularly.

Key Highlights

Learning about important people in the bible and explaining they were not perfect all the time but they still did God's work.

Non-regular church goers from the Friendship Club attending the 171th birthday.

The return of an old member back to church and Friendship Club.

Key Challenges

Lack of leaders on a Sunday meeting. Sometimes just running with 3 adults which is a safety concern.

Winter nights can have very low attendance.

Steps Taken to Overcome these Challenges

Asking staff to help out where needed. Monthly email to houses reminding them to let us know if they are not attending.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. - Galatians 5:22-23

A key teaching at Friendship Club this year: that Christ frees believers so they can live by love, stand firm in grace and walk daily by the Holy Spirit.

Huge thanks to Ian, Michele, Janie, Susan, Josie and Frances.

Digital Ministry



As we seek to be Jesus' followers in his world, technology provides a vital support for how we read, sing, preach and live out God's word, and impacts how we as a community coordinate and communicate.

Key Highlights

- At the start of 2026, we launched the All Saints' podcast, allowing us to publish our weekly sermons, as well as other types of material in the future!
- We have improved our rostering process by better utilising Elvanto features. This has meant changes to our churchwide communications, but has helped reduce administrative load!
- We fixed and redeployed a couple of computers to address the needs of some staff and volunteers.

Key Challenges

- We continue to need more willing volunteers, particularly for running the sound desk.
- In February, All Saints' was attacked by scammers, who sent out emails impersonating staff to trick members into sending them money.

Steps taken to Overcome Challenges

- During the scam attack, our members moved to look out for each other. People helped each other understand and guard against the malicious emails, and no money was finally sent.
- The attack also prompted us to review and tighten security in our systems.

Many smaller improvements or occurances have happened throughout this year:

- Staff have been gradually adopting a centralised file storage system.
- Security cameras have been set up in the Nest.
- Various improvements to our microsoft and email infrastructure have taken place.
- An online venue hire system continues to be developed.
- We (mostly) succeeded in using iPads to stream content back to the worship centre during a Stations of the Cross Easter service, to care for those who have more trouble walking.

The Lord has filled Bezalel with the Spirit of God, giving him great wisdom, ability, and expertise in all kinds of crafts. - Exodus 35:31

The same Spirit who equipped Bezalel, has equipped his people with skill and expertise today.

We have our steady team of ~20 volunteers across our different production teams (media, audio, livestream). This year, the livestream team have been of particular importance (thanks Ann-Marie, David, Kerryn and Mark!), as those who have taken the time to learn how to edit and upload video and audio for our podcast.



At All Saints' Anglican Church Greensborough we are passionate about sending missionaries out into the harvest field both here in Australia and abroad. We partner with 7 organisations and support 4 missionary families.

Global Mission Partnerships

The Fungs
with OMF in Japan



Julie-anne Laird
with City to City Australia



David and Sue Healey
with Wycliffe Bible Translators
in Vanuatu



Kamwende and Edgar
with Pioneers in Mexico

Missions Report

What a priviledge it is to 'disciple the nations' both locally and globally, through our partnerships with mission partners locally and globally. $18,915 was given to our mission partners through the past year. Sent Sundays have been held each term and individuals are encouraged to sign up to mission partners newsletters to enable prompt and persistent prayer and care for needs mentioned and joys shared.

Through the 2025/6 year, our Global mission partners have been:
City to City, Melbourne. Julie-anne Laird. Focus on equipping churches for evangelism and revitalized mission.
Wycliffe, Melbourne & Vanuatu. David & Sue Healey. Focus on translation of discipleship materials and discipleship of Maskylene people group.
OMF, Japan. Alex & Naomi Fung. Focus on discipleship of returnees and reaching Japanese people through Japanese media and music.
Pioneers, Mexico. Edgar & Kamwende Chans-Solis. Focus on discipling Mexican Christians to consider missions and be trained locally/abroad.
Nungalinya College. Rural & remote Australia. Traineeships. Focus on training of indigenous chaplains for rural and remote ministry.
BCA Traineeships. Rural & Remote Australia. Focus on support in their partnership of Nungalinya. Ridley College, Melbourne. Training of future ministry workers.
Tearfund, global poverty. Support of those in poverty with practical assistance.
Arab World Media, Middle East & Hard to reach Muslim countries. Focus on online outreach. Bursaries, Seed funding funding available to sow into emerging missional leaders.
Barnabas Aid, Global. Supporting persecuted Christians.

Each mission partner has seen God's faithfulness as they minister and enjoyed fruit and growth, and persevered through challenges. Further details are available in each newsletter/website.

In line with where people have been giving, the 2026/7 mission partnerships are listed below. Partnerships will be reviewed every 12 months.

- **City to City, Melbourne**
- **Wycliffe, Melbourne & Vanuatu**
- **Pioneers, Mexico**
- **Nungalinya College & BCA**
- **Tearfund, global poverty**.

Our inheritance is the nations and we desire for every person, everywhere to have the opportunity to hear and respond to the good news of Jesus Christ.

Jesus told them, "Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."

Thankyou to all who call this church home!

Your presence, your prayers, your partnership, your ministry, your offering to God for all to enjoy are what makes All Saints' the vibrant family of God in Greensborough, which it is.
We are, the Body of Christ.

Tell us your story!

We would love to hear what God is doing in your life, your workplace, your household.
Share your stories, poems, reflections or ideas about our future Vision, including what would help you take your next step.

Pray with us!

A prayer for the harvest:

O Lord of the harvest,
whose Church is bought by Christ
and whose Spirit gives life:
Give us great confidence
in the work of your Son and Spirit.

Send workers into the harvest.
Grow us as disciples.
Raise up leaders to shepherd your people.
Renew your Church
in faith, hope and love.

We ask this so that
every disciple, leader and church
will take faithful steps of ministry and mission,
for the glory of your Name
and for the benefit of this world,
which you love and which we serve.
Amen.