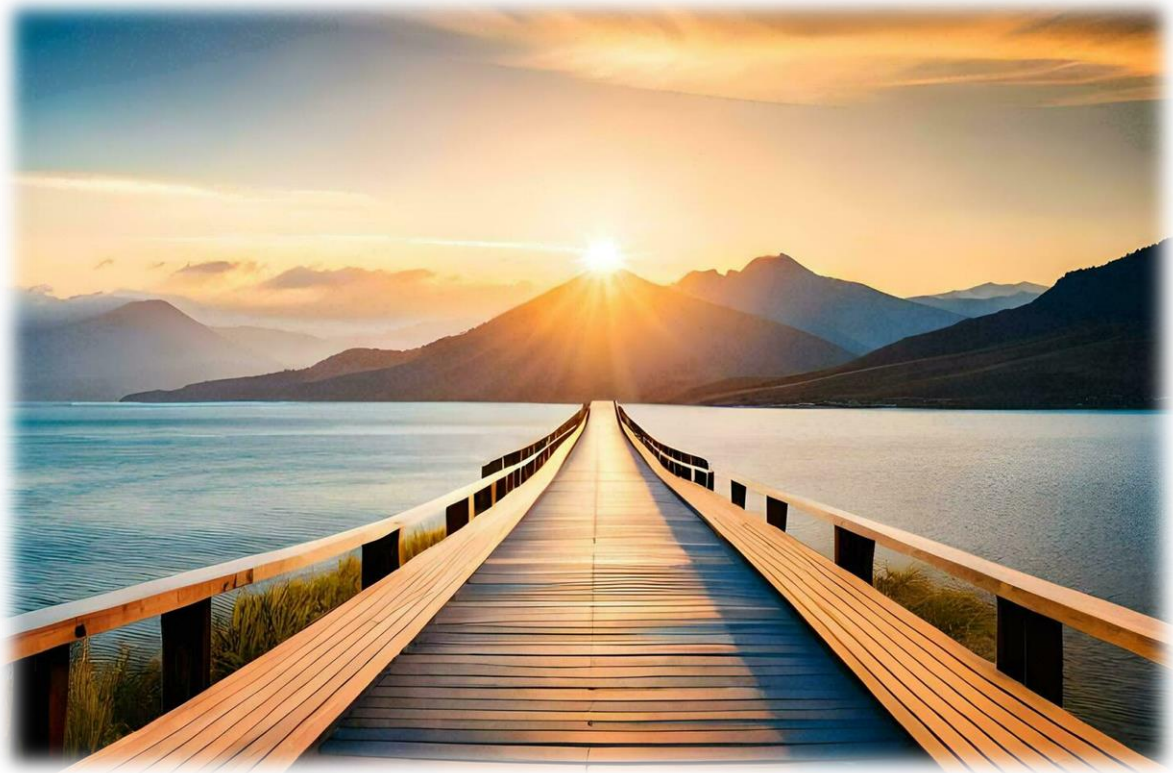


**Anglican Parish  
of  
Moe Newborough**



**Annual Reports 2025**

**Annual Meeting  
St Aidan's, Newborough  
23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025  
After 10am Service**

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# Minutes for Annual General Meeting

November 17<sup>th</sup> 2024

**Meeting opened: 11.30 am**

**Attendees:** Sue Jacka (Chairperson) plus those named on circulated sheets:

**Apologies:** Jeanette Ringin, Nancye Goodman, Judith Smyk, Pauline Arrowsmith, Coral Mc Culloch

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on November 18<sup>th</sup> 2023, was made by Russell Savige and seconded by Julie Bruce. Carried

**Annual Financial Report and 2023-2024 budget and projected budget 2024- 2025**

As circulated plus the addition that the audit requires completion. The time fraction for our new priest will be 0.7.

Moved that the financial report and budget be accepted and approved: Janet Misiurka seconded by Marizel Gatica-Charles Carried

**Diocesan Assessment:** Set at 11%. Moved that this assessment be accepted: Janet Misiurka Seconded by Marizel Gatica -Charles Carried

**Reports:**

**Parish Council:** As circulated. Received on the motion of Julie Bruce Seconded: Helen Davis

**Wardens' report:** As circulated. Received on the motion of Susan Lendon Seconded Helen Davis

**Op shops' report:** As circulated. Received on the motion of Gwyneth Jones Seconded Stephen Heath

**Listening Post Drop in Centre Report:** As circulated. Received on the motion of Janet Misiurka Seconded: Glenis Schulz

**Mothers' Union Report:** As circulated. Received on the motion of Gwyneth Jones Seconded: Barbara Harvey

**Prayer and Meditation Group:** As circulated. Received on the motion of Mary Nicholls Seconded: Marizel Gatica-Charles

**Parish website report:** As circulated

Moved that the parish reports be accepted and approved; Janet Misiurka Seconded Russell Savige. Carried

**Number of Parish Councillors: (No election required)**

**3 Synod Reps:** Janet Misiurka, Beryl Brien, Gwyneth Jones (Supplementary)

**3 wardens:** Susan Lendon, Marizel Gatica-Charles, Helen Davis

**6 parish councillors** Russell Savige, Glenis Schulz, Gwyneth Jones, Stephen Heath, Barbara Harvey, Julie Bruce

**Appointment of auditors for the coming year.** After discussion, it was resolved that the current auditors, Susan Bechaz and Karen Ridley, would continue in their roles. The decision to retain these auditors was agreed upon by those present. Moved by Janet Misiurka. Seconded Beryl Brien . Carried

**TGA Representative:** Julie Bruce was nominated by Helen Davis Seconded by David Bruce. Carried.

**Any Other Business:**

- The need to upgrade the toilet facilities at St Aidan's to make them accessible for all was put forward. It was suggested that the trust fund could be utilised to finance the improvements. A staged masterplan would result in refurbishment of facilities.

- The current sound system requires a comprehensive review to ensure it meets the needs of all parishioners. Consideration should be given to the installation of hearing loops or similar assistive technologies to enhance accessibility for individuals with hearing impairments. This upgrade would ensure that everyone is able to fully participate in services and events held at St Aidan's.
- Beryl Brien agreed to take on the role of Mission Secretary for the parish. This appointment was welcomed and noted during the meeting.
- There is a need for a person to represent the young people of the parish. Catherine Darmanin's name was put forward.
- The meeting accepted the ongoing composition of the Clergy Appointment Board. The current board members are Russell Savige, Marizel Gatica-Charles, and Janet Misiurka.  
(Stephen Heath, Supplementary) Moved: Gwyneth Jones Seconded Mary Nicholls

**Meeting closed at 1.45pm**

## Treasurer

Our finances can be summed up in one word 'Generosity.'

The generosity of all who contribute to the offertory and make donations in various ways.

The generosity of our volunteers and all who contribute to our highly successful Op Shops.

The generosity of various benefactors over the years and this year an anonymous benefactor who gave \$30,000 to support the ministry of the Parish. We also received a grant of \$4000 from Anglicare for the Community Garden at St Luke's.

This Years finances have three stages of administration:

1. October to February when Jan Misiurka continued as Treasurer and there was steady growth for the year with a Net Income of \$20,544.32.
2. February to August with Rev'd Bruce Charles as Acting Treasurer assisted by Russell Savige and Stephen Heath, who managed the counting and banking of Parish Funds. This Stage included the arrival of Fr Giles and his family.
3. September and now continuing into the next fiscal year, where the Diocese, through the Finance Officer, Joseph Gormally, is exploring a different way to organise the finances of some Parishes to make the role of Treasurer less onerous. Jan became Finance Contact person for the Parish.

### **An overview of the Years Finances**

The financial Year concluded with a Total income of **\$227,950.82** and total expenses of **\$203,626.40** giving a net income of **\$24,324.42**. The previous year having a net income of **\$55,181.29** after a drawdown of \$183,015.15 from Trust Accounts to cover the costs of completing the renovations at 7 Anzac St Complex in Moe.

The end of year operating account balance was **\$92,533.25** which is **\$24,644.38** less than last year.

Our net income and reduced operating account balance, on face value could seem a cause for concern given that it only has 6 months of Stipend and Rectory Costs for our Priest in Charge and includes about \$19,000 interest from the trust accounts which we do not access. This is mitigated by at least \$60,000 of one-off expense which included:

### **Major Expenses**

1. **Purchase of a Parish Car** 31,785.33 ex GST. The Car, a GWM Havel Jolion Lux Hybrid. A hybrid, although more expensive, was chosen for its better fuel economy than a petrol equivalent, more than covering the initial higher purchase price, as well as being more environmentally friendly.

Although less established in the car market than a Toyota, for instance, a GWM was chosen for its price and 7-year unlimited warranty. The warranty being significant if there are any issues with a less established brand. This decision included advice from and through, the Registry.

2. **Sharp Photocopier** with folding and stapling capacity for \$7,350.00 ex GST. Choice of brand was a difficult decision given the similar features of the various brands. The new copier necessitated by the complete failure of the old copier that was 14 years old and had some costly repairs prior to the failure.
3. **Upgrading the Sound System** at St Aidan's with three new top-quality microphones, one of which being a lapel microphone. Two of these microphones were generously donated, one in memory of Elsie Stayches. Upgrade about \$2,000 after donations.
4. **IT Expenses** of around \$4000 for a laptop and tablet for the Priest in Charge and a laptop for the Op Shops.
5. **Major Maintenance expenses** of approximately \$12,000 including the Rectory, St Aidan's, 33 William Street and a new air conditioner at the Madge Vinnell Centre (MVC).
6. **Rectory Furnishing** of \$8,212.78 less \$2,892.25 of generous donations. A total cost of \$5,320.53

Without these expenses and excluding item 5, these expenses would have amounted to about \$50,000, our net income for the year would have been about \$70,000, which is very encouraging.

#### **Overview of Income**

Our Income is relatively stable.

Total Offertory was **\$37,305.50** (\$3,100 per month), an increase of **\$2,513.40**.

Three generous Memorial donations were given in memory of Judith Jackson, Shirley Ryan and as already mentioned, Elsie Stayches.

The income from our three Op Shops continues to be the backbone of our Parish income. The Op shop's income of **\$102,409.30** (\$8534 per month) was virtually the same as last year but the net of **\$77,321.47** (\$6,443.46 per month) was \$15,000 less due to higher expenses. Thanks to Gwyneth Jones and then Stephen Heath who took over as acting manager after Gwyneth went to Perth for some time due to family matters; and to Glenis Shulz and all our amazing volunteers. Please note Stephen's Op Shop report.

Rental income is less at the rectory is no longer rented out.

#### **The Budget**

Thanks to the residue of the money from last year from the ministry support donation and the Anglicare Grant, we are able to budget for a surplus of \$23,000 for the coming year. This is much smaller when factoring in the \$20,000 of interest for the trust funds. The fact that we can budget for any surplus given we will have a full year of ministry costs for Fr. Giles, is an achievement. (See Notes after P & L and Budget)

Our thanks to the Church Wardens, who have to respond to immediate maintenance and other requirements sometimes involving significant amounts of money; the Parish Councillors in their various considerations, including important financial matters; Russell Savige and Stephen Heath who continue to count and bank all offertory and Op shop money and the Diocese, Registry Staff, Joseph Gormally in this current phase of Parish Financial Administration.

We pray that the budget will be an accurate assessment of the finances for the coming year.

These financial reports are in the process of being audited and may be subject to minor changes and made available once completed.

Jan Misiurka (former Treasurer and currently Finance Contact person for the Parish)  
and Bruce Charles (former acting Treasurer)

**Moe - Newborough Anglican Parish**  
**Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison**  
As of September 30, 2025

	Sep 30, 25	Sep 30, 24
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		
Current Assets		
Chequing/Savings		
1-1000 · NAB Bank Account		
1-1010 · Moe-Newborough Parish Council	85,961.31	111,562.96
1-1015 · Listening Post	2,934.67	5,614.67
1-1020 · Community Garden - Grant	3,637.27	0.00
Total 1-1000 · NAB Bank Account	92,533.25	117,177.63
1-3000 · Op Shop Floats		
1-3030 · Moe Op Shop	100.00	100.00
Total 1-3000 · Op Shop Floats	100.00	100.00
1-5000 · Petty Cash		
1-5020 · Newborough Op Shop	50.00	50.00
1-5040 · Moe Op Shop	100.00	100.00
Total 1-5000 · Petty Cash	150.00	150.00
2-1000 · Trust/ADF Accounts		
2-1015 · 40762 - Moe Endowment	1,969.55	1,920.97
2-1020 · 40763 - Betty Cooper Memorial	4,951.42	4,829.29
2-1025 · 40764 - Moe Investment Acct	25,038.63	24,421.06
2-1030 · 40765 - D & M Buxton	11,168.49	10,893.02
2-1035 · 40766 - John Leckey Bequest	7,605.59	7,418.00
2-1040 · 40767 - Nora Ellen O'Reilly Est	5,184.03	5,056.17
2-1045 · 40768 - Nora Ellen O'Reilly Est	138.87	135.45
2-1050 · 40770 - Hill End Sale	11,610.13	11,323.77
2-1055 · 41379 - Estate WFJ Adams	339,614.17	331,237.69
2-1060 · 41396 - Roger Doyle Bequest	214,868.01	209,568.35
2-1080 · 40813 - General Reserve Fund	113,104.89	110,315.20
2-1085 · 40814 - Walhalla Land Sale	1,106.67	1,079.37
2-1090 · 40899 - Ang Parish of Moe-Newb	48,155.19	47,155.34
2-1100 · 41498 - Ministry Support	27,005.86	0.00
Total 2-1000 · Trust/ADF Accounts	811,521.50	765,353.68
Total Chequing/Savings	904,304.75	882,781.31
Total Current Assets	904,304.75	882,781.31
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>904,304.75</b>	<b>882,781.31</b>
<b><u>LIABILITIES</u></b>		
Current Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities		
6-1000 · Tax Payable / GST Refund	-2,324.16	-1,291.18
6-5000 · Trinity Fees	-1,768.00	0.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	-4,092.16	-1,291.18
Total Current Liabilities	-4,092.16	-1,291.18
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>-4,092.16</b>	<b>-1,291.18</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>908,396.91</b>	<b>884,072.49</b>
<b><u>EQUITY</u></b>		
7-1000 · Opening Bal Equity	626,782.86	626,782.86
7-1010 · Retained Earnings	257,289.63	385,123.49
Net Income	24,324.42	-127,833.86
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>908,396.91</b>	<b>884,072.49</b>

## Moe - Newborough Anglican Parish Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison October 2024 through September 2025

	Oct 2024 - Sep 2025	Oct 2023 - Sep 2024	Budget 2025 - 2026
<b>Income</b>			
<b>8-1000 · Offertory</b>			
8-1010 · Direct Deposit	13,460.00	12,175.00	13,500.00
8-1020 · Sunday Services	23,845.50	22,617.10	24,000.00
<b>Total 8-1000 · Offertory</b>	<b>37,305.50</b>	<b>34,792.10</b>	<b>37,500.00</b>
<b>8-2000 · Rental Income</b>			
8-2010 · 49 South Street	5,211.43	23,769.76	
8-2020 · William Street	17,437.13	15,641.80	22,360.00
<b>Total 8-2000 · Rental Income</b>	<b>22,648.56</b>	<b>39,411.56</b>	<b>22,360.00</b>
<b>8-3000 · Opportunity Shop</b>			
8-3010 · Australian Clothing	1,475.50	2,919.60	1,500.00
8-3020 · Lifeline	0.00	186.00	
8-3030 · Newborough	19,524.31	24,037.66	20,000.00
8-3040 · Yallourn North	40,948.84	46,993.13	41,000.00
8-3050 · Moe	40,460.65	28,086.67	43,000.00
<b>Total 8-3000 · Opportunity Shop</b>	<b>102,409.30</b>	<b>102,223.06</b>	<b>105,500.00</b>
<b>8-4000 · Services</b>			
8-4010 · Baptisms	150.00		
8-4020 · Funerals	2,155.00	700.00	500.00
<b>Total 8-4000 · Services</b>	<b>2,305.00</b>	<b>700.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>
<b>8-4500 · Bequests</b>	30,000.00		0.00
<b>8-5000 · Donations Received</b>			
8-5010 · General	1,805.00		1,000.00
8-5020 · Specific Purpose	0.00	1,000.00	
8-5040 · Walhalla	0.00	157.40	
8-5050 · Foodbank	872.15		800.00
8-5060 · In Memory of Judith Jackson	500.00		
8-5070 · Rectory Furnishings	2,892.25		
8-5080 · Motisi Family	20.00		
8-5090 · In Memory of Shirley Buxton	550.00		
8-5100 · Rose Trees	210.00		
<b>Total 8-5000 · Donations Received</b>	<b>6,849.40</b>	<b>1,157.40</b>	<b>1,800.00</b>
<b>8-6000 · Fundraising</b>			
8-6010 · Catering	500.00		550.00
8-6020 · Shrove Tuesday	277.00		250.00
<b>Total 8-6000 · Fundraising</b>	<b>777.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>800.00</b>
<b>8-7000 · Grants</b>			
8-7010 · Anglicare Partnership	4,000.00		0.00
<b>Total 8-7000 · Grants</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>8-8000 · Interest Income - Trust Accts</b>	19,600.06	18,837.61	20,000.00
<b>8-9000 · Sundry Income</b>			
8-9010 · 7 Anzac Street re-development		857.37	
8-9020 · Insurance Claim		1,628.55	
8-9030 · Study Books	244.00		250.00
8-9040 · Mens Breakfast	15.00		
<b>Total 8-9000 · Sundry Income</b>	<b>259.00</b>	<b>2,485.92</b>	<b>250.00</b>

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**Moe - Newborough Anglican Parish**  
**Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison**  
October 2024 through September 2025

	Oct 2024 - Sep 2025	Oct 2023 - Sep 2024	Budget 2025 - 2026
<b>8-9500 · Missions Income</b>			
8-9510 · ABM	411.00	105.00	400.00
8-9520 · Christmas Bowl	115.00		200.00
8-9530 · General / Other Missions	770.00	45.00	500.00
8-9540 · Aboriginal Ministry Fund	0.00	118.10	125.00
8-9550 · Biggest Morning Tea	0.00	765.00	
8-9560 · World Day of Prayer	501.00		0.00
<b>Total 8-9500 · Missions Income</b>	<b>1,797.00</b>	<b>1,033.10</b>	<b>1,225.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>227,950.82</b>	<b>200,640.75</b>	<b>189,935.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
<b>9-1000 · Administration</b>			
9-1020 · Bookkeeping Fees	1,500.00	960.00	1,500.00
9-1030 · IT Expenses & Subscriptions	5,699.96	1,189.09	5,000.00
9-1040 · Postage & PO Box Rental	164.55	158.18	250.00
9-1050 · Printing and Stationery	1,058.96	589.60	3,600.00
9-1060 · Telephone & Internet	708.34	456.84	700.00
9-1080 · Advertising	272.73	272.73	600.00
<b>Total 9-1000 · Administration</b>	<b>9,404.54</b>	<b>3,626.44</b>	<b>11,650.00</b>
<b>9-1500 · Worship / Ministry Expenses</b>			
9-1510 · Candles, Wafers & Wine	769.87	551.13	800.00
9-1520 · Lectionary	195.00	143.00	200.00
9-1530 · Offering envelopes	400.00	292.00	400.00
9-1540 · Epray, CCLI, Licencing, etc	338.09	333.73	380.00
9-1550 · Hospitality & Kitchen Supplies		325.89	
9-1560 · Study Books - Lent/Advent	236.50	141.82	250.00
9-1570 · Childrens Ministry	62.41		250.00
9-1580 · Ministry Resources	25.00		250.00
9-1590 · AV / Audio Expenses	2,397.61		400.00
9-1600 · Funeral expenses & refunds	1,600.00		500.00
<b>Total 9-1500 · Worship / Ministry Expenses</b>	<b>6,024.48</b>	<b>1,787.57</b>	<b>3,430.00</b>
<b>9-2000 · Outreach</b>			
9-2010 · Discretionary Food Relief			500.00
9-2020 · The Listening Post			600.00
9-2021 · Advertising & Signage		210.00	
<b>Total 9-2020 · The Listening Post</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>210.00</b>	<b>600.00</b>
<b>Total 9-2000 · Outreach</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>210.00</b>	<b>1,100.00</b>
<b>9-3000 · Bishop in Council</b>			
9-3010 · Parish Contribution	18,472.19	18,665.68	20,000.00
9-3020 · Insurance	9,301.52	9,366.48	9,500.00
9-3030 · TGA Newspaper	1,080.00	954.00	1,100.00
9-3040 · Synod Expenses	270.00	202.50	300.00
<b>Total 9-3000 · Bishop in Council</b>	<b>29,123.71</b>	<b>29,188.66</b>	<b>30,900.00</b>

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**Moe - Newborough Anglican Parish**  
**Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison**  
October 2024 through September 2025

	Oct 2024 - Sep 2025	Oct 2023 - Sep 2024	Budget 2025 - 2026
<b>9-3500 · Rector Costs</b>			
9-3510 · Stipend	22,368.79		46,218.96
9-3520 · Travel & Benefits	714.30		500.00
9-3530 · Long Service leave	514.50		1,234.80
9-3540 · Superannuation	2,555.37		5,599.56
9-3560 · Conference / Retreat / PD	3,390.59		4,500.00
9-3570 · Locum Ministry	3,026.42	7,332.40	400.00
9-3580 · Health Insurance	2,317.04		3,475.56
9-3590 · Supervision	125.00		300.00
9-3600 · Mobile Phone	327.08		672.00
<b>Total 9-3500 · Rector Costs</b>	<b>35,339.09</b>	<b>7,332.40</b>	<b>62,900.88</b>
<b>9-4000 · Rector's Vehicle Expenses</b>			
9-4010 · Fuel	721.17		1,500.00
9-4020 · Insurance			
9-4030 · Registration			780.00
9-4040 · Repairs & Maintenance	257.18		450.00
9-4060 · Depreciation			6,600.00
<b>Total 9-4000 · Rector's Vehicle Expenses</b>	<b>978.35</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>9,330.00</b>
<b>9-4500 · Rectory Expenses</b>			
9-4510 · Electricity	622.93	122.93	3,000.00
9-4520 · Gas	1,884.46	54.88	6,000.00
9-4530 · Water Usage & Rates	624.85		1,200.00
9-4530 · Shire Rates			
9-4550 · Repairs & Maintenance	3,877.49		4,000.00
9-4560 · Furnishings	9,400.05		
9-4570 · Telephone & Internet	427.72		1,140.00
9-4580 · Miscellaneous	20.00		
<b>Total 9-4500 · Rectory Expenses</b>	<b>16,857.50</b>	<b>177.81</b>	<b>15,340.00</b>
<b>9-5000 · Parish Utilities</b>			
<b>9-5100 · St Luke, Moe</b>			
9-5110 · Electricity - Church & Hall	1,430.47	1,898.06	1,000.00
9-5120 · Gas	0.00	79.80	
9-5130 · Water Usage & Rates	1,430.20	1,830.24	900.00
9-5140 · Shire Rates	716.85	550.80	750.00
<b>Total 9-5100 · St Luke, Moe</b>	<b>3,577.52</b>	<b>4,358.90</b>	<b>2,650.00</b>
<b>9-5200 · St Aidan, Newborough</b>			
9-5210 · Electricity	707.44	1,018.36	1,000.00
9-5220 · Gas	0.00	69.19	
9-5230 · Water Usage & Rates	845.63	945.27	1,000.00
9-5240 · Shire Rates	698.60	652.36	700.00
<b>Total 9-5200 · St Aidan, Newborough</b>	<b>2,251.67</b>	<b>2,685.18</b>	<b>2,700.00</b>
<b>9-5300 · St James, Yallourn Nth</b>			
9-5310 · Electricity	333.71	375.22	460.00
9-5330 · Water Usage & Rates	814.29	527.14	1,000.00
9-5340 · Shire Rates	282.95	245.41	300.00
<b>Total 9-5300 · St James, Yallourn Nth</b>	<b>1,430.95</b>	<b>1,147.77</b>	<b>1,760.00</b>
<b>9-5400 · St John, Walhalla</b>			
9-5410 · Electricity	90.25	256.14	150.00
9-5440 · Shire Rates	499.70	452.45	500.00
<b>Total 9-5400 · St John, Walhalla</b>	<b>589.95</b>	<b>708.59</b>	<b>650.00</b>

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**Moe - Newborough Anglican Parish**  
**Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison**  
October 2024 through September 2025

	<b>Oct 2024 - Sep 2025</b>	<b>Oct 2023 - Sep 2024</b>	<b>Budget 2025 - 2026</b>
<b>9-5500 · St Thomas, Erica</b>			
9-5530 · Water Usage & Rates			460.00
9-5540 · Shire Rates	281.25	243.86	300.00
<b>Total 9-5500 · St Thomas, Erica</b>	<b>281.25</b>	<b>243.86</b>	<b>760.00</b>
<b>9-5600 · St Lukes Hall Land</b>			
9-5630 · Water Rates	269.28		
9-5640 · Shire Rates	1,614.90	2,243.30	
<b>Total 9-5600 · St Lukes Hall Land</b>	<b>1,884.18</b>	<b>2,243.30</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total 9-5000 · Parish Utilities</b>	<b>10,015.52</b>	<b>11,387.60</b>	<b>8,520.00</b>
<b>9-6000 · Rental Property Expenses</b>			
<b>9-6100 · 49 South Street</b>			
9-6110 · Management Fees	401.27	1,441.44	
9-6120 · Repairs & Maintenance	665.90	3,000.43	
9-6140 · Water	0.00	785.02	
9-6150 · Shire Rates	0.00	671.32	
<b>Total 9-6100 · 49 South Street</b>	<b>1,067.17</b>	<b>5,898.21</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>9-6200 · 33 William Street</b>			
9-6210 · Management Fees	1,342.33	974.74	1,400.00
9-6220 · Repairs & Maintenance	6,018.93	1,261.70	3,000.00
9-6240 · Water	814.29	785.02	950.00
9-6250 · Shire Rates	563.00	518.91	600.00
<b>Total 9-6200 · 33 William Street</b>	<b>8,738.55</b>	<b>3,540.37</b>	<b>5,950.00</b>
<b>Total 9-6000 · Rental Property Expenses</b>	<b>9,805.72</b>	<b>9,438.58</b>	<b>5,950.00</b>
<b>9-7000 · Repairs &amp; Maintenance</b>			
9-7010 · Minor Equipment	191.29	322.32	1,000.00
9-7020 · Equipment Repairs	923.64	984.55	2,500.00
9-7030 · St Luke, Moe	1,633.63	3,802.32	1,500.00
9-7040 · St Aidan, Newborough	4,280.84	3,563.03	1,500.00
9-7050 · St James, Yallourn North	56.18	314.82	1,000.00
9-7080 · Madge Vinnell Centre	3,201.55	225.00	250.00
9-7100 · Cleaning	1,725.50		3,302.00
<b>9-7200 · Gardens &amp; Grounds</b>			
9-7210 · St Luke, Moe	4,827.92	5,050.47	1,500.00
9-7220 · St Aidan, Newborough	886.37	1,115.00	1,500.00
9-7230 · St James, Yallourn North	750.00	750.00	750.00
<b>Total 9-7200 · Gardens &amp; Grounds</b>	<b>6,464.29</b>	<b>6,915.47</b>	<b>3,750.00</b>
<b>Total 9-7000 · Repairs &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>18,476.92</b>	<b>16,127.51</b>	<b>14,802.00</b>
<b>9-7500 · Grant Expenditure</b>			
9-7510 · Community Garden	362.73		3,637.00
<b>Total 9-7500 · Grant Expenditure</b>	<b>362.73</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,637.00</b>
<b>9-8000 · Opportunity Shops</b>			
<b>9-8100 · Combined Shop Expenses</b>			
9-8110 · Staff Amenities / Thank you	1,401.36	489.54	1,500.00
9-8120 · Operating Expenses	1,164.41	785.68	1,200.00
9-8130 · Minor Equipment	45.82	278.43	500.00
9-8140 · Cost of Goods		56.11	
9-8150 · Trailer Expenses	67.06		70.00
<b>Total 9-8100 · Combined Shop Expenses</b>	<b>2,678.65</b>	<b>1,609.76</b>	<b>3,270.00</b>
9-8250 · Foodbank	722.15		

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**Moe - Newborough Anglican Parish**  
**Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison**  
October 2024 through September 2025

	Oct 2024 - Sep 2025	Oct 2023 - Sep 2024	Budget 2025 - 2026
<b>9-8300 · Newborough Shop</b>			
9-8310 · Bank / EFTPOS Fees	217.83	167.67	240.00
9-8320 · Operating Expenses	21.82	267.66	450.00
9-8330 · Minor Equipment	27.27	560.71	50.00
9-8350 · Repairs & Maintenance	112.36	375.91	200.00
9-8360 · Rent	7,384.00	5,420.31	7,800.00
9-8370 · Electricity	532.34	560.69	800.00
9-8380 · Water	1,038.14	891.04	1,100.00
9-8390 · Shire Rates	770.60	838.45	850.00
9-8400 · Insurance	1,773.46		1,900.00
<b>Total 9-8300 · Newborough Shop</b>	<b>11,877.82</b>	<b>9,082.44</b>	<b>13,390.00</b>
<b>9-8500 · Yallourn North Shop</b>			
9-8510 · Bank / EFTPOS Fees	454.52	434.62	460.00
9-8520 · Operating Expenses	0.00	177.84	450.00
9-8530 · Minor Equipment	20.64	50.62	50.00
9-8550 · Repairs & Maintenance	299.82	40.91	500.00
9-8560 · Rent	600.00	535.00	660.00
9-8570 · Electricity	254.42	917.84	800.00
9-8580 · Water	843.17	808.27	900.00
9-8590 · Shire Rates	662.40	623.50	700.00
<b>Total 9-8500 · Yallourn North Shop</b>	<b>3,134.97</b>	<b>3,588.60</b>	<b>4,520.00</b>
<b>9-8700 · Moe Shop</b>			
9-8710 · Bank / EFTPOS Fees	426.41	237.90	460.00
9-8720 · Operating Expenses	38.68	462.65	100.00
9-8730 · Minor Equipment	140.90	316.10	150.00
9-8750 · Repairs & Maintenance	355.00	1,182.87	400.00
9-8755 · Gardens & Grounds	750.00	36.36	750.00
9-8765 · Telephone	850.08		860.00
9-8770 · Electricity	1,525.78	1,930.91	1,600.00
9-8780 · Water	850.39	829.29	860.00
9-8790 · Shire Rates	862.20	914.60	870.00
9-8800 · Laptop & IT Expenses	874.80		
9-8850 · Re-Devoplement Expenses			
9-8860 · Shop Fit Out	0.00	4,996.89	
9-8870 · Repair Build (Building renos)	0.00	212,943.73	
<b>Total 9-8850 · Re-Devoplement Expenses</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>217,940.62</b>	
<b>Total 9-8700 · Moe Shop</b>	<b>6,674.24</b>	<b>223,851.30</b>	<b>6,050.00</b>
<b>Total 9-8000 · Opportunity Shops</b>	<b>25,087.83</b>	<b>238,132.10</b>	<b>27,230.00</b>
<b>9-9000 · Major Projects / Expenses</b>			
9-9030 · Madge Vinnell Centre		4,168.75	
9-9040 · Trailer	0.00	3,045.46	
9-9050 · Motor Vehicle - Rector	31,785.33		
9-9060 · Sharp Photocopier	7,350.00		
<b>Total 9-9000 · Major Projects / Expenses</b>	<b>39,135.33</b>	<b>7,214.21</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>9-9300 · Sundry Expenses</b>			
9-9310 · Gifts	502.68	122.73	500.00
9-9330 · Insurance Excess	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
9-9340 · Interest Charges	0.00	40.90	
<b>Total 9-9300 · Sundry Expenses</b>	<b>502.68</b>	<b>1,163.63</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>

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**Moe - Newborough Anglican Parish**  
**Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison**  
October 2024 through September 2025

	<b>Oct 2024 - Sep 2025</b>	<b>Oct 2023 - Sep 2024</b>	<b>Budget 2025 - 2026</b>
<b>9-9500 · Mission Payments</b>			
9-9510 · ABM	511.00	380.00	400.00
9-9520 · Christmas Bowl	115.00		200.00
9-9530 · Aboriginal Ministry		118.10	150.00
9-9540 · BCA	100.00	300.00	150.00
9-9550 · CMS	100.00	300.00	150.00
9-9560 · Sparklit	200.00	300.00	150.00
9-9570 · Biggest Morning Tea	740.00	765.00	
9-9580 · Local Missions		525.00	
9-9590 · World Day of Prayer	501.00		
9-9600 · GHMF	245.00		100.00
<b>Total 9-9500 · Mission Payments</b>	<b>2,512.00</b>	<b>2,688.10</b>	<b>1,300.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>203,626.40</b>	<b>328,474.61</b>	<b>197,589.88</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>24,324.42</b>	<b>-127,833.86</b>	<b>-7,654.88</b>
<b>Plus: Drawdown of Trust fund reserves</b>	0.00	183,015.15	30,643.00
<b>Adjusted Net Income</b>	<b>24,324.42</b>	<b>55,181.29</b>	<b>22,988.12</b>

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Points of Note in the Budget.

1. Bequests is a ministry support account in the trust accounts.
2. Trust accounts interest.
3. printing and stationery probably \$1000 more.
4. Parish Assessment virtually same as last year.
5. Car depreciation based on amount paid to clergy for use of their own car. Gives some flexibility with the Budget.
6. Rectory and St Luke's Electricity miscategorised. Rectory Amount to September \$1,113.15. Hence budget amount.
7. As with 6. Needs adjustment
8. As with 7. Needs adjustment
9. Budget less than Last year as Darol Motisi will be mowing lawns.
10. Need to review as to how we can address rising costs for Op Shops.
11. Suggest review of Mission Giving

# Moe - Newborough Anglican Parish

## Missions

October 2024 through September 2025

	<u>Mission Donations</u>	<u>Mission Payments</u>
8-9510 · ABM	411.00	511.00
8-9520 · Christmas Bowl	115.00	115.00
8-9530 · General Missions	30.00	
9-9540 · BCA		100.00
9-9550 · CMS		100.00
9-9560 · Sparklit		200.00
9-9570 · Biggest Morning Tea	740.00	740.00
9-9600 · GHMF	245.00	245.00
8-9560 · World Day of Prayer	501.00	501.00
	<u>2,042.00</u>	<u>2,512.00</u>

**ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF GIPPSLAND  
PARISH SUPPORT  
FOR THE WORK OF THE DIOCESE  
IN 2026-27**

*(Based on parish income received in 2024-25 – see over)*

**PARISH/EPISCOPAL DISTRICT**

..... MOE-NEWBOROUGH .....(name)

**1. CALCULATION (See reverse side)**

<b>Net Parish Income for 2024-25</b>	<b>\$ 192,648.74</b>
(From item 2 on the reverse side)	

<b>Parish Contribution for 2026-27</b>	<b>\$ 23,599.47</b>
(Net parish income 2024-25 x 12.25%)	

**2. FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Please forward the following information to the Diocesan Registry:

- Balances of all parish bank accounts, including all entities and business activities such as op-shops, catering teams and Guilds as at **30 September 2025**.
- A copy of the audited financial statements laid before the 2025 annual meeting of parishioners, in accordance with s29B(2)(c) of the Parish Administration Act 1994.
- This form, completed.

By 15 December 2025.

Any questions may be directed to the Registrar, Ms. Rae Riley or the Deputy Registrar, the Rev'd Brian Norris on 5144 2044 or via email at [registrar@gippslandanglicans.org.au](mailto:registrar@gippslandanglicans.org.au).



**Brian Norris**  
**Deputy Registrar**

**CALCULATION OF 2024-25 NET PARISH INCOME**

1. **Total 2024-25 Parish Income as per Parish Income Statement** \$ 227,950.82

**DEDUCT THE FOLLOWING ONLY IF INCLUDED IN THE 2024-25 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT OF THE PARISH (i.e., the figure above):**

- ❖ Funds received and passed on to missionary bodies \$ 2,042.00
- ❖ Gifts from parishioners and others for specific purposes, e.g.:
  - ◆ building funds
  - ◆ debt reduction
  - ◆ land purchases
  - ◆ car and organ purchase \$ 4,172.25
- ❖ a diocesan grant \$ 4,000.00
- ❖ bequests received \$.....
- ❖ loans received \$.....
- ❖ withdrawals from trust funds held by the Trust Corporation \$.....
- ❖ withdrawals from parish reserves. \$.....
- ❖ diocesan allowances (Archdeacon, Regional Dean, etc.) \$ .....
- ❖ GST Refund \$.....
- ❖ Expenses associated with parish “businesses.”  
e.g., Op Shops provided that the gross income from these operations have been included in the income figure above \$ 25,087.83

2. **NET PARISH INCOME FOR 2024-25** **\$ 192,648.74**  
(Transfer to item 1 on other side)

**No deduction from income should be made for expenditure of any kind except for expenses relating to parish “business” operations provided that the gross income from these operations is included in the figure at the top of the page.**

*Parishes are requested to complete this form and return it to the Registrar by **15 December 2025***

# Parish Priest

## **Arrival from Papua New Guinea**

After a challenging wait to sort the travel documents we finally arrived at Moe Newborough on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March 2025. Thanks to everyone who contributed to helping us settle. The induction service was held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of April at St Aidan in the presence of Bp Richard, Bp Jeffrey and the clergy of the Diocese. A wonderful worship, Bp Jeffrey preached and lots of food. Thank you again to everyone who was involved.

## **Holy Week and Easter**

Arrival coincided with the busy liturgies of Holy Week and Easter, a busy time and for a priest who was new to the way things are done here. Thankfully, I managed to get through with the help of many parishioners. A wonderful Easter worship and finish with Lunch with Jan and Anton.

## **Winter Season**

The cold weather of Winter added to the struggles of settling into Moe/Newborough. Thanks to everyone for the warm clothes, blanket, for the heating in the house and many other forms of kindness we survived. The greatest gift you gave to us is the love of Christ you shared with us, the warm embraces and smiles and warm cups of tea something we will cherish even beyond our time here.

## **Parish Work**

**Worship** - There are slight differences with liturgies and getting used to doing them was a challenge. Thanks to Rev Bruce Charles, Rev John Morgan and Rev Jeff Richardson for guiding and making helpful comments even with the sermons.

**Funerals** – I had done more funerals here in a short time than my whole entire ministry. It is for me the most difficult task as a priest doing funerals. Thanks to Rev Bruce Charles who guided me and helped with the planning of all these funerals.

It was as I eventually came to realise a way of reaching out to the wider community. I came to meet a lot of people who are not church goers but know us as a church reaching out in their moment of need.

**Pastoral Visits**- Made a few visits to the care homes especially at the request of the care givers, praying with them and doing final rites. Again, visits to the Reginal Hospital for the sick with reserve communion and praying over the sick. Again, thanks to Rev Bruce Charles and to Graeme and Mary Nichols for their help in the visits.

## **Parish Council**

Thanks to Russel and the Parish council, the wardens and lay readers and all council members for the leadership role you held. The year had its challenges, the break in and thanks to the wardens who were quick to respond especially Susan and Jan. And others matter like finances and Land.

Thanks to Stephen Heath for taking on the Role at the OP shops when Gweneth left to attend to her brother in WA. And to those who are involved in this area as well as other areas of our parish life.

I also would like to encourage those who are involved with Bible study groups to continue and other prayer groups including the Silent Prayer and meditation group. These are very important to our parish spiritual life and health.

## **Study at Trinity**

At one point I asked myself why I had to put myself under so much pressure, but I also realised that the reason for my coming to Australia in the first place was for studies.

We came late for the first semester so I enrolled for the second semester and completed my first unit but if I go by one unit per semester, I may not be able to complete the course with the time I was given. Which means that I have to do two units per semester for two or three semesters to complete the course.

Thanks again to Rev Bruce Charles for showing us a bit of Melbourne city and especially helping in finding my way to Trinity. That has helped me attend a few face-to-face lectures and that is what I hope to do in the coming semester.

### **Family life and school for children**

Joana has now settled in well at St Paul Warragal and fast becoming an Aussie teenage girl. I do not even know whether that is good or bad. She made a big jump from Yr 4 to yr 7 which made us fear whether she will manage. But thankfully she had and continues to grow in confidence.

Darol has now started a course in computing with the Glen Institute and is attending lectures in Melbourne.

Julia is happy with MU, something she loved doing back home. And has been attending Bible studies with Barbara and Helen with women from the Baptist Church known as the KYB group. Thanks also to Julie Bruce for purchasing her a sewing machine which will keep her busy.

Thanks also to the parish for the piano from the late Judith Van Mariks family for Joana to help her with her piano classes.

### **Next year- what could we do**

Thanks to the Pastoral group who assure me of their commitment and support. We will strengthen the work of this group and meet regularly. We can do things but first we need to get the things we already have going well. Regular meetings with the Op Shop Volunteers are developing better understanding and cooperation. We would love to see more of that.

We have been reaching out to the care homes through Barbara and Helen, and we need a priest presence in a once a month visit to the care homes. This is an important part of our ministry especially those who are members of our church but could not come.

This also includes visits to the hospital and ministry to the dying and unfortunately, I cannot attend to emergencies all the time and may need help. Rev Bruce Charles has been assisting me and we are looking at how I can best be assisted in the future.

In worship, I hope to start having sung Evensong, more frequent Sung Eucharists and possibly, a more informal worship service and fellowship. Hopefully, this will bring in some young people.

I also hope to bring someone from PNG to help with how worship is done there that we can share.

It has been a learning curve for me and as someone said, you should listen. I did listen for the last few months, but to be honest I don't know whether I heard enough. But I hope to go ahead with what I heard.

It is my hope and prayer that Gods spirit will lead us in all that we do.

Fr Giles

## **Parish Council**

It is with gratitude and reflection that I present the Parish Council's Annual Report for the Moe–Newborough Anglican Church for the past year. This report aims to summarise the significant events, activities, and developments that have shaped our parish community since our last annual meeting.

It was with joy that our parish welcomed Father Giles Motisi, along with his wife Julia, their son Darol and daughter Joana. The arrival of Father Giles and his family in March marked the fulfilment of our prayers for a priest to guide and nurture our community. The induction service was indeed a great time of celebration. We are deeply grateful to Giles and his family for their willingness to engage with a new culture and embrace parish life at Moe–Newborough and to Bruce, Jan and the wardens as they engaged with the many projected and unforeseen issues which arose.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to the locum priests, Father John Morgan and Father Bruce Charles who so graciously supported us during the interregnum and continue to support the ministry of our church. Their willingness to lead our worship services provided guidance and continuity for our parish community in a time of transition.

Our regular worship services have continued to be the cornerstone of parish life. Weekly Sunday services are held mainly at Newborough with occasional services at Yallourn North. Wednesday services are held at St Lukes' Moe, with special observances during Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Attendance has remained steady, and we are grateful for the commitment of our clergy, lay readers, Helen, Jan, Barbara and Julie, musician Russell and volunteers who help make each service meaningful.

We are fortunate to have a dedicated team of individuals who assist parishioners with transport to and from church services, ensuring that all who wish to can participate in worship and community activities. This commitment to inclusivity strengthens the bonds within our parish and helps maintain a sense of belonging among members.

Our pastoral care worker, Jeanette, plays an essential role in encouraging and supporting parishioners as needs arise. Through her compassionate approach, she offers a listening ear and practical help whenever possible.

Our church remains deeply committed to engaging with the local community, providing ongoing support and nurturing meaningful connections through a variety of initiatives. Our monthly newsletter and our website with recordings from our services are wonderful ways of developing connections across our parish and beyond. We have been able to assist those in need through the continued provision of food, which is made available at both our Op Shops and the Madge Vinnell Centre with financial support from the men's Breakfast group. Notably, the Listening Post, Get Out for Good program and Mothers' Union have played significant roles in these efforts, offering practical assistance and connection with individuals and families facing hardship.

In addition to material support, we place great value on fostering fellowship and spiritual growth within our parish. The Men's Breakfast and the Prayer and Meditation Group serve as important opportunities for parishioners and others to come together, build relationships and support one another on their faith journeys.

At a consultative church meeting, parishioners met to initiate a church vision and mission statement, a continuing work in progress as we seek God's guidance together.

In addition to these ongoing programmes, our parish has participated in ecumenical events that bring together members of different denominations in a spirit of unity and shared purpose. Notably, we have taken part in Christmas celebrations and had the privilege of hosting the World Day of Prayer, further strengthening relationships within the wider faith community.

Our commitment to outreach extends beyond our immediate locality, as we continue to support both local missions, such as Lowanna Chaplaincy, as well as overseas missions. Mothers' Union actively supports both local and overseas initiatives. The Op Shops in Moe, Newborough and Yallourn North, run by a dedicated team of volunteers, have not only provided affordable goods to the community but also generated valuable funds to support parish activities. Heartfelt thanks to Glenis, Stephen, Gwyneth, Nicole, two Susans and Peter Lendon who direct the traffic, a huge responsibility.

The biggest Morning Tea in support of the Cancer Council was again a successful event as was the World Day of Prayer. Through these combined efforts, our church seeks to embody the values of compassion, generosity and partnership, making a positive impact both within and beyond our parish boundaries.

Routine maintenance and improvements have been carried out at all church sites, Moe, Newborough, Yallourn North and Walhalla and at other buildings including the former rectory at 33 William St, Newborough and the current rectory at 49 South St. Of particular interest was the upgrading and preparation of the St Lukes' rectory in readiness for the arrival of the Motisi family. We extend sincere thanks to the wardens, Susan, Marizel and Helen, our priests Bruce and John and all volunteers who assisted with working bees to support these projects.

The community garden behind St Lukes' is being regenerated with community grant money from Anglicare. Garden maintenance, across our parish apart from mowing, is an issue which needs addressing as our several garden spaces should reflect who we are, a community that cares.

The Treasurer's report provides a detailed account of parish finances. While we have faced some challenges due to rising costs, careful stewardship, a generous grant from an anonymous donor and the generosity of parishioners have ensured our continued financial stability. We extend our thanks to Bruce Charles and Jan Misiurka for their oversight of our finances with reference to the diocese for their work during these last months. The sale of the property at 4 Luke St was stressful through uncertainty about the sale proceeding and required much time and effort from our wardens. Decisions about the proceeds are an ongoing matter of negotiation with the diocese.

On behalf of the parish, I extend heartfelt thanks to our clergy, churchwardens, parish councillors and all those whose commitment and service have sustained our faith community throughout the year. Your contributions, whether seen or unseen, are deeply appreciated. I would like to extend my personal thanks to Bruce and Jan for their support with secretarial duties and to Jeanette for her encouragement throughout the year.

As our congregation ages, many members of the Parish Council are facing serious health issues and increased responsibilities as carers for family members. We need greater support to help us balance these challenges and to realistically plan for the future. Despite these difficulties, we remain dedicated to serving our Lord, looking forward to working together to achieve God-given vision and mission in Moe-Newborough. We pray for God's guidance and blessing on our shared ministry. May we continue to grow in faith, serve our community, and welcome all who seek fellowship and support in Christ's name.

Julie Bruce

Parish Secretary

Moe–Newborough Anglican Church

31/10/2025

## Church Wardens

A busy year with the emphasis on property management and maintenance. November 2024 saw us planning for the arrival of our new and long-awaited priest Father Giles Motisi and family and preparing the rectory in South St Moe (now untenanted) for his arrival. The cleaning done, we enjoyed purchasing white goods and acquiring furniture, linen and kitchen items, and many played a part in this. The main water line at the rectory was replaced after a major leak under the house and further work is needed on pipes showing corrosion.

The St Luke grounds and the memorial garden are regularly mown and weeded and the community garden at the rear has a whole new life with Spring plantings, new beds and a watering system attended by willing volunteers. The mower stored in St Lukes green shed is to be replaced.

Volunteers emptied and cleaned the hall at the property at 4 Luke Street and it was handed over to the new owners thus relieving us of further maintenance and the need for security.

St Aidan's saw a return of the small leaks in the roof after torrential rain, and these were attended to. So far all is well and the biannual check of roof and gutters is about to take place. While we were checking we saw the frames around the front stained-glass windows were suffering from age and weather so they will be on the agenda for future renovation. Thank you to those who tended the roses, cleaned up the dead lavenders and removed branches when needed, plus carting away the garden debris. The kitchen in St Aidan's acquired a new refrigerator, a much-needed appliance for morning tea and small catering occasions.

Again, St Aidan's was illegally entered, and the vestry was left with some damage and another replacement of keys.

The Williams Street property had a new shed roof and in the house the stove and a portion of ceiling need attention.

St James Yallourn North had an annual clean for the two main services of the year and the vestry steps had safety strips added and a new handrail plus a temporary replacement of a window ledge. There is more that needs to be repaired on the building's exterior plus painting.

St Thomas at Erica has been deconsecrated and a future sale of the property is anticipated with maintenance and safety issues being a concern meanwhile.

St Johns Walhalla continues to draw visitors, and the building and grounds are cleaned and maintained often. A prayer service in November and a wedding in July 2026 will see us up there regularly.

The Anzac St properties had illegal entries at both the Madge Vinell Centre with items stolen and the sorting shed where donated goods were thrown about and removed. New keys were cut for both and the sorting shed door made secure. Questions about the security of key safes have been raised. Further action is required to decide on a replacement side entry to the sorting shed for unloading goods and for safety- a quick exit.

The Church Wardens would like noted with appreciation and thanks, the tasks undertaken by others willingly and without fanfare. Many of these jobs fall under the jurisdiction of the Wardens and these include opening, heating or cooling, and security of buildings and ensuring that necessary items are in place for worship.

Susan Lendon on behalf of Wardens (Helen Davis, Marizel Gatica-Charles and Susan Lendon)

## Op Shops

Halfway through the year Gwyneth Jones, our seemingly tireless stores coordinator manager had to go to Perth on family business which led to Susan O'Brien and Stephen Heath acting as store managers for Moe and Newborough with Glenis Schulz still remaining at Yallourn North. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Gwyneth on behalf of all the volunteers for her leadership, wisdom, friendship and indomitable spirit, Gwyneth has been a true inspiration to all of us and we wish her every blessing after what has been a very challenging year. In the words of an old blessing "May the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord make his face to shine upon and be gracious unto you and give you his peace."

This might have been an overwhelming challenge for Susan and myself had we not have been very fortunate in having a wonderful team of dedicated and experienced Volunteers who have been able to carry on, working very well together, and making it such a pleasure to be part of the op shop crew and making the Op shop the success that it has been, a huge thank you one and all.

You only need to look at the financials to see what a contribution it is making to maintaining the parish and our broader mission to the community via our recycling efforts. Anyone who attends St Aidan's on a Sunday morning can't help but be struck by the masses of materials that come in on a weekly basis and which we need to sort through to stock our three shops in Moe, Newborough, and Yallourn North. Thank you to all who regularly come in and assist with sorting and pricing etc. I would also like to thank Susan and Peter Lendon who weekly take a trailer load of excess materials to the tip. We also provide materials to both Lifeline and Australian Recyclers (the latter pay us for this) as part of our recycling efforts.

Our food relief is now being run mainly from the Madge Vinell centre on Tuesdays and Fridays etc rather than from the Op Shops. We also like to work with other community groups when we are able, for example supplying books to annual book fairs at Sale and Yarragon etc. Up to now these have been modest efforts but they represent the sort of thing we might be able to develop in the future.

An ongoing dilemma is our inability to gain further volunteers to help with the op shops especially Newborough. At the moment we can just cover ourselves for most of the time providing no one is away. If we have a vacancy to fill, it is up to one of the volunteers who are able and willing to work at other places and times apart from their usual routine. If we can't cover the shifts vacant then the shop in question closes for the day, this is particularly true of Newborough where no amount of flexible rostering has enabled us to

open on a Monday and Friday has also gone the same way regardless of the extra assistance we were able to get (thanks Ray).

The issue here is really the system of safe ministry requirements, which whilst necessary, nevertheless prove a major disincentive for people to volunteer who are not particularly computer literate. The 60+ Cohort most willing to volunteers for op shops are among the least computer literate.

Literate and whilst the forms that often need to be filled out are reasonably straightforward many can be brought undone by some of the other activities, like transferring a photo taken on a phone to a PC, regardless of some of the "helpful" instructions. The other disincentive can be the length of time it takes to get clearances such as working with children etc to come through, some can be almost straight away others can take months due to complexities introduced by multiple address or names or jurisdictions to be checked.

I have 3 other people who have been working behind the scenes I would like to thank. I suspect that there might be others who I may have missed my sincere apologies if so for as indicated earlier all our volunteers in whatever capacity they operate are all deserving of our thanks, they all do a tremendous job.

Firstly Nichole who has been continuing to work from home to cover rosters and general administration often in the face of mounting health issues and a recent bereavement. Given these difficulties Nicole dedication has been extraordinary. It is my sincere hope Nichole may be turning a corner and hopefully be able to visit us more regularly, thank you for all your efforts this year.

The other two people who have also assisted behind the scenes are Karl Loehr, Catherine's husband, who has put up racks for us, and repaired ones that collapsed a real life saver, moved furniture etc which have contributed to the smooth operation of the Moe shop in particular all of which has been greatly appreciated. The other person is Susan husband Shane who has moved truck loads of materials between sorting sheds and shops etc something I very much appreciate, to Karl and Shane a sincere thanks

Finally before ending this report I need to say just a few words about the break ins at the Moe sorting shed (former Holy Trinity Sunday school etc) and the Madge Vinell centre earlier in the year. The Madge Vinell centre in particular resulted in removal of the TV and other items, whereas the sorting shed was simply full of old clothing. Nevertheless we are investigating in some extra security cameras, a security back door for the Op Shop, closable shutters on the sorting shed (currently back door boarded up) with locks changed etc.

Stephen Heath acting Op Shop Manager.

## Pastoral Care Assistant

I see my role as assisting Clergy in our ongoing support of members of our congregation.

I have personally been in contact with folk either by letter, card or phone to see how they are going, physically and emotionally, and also I do enjoy catching up with people generally.

Jeanette Ringin

## Listening Post Drop-in Centre

The Listening Post Drop-in Centre, held each Friday from 10am, can be a place of intrigue, not knowing who will come in through the door on any particular day!

The visitors who come through the door may be long term visitors, or someone dropping in for some food relief, someone working close by, someone referred from the Op shop, sometimes a carer with a client. Some days there may just be the volunteers (always at least 2), sometime one visitor and other days we have had 13 sitting around the table! People may stay half an hour or 2 hours. We listen to their stories of loneliness and homelessness and have celebrated with people, such as when people finally found a house to live in, instead of a tent. Sometimes people are pointed to someone else who can help, like the single

dad who was able to access a much-needed appliance. Recently we welcomed a very nervous, out of town person who we were able to spend time with over a cuppa and cake, and they stayed and they chatted and enjoyed themselves, stating that they would return as it was “a friendly and safe place”.

Our volunteer base this year has fluctuated greatly due to health and family issues, but the team has really pulled together to ensure each Friday morning has been a warm and welcoming experience for those attending. Father Giles and Julia have become regular volunteers, which has been a real bonus. Jeanette has joined our team, as well, while there are some who come when they can. If you would like to become a volunteer, please speak to any of the Lay Readers, remembering that as with all parish positions you would need to undergo Safe Ministry compliancy.

Funds from the Listening Post purchased a new toaster and air conditioner to help add variety and comfort for our visitors.

We are yet to replace the stolen TV and CD player, and unfortunately there were gift cards used in food relief that were also taken.

We are grateful to all who provide goods that can be used in food relief and to Mary and Graeme, who source many of the basic, nonperishable food items, which are all received gratefully by recipients. Sometimes there is fresh fruit/vegetables and bread, and any leftovers goes to the Op shop for distribution, Requests are received through the Parish phone and suitable times for pick up organised, or people come on Fridays and take a bag home.

The Listening Post is, all in all a very worthwhile outreach mission, that hopefully we can advertise more and expand more in the future as we share God’s love and concern for those around us.

Jan Misiurka

## Mothers Union

We are pleased to say we have had a varied programme this year, and have one of the largest groups, with 17 members on our list.

We commenced the year with MU Executive member, Rev’d Judith Lake, celebrating communion and fellowship with us.

In March all members were all cordially invited to join in World Day of Prayer, hosted at St Aidan’s, MCed by our MU member, Julie Bruce.

Other events:

- Lady Day at Sale in March
- We celebrated mothers and fathers at 2 different meetings
- We held a fundraiser for families at The Abbey, for a holiday or a break
- A highlight was MU Australian President, Dr Robin Ray, at the diocesan June Join In, hosted at St Aidan’s. A great day.
- A quiet day of reflection, fellowship and relaxation
- Recently we had a social lunch for members at The Black Stump Tea Room in Darnum, another enjoyable food and conversation.
- Our AGM will be held on November 17<sup>th</sup> and our end of year Christmas Breakup will be held on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

We farewelled long time member, and 30-year Secretary of MU, Elsie Stayches, and members attended her funeral.

Due to family commitments, Gwyneth had to take some months off, and her role was undertaken by our Vice President. We are grateful she is now back amongst us!

Jeanette Ringin

# Visioning Group

Visioning is like climbing a high mountain. From the top of the mountain you can look back to where you have come from and look forward to where you are going to. Once having understood where you have come from and where you are going to you can continue the journey'

## 1. Introduction – Background

When the parishes of Moe and Newborough/Yallourn North commenced discussions on coming together as one Parish the questions arose as to what each parish saw as their vision for the future and how we might share a vision.

The Parish of Moe had gone through a period of looking at how they might operate in regard to use of buildings. To do this they looked at what the current program was and what new areas of ministry they wished to develop.

The Parish of Newborough was in a Vacancy and to help a future incumbent to see where the parish was heading, they conducted a consultation led by the Reverend Trevor Smith, the results of which were distributed to the Newborough parish.

With Fr. Sathis appointment as a 0.5 incumbency in each parish in 2015, the parishes continued as independent parishes but began to share information and work towards coming together.

The eventual amalgamation was initially administrative and then slowly evolved into worshipping together. Parish groups basically continued as they had been while welcoming new participants.

It became clear early in the life of the new parish that we now had many buildings all of which required running costs and maintenance, so this became a major focus. Unfortunately COVID intervened before many decisions were made. The 2021 Annual General Meeting did make some decisions concerning the future and then Bishop Andrew Curnow was to do a report on the future of the parish's buildings. That report did recognise that the new parish needed to own a vision of its own to determine its ministry and therefore what the new buildings would require.

Following this Bishop Richard asked the parish to undertake a consultation with John Mark Ministries in January 2024. The first recommendation of this consultation which was accepted by the congregation was that "an intentional listening program" be undertaken to determine a vision for the Moe -Newborough Parish. The idea of the intentional listening was that each parish could tell their story. It was recommended that Parish Council pursued this as a priority and after it was completed that the discussion about buildings be revisited.

The Parish Council commenced discussing the Vision in the last part of 2024 and a congregational meeting was held in July 2025 to consider the preparatory work that Council had achieved. While this meeting gave parishioners the chance to express their views about a vision for the future it is recognised that the "story telling" aspect was not achieved.

A document 'Vision Stage 2' was produced in July of this year for this July meeting. It contains background information, including the John Mark ministries consultation and is available on request.

In the following summary of the work of the Visioning Group since the July Congregational meeting, we acknowledge that although significant work has been done on the history of the Parish, we still need to give greater focus to the visioning process in both Moe and Newborough/Yallourn North Parishes prior to the amalgamation and telling the story, listening to the 'Song Lines' of our Parish.

## Vision

### 1. Vision Statement

- celebrating God's love for all people,

- emphasizing inclusivity, Christ-centeredness, and outreach. The statement aims to reflect the parish's identity, aspirations, and Anglican tradition, and focusses on communication both within the Parish and the wider community.

Other statements considered were:

Sharing the Riches of Christ or

Sharing the Riches of Christ at the Gateway to the Valley.

Meeting people in Christ where they are along the road

There is a clear distinction between **vision** (the parish's aspirations) and **mission** (the practical work to achieve those aspirations). The vision statement is designed to be simple, clear, and regularly reviewed.

## Mission

### 2. Inclusion, Indigenous Acknowledgement, and Safety

- We prioritized acknowledging Indigenous custodians of the land, with careful attention to respectful and context-appropriate language. A draft "Welcome to Country" statement has been developed for use in worship and parish materials. It differs from more secular forms in that it is in the form of a prayer addressed to God which is more appropriate in the context of worship. (See Appendix 1.)
- Safety is addressed broadly, including physical, emotional, spiritual, and mental well-being, with inclusivity and accessibility as key values.

### 3. Parish History and Legacy

- Efforts are underway to document the parish's history and legacy, including life stories of senior members. This history will inform the vision but may not be published as part of the vision statement itself.

### 4. Current Activities and Communication

- A modular leaflet has been proposed to communicate parish history, current activities, and vision, allowing for easy updates. Distribution will target both parishioners and the wider community.
- Faith statements will be included as well as descriptions of parish groups to connect activities with spiritual foundations.

### 5. Core Values, Diversity, and Worship

- The parish is committed to honest dialogue about differing traditions and beliefs, recognizing diversity within the congregation. Core values and worship practices are being articulated to foster unity and respect.
- Alternative forms of worship and ministry are being considered to meet the needs of all ages and traditions.

### 6. Environmental Stewardship and Resource Management

- Environmental care is a key part of the parish's vision, with practical actions such as recycling and community gardening. Education on environmental issues is ongoing.
- The parish is committed to wise use and development of resources, many of which have been generously bequeathed to the Parish, to best serve its ministry.

## 7. Ongoing Review and Next Steps

- The vision and mission statements are considered “living documents,” subject to regular review and adaptation. Tasks have been assigned for further drafting and refinement, with ongoing input from parish members.

### **In summary:**

The Vision Group has made significant progress in clarifying the parish’s direction, focusing on inclusivity, Christ-centeredness, respect for history, environmental stewardship, and practical communication. The process is ongoing, with continued commitment to transparency, adaptability, and unity within the parish community.

### **Appendix 1: Acknowledgement of Country**

“As we gather in the presence of God, we acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land upon which we meet. the Brayakaulung people of the Gunaikurnai Nation.

we acknowledge and pay our respects to their elders, past and present, as we also pay our respect to our forebears, particularly in this Parish. We pray that God will unite us all in a knowledge of his Son, in whom all beings, all things are created,

There was much discussion about the importance of acknowledging God first before acknowledging country.

### **Appendix 2: Proposed Vision Statement**

The Moe-Newborough Anglican Parish celebrates the love of God for all people.

The parish is a Christ centred community.

We recognise God’s will that all people be drawn to faith and come to know Christ.

*We recognise that every human being is created in the image of God and God is revealed in each of us. In this light we welcome and show respect to all people seeking to appreciate the gifts they and we offer. We recognise the indigenous people of this community acknowledging their stewardship of the land over thousands of years*

As an integral part of the Diocese of Gippsland, the Anglican Church of Australia and the worldwide Anglican communion, we worship according to the liturgy of the Anglican Church whilst *endeavouring* that our services are welcoming to people of all ages and traditions of worship.

*We will ensure that our parish is a place where everyone can feel safe.*

*We seek to understand our local community to help us minister effectively within it.*

As a parish we recognise the beauty of God’s creation and our responsibility to be good stewards of our environment both locally and universally.

*We will undertake to carefully use the resources we have Inherited and maintain and develop them to best serve our ministry within the community.*

## Prayer and Meditation Group

A Prayer and Meditation group meets every Wednesday at 7:00pm in the Madge Vinnell Centre.

We have rarely missed a week.

### **Basic Aims:**

- to provide an opportunity for people to learn how to pray and meditate either through individual instruction or in the group or both.
- to provide an opportunity to reach out to people interested in the practice but have only experienced it in its secular form, to experience the practice with God in Christ as its foundation.

- to develop a group that explores Christian meditation through reflecting upon teachings on the practice both within the Christian tradition and other traditions that teach the practice.
- to spend time together sitting in silence, being in the presence of God and reflecting on and sharing our experience from the silence.

#### **Format of the meetings:**

- Begins with catching up on our journey in the past week
- Reflects upon teachings related to Faith, Prayer and Meditation. From time to time these are based on passages of Scripture. Group members have led sessions on various themes and practices, including breath meditation (Siddha Yoga), body awareness using ochre handprints, and sessions focused on light and angels. The Aim is that everyone in the group take a turn at running a session from time to time.
- A Taize or another repetitive chant.
- An opening Prayer.
- A time of silence, usually 30 to 40 minutes.
- Sharing experiences from the time of Silence. This has been important for deepening spiritual understanding and community.
- Closing Prayer.

The Group currently has nine people who regularly attend.

#### **Some points of Note:**

##### **Inclusivity and Openness**

- Whilst firmly based in Christian and particularly Anglican spirituality, we value inclusivity, allowing for diverse spiritual expressions, including those with strong connections to Eastern traditions or different Christian denominations.

##### **Integration with Worship**

- We have as a group discussed integrating silence and mindful prayer into public worship, recognizing that many people are unfamiliar or uncomfortable with silence in church settings.
- Suggestions include offering workshops, and short meditations during services.

##### **Personal and Group Growth**

- We have found being part of the group has generally helped our spiritual growth, learning deeper practices of Prayer and meditation, as well as experiencing times of healing.
- Practicing meditation as a group has helped members develop discipline and apply mindfulness, inner attentiveness, in both private and public worship.

As the Psalmist says:

“Be still, and know that I am God!” Psalm 46:10

“commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still” Psalm 4:4

(Rev’d) Bruce Charles – Facilitator

## **Get out for Good**

Since March 2024 Moe/Newborough parish has partnered with Anglicare Victoria to host a Drop In space for people leaving prison. When people enter prison, they are disconnected from everything they know so re-connecting with pro-social networks upon release is important in reducing recidivism but is not always

easy. The Tuesday Drop In involves volunteers from the local community and Anglicare Victoria focused on providing a non-judgmental space for those leaving prison to chat and find psycho/social support.

Over this time Get out for Good has supported 7 people, some of whom have had a variety of needs not necessarily related to imprisonment, but to homelessness, lack of education or loneliness. Volunteers have created networks of support as they have faced the challenges of reconnecting with family, housing, work, study and overcoming addiction. The conversations around the table can range from football to cooking to philosophy and everything in between. The key element is that people feel cared for, listened to and accepted for who they are, not what they did. This can have as profound an effect on our volunteers as much as with participants!

I have attached statistics for the past financial year.

Weekly Statistics for Get out for Good Drop In Moe July 2024 to June 2025				
Month	Visits	People assisted	Volunteers	Volunteer hours
July 24	3	3	3	9
August 24	4	7	3	9
September 24	4	5	3	9
October 24	3	3	3	8
November 24	3	2	3	9
December 24	3	3	3	8
January 25	1	1	2	4
February 25	4	7	3	12
March 25	4	10	3	15
April 25	4	8	3	15
May 25	4	12	3	15
June 25	3	5	3	13

I would like to thank the parish for the use of the Madge Vinnell centre each Tuesday. We appreciate being able to have such a central and accessible location. I would also like to thank the wardens for responding to the material needs of the MVC so quickly after the air conditioning broke to ensure that we were able to continue operating.

Cathrine Muston

Co-ordinator, Get out for Good

## Community Garden

During the colder months, a dedicated group of gardeners worked to ensure the community garden was well maintained and prepared for the arrival of the warmer weather. Their commitment allowed us to smoothly transition into a period of site development.

With the onset of better weather, we initiated several projects to enhance the community garden space. Fresh garden soil was purchased to enrich the beds, and we received a substantial donation of mulch, which will benefit future plantings.

On Saturday, 11th October, a working bee took place. Volunteers from the parish came together to position new boxed garden beds and to clear the rear section of the garden of noxious bulbs. This eradication was in preparation for the creation of a reflection garden and a dedicated children's play area, both of which are exciting new developments for our community space. A ladder has been concreted into the ground for

easier access to the terraced level. A duplicate key to the shed has been placed in the key safe so that volunteers can easily access tools and supplies to work in the garden.

In addition to these projects, the existing garden beds were carefully weeded, and a layer of chicken manure was applied as a top dressing to promote healthy growth throughout the coming season. Some new planting has taken place so ongoing support will be required. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all who attended for their time, effort and expertise. The contributions and enthusiasm have been invaluable to the ongoing success of our community garden.

Water tanks have been placed and an electric pump installed for sustainability purposes. Thank you to Graeme and Mary for organising the setting up of the watering system. The actual plumbing work was done by Robert Ridley and the electrical work by Peter Page. Many thanks to these people.

We are eager to continue fostering a sense of community through our shared passion for gardening. As we move forward, we anticipate welcoming more members to join us in nurturing the garden and celebrating the rewards of our collective efforts. The organically grown produce from our garden not only provides fresh, healthy food, but also serves as a testament to the dedication and teamwork of all involved. We look forward to many more opportunities to come together, learn from one another, and enjoy the fruits of our labour in the community garden.

Fr Giles and Julia Motisi, Julie Bruce, Susan Lendon and Stephen Heath (Community Garden Committee)

## Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast Group has met regularly on the first Saturday of the month at the Madge Vinnell Centre.

We currently have 14 men who attend as they are able and certainly open for more.

In using the MVC we are catering for ourselves. This means that as people arrive there is always a task for them to get involved with. It is at times when people are cooking and buttering the toast or cooking the eggs and bacon that they begin to talk with one another and share their recent experiences. This same opportunity comes at the end when everybody joins in with the clean-up, dishwashing etc.

We have at times asked someone to speak on a topic of interest and to be able to share experiences from their life otherwise as we eat breakfast, we enjoy discussing things that are happening around us in the local community or the wider world.

As we previously met in local cafes, we began by setting our donation towards the meal at \$15, much lower than what we were spending at the cafe. Due to the generosity of a number of our members such things as bread, bacon and sometimes eggs were being donated so we reduced the money donation to \$10 and agreed that as we made a surplus that this would be donated to the parish for a cause. The main benefit of our donations has been the food relief program provided by the parish. It is very much our own pat it forward activity. We pay for and enjoy our breakfast and as a result others are able to get food when in need.

Stephen Heath

## Parish Website

The domain name: is moenewboroughanglican.org.au and is hosted through one of my website accounts with GoDaddy.

The following is a reminder of what the site provides.

For the moment it is providing most if not all necessary basic information about the parish including:

- This Sunday and next Sunday's service details
- Weekly program

- Parish, Diocesan and other news
- Information about Worship and our three churches
- Programmes including the meditation group and the Listening Post
- Parish partnerships. At the moment the only partnership is with Anglicare's 'Get out for Good' project.
- Op shops
- General information about the parish including a brief parish history.
- Parish contact details

## Further Development

Unfortunately, through various other pressures, the site has not had the work done on it that I had hoped and reported on in last year's report. The following is a summary from last year of what we hope can be achieved this year, at least.

- continuing to fine tuning font sizes and general appearance to provide the best viewing experience across various platforms. For example, PCs, laptops, tablets and phones.
- Further review of the recording of services and assessing the value of this, particularly in the light of needing to develop the quality of recordings. This is being explored at the moment, being mindful of the balance between cost and quality.
- Setting up a YouTube channel will also be explored. The services could then be viewed live. My present understanding is that a YouTube channel would be free whereas, at the moment, I uploaded recordings to my Vimeo Account, which has an annual cost. In time it would be best for the parish to have its own site either with YouTube or Vimeo, rather than with the latter, using my account.
- Developing a basic summary of our faith. I have been conducting a review of various websites within the Anglican Church both within Australia and overseas. Such a review has revealed significant diversity of approaches as to how the basics of the faith are presented. I will be focusing on this when I return from holidays.

I'm still looking for as much feedback as possible about the website and how it might be developed  
(Rev) Bruce Charles

## IT Review

### Laptops

As mentioned in the financial reports, a laptop and tablet have been purchased this year for Father Giles and a laptop for the op shops.

### Microsoft 365 for business not-for-profit

We have of subscription to Microsoft 365 for business which is free as we are a not-for-profit organisation. It gives us 10 user accounts, with 5 devices per account. It has great potential.

There are a number of issues that we have not been able to resolve this year that means there is still much work to be done in setting this up properly for our parish.

In the long-term, we will be able to have what is called cloud storage with 1 TB per account.

We are determining, at the moment, how many accounts we need but it is likely that there will be one main parish account as well as others. For example, Parish Priest, Op shops, possibly Treasurer and a main parish account that all Parish records, including the monthly reports for the parish council meetings et cetera will be stored on.

## **Issues to be resolved**

### **Personal accounts on parish laptops.**

How they are set up and relate to the Microsoft account.

### **Parish email addresses**

At the moment, we have one parish email address through Google Gmail. It is:

[moenewboroughanglican@gmail.com](mailto:moenewboroughanglican@gmail.com)

Father Giles has his own Gmail address: [fr.gmotisi@gmail.com](mailto:fr.gmotisi@gmail.com)

There is also an Op shop Gmail address.

We have not yet resolved whether we continue to have Gmail email addresses or we have email addresses associated with our domain name. For example, [pp@moeneworoughanglican.org.au](mailto:pp@moeneworoughanglican.org.au)

Until recently such an option seemed to be quite costly. But I have recently discovered that Google offer free domain name emails for not-for-profit organisations. This will be explored in the near future.

Work is also being done by the Diocese's communication group to develop more standardised form of emails for parishes. Consequently this is a work in progress.

### **Parish Phone and Internet**

The Internet was set up at the rectory on the arrival of Fr Giles and his family. At the moment, the account is in my name until we can get some account issues resolved with the diocese.

A hard-line phone was recently connected to the rectory but not with the old rectory number but a new one. The number is: 5127 3402.

### **Internet at St Aidan's**

we have not yet decided whether to have some form of Internet installed at St. Aidan's. This is a value for cost issue as well as some research to determine what would be the most economic plan if we were to connect the Internet at the church. (Rev) Bruce Charles