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Praise God for all who have been compelled by Christ's Love

It's been a wonderful 12 months in the life of our Parish as God has grown his people both in maturity and in number here in Campbelltown. It has been evident to me across our church that 2 Corinthians 5:14 has been very true amongst us:

For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.

This verse has helpfully shaped how we think about our place in God's plans here in Campbelltown. Knowing that the Lord Jesus is sitting at his Father's right hand and will soon return to judge the living and the dead has meant that many people in our church have joyfully played their part in the Kingdom work God has put before us. This report is really an acknowledgement that the Lord is the one that has been at work in us – praise God - and this whole booklet is a testimony to all those in our church who contributed to the gospel work the Lord has put in front of us all. Thanks be to God for your service, love, care and gospel partnership in 2023, it has been wonderfully encouraging.

It is always dangerous to single people out, in case I miss someone, but I'll take the risk because I do want to take a few paragraphs to particularly acknowledge the work of several groups of people amongst us:

- Praise God for our Growth Group leaders and congregational leaders who have served so well in our 'core business' of maturing our members in 2023.
- We are so thankful for all our Kids and Youth ministry leaders and workers. This includes ministry in our Kids churches, SRE, Afternoon Kids Club, Friday Youth and Junior Jivers. You have given tirelessly of yourselves to see the next generation know and love Jesus and we are very thankful for your work.
- Praise the Lord for the ESL team, faithfully seeking to reach so many new people to Australia for Jesus.
- As a church we've been blessed with a faithful staff team who have ministered wonderfully amongst us. Praise be to God for them, both the Assistant Ministers and the Ministry Support workers. We're particularly thankful this year for the wonderful work of Michael Kinsey in

reinvigorating our youth and children's work having joined us just over a year ago. We are thankful for Leanne Burns' long term faithful ministry in our church and look forward to seeing how God will use her in her new role as Chaplain at St Peter's Anglican Grammar. We are also thankful to have the Latten family join us full-time and look forward to them serving amongst us. Last, but not least, we are thankful for Mark Schroder's long term faithful service as the Chaplain at Broughton.

- One look at the Warden's Report and you will see how tirelessly the Wardens have worked to serve us this past year. So many unnoticed items of administration and property oversight are so well overseen by Barrie Atkins, Kevin Hines and Jason Manning that we often take them for granted – praise God for them!
- We are thankful to God for our Parish Council who have served us well this year and, for many of them, their willingness to serve over many years to ensure consistency of leadership in this area.
- We praise God for our Parish members who serve on the Campbelltown Anglican Schools Council. Megan Blencowe has wonderfully led our Council as the Chair and Ben Stelzer has sacrificially served our schools in his role as Treasurer of the Council. We are also thankful for Joshua Ioannidis and new member Mark Alcorn who have served us as council members so well. We are also grateful to God for the School Council members who are not from our church but serve for the glory of God: Andrew Cameron, Rev. Joshua Johnston and Lorraine Thomas.
- We are thankful to God for the new School Executive staff including the Head Andrew Middleton for his tireless leadership of the whole organisation, the Head of St Peter's Michelle McDonnell, Head of Broughton Tim Hewitt and Head of Corporate Services Gavin Senescall in their desires to serve our Parish in their important roles.

Finally, to all who have played their part in serving Jesus amongst us in the past year, thank you for your service for Christ's sake.

Personal joys and challenges

On a personal front, 2023 was a strange year consisting of some wonderful joys but also, on a personal front, some great sadnesses. The hardest of the sadnesses being the passing of my nephew Jacob in March and the ongoing sadness that comes with that for me and my family. I'm thankful for the love and care shown by many as we walked this difficult year.

One of my greatest joys at the Parish level was to see 20 people become Christians in the last year. This included people from most of our congregations and each of them, as far as I know, is pushing on in the Lord and serving him even as they become more like him. Added to this, there are a number of people who have been investigating Jesus since Christmas and are currently thinking through what that will mean for the rest of their lives.

As a church that sees many visitors each year, it is easy to take this miraculous work of God for granted but what a privilege God has given our church. I'm not sure how many churches would have welcomed that many new believers in 2023, but I am thankful for what God has done and for all the people across our church that he used to help plant and water the seeds that led to these people being saved.

Looking back: 200 years of mission and ministry, praise God!

In mid-2023 we celebrated 200 years of Ministry and Mission across our Parish. What a milestone! God has been kind to help our church operate continually (pandemics aside) throughout that time.

The Thanksgiving Service on the 29th of June in the church building and the celebration dinner at Broughton Anglican College after the service were wonderful in-house celebrations. Then the celebrations at St Peter's on the 1st of July brought a range of ex-members, current members and curious locals together to thank God.

It was wonderful to have Archbishop Kanishka Raffel and Regional Bishop Peter Lin with us for the Saturday celebrations as well as our local mayor George Greiss, NSW MP Greg Warren and the Executive Head of Campbelltown Anglican Schools Andrew Middleton.

We are thankful to God for the hard work of Sharon Richards and her team in organising the celebrations and for Anne McLeod for her tireless gathering of historical information from our Archives to show as a part of the celebrations.

Looking forward: The next 10 years of mission and ministry

Having looked back at the first 200 years in 2023, I was particularly keen for us as a Parish to look ahead and pray and dream about another 100 years of faithful Gospel ministry and mission in Campbelltown.

So, it was exciting in November on Vision Sunday to launch our next 10 years of ministry and mission in our Parish to lay a platform for the century to come. Whilst there are many resources available on our Hub (<https://hub.campbelltownanglican.org>) from Vision Sunday, it is worth restating the summary plan here as we look ahead:

Summary: Our Vision and 10 Year Plan

Our Vision

To be a **growing** Christian community devoted to **maturing** in Jesus all for the glory of God.

Our growth plan: Reach 2033

Compelled by Christ's love for Campbelltown and with God's help, we want to reach 2033 people for Jesus by 2033, through:

1. a commitment to prayerful dependence upon God in his work to bring all things in Campbelltown under Christ
2. every member of our church being committed to:
 - being *disciple making disciples*; and
 - to Campbelltown Anglican Churches being a Parish of *church planting churches*,
3. every member seeking to help one friend to become a Christian, one non-believing visitor to meet Jesus and welcoming one transferring Christian to join our church
4. prioritised investment in ministry amongst children, youth and young people in order to raise and equip disciples to carry on gospel work into the next generation

Our 2033 maturity plan: Every Member

For God's glory, we want *every member* of our church to be committed to becoming more and more like Jesus every year. We want every member to be a faithful participant in at least one of our congregations and a member of a congregational growth group.

Specifically, we pray for, train, and equip every member to be:

1. a minister (or, servant of others),
 2. a welcomer of outsiders,
 3. a local and global mission partner,
 4. a pastoral carer,
 5. a financial supporter, and
 6. a disciple making disciple.
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To put the Reach 2033 plan into perspective, in 2023, the Lord raised up 20 new believers. He also brought another 62 adults along who either joined us as members or are continuing to connect with us as they work things out with Jesus. If we add in all the children associated with these adults there are well over 100 people who connected with us last year. Imagine if God continued to do that same kind of work every year over the next 10 years – it wouldn't be a stretch for us to imagine a day when we praise Him in 2033 for growing us to 2033 people!

Will you join me in praying the Lord might work that way for His glory and to lay a foundation for the next hundred years of ministry and mission to reach Campbelltown?

What's the priorities for this year?

This year is the first of our 10-year plan and there are lots of ways we hope to make a good start in our 10 year plans that you can catch up on by revisiting the 3 Vision Sunday talks from 2023 and early 2024. Here I want to just highlight three key areas that we're focussing on this year and then finish with a note of thankfulness.

Firstly, prayerfulness. In my mind it is no coincidence that since we've been praying regularly as a Parish for the Lord to help us reach the lost in Campbelltown, that that is exactly what has been happening.

A key part of our 10-year strategy is indeed to continue praying and so I want to encourage all our members to make our Parish prayer evenings each term a strong priority. In addition, I want to encourage in every household of members of our church to set regular time aside to pray that the Lord of the Harvest sends workers, including us, into his ripe harvest fields in Campbelltown. In our household, we're keeping Monday evenings after dinner free to pray – whoever is home will join in to pray, even if it is just one person!

Second, as I introduced on Vision Sunday and then focussed upon earlier this year, we'd love to see every member play their part in our church by using their gifts to build up our church body for Christ. There is a small group of people who carry a heavy load in the ministry of our church and so, even before we grow much more, we want everyone to feel enabled to play their part serving Jesus amongst us. Church was never meant to be a place where we simply turn up once a week, pick a seat, and watch on. Church was always meant to be a living community of God's people seeking to love and serve each other in a myriad of ways. We have a great opportunity to see our church body grow as more and more people sacrificially give of themselves to serve. This might be in kids ministry, SRE, design, technology co-ordination, administration, providing meals, visiting and praying for people, reading the Bible with others.... and the list goes on!

Third, with our aging infrastructure and growing ministry opportunities, we're financially stretched and have come to a critical point where our financial generosity will determine key decisions for the future of our church. For many years we've had the blessing of property income to prop up our finances.

However, the time has come to make the hard decision to use our property income to upgrade our infrastructure for another 50-100 years of ministry and mission. This means that as a Parish we either need to scale back on ministers or scale up our financial support of our church. Over the last few years, as we've talked about this challenge, there has been a wonderful growth in our generosity across the church. If we maintain this growth trajectory we'll be well placed financially for the future. However, that will mean helping those who do not currently give to see the importance of sacrificially supporting Jesus' work here. It will also mean helping our existing members, who are giving, but still have opportunity to grow in their sacrificial generosity to support Christ's work in Campbelltown. Our Wardens and Treasurer have done the hard work to think through what is possible, and we are convinced that under God, all the things we hope to do are possible, if we give of our whole selves to the work of the Lord.

So, let me finish as I started, with much thankfulness for what God has been doing, for all that he has resourced us with, for the unique and wonderful Gospel opportunities that are ahead for us and for the joy of serving with you as partners in the Gospel work. We have much to be thankful to God for as we look ahead into 2024 and beyond.

In Christ, Jason Veitch.

Wardens' Report

St Peter's Church Wardens – Barrie Atkins, Kevin Hines and Jason Manning

The Wardens and Parish Council are thankful to God for 2023 and prayerfully look forward to 2024 and beyond, knowing that the future is in God's hands as we humbly live to serve the King.

We are grateful for Jason Veitch and the Ministry team's continued fervour in serving our church and the various congregations across the Parish. Many thanks to our Ministry team for their faithfulness, care, and passion for sharing Jesus with us and our community.

So much of what happens at church relies on the hard work of many who are both staff and volunteers. We thank you for helping us build a Church that loves and serves God together. Specifically, we thank:

- our Honorary Treasurer Arya and his capable assistant David Carter and the team of faithful people who support Arya, as they help monitor and manage our finances.
- our Ministry Support Coordinators, Sarah and Kylie, who work with the Ministry team to ensure the parish runs smoothly and efficiently.
- everyone who gives of their time to serve the congregations and wider church. They may be setting up chairs, helping with the audio visual, serving morning tea, leading growth groups, coming to the working bee's, musicians, leading youth and children's groups, or any number of other activities in the daily life of our church.

2023 – The Highlights

The big-ticket items for 2023 were:

1. Pulling off the 200th Anniversary - There were many people who played important roles, indeed far too many to mention by name but we genuinely appreciate your efforts, working for months to produce a successful week of celebration. We do though want to take the opportunity to again thank Sharon Richards for her commitment and dedication in leading the organisation of it all.

2. Selling Kable Rd – Over a number of decades the Kable Rd. property has served us as a ministry residence and in more recent times a rental property providing income that effectively covers a housing allowance payment. With the property not being ideal to house a ministry family and in need of significant maintenance it was decided to sell and update to a more suitable property. The sale is complete, the hunt for a replacement property continues...
3. Renewing our property ordinance – Whilst the detail is perhaps boring to most, the Sydney Diocese has a general policy (called the Property Receipts Levy - PRL) where churches need to share property income (think rent and interest) earned over a \$50,000 threshold, (you can think of it like a tax on church property income). We successfully passed our redrafted property ordinance through Standing Committee with the result being:
 - a. A 30-year lease term for St Peter’s Anglican Grammar (SPAG), providing them with a significantly higher lease term than a standard Anglican policy (normally a maximum of 10 years)
 - b. A guaranteed payment to SAIPMC (aka the Macarthur Indigenous Church) of 5% of all our property income each year. This is has a significant value to SAIPMC and helps support Indigenous ministry in the Macarthur region.
 - c. The 5% payment to SAIPMC means we are in the main exempt from the PRL. This will provide a significant saving to the church over the term of the St Peter’s school rental (expiring 2050), which is incredibly significant given our likely future infrastructure expenditures.
4. Market rental agreed between SPAG and the church - The 30 year lease was signed and agreed in 2022, with 2023 being the year where a market rental revaluation was required (and ongoingly required every 5 years to ensure that both parties are treated with financial fairness). The wardens and Parish Council want to take this opportunity to thank the School Council and Andrew Middleton for their desire and determination to honour God through the process, strengthen the relationship between school and church and ultimately successfully achieve a market rent result.
5. Ongoing discussions with the Developer – As you may be aware, the owner of the property on the corner of Cordeaux St. and Moore Oxley

Bypass. (next to the White House) has been successful in getting a DA for a multi-storey apartment block. Over a number of years the wardens have been in discussions with the Developer to ensure that:

- a. The developer provides emergency vehicular access off Broughton St. to the rear of the school (as access off Cordeaux will be blocked during the construction phase)
- b. All appropriate measures will be taken by the Developer to protect church property.

These discussions are continuing (with appropriate legal counsel) and we expect that construction will commence sometime in 2024.

6. New sound system in the original church – It was old and in need of a refresh. We are thankful to both the external consultants and church volunteers who worked to achieve a vastly improved result.
7. Other notable items include:
 - a. Carpet to the room off the hall kitchen
 - b. Carpet and completion of meeting rooms 2 & 3 - turning them into one large and very useable room
 - c. Large screens in the hall and meeting room 2 to enhance ministry

It has also been our great joy to welcome Michael Latten and family to the church as an assistant minister. Whilst they officially started in 2024, the offer and acceptance was all completed in 2023, so it seems appropriate to include it here. We hope Michael and his family are settling in quickly and feel a part of our church family.

2024 and Onwards

Beside the day-to-day things that happen around the Parish it is important for you to be aware of some 'big ticket' items that are happening/in the planning through 2024. In no particular order:

1. St Andrew's (Aird's) ministry infrastructure renewal – The St Andrew's church is growing and we encourage all members to rejoice with the angels as people are saved. One practical implication of this is the needs for ministry space for their programmes. Whilst the planning is still in its infancy, (and cost unknown) the likelihood is that a significant amount of money will be needed to equip St Andrew's with the ministry infrastructure required.

2. Lithgow St. shop renewal?? – The shops have provided regular income for the church over a number of years and still do. However, there could be a significant amount to spend on roof repair/replacement and upstairs rejuvenation to make the space rentable. It should be noted that the wardens & Parish Council are yet to evaluate the net benefit to do these things versus selling the shops and perhaps investing in a different income stream.
3. Finalisation of discussions with the ‘Developer’ – As mentioned earlier we do expect that the Development next to the White House will commence sometime in 2024. Whilst there will be occasional inconvenience we are hopeful that it will not interrupt daily church and school activities too significantly.
4. Replacement ministry residence for Kable Rd. – The search continues for an appropriate residence and will likely be made in 2024.
5. Church masterplan - St Peter’s site – As you may recall the church embarked upon a masterplanning exercise a number of years ago. In 2022 an updated price on execution of the original masterplan was ~\$13m+ which isn’t currently financially feasible. Resulting from that and other factors we are currently in the process of refining the original masterplan and are at the stage of engaging consultants (hydro engineers, structural engineers) to evaluate the current site and buildings to understand what we have to work with.

The Finances

Friends, as a church we already have the funds set aside for points 1-4 above but the masterplan will be a significant cost that will need to be funded without detracting from ministry funding that is required today to meet the harvest that is already on Campbelltown’s doorstep.

As has been highlighted, our church relies on the generosity of its members to continue. Whilst we were under our offertory budget for 2023 it is pleasing that offertory has been on an upward trajectory over the last few years, increasing by 12% in 2021, 23% in 2022 and 15% in 2023.

Despite this progress the reality remains that the church is not able to put aside sufficient surplus to adequately fund the masterplan. This is a recurrent problem for our parish.

Although we do receive significant income from property, it is our policy that ‘giving supports ministry’ (at a minimum), and property income supports maintenance and renewal of our property. For many years we have been using the property income (and continue to do so) to help cover ministry and other non-property costs, not put away enough to undertake all the refurbishments and rebuilding work that is required on our varied ministry sites.

So, we are asking you today to commit with us to a staged giving increase, where from 2028 onwards offertory will meet every non-property expense (at a minimum). The desired course is highlighted below:

| | Existing Ministers (ex chaplaincy) | PCR (ex chaplaincy) | Ministry | Operations | Mission | Admin | New ministers (if at all)** |
|------|------------------------------------|---------------------|----------|------------|---------|-------|-----------------------------|
| 2024 | ❖ | ❖ | ❖ | ❖ | | | |
| 2025 | ❖ | ❖ | ❖ | ❖ | ❖ | | |
| 2026 | ❖ | ❖ | ❖ | ❖ | ❖ | ❖ | |
| 2027 | ❖ | ❖ | ❖ | ❖ | ❖ | ❖ | |
| 2028 | ❖ | ❖ | ❖ | ❖ | ❖ | ❖ | ❖ |

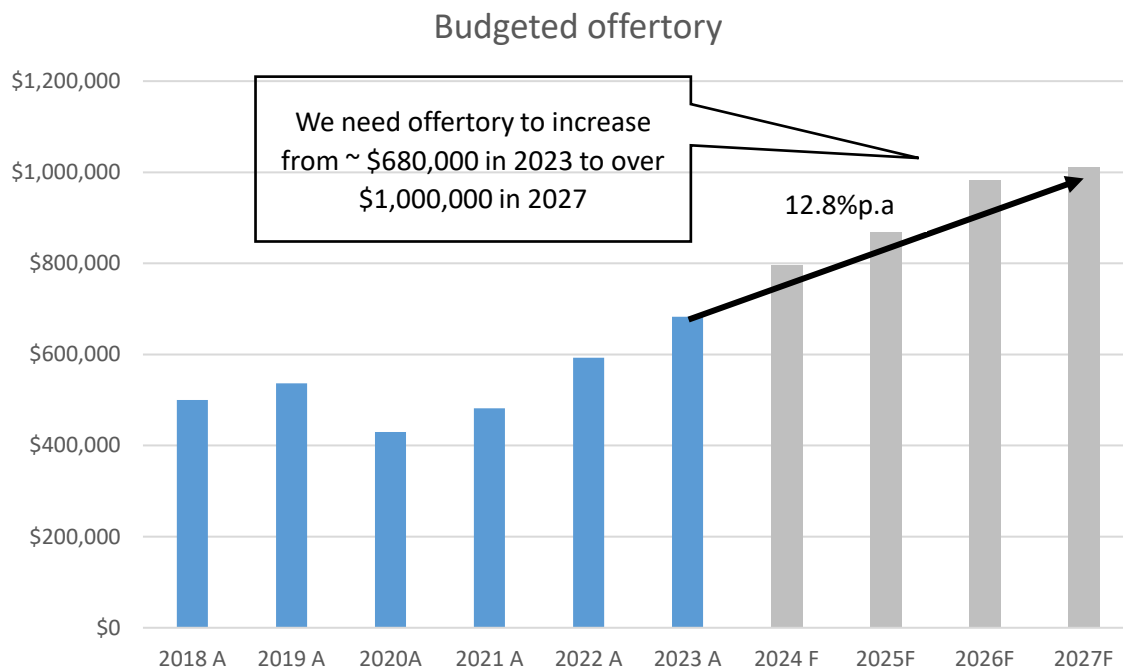
**Net staff increases (if at all) could happen at any time subject to appropriateness/PC approval. The point is to show that by 2028, we should be aiming for all of these categories to be funded by offertory.

What does this mean?

- For 2024 we need offertory to meet all minister costs (incl. PCR) plus all ministry and operations (photocopier, rent for school hall on Sunday’s etc)
- For 2025 we add in admin costs (wages for Kylie and Sarah)
- For 2026 we add in Mission costs (CMS, CAHSM, student ministers)
- Through this time there may be increased minister numbers (especially if we grow according to the 2033 vision) and so, we want to be covering everything by 2027/28.

What does this look like?

This is a guide rather than actual (especially given it does not include any increased ministry staff) but having offertory cover all non-property expenses means it needs to grow to something like:



Is it feasible? – Absolutely.

For those interested, here is just one stat to highlight the potential. We are a church of roughly 500 adults and let's say that about half of us are 100% fully committed to Jesus. \$1m across 250 people averages to ~ \$75 per person per week which is significantly under the average amount Aussies spend on entertainment. Some will give more, some less, but when other factors are also taken into account, the average is achievable.

What should I do?

- **Pray for a generous heart** for you and your brothers and sisters in Christ.
- **Give regularly** – Direct debit is efficient, sensible and preferred as it means that your giving is locked in each week irrespective of whether you are able to make church or not. A second alternative is to use the church's giving envelopes for cash offertory.

- **Review your giving regularly** – we suggest to review it each year and to review it in light of your other spending (see the point below).
- **Be sacrificial** – Be prepared to go without. A reasonable starting point is for your giving to exceed your entertainment (eating out, junk food, coffee, holidays, excessive hair styling, sport costs...you get the drift). This doesn't mean you go without everything, but it is about having your money evidence that Jesus is #1.
- **Be sensible** – You need to live. Food on the table, shelter, warmth and cooling, appropriate health care, clothing etc are necessities. For a minority of people just providing these things can be a struggle. If this is you, the church doesn't need your money, rather the church needs to help believers in need – Please ask your church for help.

There is a bit here to digest. Let's perhaps wrap it up with Paul's letter to the Corinthians as he speaks about himself and Apollos in chapter 3 –

⁵What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. ⁶I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labour. ⁹For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building.

We encourage us all to commit anew to our labour in the gospel, to prayer, service and sacrificial giving as we partner in God's service to meet the lost in Campbelltown.

Staff Team Ministry Reports

Jason Moss

St Andrew's, Airds

We give God great thanks for his work amongst the people of St Andrew's over that past 12 months. We continue to see God draw people to himself, grow people in Christ, gift people so they can serve him, give people courage to share the gospel and continue to be the perfectors of our faith.

Children and Youth Ministry

Our children and youth leaders have done a great job sharing the gospel with the young people of our congregation. We are particularly thankful for the 6pm crew that serve us each Sunday morning. Our young people continue to work out who Jesus is and what it means to follow him with the help of their leaders. We are working hard at integrating all generations within our church and are giving young people opportunities to serve our wider church community.

Food Ministry

Our Oz Harvest team continues to work hard at caring for the people of our community. They do this with great love and commitment. We continue to seek ways to use this ministry to connect people to God through bible verses and flyers in their baskets, bible devotions and prayer time and seeking to speak the hope we have in Jesus wherever possible.

Growth Groups

We have two mixed growth that meet. One during the day and one during the evening. We have seen new people join these groups who have appreciated the opportunity to dig into God's word and pray with one another.

Mission

Our area continues to see a massive housing redevelopment occurring which provides great opportunities for us to share the gospel. We continue to share the gospel in a variety of ways including personal evangelism, SRE, door knocking and any opportunity God gives us. We are grateful for the new people that have joined our church this year and pray they would grow in their love of God.

Campbelltown Area High School Ministry (CAHSM)

CAHSM is a ministry that seeks to change young lives through Christ in our local high schools. We currently employ 2 teachers (Jason Moss and Elijah Harris) who teach Scripture in 5 local high schools.

We are thankful that hundreds of teenagers get to hear the good news of Jesus each year through this ministry and that God continues to be at work in their lives. We thank God that a some students have connected with the

Campbelltown Anglican Churches youth group. This ministry also provides great opportunities to share the gospel with parents, ex students and teachers.

If you would like to support CAHSM prayerfully or financially, please go to <http://cahsm.oursre.org.au>.

Leanne Burns

Ministry Highlights

I am very thankful for the opportunities I've had over the past 12 months to walk beside people to help them meet Jesus and gain new life, to see others grow in their faith and service of Christ and reassuring others of the place Jesus has prepared for them as they leave this earthly life.

So many highlights, here are three:

Christianity Explained. I had the joy of doing Christianity Explained with a number of women in 2023. One of those women is Natalya, the parent of a boy who attends St Peters Grammar. Having come to Chapel for many years, when her daughter Sophia was born, Natalya made enquires to have Sophia baptised. This led to the family coming to Campbelltown Anglican and Natalya doing Christianity Explained as part of the Tuesday Morning Women's Hub. It was so good to work through Luke's gospel as part of the course and to talk through what it means to be a follower of Jesus, Natalya asked great questions that revealed a genuine desire to connect with God. The Women of Tuesday Growth Group rejoiced as Natalya shared that she had asked Jesus into her life. A few weeks later Minami, who was also earnestly seeking to understand the who Christ claimed to be, prayed a prayer of commitment to Christ after church with a group of women from the 10am Congregation.

S.R.E in 2023. Scripture in public schools is both a challenge and a joy. The highlight this year was team teaching with Marischeil Watts on a Year 1 and 2 Class at Bradbury Primary. Marischeil had been praying and seeking godly wisdom about whether to work full time or serve in a weekday ministry. Thankfully she decided to become a Scripture Teacher. Marischeil did all the online and in person training with Kinsey and joined me in teaching to complete her training. She prepared each lesson really well and, despite the lesson being in the afternoon, engaged the children with her pictures and

developing story-telling skills. I loved doing ministry with Marischeil and the children did too.

Hospital Visiting. In my role in 2023 of pastoring the 8am and Wednesday Congregations I was able to do some hospital visiting during particularly challenging times for some of our members. This highlight may not sound like a highlight but it truly was. I visited Sylvia Punch in the final weeks of her life. Sylvia had a firm faith in Jesus and was ready to meet him face to face, it was wonderful to sing hymns with her, read the Bible and pray. Seeing the difference knowing Jesus makes is definitely a God thing.

Ministry Prayer

Give thanks for those who have come to know Jesus as their saviour and Lord, please pray they will be firmly established in their faith and continue to grow to maturity in Christ. Give thanks for all our new Scripture teachers, pray that God will keep raising up more and more. Give thanks for the way Heather Veitch and Michael Latten are building relationships with the 8am congregation to encourage and care for them.

Mick Bullen

In 2023, my role shifted to ministering to both the 10am and 6pm congregations alongside Jason. There have been many things which have been highlights from the year, and I wanted to share 3 things which I reflect back on and praise God for:

- It was a privilege to lead 2 people (1 adult and 1 boy from my small group at afternoon kids' club) to trust and follow Jesus as their LORD and Saviour. I praise God that they have moved from death to life, and pray for both of them that they will continue to grow and mature in their faith, holding firm to the gospel all of their days.
- I had the privilege of meeting with 2 men, every fortnight, in reading God's word and in mutually encouraging one another over a coffee. This was one of my highlights every week.
- I started a new growth group at 6pm and loved walking beside the 9 members of that group. Though very diverse, and without many people knowing each other well to start, this group had such great care for each other, and took such delight in reading and growing under God's word each week.

In 2024, my role is shifting again. I will be helping us to establish our Mission and Integration pathways, as well as being involved in ministering to the 10am congregation primarily. I would appreciate your prayer this year for:

- Our Easter Mission. Pray that many people will be invited; pray that many will come to our services or the Jesus Is night, and will hear the good news of Jesus, investigate further for themselves and turn and be saved. Pray that people will be turning to follow Jesus in churches right across the Macarthur.
- The development of clear integration and pathway systems. Pray that we might have clarity on how we do everything; from welcoming, to leading people to Christ, growing and maturing young Christians and integrating people well into the life of our church. Pray that we might build systems well, and train our congregations effectively so that we can help many people come to Jesus and/or integrate into our church and keep growing.

I am so thankful for the people in each of our congregations. I am so thankful for the privilege of serving alongside you all.

Michael Kinsey

As I reflect on the last year of ministry together to children and teenagers, there is so much I'm thankful for. Front of the list are the four young people who explicitly decided to follow Jesus in the last 12 months. Praise God for bringing more people from death to life through faith in Jesus! While that is cause for great rejoicing, so are all the little steps that we've seen many of the children and teenagers make in growing in their love for God, their understanding of his Word, and in their love and service of others. I'm also so thankful for the 30 new leaders who have jumped in to serve formally in different ways in Kids and Youth Ministry. It has been so exciting to work together in ministry with so many people.

I personally really enjoyed the process of working together with different ministry teams, parents and children to clarify the purpose and goals of our various ministries, which in turn allowed us to clarify our Kids and Youth Discipleship Pathway. This has helped children, parents and leaders have a better sense of what our different ministry programs are trying to achieve, and where everything fits in the bigger picture.

Getting this clarity helped us to make strategic decisions over the last year about the 'ministry ecosystem' for kids and youth ministry in our churches. Considering this big picture, we started up and revitalized several ministry programs, including splitting creche and preschool programs at 10am St Peter's, starting Riverside Teens at Airds, repotting Entrust Teens into Teens@10 at St Peters 10am, and in 2024 the Senior Youth Growth Group has kicked off in earnest. And there's lots more exciting ideas brewing!

In our local public schools, we continue to teach SRE classes in 5 of our local Public Schools (Campbelltown, Campbelltown East, Bradbury, Briar Road and John Warby), with 4 new teachers/helpers starting in classes in 2024. With all primary schools in NSW now moving to online enrolments for SRE, we're already seeing more numbers of children in classes, and so we need more teachers to teach them all. I have also been exciting by the opportunity to work with other local churches to think more regionally about SRE, and consider how we can cooperate with other like-minded local churches to see SRE taught in more public schools across Campbelltown, even where it may not directly benefit our Churches.

As I reflect on the year of ministry that has passed, I'm refreshed in my gratitude to God 'who is able to do more than we could ask or imagine according to his power that is at working within us' (Eph 3:20), and I'm humbled by the ways he's chosen to use even our meagre efforts for his glory. "To him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

Michael Latten

After two years serving as a student minister in the parish, I'm very thankful to God for the opportunity to continue serving with our church family full-time as an assistant minister in 2024. Given this, I will briefly share about Sunday Arvo Training, which I oversaw in 2023.

The goal of Sunday Arvo Training is to equip the saints for works of service in our parish and beyond. Across the year, we ran training for leading in prayer and Bible reading, one-to-one discipleship, evangelism, leading Growth Groups and writing Bible studies, and three PTC courses, as well as kids and youth ministry training led by Michael Kinsey. Over fifty members of our church attended one or more of these courses and I've been encouraged to see many

of them putting this training into practice for the building up of the body of Christ here in Campbelltown.

Looking ahead to 2024, please thank God for the welcome and the help we've received as we've moved to Campbelltown and settled in life and ministry as a family. Please thank God for the energy and momentum of the 6pm congregation and the 6-10 newcomers joining us every week since January, and pray that we would continue to welcome them well into our church family. Pray also that many more members of our parish will be equipped for service through Sunday Arvo training this year and that we'll continue to raise up the next generation of leaders, especially through our kids and youth ministries and 6pm congregation, for the growth of Christ's church here and abroad.

Macarthur Indigenous Church – Michael Duckett



Macarthur Indigenous Church

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Sorry Business

In the last twelve months I've been involved in four funerals and attended the Marcella Indigenous Children's Mission Home Healing Day in Rouse Hill.

Our church continues to serve at the Cataract Dam where we lead a prayer and our church sings at the Appin Massacre Memorial service and at Minto Catholic Church I Sang and prayed at their Sorry Day service.

Social and emotional wellbeing of our community

To assist the Social and emotional wellbeing of our community we hold gatherings at our ministry center located in Wedderburn on 5 acres.

I've provided Cultural Yarns to Bridge students from SMBC at our ministry centre.

Additional Cultural yarns at Wedderburn were presented to Young Aboriginal leaders from Kari foster care agency, I've hosted meetings with Wesley Mission RAP working group and shared Aboriginal ministry insights with St Peter's University Mission Team.

Churches and community groups,

Our Annual Easter camp is always a hit with our church family our visitors from Redfern.



NAIDOC always provides opportunities for ministry to a variety of venues.

- Tregear Presbyterian Pre-school Gave NAIDOC yarn,
- Donald Robinson Village Kirrawee Preached at NAIDOC service,
- Spoke at a variety of schools re NAIDOC and provided Indigenous cultural education including Reiby Juvenile Detention Centre's Chapel services.

Other groups ministered to include:

- Cameray National Pk Sydney spoke at Truth Telling Conference,
- Places I've travelled to minister include Nowra SHAC, Sutherland Shire, East Hills, Leppington, Penshurst, Hoxton Pk, Sydney City, Camden, Tregear and Canberra and Cessnock.



- Hosted N.Z Moari Bishop
- Spoke at Wesley Mission RAP Launch
- First time ever a young fella visited our church once and went off and painted my sermon and gave it to me. Very humbling



Ministry Reports

ESL – Cheryl Cumines

2023 saw the year begin with a steady number of students and two classes, taught by Margaret Cumines and myself. A huge increase in students, particularly from Nepal, took place in the second half of the year. As a result, by term 3, three classes were running – Beginners, Post-Beginners and Intermediate.

A call for volunteers at the 8 am service during the year resulted in an increase in the number of volunteers at ESL. Thanks go to Lily Bharat, Judith Cato, Monika Gwan, Rob Hazell, Roslyn Jenkinson, Darlene Parker, Allison Poole, who all gave freely of their time to assist. Special thanks go to Lily who stepped up to teach the new Beginners group and to Rob who stood in for Margaret on a number of occasions.

By the end of the year, students from Belarus, Burundi, Chile, China, Egypt, Eritrea, Hong Kong, Iran, Laos, Nepal, Pakistan, Samoa, Slovakia, Syria, Thailand, Timor Leste (East Timor), Turkiye and Ukraine had been in attendance for all or part of the time and numbers had swelled to more than 35 students. Sadly, at the end of the year, a number of Nepalese students told us that they were returning to Nepal for six months so we anticipate the beginning of 2024 will be much quieter.

New bilingual teaching resources based on the alphabet for the Beginners group were developed in-house with the English being the same throughout so that all students in the Beginners group had the same target language with individualized first language components. These resources are currently available in fifteen languages.

Topics and Bible passages studied in 2023 were:

- Conversations: casual conversations; formal and informal greetings; conversation topic board game; Luke 18: 15-17; Luke 10:30-37; Matthew 25:1-13
- Easter: how we know it is Easter from the shops; modern day symbols of Easter; the meaning of Easter; Matthew 21:1-11
- Anzac Day: the role of non-combatants – focus on John Simpson Kirkpatrick; display of aspects of Anzac; Romans 5:6-9
- Coronation of Charles III; 2 Samuel 7:8-13
- Directions: giving and listening to directions; Directions Bingo; the grammar of directions; giving and listening to directions; map reading the map of Campbelltown; Luke 24:13-35, Acts 9:1-9, Acts 9:10-20
- National Reconciliation Week: Sorry Day; referendums – when the people tell the government what to do; Acts 9:21-31
- Adverbs and adverbial phrases of frequency: PowerPoint quiz; John 2:1-12
- St Peter's Bicentennial celebrations: birthdays; roll the dice small talk game; celebratory lunch
- FIFA Women's World Cup: explanation of organization; the Matildas; Nehemiah 3-4
- Leisure: leisure activities group activity cards; speaking – free time activities – I have/I never have; Luke 14:15-24; weekend activities – talking about the weekend; using the simple past tense to talk about the weekend; Luke 11:5-10; Acts 9:1-9; Acts 9:10-20
- The Indigenous Voice to Parliament; Luke 18:1-8, Ruth 1-2

- Who our new airport is named after: Nancy Bird Walton; Ruth 3-4
- Everyday activities – what I can do; Luke 10:38-42
- The past tense: everyday activities – using past tense; pronunciation of -ed (-t, -d, aspirated sound); past tense bingo; forming the irregular past tense; Luke 15:11-20
- Total Fire Bans – multilingual resource developed inhouse; Luke 15:21-32
- Health: health problems; who would you go to for help worksheet; reading medicine labels and following medicine instructions; Luke 4:38-40; responding to ‘How are you?’ polite to extremely detailed responses; medical specialists; Mark 2:1-12; making a doctor’s appointment; listening – messages from doctors; Mark 1:40-45
- Remembrance Day: maps showing sites of monuments in Mawson Park; small groups led by volunteers to find monuments in Mawson Park; multilingual booklet – The Meaning of Remembrance Day, including explanations of the monuments in Mawson Park, the National Anthem and The Ode, developed inhouse; Numbers 10:1-10
- Beach Safety: Beach Safety multilingual booklet, developed inhouse; beach safety worksheets; Matthew 8:23-27; beach safety signs; beach safety sign bingo; John 6:16-21
- Christmas: Christmas in the shopping centres; modern Christmas symbols bingo; The Christmas Story PowerPoint; Luke 1:26-33, 2:1-16

ESL training through Anglicare’s Cross Cultural Ministries took place on Friday 3rd February at MBM (Multicultural Bible Ministry), Rooty Hill. Sessions included Accessing Anglicare Resources, a cultural awareness taster, English Foundations overview, a summary of English levels, Supporting Refugees and Tweaking Resources. Unfortunately, Margaret and I were unable to attend the July training.

Our regional supervisor, Sue Radkovic, visited twice during the year, once for our celebration of the church’s anniversary and again in term 4 when she brought Anglicare’s newest resource, English Conversation Card Toolkit, valued at \$80 but free to Anglican churches with ESL classes.

St Peter’s Anglican Church’s 200th anniversary, on 29th June, coincided with our last ESL class for June. To celebrate with our students, lessons on birthdays and celebrations were held beforehand and a lunch was organized with students and volunteers bringing in a selection of multicultural foods to share. The opportunity was taken to thank past volunteers who were invited to the lunch. We were pleased to welcome back Carol Blanchard, Robyn Dye,

Beverley Meadows, Barbara Noble, Margaret Richardson and Elizabeth Thompson; we were also joined by Leanne Burns, Kylie Chapman, Sue Radkovic, Sharon Richards and Jason Veitch. Barbara, whose 93rd birthday was on the same day, was asked to cut the celebration cake.

Junior Jivers – Kat Bullen

'...God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.' 2 Cor 5:19-20a

The aim of Junior Jivers is to serve families from the community by welcoming and caring, to engage them with Christians and the gospel, and to invite them to investigate Jesus. Each week on Mondays and Fridays, God brings us many parents, carers and kids, most of whom do not know Jesus. In 2023, a group of 12 women from church served across both days and made up the 'Junior Jivers team'. They all see this as an evangelistic ministry to women, and so they come with the intention to welcome the mums from the community and to share their lives and the gospel as well. The team also aims to connect with the mums during the week through texts and playdates. By building genuine relationships we try to show women what a difference Jesus makes to our lives, and why they need Jesus too! We then use every opportunity to invite women to church, to 'Jesus is...' nights, to Easter and Christmas services and to 'Meet Jesus' courses. It is our hope and prayer that through this ministry they will connect with the pathways of our church and ultimately with Jesus.

In 2023, God brought 133 different families to us from the community. The harvest is plentiful!

A few highlights of the year were:

- In God's kindness, last year 3 women who came to Junior Jivers from the community, turned to Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. All of them completed the Meet Jesus course, as well as Firm in Jesus (Just for Starters + Christian Living for Starters). One of those women now regularly attends church and Growth Group, one attends church only and the other attends Growth Group only. Praise God for the women involved in helping to grow these women so far, and please pray that

they would all continue to mature as disciples of Jesus. For those new Christian sisters with husbands who are not Christian, pray that God would bring their husbands and families to know Jesus too.

- Another mum has started coming regularly to 10am church and is really enjoying the community there. Pray that she will be open to doing a Meet Jesus course soon, and pray that as she sits in church the gospel will be clear to her.
- There were 2 women came to church a few times and did the Meet Jesus course, but didn't choose to put their faith in Jesus at this stage. Please pray that God might change their hearts and draw them to himself.
- We continue to have the opportunity to care and pray for women as they endure some of the hardships of living in this broken world. Praise God for the opportunity to show His love, kindness and generosity and pray that the women may see Jesus through us as we do this.

I am thankful to serve with such a wonderful team of mums as well as some amazing helpers who come without children just to assist with set up and pack up. Please pray that we will continue to be ambassadors for Christ, making the most of every opportunity, and that God would continue to grow His kingdom through this ministry.

Men and Women maturing in Christ (Parish-wide)

In 2023, not only did we see men and women growing in the Lord together in a myriad of ways, we also invested in focussed opportunities for men and women to gather separately.

In term 1 of 2023, the women of our church gathered for an encouragement breakfast to set themselves for the year ahead in serving the Lord. Then in October the Women's Retreat was a great encouragement for many of the women of our church as Kara Hartley (Archdeacon of Women in our Diocese) spoke on the important spiritual discipline of Prayer.

Somewhat similarly, the men started the year with encouragements and spiritual challenges from three of the men of our church (Michael Blencowe, Kevin Hines and Jason Moss). Then later in Term 3 the men gathered for an evening to think through how to be godly Christian men despite the culture of common pornography usage so prevalent in the world around us.

The Big Day In was at Wedderburn Christian Campsite in 2023 and many of our members found the talks by Phillip Jensen on the Holy Spirit to be enormously encouraging and challenging. Much fun was had over food, fun and around fires on the day.

Local mission/Evangelism

In 2023, we saw the powerful way God was at work using the ministries and activities that we already invest so heavily in. Through our ESL, Junior Jivers, various Church Gatherings and Schools we met and welcomed many people and gave them an opportunity to meet Jesus. As has been mentioned before, it was primarily these pathways that led to 20 new believers last year.

This was a testimony to how God is at work right now. God is bringing more people than we've been able to disciple and help meet Jesus! So, our priority at the moment is not running big mission events to find even more connections, but rather to use our existing pathways well to connect with the people God is bringing right now and help them take a next step. This means we have great need for people to help with welcoming people into congregations well, running adhoc Meet Jesus courses and then investing in walking with new believers until they are established in their faith.

The evangelistic events we did run last year were targeted particularly to help our members with mission with people they know and to help attenders of our ministries to take a next step. The Jesus Is events (one for Junior Jivers attenders, one for Youth, and one for the whole Parish) were powerful events that saw people take next steps with Jesus – praise God!

Global mission partnerships

It is a privilege to not only serve Jesus in Campbelltown but also to partner with Gospel Workers around the World.

In 2023 our long-serving CMS link missionary, Karen Dada sadly passed away at age 58. Her funeral at Engadine Anglican was a testimony to her life of faithful service of the Lord. The church was filled with her mission supporters and we gave thanks to God for her ministry and partnership. Whilst it is incredibly sad to see her pass so young, we are comforted by the certain hope that she is with the Lord and that we will meet again. We also thank God for her ministry here, in Japan and in a secure location in the middle east.

Jim and Tanja French (with Evie and Silas) returned to their mission field in Spain after recovering from some long-term illness. We continue to pray for them as they settle back into their gospel training work with CMS.

We were also pleased to be able to link up with a new CMS partner, Taulama Siuhengalu who heads to North Vietnam this year. Additionally, we've been able to reestablish connection with BCA and will say that grow in 2024.

Campbelltown Anglican Schools

Campbelltown Anglican Schools Council – Megan Blencowe

2023 realised the implementation of a management structure to facilitate improved function and communication across our organisation. Andrew Middleton accepted the role of **Executive Head** over Corporate Services and the three schools. He has expertly reshaped and streamlined the delivery of resources across campuses. He has strong convictions around Christian education and ensures all improvements are in line with this thinking.

Corporate Services have physically relocated from the Macarthur Square offices to the Menangle campus and are now responsible for People and Culture, Facilities, Finance, Marketing, Risk, Compliance, and Registration across the organisation. Gavin Senescall continues to lead this team effectively. One of many achievements this year has been the policy review across the organisation.

St Peter's Anglican Grammar School celebrated their 40 year anniversary in 2023 and welcomed Mrs Michelle McDonnell as the permanent Principal. Michelle's decades of experience and outstanding educational and management skills have ensured the school is in capable hands. We praise God for the depth of experience and ability in her leadership team and teaching staff. We also thank God for the interim Principal Alastair Walker who so ably led the school until the permanent appointment. This year, the

school focussed on implementing the new Literacy and Numeracy syllabi, they have workshopped Biblical thinking to improve existing practice of Christian education across the key learning areas. Classroom refurbishments have begun with more improvements scheduled next year.

St Peter's Heart had a great year under the interim leadership of Mrs Deborah Nash. Heart teachers and aides are enthusiastic, caring and capable educators. Eighteen students across three classes have settled into a great routine. Both St Peter's Heart and Grammar have promoted authentic integration between the schools with shared learning experiences, excursions, and events. This has proved to be beneficial to both schools. We thank God for these children and their families.

Praise God, **Broughton Anglican College** has grown to over 1400 students. We have great capacity with the new Infants precinct which rounds out the major works in the Junior School. Much needed improvements to the Senior School are in the planning stages. Timothy Hewitt commenced in 2023 as the permanent Principal following Don O'Connor's retirement the previous year. Tim hit the ground running! His fire to promote Jesus, his professionalism, and obvious leadership skills have proven to be assets to the College.

Campbelltown Anglican Schools Council is a united body that serves our schools well. Church members serving on council include Megan Blencowe (Chair), Jason Veitch (Deputy Chair), Ben Stelzer (Treasurer), Josh Ioannidis and Mark Alcorn. Council continues to encourage the relationship between the church and school communities, our hope is that our schools will provide opportunity for students and families to know Jesus, mature in faith and connect into our churches.

Campbelltown Anglican Schools and Campbelltown Anglican Churches in partnership

Behind many of the strategic changes in 2023 was that desire to ensure a great ministry and gospel partnership between Church and School – the original reason the schools were started!

This partnership was expressed in a number of wonderful ways in 2023:

- Andrew Middleton attended church staff meetings a number of times in 2023 to connect with the church
- The growing commitment to ensuring chaplaincy in the School is in partnership with the Church. Expressed particularly by having Mark and Leanne highly involved, as people who know both the School and the Church very well and bridge the two organisations easily
- The church staff team attended School staff development days and Jason Veitch taught the Bible at the opening of 2023 to all staff to help set the gospel vision ahead
- Rahmi Jackson and Jason Veitch worked together to provide the Moore College PTC Course – *Introduction to the Bible* to school staff to help them continue to grow in their knowledge of the Lord and their ability to apply it in their work. Around 50 people signed up for this opportunity.
- Week by week, the Church staff team (mainly Leanne Burns and Mick Bullen) provided chapel lessons for students
- Week by week, Jason was able to open the Bible with staff across both schools in their morning devotions

Praise God for our Gospel partnership!

Broughton Anglican College Ministry Report – Mark Schroder (P-12 College Chaplain)

Broughton is committed to authentic Christian education where the Gospel of Jesus Christ is embedded in everything that happens. Students are helped to consider how Jesus' resurrection can make a wonderful and everlasting difference to their life. There really are many wonderful opportunities for the Broughton student to connect with the gospel. The specialised Christian community groups, provide students with not only fellowship and fun, but much more significantly, connection with God and his word. Any student is welcome to get involved and carefully consider and apply the sensational news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and his resurrection.

Chaplaincy teams of staff and students have worked together in 2023 to facilitate many excellent programs. The staples of college life together include Chapels, Growth Groups, RAGE, Senior School Prayer group, special chapel services, Playgroup, and the famous Senior School RAGE camp.

RAGE (Revolve Around God Everyday) is the name that has been given to our college Christian group and all students in Junior and Senior School can get involved in the weekly gathering. The Junior School has grown to be a group of over 50 students and likewise over 70 students in the Senior School. These gatherings are essentially the hub of Christian community and students value the time spent with students in other grades as they gather to think about and apply God's Word.

An extension of RAGE are the RAGE Growth groups. This is an exciting and developing feature of life together at Broughton. Students in years 5-12 can regularly meet to carefully study God's word in grade specific groups. Staff volunteer their time at recess and lunch to lead students once a week through age-appropriate bible study.

The Senior School RAGE Prayer group continued to meet each week. This student led group of 50 students meet regularly to pray for one another, our college and the world. Our student leaders are key to the success of this group and it's been exciting to see many students mature in their faith in God as they pray together.

90 students from the Senior School also spent a weekend together at the annual RAGE camp. The focus was on how to live life through Christ. This was a practical guide and students learnt together how to live out their faith and share it with others. Like always, RAGE Camp is a brilliant time of fellowship and students enjoyed every moment, of course this included the Friday night bonfire, good food, various activities and games.

Chapel at Broughton is an important part of belonging at Broughton. Both Junior and School chapels are a highlight of each week. Students learn together from God's Word and it's been enjoyable to, learn from the Bible with Miss Philpott, Rev Schroder and many other guest speakers. Senior School students enjoyed meeting weekly for Chapel this year and benefited from hearing from many different speakers about the wisdom that is found in God's word from Proverbs and James.

Broughton's commitment to life through Christ means that these sorts of community event happen each week and have become a very normal part of Broughton. Our hope is that as Broughton students engage in Christian community, they will learn more about the beautiful message of the Gospel, that they would respond to it in repentance and faith and then continue to live a life through Christ. As the P-12 College Chaplain, I am thankful for the

committed Christian staff who intentionally work to adorn the gospel in all they do. It is a huge blessing to work together for God and his Kingdom and to help all come into a right relationship with God, through Jesus Christ. Miss Wendy Philpott as Assistant Chaplain has been a long-time co-worker in this ministry at BAC. We farewelled her at the end of 2023 as she prayerfully considers new opportunities in ministry. Her Christian witness and work to advance the Gospel in our college community is greatly appreciated.

As we continue to do life and ministry here at Broughton may we always be convinced of the inseparable love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 5:8

St Peter's Anglican Grammar and St Peter's Heart School Ministry Report – Leanne Burns

Ministry Highlights

For one Term in Chapel last year we looked at some of the men and women in the Old Testament (including Gideon, Ruth, Jonah, Isaiah, Josiah and Esther) who put their faith in God and his word.

What we discovered, as we glimpsed at the faith of these people, was that 'God' is the faithful one and that God can be trusted in all circumstances of life because God keeps every promise he makes.

The catch cry for the term was "God is faithful, always faithful, that's why we can trust in him."

A highlight for me happened in Kindergarten, Year 1 and 2 Chapel on Friday mornings when Noah from Year 1 came out the front with his mum (who attends Chapel each week) to demonstrate what faith/trust looks like. I blindfolded Noah, put him on a chair and asked him if he trusted his mum. I then asked Noah to show us that he trusted his mum by falling back into his mum's arms, Noah did.

Another highlight was hearing Mrs Lindsey Connell (who teaches Year 2) tell the children why she puts her trust in God and how trusting God helps her when life is scary.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 had a fun time in Chapel when the School was focussing on 'A Day of Art'. Mick Bullen and Peter Stevenson (head of Biblical Studies) did a very messy painting at the front of Chapel to represent the messiness of sin, then they showed God's solution to sin by peeling back some tape, hidden under all the paint, to reveal a cross.

Ministering with Mick Bullen for eight years in the School was a great blessing. In the Junior Chapels we called each other B1 and B2.

Ministry Prayers

Please continue to pray for me as I settle into my new role. I love being in the School with all the opportunities it brings to speak about God's goodness and love revealed in Jesus.

Please pray for Michelle McDonnell in her new role as Principal. Give thanks for her love for the School, her wisdom, hard-work and integrity.

Please pray for members of our church who work at the school in various roles that they may show the love of Christ in all they do and say.

Please pray for school families, both parents and students, that those who don't know Jesus would come to know him and those who do know Jesus would speak of him to others.

Please use this booklet as a resource for your prayers as you join us in praising God for his work amongst us last year.

⁵⁷ Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 15:57)

*Praise and glory
and wisdom and thanks and honor
and power and strength
be to our God for ever and ever.
Amen (Rev 7:12)*

