



Between the Spires

St Peter's
nurturing spirit and mind
CATHEDRAL

**Annual
Review**
2022

FROM THE DEAN



When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus

Christ, and him crucified (1 Corinthians 2: 1 – 2).

Here is my second report since becoming Dean in 2021. The last year has been a busy year in the life of the Cathedral as we emerge from the restrictions brought upon us by Covid-19. We are returning to normal, and it is pleasing to see the attendance at worship increasing since the restrictions have been lifted. However, Covid-19 is still with us, and we still need to show a degree of caution.

Staff Changes

In last year's report I flagged that Kate Palmrose was to be leaving us after 10 years of exceptional service. Suzanne Wilson is currently our Cathedral Administrator. We have discovered that the role is very demanding and exceedingly complex. I thank Suzanne for her willingness to give it her best. The Cathedral Office staff has also seen the additions of our new front desk, Marco Callisto and Emma Simpson-Smith. Marco and Emma are growing into their roles, and they bring a freshness and vibrancy with them.

Clergy

Assistant Priest, the Rev'd Peter Jin, left us for St John's, Salisbury where he is presently priest in charge. We thank Peter for his service to the Cathedral and wish him every blessing in his new role. This year The Rev'd Sally Sandford-Morgan has joined the clergy team at 0.5 (Full Time Equivalent). Thankfully, the Cathedral is still a training parish. There are few left. I look back to my time as assistant curate to The Rev'd John Roderick and The Venerable Conrad Patterson at St David's, Burnside (1991 – 1994) as being crucially important in my formation as a priest. There is so much to learn, and we need well trained clergy in the diocese. I pray that Sally will enjoy her time with us.

I thanked Canon Jenny Wilson last year for her exceptional service to the Cathedral and loyal support. We are so blessed to have Canon Jenny with us as she brings an intimate knowledge of the Cathedral's life and well-honed skills in preaching and liturgy. I am also surrounded by 'wise ones', The Rev'd Dr Lynn Arnold AO and The Rev'd Joan Claring-Bould who as honorary assistants offer sacrificial service to the Cathedral community. They are complimented by our active retired clergy: The Rev'd Bill Goodes, The Rev'd Stephen Pash, The Rev'd Michael Hillier, and The Rev'd Stuart Langshaw who also acts as the Archbishop's Chaplain. Their ministry is greatly appreciated.

The pastoral work of the Cathedral is wonderfully supported by the Pastoral Visitors. I thank them for their care to the Cathedral community.

Worship

The most recent National Life Survey revealed that the Cathedral music is the major drawcard to the Cathedral's worship. None of us would be surprised by this. The Director of Music, Anthony Hunt, is very talented and dedicated. We are so lucky to have someone of his talent be involved in the life of the Cathedral. The choir is magnificent and the organist, David Heah, brilliant. The worship at the Cathedral is extraordinary. Many visitors remark on the beauty of our worship. Here I note the generous financial support and encouragement of the St Peter's Cathedral Music Foundation. I thank also all who are involved in our worship: servers, liturgical assistants, readers, preachers, celebrants, intercessors, sacristans, flower guild, stewards, needle work guild, bell ringers, Cathedral Kids, brass/silver polishers ... my apologies if I have left anyone out! While the Cathedral Shop, Tour Guides, and Welcomers are not part of the worship as such, they play an important role in making the Cathedral a place of hospitality and service. Your work is valued and appreciated.

Finances

As someone who has come to you recently, I have noticed that we run the Cathedral on a 'shoestring' budget for what we seek to offer and what is expected of us. My own view is that we are at least \$100,000 short on our

income each year to what we need. The treasurer will give more accurate findings in his report. We need to give serious thought to income generation. Cutting the budget is not an option as this really means cutting our ministries; the very life blood of the Cathedral. Church-based finance is a complex issue, but we are giving some serious thought at Cathedral Council to income generation and how best we can do that. Our 'softly, softly' approach to the Planned Giving Programme saw a small increase for which we are very grateful. Please pray about this, and pray over your own level of financial giving and whether it could be increased.

I want to thank our treasurer, Kevin Stracey. Kevin has an enormous job as treasurer, which he fulfils in a voluntary capacity. He offers financial wisdom and guidance in our financial affairs, as well as serving the diocese in several capacities. Thank you Kevin you for all the work you do! Robyn Shilcock is also deeply appreciated for her work in the Cathedral Office looking after the financial bookkeeping.

St Cyprian's, Melbourne Street

One of the challenges facing the diocese is the provision of clergy to part-time appointments. There has been an increasing number of part-time parishes in recent decades. For a few decades now we have known that there will be fewer parishes with even fewer clergy to service them. This is now being felt across the diocese. This sounds all rather negative, but it does reflect the currently reality and this will only increase in the years to come.



In the context of this, an informal conversation has been occurring with St Cyprian's Melbourne St about them joining the Cathedral parish. As I write, St Cyprian's are now formally considering the proposal. If St Cyprian's decide that it is the best way forward for them, we will enter more formal discussions about how this may happen.

I think it will be a wonderful opportunity for us to support our brothers and sisters in Christ, and explore how we might be able to encourage Christian ministry to that side of the parish. You never quite know what the Holy Spirit might have in mind!

Restoration and Maintenance

From time to time you will see scaffolding and work being done to various sections of the Cathedral. This is well known, of course, to those of you who have been members of the Cathedral for some time. Gerald Lipman has been working hard to raise funds for this much needed work. This is an ongoing project, but it is pleasing to have some of the restoration work done.

A maintenance group has been formed

under Marianne Judson's leadership. The Cathedral and grounds, as you can appreciate, require a lot of continual work and oversight. Thankyou to Marianne for her leadership in this and the emerging team that assists her in this work.

Future directions

The Cathedral Council last year put some time aside to draw up some strategic directions around Finance, Liturgy, Information Technology, and Mission. We will be experiencing the fruits of that reflection over the next few years. It is always important to look to the future in hope. There are number of challenges befalling the wider church and diocese, and we will not be exempt from these. However, God will always meet us in the future and guide our steps in the present.

Concluding Comments

I thank the Cathedral Council, together with the wardens, Kevin Stracey and Reuben Jacob, for their commitment and hard work. I would also like to thank all of you for your support of the Cathedral! Susan, my wife, has been an important support to me for over 32 years of ordained ministry. She has her own demanding ministry as Senior Chaplain (Health and Community) in the diocese, and joins in the life of the Cathedral as much as she is able. We particularly enjoy leading small groups together, and it was a pleasure to share something of our Lambeth Conference experience last year. The Archbishop, The Most Rev'd Geoff Smith, is very encouraging of the Cathedral's ministry, and it is always a pleasure to have him here in his own Cathedral.

The Archbishop and Lynn Smith will be offering a study programme at the Cathedral in April this year. I hope many of you will join in.

There were many highlights in 2022, including the Friends of the Cathedral's 90th Anniversary. Their support of the Cathedral is invaluable. We were honoured to have The Archbishop of Canterbury, The Most Rev'd and Rt Honourable Justin and Caroline Welby with us for the diocese's 175th anniversary. We were also honoured to host the Memorial Service for her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth the 2nd.

I look forward to what 2023 has in store for us as we work to serve God together. Everything we do at the Cathedral is done in Christ's name and for one purpose, and that is to know Jesus Christ and him crucified.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore (2 Corinthians 13: 14).

+Chris - Dean



FROM THE WARDENS

It was a privilege to serve you as your Wardens and we offer the following reflections of the past year.

St Peter's Cathedral depends on many people, staff and volunteers, to do all we can as a community, and we give thanks for them all. We especially thank all our parishioners who love, cherish and support the Cathedral in many visible and invisible ways. We also thank our wonderful clergy +Chris, Jenny, Lynn, Joan, Sally and Peter for their spiritual leadership and nurturing. What a gift we are all to each other!

We said farewell in July 2022 to Peter Jin, our Assistant Curate, with thanks for his ministry over more than two years. Peter went to the St John's at Salisbury and is about to be made their Priest in Charge – we wish him well. We welcomed Sally Sandford-Morgan earlier this year as our Assistant Curate and look forward to her ministry with us.

During the last year, we mourned the death of the Queen Elizabeth, after decades of service to the Commonwealth. Our staff and volunteer teams delivered a moving memorial service for the State and received personal thanks from the Governor. We also welcomed the Archbishop of Canterbury, The Most Rev'd Justin Welby, and enjoyed his preaching and his company as we celebrated the 175th Anniversary of the establishment of the Anglican Diocese of Adelaide.

In the office, we bade farewell to Kate Palmrose, who after a decade of excellent service retired from the Cathedral. We welcomed Marco Callisto and Emma Simpson-Smith as Administration Assistants supporting the life of the Cathedral. Suzanne Wilson and Robyn Shilcock continued to take everything in their stride and keep the office going.

During the last year, the Cathedral Council came together and pondered on our Vision for the coming years and settled on four pillars: liturgy, mission, finance, and technology. Council members are leading projects to review and improve what the Cathedral offers in each of the four areas in consultation with the congregation. At Council, we said farewell to Kirsty Munro and thank her for her immense contributions to Council. We also welcomed Kathryn Dellit to Cathedral Council as the new nominee of Diocesan Council earlier this year and look forward to working with her as we move forward.

Our services have gone back to 'normal', and we look forward in hope to pursue the many opportunities that lie ahead and to a blessed future in 2023.

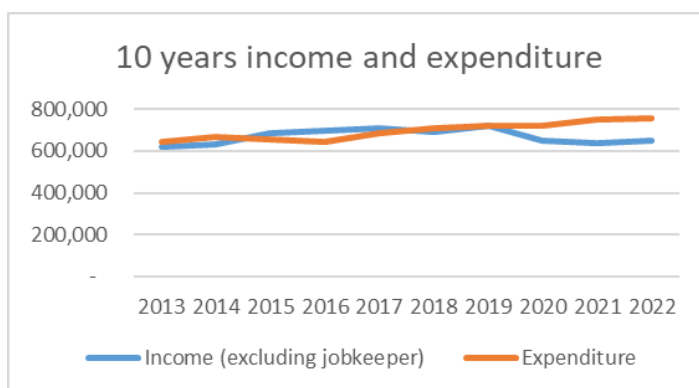
Reuben Jacob – Peoples' Warden

Kevin Stracey – Dean's Warden

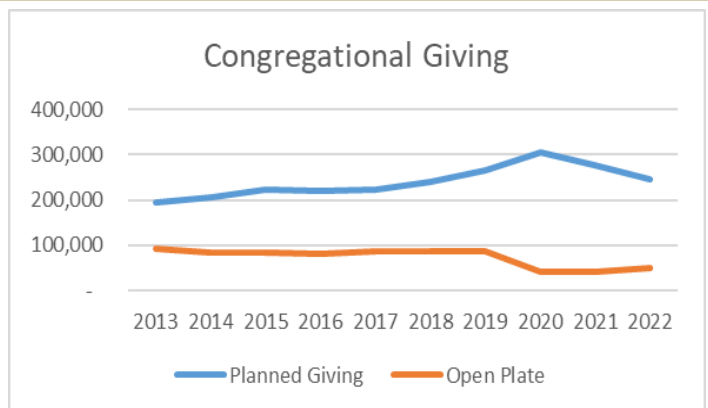
FROM THE TREASURER

It is a joy to be part of St Peter's Cathedral, and especially on Sundays to see such a varied worshipping community. As treasurer, it is my job to help ensure that the Dean and Cathedral Council have the financial resources in place to deliver our services, liturgical and otherwise, to the congregation and to the wider community in the diocese and city of Adelaide.

The Cathedral is not here to make a financial profit. But it does need to ensure that its income broadly matches its expenditure over the medium term. Looking back, from 2013 to 2020, we did break even consistently, and expenditure has been continued to hold steady throughout the ten-year period. But from 2020, the impact of Covid on visitor numbers, building hire and the suspension of open plate collections during services all had an impact on income. Furthermore, consistent increases in planned giving between 2017 and 2020 were also reversed. As a result, in 2021 and 2022 we saw a significant shortfall, resulting in the need to sell some of our investments.



A further shortfall of \$80,000 is budgeted for 2023, and we are already conscious of challenges which may cause that deficit to increase.



In my 2022 report, I wrote: "we are aware that as we look further ahead we will need to work towards a break-even outcome. However, this can only be achieved by the unpalatable option of reducing costs (which is really to say by reducing staff), or by addressing successfully the challenge of increasing income. I sincerely hope that we will be able to find ways of increasing our income so that we can continue to maintain and improve the Cathedral's ministry in future." These words are truer than ever with the sudden return of increased inflation.

The open plate has been reintroduced in Sunday services, and members of Cathedral Council are considering all possibilities for increasing income, including enhanced use of technology. It will also be essential to develop a strategy around the best use of the Cathedral's physical assets. However, at the most fundamental level the regular congregation needs to be able to pay for the ministry it receives, and we must focus in the first instance on the need to return to a significant positive trend in planned giving.

Kevin Stracey

GROWING IN FAITH

MUSIC

For 2022, the Cathedral Choir finally had a sense of “returning to normal” as the constant flow of restrictions since the start of the pandemic in 2020 began to ease. It feels like a long time ago, but it must be remembered that the choir was only able to remove masks while singing at Easter, in April 2022.

The year began with marking the death of Dr Francis Jackson at the age of 104; a musician with a great connection to St Peter’s Cathedral through his old friend David Swale. The choir’s first evensong of the year was in commemoration of Francis.

A week later and on February 6th we were celebrating the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II.

Having begun the year in commemoration, later in the year the choir performed great service to the city, their music being a centrepiece for the State Memorial Service for Queen Elizabeth on 20th September; the second service for Her Majesty, as a special evensong was held at short notice on the 9th September upon the news being received.

Shortly after, the choir returned during their usual school holidays for the honour of singing for the Archbishop of Canterbury. Such opportunities as this visit and the State Memorial Service are a great honour for the choir; and a reflection of their important function.

Other musical highlights have included the premiere of eight new choral works over the course of the year: A Mass for Treble Voices, and a setting of Psalm 91 by Anthony Hunt; ‘Respite exaudi me’ and ‘Do not remember the former things’ by Rachel Bruerville (the latter commissioned for the 30th anniversary of the ordination of women); a substantial setting of Psalm 22 by Jodie O’Regan; a setting of the Transfiguration text ‘O nata lux’ by Cathedral organist David Heah; and two delightful Christmas arrangements of ‘Away in Manger’ by Anthony Hunt, and ‘Silent Night’ by Emma Simpson-Smith, sung at the crib service on Christmas Eve.



The choir has collaborated three times over the course of the year; combining with Christchurch North Adelaide for the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury; singing the Duruflé ‘Messe cum jubilo’ with the Choir of Pilgrim Uniting Church, both at the Cathedral and at Pilgrim Church; and combining with the Adelaide Chamber Singers for the wedding of Cathedral organist

David Heah. We hope to continue such collaborations regularly.



The Music Foundation continued to raise its profile, and the profile of the choral & organ music at St Peter's, through its Concert Series, which saw excellent concerts from soprano Jessica Dean, trumpeter David Elton, organist Thomas Wilson (St Mary's Cathedral Sydney), the Cathedral Choir and Consort, and organist Joshua van Konkelenberg and a Baroque orchestra. The music department remains extremely grateful to the Music Foundation for their ongoing and important support.

The choral Winter School, established in 2020, saw an increase in applicants, and is becoming an excellent vehicle for recruitment of junior choristers.

It has been a pleasure to enjoy the development of Marco Callisto, as our organ scholar, including opportunities for him to conduct; and we will welcome Charlie Wells as a second organ scholar in 2023. Through the music foundation we were delighted to support four young junior organ scholars in their first organ lessons, which will continue into 2023.

Throughout the year, the playing of Cathedral organist David Heah must be commended. It is also worth acknowledging the many volunteers within the choir who help to run things - providing music theory lessons to the trebles (pictured left), sight-reading lessons, organising robes, performing library duties etc.

We look forward to a busy and invigorating 2023.

Anthony Hunt - Director of Music

MUSIC FOUNDATION

The Board of the Music Foundation (MF) has had a busy time over the last 12 months and the following list covers the major activities of the Board.

Administrative:

The new MF Constitution was registered with Consumer and Business Services.

The duties of the MF administrative assistant were confirmed and agreed

The MF annual grant to the Cathedral was increased to \$35,000 to support the Cathedral music programme

The Cathedral nominees to the Board were accepted - Canon Jenny Wilson, Kevin Stracey and Michele de Courcy

A Music and Arts Committee (MAC) of the Board was created to ease the extensive load of the Fundraising committee

It was agreed that the Director of Music (DoM) should be remunerated where he was engaged as a professional musician at MF supported concerts

\$50,000 was agreed to be invested with Anglican Funds SA

Music Promotion:

Concept and subsequent production of the 2022 Concert series:

Good Friday Meditation concert

Opera meets Organ - March

Trumpet and Organ - May

Thomas Wilson (Organ) - July

My Song is Love Unknown -
August

Organ Concertos with Baroque
ensemble - September

High-school organ scholarships to four scholars who performed at Evensong on December 11th

Commissioned Rachel Bruerville composition for 30th anniversary of the Ordination of women - performed at anniversary service on December 4th

Ongoing support/sponsorship of Cathedral music and choir throughout the year

Concept and arrangements for the 2023 concert series - promotion and ticketing released this week

Continued consideration of a "Song School" for the Cathedral.

My gratitude is owed to all members of the Board, particularly the chairs of the committees, Canon Jenny Wilson (MAC) and Penelope Bowen (Fundraising) and the Secretary, Michele de Courcy. Special thanks to Anthony Hunt for tireless work and absolute musical professionalism.

Ross Sweet – Deputy Chair

TAIZÉ SERVICE



Taizé services have been part of the life of the Cathedral for the past 30 years. We have continued to offer a beautiful environment of song, scripture, candle light, silence and prayer including prayers for healing on the first Saturday night of each month at 7.30pm. We are grateful for the wonderful support of the VIP team who set up for us and provide a stunning supper, our musicians, and the ministry support of Joel Savage and Angela Mackay. The services are welcoming of people of all ages and all traditions. Whilst they are firmly based on scripture the message of God's healing love is universal. Everyone is welcome.

The Rev'd Joan Claring-Bould

BELLRINGERS

2022 has been a promising year in the belltower, with several new learners coming along (although more ringers are always needed!) Several of our more experienced ringers have dedicated a lot of time in our Ringing Centre to train new learners up to the point where they will soon be able to ring for services.

The learners from previous years have all progressed well and now regularly ring for services adding to our band of dedicated ringers.

We have also been working at improving the skills and repertoire for our more experienced ringers with a programme of new methods (ringing patterns) for us to practice as a band to help both develop our ringing abilities and maintain a high level of interest. Associated with this the local ringers (with occasional interstate help) have rung 9 Quarter Peals and 3 Peals over the last 12 months, the most recent being a peal on 20th February 2023, exactly 60 years after the first peal on the St Peter's bells. David Bleby has the distinction of having rung in both of those peals, 60 years apart.

The death of Queen Elizabeth presented a few challenges in the tower, due to the traditional requirements for muffling and unmuffling the bells. Fortunately the bellringing community, aware of the Queen's advancing years, had been prepared for this eventuality. There were many trips into the belfry to install, remove and then re-install bell-muffles, but we were proud both to ring fully muffled to mourn the death of Queen Elizabeth, and to ring open to celebrate the ascension of King Charles.

Regarding bell-tower maintenance, there have been no issues over the last 12 months beyond the expected wear and tear: 2 broken stays and 1 broken rope, all in the Ringing Center, which we rapidly fixed with spares on hand.

Thanks to all of the ringers who have given their time to keep the bells ringing, and especially to those who have been training our newest ringers.

We look forward to another year of ringing, and all being well, a growing band of ringers.

*Matthew Ball, Tower Captain
St. Peter's Cathedral Bellringers*

Ringers for the 60th Anniversary:

Front, left to right: David Bleby, Charlotte Sorell, Michelle Harrison, William Perrins

Back, right to left: Peter Harrison (from Adelaide but in Sydney), Thomas Perrins (Sydney), Matthew Ball, Matthew Sorell



SERVERS & LITURGY TEAM

Our team comprises thirty-six servers, aged from 80 down to 7. The longest serving started in June 1966; the newest in October 2022. Servers assist at nine regular acts of worship a week, plus special occasions – around 475 services a year.

This report focuses on some responsibilities of the Secretary as head server:

Recruitment happens in several ways. Positions are sometimes advertised, interested persons approach the clergy or the secretary, or the secretary looks out for newcomers with a church background as potential servers. This year four persons have begun serving at our weekday

Eucharists, following calls for applications. One of their tasks is to set up the tray of vessels, as pictured.



Training is generally on the job, starting with a 'walk-through' to observe at close hand what happens in the Sanctuary. Gradually the new server is trained to take on tasks during the service, with some instruction outside the service time. Care is taken to introduce the server to customs relating to posture, movement, gestures, the 'discipline of the hands', and the wearing of robes. These customs aim to minimise distractions to the worshippers in the pews.

Leslie Milner, Secretary to the Cathedral Servers – 0416 090 143.

CATHEDRAL KIDS

Many Cathedrals do not have a weekly program for young people .

Since the 1980s thanks to Father Ross Maroney (leader) and helpers David Wilson and Marlene Heah, we have our own Cathedral Kids program. At first it was held in the crypt and a small group attended regularly, many being siblings of choristers. We now meet in the CP Hall during the 10.30 service.

The year began with only a small group, with numbers affected by Covid uncertainty; but from April 2022 our numbers rose to double figures with more than 17 attending on Easter Day.

This continued with our older group (over 6 y.o.) increasing often. We have been lucky to have new families joining us for both older and younger groups. We are pleased to have so many regulars, as there are a lot of activities that compete with church on Sundays!

Before Christmas we celebrated Advent traditions, including St Nicholas Day This year we were able to have our children's service on Christmas Eve, not possible the previous year because of Covid. Many turned up and enjoyed dressing up as shepherds, angels, wise men and other nativity characters.

Our teaching team continued with Marlene, Louise, Gerald, Pamela and Deborah and extra helpers Cauthan and Favour.

Thank you for the support from the clergy and office staff - but especially the parents of our children.

Marlene Needham-Heah

Louise Lipman

ADULT EDUCATION

MEETING GOD ON MONDAYS

Two groups met on a Monday during Lent, one led by Rev'd Canon Jenny Wilson and the other by Rev'd Dr Lynn Arnold. A third group met on Tuesdays lead by Bishop Chris and Susan McLeod. The groups studied the ABM study *A Voice in the Wilderness: Listening to the Statement from the Heart*.

During September, Creation month, the Monday morning group met at the South Australian Museum to visit the Australian Geographic Nature Photographer of the Year Exhibition. We were led by the former Director of the Museum, Brian Oldman. On another occasion, we met in the Cynthia Poulton Hall for a Quiet Morning reflecting on Creation. This included times of prayer and reading and a reflective walk in the grounds and streets near the Cathedral.

On the third Monday of the other months, the Monday Study Group reflected on scripture passages using an Ignatian approach. This year we were guided by reflections from the book, *Twenty Questions Jesus Asked and How They Speak to Us Today* by Bishop John Pritchard, former bishop of Oxford.

The Rev'd Canon Jenny Wilson

EXPLORING FAITH MATTERS (EFM)

Exploring Faith Matters is a four-year structured course:

Year One – Old Testament

Year Two – New Testament

Year Three – Church History

Year Four – Theology and Ethics

EfM sessions are held on Thursday evenings in the Office Meeting Room.

In 2022, there were six participants:

Leonard Long

Greg Crombie

JenTrain

Tim Neill

Coraine Sopru

Mary Vandeppeer



Coraine Sopru and Tim Neill completed the 4-year EfM course in 2022, and were presented with certificates during a service.

Susie Clarke, Mentor

LIVING HOSPITABLY

THE CATHEDRAL SHOP - *Serving the Sacred*

Serving the Sacred was handed over to a new committee in March 2022, following a decade of great dedication and highly successful trading from Pauline Brooks, John and Rosie Hamilton, Denise Stephenson, Christine Nelson and Jim Raw.

The shop continues to stock a lovely range of quality gifts, souvenirs and sacred supplies, with an emphasis on South Australian made products.

The new committee are enjoying the challenges of retail and are aiming to present an appealing, joyful and well-stocked shop.

Throughout the year, visitor numbers to the shop have gradually increased with easing of Covid restrictions and the return of interstate and international tourists, resulting in improved sales. A Season of Creation stall in September was well patronised and the November Christmas Market continues to be a very popular event with very pleasing sales. Heartfelt thanks to our wonderful suppliers, both external and within the Cathedral community, the Embroidery Guild, Airlie Black, Florence Wee and



Nyuk Yin Tsen. We are also very grateful for the ongoing support and assistance of Pauline Brooks, Denise Stephenson and Rosie and John Hamilton.

Finally, a very big thank you for our wonderful volunteers, who open the shop each day and give such great service.

We are looking forward to the year ahead, continuing the established successes and seeking new ideas to keep the shop appealing, fresh and such a valuable feature of the Cathedral community.

Shop committee

Julie Doherty, Elaine Arnold, Margaret McEvoy, Carole Liversidge

Julie Doherty, Convenor

TOUR LEADERS

The return to normalcy has been slow. Covid of course has taken its toll on this aspect of Cathedral life too, and at the start of the year we discussed the issue of masks, requiring people to wear masks or not, and how for some guides exposure to COVID prevented them from participating for a few months. In response to these circumstances I asked one of our number to act as Safety Officer, and he had a permanent place on our agenda, but as the year progressed the item became less necessary.

We were pleased to develop a 'Guide for the Guides' booklet which set out standards and protocols for existing and future Tour Guides. This was a worthwhile thing to do as it caused us to reflect on how we prepare for, and perform our role.

Traditionally, apart from Public Tours (which now occur only on Wednesdays, and not on Sundays post the 10.30 service), our main customer base has been Probus clubs, Retirement homes, Trade travel and other bus tours, and of course schools.

Last year, the word got about amongst Probus clubs that our cathedral was worth a visit, and our calendar ticked over nicely with clubs visiting from all parts of Adelaide. Sadly, the request from schools has diminished. The Dean and I undertook to write to a long data base of schools which had visited us in the past, but the response was muted. Part of the reason is the decline in the teaching of RAVE and RE in our schools. That said, we were delighted to welcome Year 4s, Year 10s, and Year 12

students from a variety of schools, Anglican and non-Anglican.

The History Festival (May) saw us host 8 morning tours, 4 of which were enhanced by an organ recital prior to the tour. The roll-up to these was quite small, reflecting caution amongst our client base.

Tour Guides are eleven in number, and each year there is a small turnover. This gives us an opportunity for renewal and refreshment. My earnest thanks go to all our Tour Guides, and especially to our secretary Bill, my deputy Kay, and to Brian the Cathedral archivist who keeps us sharp and well-informed. We could not do what we do without the efficiency of Cathedral staff, especially Suzanne. Thank you to you all.

At the time of writing, the news broke of the death of our beloved Meredith Hercus. Meredith will be remembered for many contributions to Cathedral life. A Tour guide since 2009, she hosted public tours on the first Wednesday of the month, and of course conducted dozens of others over her long career as a volunteer guide. We feel her loss greatly, and she is much missed for her joy, enthusiasm, and knowledge.

Stephen Matthew , Convenor of Tour Guides.

STEWARDS

If 2020 was the year we went into Covid, with significant changes to our procedures for stewards, 2022-3 was the year we exited our Covid procedures, and went back to normal.

It's worthwhile to note these changes, as we forget so quickly.

- We eliminated need for masks;
- We stopped having sanitiser dispensers at the doors;
- We no longer need Covid marshals at each service;
- We stopped sanitising pews after the 8am service;
- The congregation was no longer spaced to limit infection;
- We started passing the collection plate at each service, and then counting the money and putting it in the safe.

We've lost 5-10 stewards who have retired, but they were replaced at the 10.30 service and 6pm service. We have gaps in our steward roster for the 8am Sunday service. 2-3 stewards are urgently needed for these services.

With numbers low at the 8am service, a solution is not at hand.

Our Christmas and Easter services were back to usual, with 500 plus in the congregation. And of course we had all the regular services, school Christmas carols, concerts and funerals.

There were three services that are worth mentioning. The first was on the day of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Four stewards were required with four hours' notice. One week later we provided stewards for the State Memorial Service organised by

SA Government. On 9th October we had a service where the Archbishop of Canterbury preached. The congregation included many from other parts of the Diocese.

The Stewards Handbook was updated-reduced from 95 pages to less than 20, and this was circulated to all the stewards. We had 4/5 training sessions with stewards, covering all three Sunday services, and those who want "personalised" instruction are invited to contact the coordinator.

We have had one meeting of all Team Leaders and the Dean.

The steward roster relies heavily on the goodwill of all stewards, and in the past twelve months we have had not one occasion where no stewards were available. As Coordinator, I express my thanks to every individual steward for their generous assistance.

Gerald Lipman, Head Steward

WELCOMERS

Thank you to our wonderful team of volunteers, who continue to keep the Cathedral open to welcome people who wish to pray, light candles and enjoy the beautiful sacred space.

Midyear, Di Nicholls kindly undertook a review of the roster. Thanks to her effort and the willingness of all, the Cathedral is now open from 10.30am to 3.30pm weekdays (mornings only on Mondays), up from 11am-1pm earlier in the year.

Two significant losses to the team during 2022 were Meredith Hercus and Everard Walker – much missed. Others found a change in circumstances meant they were no longer able to contribute, and we thank Anne Price, Carol Hosking, Jim Helmore, Peter Dunn, Heather Ward and Greg Connelly for blessing the Cathedral community with their talents for as long as they were able. Looking forward, we are pleased to be supported by new welcomers Brenton Chomel, Joy Glennie, Jennifer Train, Christine Ballard and Derek & Venecia Willenberg, and welcome back familiar faces Margaret Stableford, Robert Birks, John and Jane Densley and Kitty Mercer. But the greatest thanks, of course, goes to those who quietly welcome year after year, without fuss. You are all valued.

Welcomers usually offer one or two shifts a month, from 10.30am to 1.00pm or 1.00-3.30pm and we still have gaps to fill. If you would like to contribute to this vital area of outreach for the Cathedral, please do contact the office.

Suzanne Wilson, Cathedral Office

HOSPITALITY TEAM

The Service to mark the Opening of the State Parliamentary year was held in the Cathedral on Thursday, 5th May, 2022 at 8 am, followed by a light refreshments served at the back of the Cathedral. Approximately 60 attended the Service, (the numbers affected by COVID), although fewer than 50 stayed for refreshments.

On the 3rd July, the Patronal Festival was celebrated with a Sausage Sizzle following the 10.30 am Service, with a good number attending, and many helpers providing assistance with setting up, cooking, providing salads, serving and cleaning up.

After a happy coffee and chat I had with Meredith Hercus in early November, and the handover of her meticulously kept records during her 8 years as team leader, the Team's first request came from Julie Doherty, Cathedral Shop Manager. Julie asked us to assist with homemade biscuits for the Cathedral congregation's morning tea for the Christmas Market in the C P Hall on Sunday, 20th November. Several dozen biscuits were provided, and some very appreciative comments received.



On Sunday, 4th December, the team provided refreshments following the 6pm Service on Sunday, 4th December, for the 30th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women. Although there was a significant congregation, only a relatively few stayed.

On Tuesday, 13th December, Jane Densley and I set up the C P Hall in preparation for a meeting of the Heads of Christian Churches. Prior to this, Jane and I did a preliminary clean and tidy of the C P H Kitchen.

Meredith was very appreciative of all the readily offered and very generous help from members of the team until her handover, and many thanks must go to Meredith, ably assisted by Robert, for the significant behind-the-scenes' contribution, co-ordination and preparation for many events. Thanks are due also to Canon Jenny Wilson for her valued oversight, for Suzanne in the Office for her much appreciated assistance, and my thanks to Jane for her willingness to be deputy.

Valerie Langshaw, Jane Densley. Convenors

10.30AM TEA AND COFFEE

Between March 2020 and May 2022 we did not serve Tea and Coffee after the 10.30 service – the risks of Covid seemed to be too high. But as we approached mid-2022 we were more relaxed, and started to share hospitality once again. Initially this was done with an abundance of caution: servers with latex gloves, masks, and a Covid marshal present to ensure we kept 1.5 m from each other. We even served tea

outside in the close, and coffee through the window. All to stop the pandemic from spreading.

From May to October we served tea and coffee every second week, but from mid October through to mid December, and from January 22 onwards we have been operating every week.

By February 2023 we are more relaxed – no masks, and tea and coffee both served inside. But we have tried to simplify our service. We put out fewer tables and chairs; we serve beverages in mugs, not cups and saucers, and we don't put out cordial, just water.

The serving teams are mostly new since our pre-Covid days. We have two teams led by choir parents, which is great and we often have a group of young people who help picking up chairs and putting away the tables.

We are keen to get more volunteers to join our roster. The Fifth Sunday is totally missing a team, and some non-choir parents would be helpful as back-ups. Please get in touch with me if you can assist.

Pre-Covid we received donations about \$5-7 per week, but we now get \$20-40 a week, and obviously we are grateful for your generosity.

Allowing our congregation to socialise after the 10.30am service is an important part of our community development. This is where we can greet newcomers and catch up with old friends. We thank you, the congregation for joining us week after week, but especially we thank those on the roster for making it happen.

Gerald Lipman

THE MAGDALENE CENTRE

Sunday Food Donations

Each week parishioners donate food for those in need to Anglicare where a small food bank is always available so that clients can stock up on the basics of toiletries and food. On a regular Sunday approximately five grocery bags are donated that I then take to be distributed to those in need at Anglicare on Gilbert street. The donations consist of food and personal care products. The donations delivered are received with great appreciation. At Christmas from November to December the donations often consist of goods to make the festive season more special.

Magdalene Centre Dinners

Last year on the 23 of July the Cathedral provided a meal for people in need at the Anglicare centre on Moore St. On the 10th of December we also hosted Anglicare's last meal of the year, the Christmas dinner. The July dinner was well received, the Cathedral provided a three course meal for over eighty people. We have changed the menu to allow for meals to be in the form of takeaway if necessary, to comply with new health restrictions and facilitate a Covid-safe environment. The Cathedral parishioners have kindly donated casseroles, cakes, and brownies as well as money so that a dinner can be provided. After some campaigning and outside sourcing of fundraising, I was able to raise a total of \$800 to provide an extraordinary Christmas dinner. This amazing amount allowed us to provide special festive foods and treats. As well

as the regular casseroles we provided Christmas hams, dinner rolls, puddings with custard or ice-cream, mince pie, Christmas mixed lollies, individual chocolates and special summer fruit. We decorated the table with Christmas crackers and cards from the Sunday school. We estimated we would be catering for 100 people and were surprised that there were at least that many people on the night as it was apparently one of the most attended Christmas dinners in the last few years. We are happy to report that the feedback was overwhelmingly positive with everyone who attended overjoyed and appreciative of the special festive night. Since Coronavirus we have struggled with a small group of 6 regular volunteers in the kitchen and would appreciate anyone else who would like to volunteer for the Cathedral nights. We have also been impacted by reduced donations of casseroles and are finding we must buy in extra food. Last year a supplier who in the past had provided us with fruit and vegetable donations withdrew his support and we now need to purchase these products using the cash donations. This extra cost and the general increase of grocery prices make financial donations highly appreciated.

Jillian Badge

BUILDING COMMUNITY

SOCIAL GROUPS

SOUTHERN HOME GROUP

The Southern Home Group met monthly to maintain our friendships and offer support to one another.

As well as some gatherings in our homes there were many highlights of the year. On Good Friday we enjoyed a fish and chips lunch in the Cynthia Poulton Hall. We were able to gather between the morning service and the afternoon musical reflection. On a cold day in June a lunch of soup and homemade pies was a treat at John and Rosie Hamilton's. On another occasion Marion McCall was our lunch guest. She told us of her adventures as a pilot. In September we met for dinner at the Mawson Lakes Chinese Restaurant. Gerald Cheang was our host. Our year concluded with a fabulous celebration of Christmas at Susan Beal's home.

Rosie Hamilton - Convenor



Above and left:

Members of the Southern Home Group.

CITY HOME GROUP

Once again it is my pleasure to report on the activities of the City Dinner Group. The decision was made, as hosting was becoming more difficult, that we would resort to sharing time together on a bi-monthly plan. This has been successful which is pleasing.

We have been able to enjoy some of the Group's homes as venues, as well as two occasions when we have been welcomed at the "On Statenborough's Bis-tro". This restaurant is within the Retirement Village where some of our Group are residents.

Our City Group has received the 'year's diary' for the coming months and we look forward to enjoying more time together in 2023.

Audrey Mitchell - Convenor



HILLS HOME GROUP

The Hills Home Group met in March 2022, but due to dwindling numbers decided to take a hiatus.

Sally Morgan – Convenor

BLANKET MINISTRY

During 2022 we have contributed several blankets of various sizes to be distributed through Anglicare:

30 double bed size – 48 squares

21 baby size – 9 squares

Total 57 blankets.

Many thanks to several contributors:

Jeannie Minnis

Helen Hall

Ruth Butler & friends

Judy Cooper

Faye Torr

Please keep up the good work.

Jane Bodley – Convenor

CINEMA GROUP

The Cinema Group meets at the Palace Cinemas, Prospect, around 6.15 pm on the fourth Monday of the month. After the show we re-group at a North Adelaide restaurant. At dinner the members score the film during the 'Margaret and David' segment. In 2022, the highest scoring films were "The Duke" (5.1 out of 5), "Operation Mincemeat" (4.9) and "Falling for Figaro" (4.8). In 2022 our 'gold coin' donations raised \$326.65 for the Anglican Board of Mission.

New members are welcome to become regulars or casual attendees. Contact convenor: *Les Milner 0416 090 143*



PASTORAL VISITORS

The scriptures encourage us to hear God saying to us: "Be still and know that I am God". The St Peter's Cathedral Pastoral Care Team helps in this stillness in Godly ways through a ministry of keeping company with those suffering, of phone calls, visits, the taking of Home Communion and the sending of cards. In 2022, cards were sent to those who are unwell or bereaved and, also, to those who are celebrating significant birthdays and other special occasions.

At its monthly meetings, the Pastoral Care Team reviews the prayer lists for those who are sick and, also, reviews the cathedral roll. Arrangements are made for new members of the community to be welcomed by a phone call or visit.

The members of the team are supportive of one another and find ways to encourage personal growth in the area of pastoral care. In 2022 during Lent, we walked the Voitre Marek wrought iron Stations of the Cross at St. Michael's Mitcham.

Roslyn Marley has been a member of the Pastoral Care Team of St Peter's Cathedral for over 25 years creating and working diligently on the Cathedral Card Ministry, sending more than two thousand cards during this time. Roslyn resigned from the team during 2022. We offer our heartfelt thanks to Roslyn for this most profound ministry.

Jenny Wilson

Canon Precentor

THE FRIENDS OF ST PETER'S CATHEDRAL



Things are starting to return to normal for the Friends of St Peter's Cathedral. Our programme in 2022 was filled with our usual activities and highlighted with a couple of 'specials'.

Stuart Langshaw, our patron, organised another Jolly Jaunt which took us to St Clement's, St George's Gawler and finished at St Cuthbert's. We enjoyed seeing around each of these churches, and learning a little of their histories, as well as getting to know folk we perhaps don't get to talk to in church.



Stuart, ably assisted by Greg Crawford, once again led us in our hymn singing evening. This is always a happy evening as we raise our voices in song and

munch cheese and mulled wine, but not all at once!

We held a fundraising event selling Hot Cross Buns from Kyton's bakery. The sale of Cathedral badges is an ongoing service, as is the collection of recycling through Thorntons. Stuart initiated a new activity, collecting bread bag tags which are recycled.

Our two highlights were both held to celebrate our 90th birthday. The first was an afternoon tea of the posh kind, with plenty of tea and coffee, fancy cups and saucers, savouries and little cakes to eat.



In a nod to the past some memorabilia was displayed also. The second was near the date of our 90th birthday where we had a large cake to share for morning tea, which was enjoyed by all. Bishop Chris read a short history of the Friends before the cake was cut and eaten.



Pamela Saint – Friends Vice Chair

MANAGING RESOURCES

CATHEDRAL CONSERVATION

While I have been heading up the conservation for three years, this is the first report I have made to the Vestry. Our responsibility has been to manage the Conservation of our cathedral building, in particular the 12-stage plan prepared by the Cathedral architect in 2016. At that time the work was costed at \$6.8 million.

Stage 1 (the roof over the organ) was done when the organ was shipped to UK in 2017-8. It was funded by the Diocese and Adelaide City Council ("ACC").

Stage 2 (the bracing of the Lantern) was done in 2020. This was also funded by the Diocese.

We had hoped that the Cathedral conservation might qualify as a Covid-Project in 2020-2022, and we approached both the Commonwealth and the SA Government without success; but we entered into an agreement with National Trust (SA) whereby donors would get a tax deduction for their gifts and in February 2022 we approached both our community and others in the community who had shown generosity to the Cathedral in the past.

In total in the past 18-24 months, we received \$164,000 from our community, from about 50 donors. In addition we received one very generous donation for \$1 million. At December 31 2022 we had \$955,000 in the National Trust

account, and we had paid \$120,000 on repairs and other conservation work.

As I write this, I am expecting work on the carpark-side lower roof with a cost of \$160,000 to commence. We will receive a grant of \$60,000 from ACC to assist with this work. Further, we have requested a quote for a complete replacement of the slates from the Lady Chapel around to the St Barnabas Gate. This quote will probably exceed the balance in the National Trust account, and further funding from the Government, ACC, the Diocese, or our community will have to be considered. We will keep the community informed.

This report is submitted on behalf of our committee, Rick Sawers and Don Donlan, and Marianne Judson, Chair of the Cathedral Property Committee.

Gerald Lipman

MEMORIAL GARDEN

During 2022, 6 licences were issued and 2 interments were carried out. A total of 133 licences have been issued.

Thank you to Ben Oborn for producing licenses, and John Densley and James Christel for their maintenance of the Memorial Garden and fish pond.

Robyn Shilcock

FLOWER GUILD

During November and early December the guild members were busy with wedding arrangements, 6 weddings in 6 weeks, resulting in white flowers during Advent.

The Christmas tree looked lovely, thanks to Emma and Marco for their decorating efforts.

The Cathedral was still filled with impressive flower arrangements during the Christmas period, supplied by the congregation and community. Special thanks to Elspeth Harley, Julie Doherty and Agnes Ho who coordinated and maintained those arrangements.

The Flower Guild members continue to deliver impressive arrangements at the Nave Altar and the Lady Chapel, often for special events,

Thank you all.

Lorna Horton



ARCHIVES

We continued as normal in difficult times. Items keep appearing. A large collection of documents regarding the Servers has arrived and is awaiting cataloguing. We, Dr Sampson and I, are hoping to have completed a catalogue of our historical art works and historical photographs in this half year. We are planning to mount a small display of historical pictures of the cathedral by St Peter's Day and for it to be on display until the end of July.

It has been noted that we do not have photographs of the shields or coats of arms on the ends of the pews. A project waiting for a generous photographer. It has also been noted that we do not have a useful document specifically about the reredos and a start on this has been made.

Brian White - Cathedral Archivist

BRASS CLEANING

Cleaning the brass is a satisfying way to contribute to the life and ceremony of the Cathedral behind the scenes and in the quiet of the Cathedral's week - although people on the Friday bus tour are often interested and stop and talk to us.

The team is in dire need of more members. We would love to welcome some more polishers on the roster to enjoy this task, men or women - the work is not strenuous. It takes about an hour each week - a little longer with a break for coffee and biscuit!

Penny Gent

NEEDLEWORK GUILD

The first meeting of 2022 was in February. Our esteemed convenor/organiser, Airlie Black, resigned from the role; after much discussion, Margaret Evans and Jean Simon stepped up to become the Co-Convenors and together have overseen several projects during 2022. Airlie still continues to be a much-valued member of the Guild.

Sacristan Larissa Bailey was able to come to a meeting early in the year and we have been very grateful for her direction during this transition year.

Projects undertaken during 2022 include:

- Repairs to various vestments
- Embroidery on Purificators and Credence Table cloths
- Cross stitched bookmarks – available in the Cathedral Shop (note that this is a ‘production line’ with – fringer, stitcher, backer and packer, so a real team effort)
- New backing attached to the purple High Altar Frontal. This was the main project for the year, and again was a real team effort.



Fabric has also been purchased to make a start on making new altar covers, beginning with the High Altar. Measuring has already been undertaken as well as some cutting, so that work can begin as early as possible in 2023.

The past 2 or 3 years have been challenging, but we have a small, dedicated group of 8 workers who use their skills to achieve what is required. We would love to welcome new members at any time – we meet from 10am on the 4th Monday of the month and finish at 12 noon.

We would like to thank everyone who supports us. Special mention must go to The Rev'd Canon Jenny Wilson, for being the connection between the Guild and the Cathedral.

We cannot finish this report without another very special mention: two of our long-standing members, Airlie Black and Isobel Eastick, have stepped back a little this year although they both continue to undertake sewing projects as they arise. Between them they have a wealth of knowledge both in their craft and in the history of the St Peter's Needlework Guild, and we would be lost without them. Thanks for all you have done over the years.

Jean Simon and Margaret Evans

Co-Convenors of the St Peter's Cathedral Needlework Guild



WORK, HEALTH & SAFETY

Ten Incident Reports were recorded during 2021, including three accidental falls and three incidents of fainting. Fortunately only one report resulted in a serious injury when a visitor fell and broke her wrist. The reports also include challenging behaviour from three visitors with mental health issues (the police were called on two occasions), and the theft of a bicycle.

Plans are in place for the Work Health and Safety Committee to review the Cathedral's policy and procedures during 2023.

Kevin Stracey

SAFE MINISTRY

Safe Ministry exists to ensure that our church environments, our spaces, leaders and culture, are safe. The Anglican Diocese of Adelaide aims to ensure that all people within its environments are free from harm or abuse. To achieve this, the Diocese has in place a Safe Ministry 'clearance' process, consisting of screening and online training. This applies to all clergy, those licensed by the Bishop, paid church workers, and volunteers serving in any prescribed capacity within a church or related entity.

St Peter's Cathedral participates fully in this process, and there are currently 49 staff and volunteers in the parish holding a Safe Ministry clearance, with a number of others in the process of screening and training. A list of those holding a clearance is displayed in the Cathedral office.

Kevin Stracey
Interim Safe Ministry Co-ordinator

PROPERTY

The Property Committee was re-activated in August 2022 and a team of willing workers is growing in numbers. Regular maintenance schedules are being re-established after the upheaval of Covid and staffing changes in the office.

There are now regular working bees every Wednesday afternoon and every second Saturday morning to augment the work of the garden contractor and maintenance and repairs. Work is varied and interesting and volunteers offering skills and muscle are encouraged to join the team. Particular focus has been on upgrading safety issues, clearing the Cathedral storm-water drainage system and keeping the grounds attractive, neat and tidy. A team is currently repainting edges to the steps inside and outside the Cathedral. Roof gutters are due to be cleaned and the next stage of slate re-roofing scheduled from the end of February to June 2023.

Marianne Judson

Chair, Property Committee



Left: Members of the Pastoral Care Team walked the Voitre Marek wrought iron Stations of the Cross at St. Michael's Mitcham in Lent

Below: EfM mentor Susie Clarke (right) presenting certificates to (from left):

Mary Vandeppeer
Jennifer Train
Denise Stephenson
Coraine Sopru
Tim Neill
Jane Bodley



Above: Coraine Sopru and Tim Neill completed the 4-year EfM course in 2022, and were presented with their certificates during a service.



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