



# ANNUAL REPORTS 2022

## Part A - Ministry Reports

Annual General Meeting  
26 February 2023

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**Rector:** Rev'd Jan Crombie

**Assistance Priest:** Rev'd David Dean

**Assistant Curate:** Rev'd Jane Markotsis

**Associate Priests:** Rev'd Graham Dorman  
Rev'd Sandra Kjellgren  
Rev'd Dr Colin Nicholson  
Rev'd Geoffrey Reeder  
Rev'd Josie Yarham

**Staff:** Rev'd Jane Markotsis, Assistant Curate  
Rillis Kilmartin, Ministry Support Officer



## AGENDA

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Kenmore Brookfield Anglican Church

To be held in the  
Church at Kenmore Anglican  
on  
Sunday 26 February at 10.45am  
*Followed by a luncheon in the Hall*

1. Open with prayer
2. Presentation by the Rector, Rev'd Jan Crombie of her report
3. Presentation by the Churchwardens of their report
4. The presentation and adoption of the Parish Annual Financial Accounts for 2022 and Budget for 2023 – **Part B separate report**
5. The reception of all other Parish reports
6. The determination of the number of Churchwardens
7. The appointment and election of Churchwardens
8. The election of Parish Nominators
9. The determination of the number of Parish Councillors to be further elected and appointed
10. The election of Parish Councillors
11. The appointment by the Rector (at her discretion) of persons to the Parish Council
12. The appointment of Parish Auditor
13. Any other Parish business brought forward by the Rector or Churchwardens or of which notice in writing prior to the AGM shall have been given to the Rector and Churchwardens
14. A motion to confirm the minutes of the AGM at the March 2023 Parish Council Meeting
15. Close with prayer

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## Rector's Report for 2022: Reverend Jan Crombie

All that we are, all we feel called into with God, is based on what we believe. A faith community is shaped by the faith, the passions and the participation of who is here, it has always been so. This includes the leadership, clergy and lay; their task, though, is to help us all discern, as community, capacity and direction through collective listening and reflection with God, firstly, and also with each other. In other words, make space for the Holy Spirit!

My passion is – for people to encounter the living Christ – and not the church (as institution). For centuries Christianity has presented itself as ‘organised religion’, which has also detrimentally brought a culture of being change-averse. Of all ‘organisations’ in the world, we should be the most adaptive to the different times we live in, guided by the dynamic and ever moving Holy Spirit of God. I believe we endeavour to do this here; some examples:

- Exploration of ‘all age’, intergenerational culture – looking at all we offer through the lens of ‘all ages, all stages, all welcome’.
- Commitment to aged care ministry through Covid, and aged care institutional challenges, by increasing awareness of the isolated and unvisited and growing connection with those people.
- Reflecting on the ‘gaps’ in other aged ministry – the positive initiative of ‘TeenSpirit’ and the launch of SpiritAlive monthly 2023 for young adults and teens (and everyone of course).
- Interface with wider community through hospitality, support relationships and opening our church sites for community use – the Community Carols, the Monster Book Sale, very strong use of both church halls, partnering with Meals on Wheels, Men’s Shed events, Anglicare forum, support for Kenmore High School chaplaincy (including fundraising), a parish Budget with a commitment to Wider Ministry.
- Commitment to being a training parish, and exploring “both and” adaptive leadership, with students and curates.

In many ways 2022 was the most difficult of the Covid years, with a very confusing and restricted beginning for schools and the inevitable turn around by government and the world into ‘opening up’. We are still emerging, and patterns of family and society life have changed. Anxiety and fatigue remain with us as perhaps new constants. The wave of Covid end of 2022 into 2023 has affected many parishioners. These years, again inevitably, has changed permanently processes and ministry with the five Aged Care centres we serve. I want to place on record here, on behalf of the whole parish, gratitude to the small teams who faithfully provide support and care with the monthly services, and, in many cases, extend that to the visiting we are endeavouring to build with residents who receive no visitors at all.

How lucky we are to have young lives in our midst! I don’t say this lightly - more than 50% of Anglican parishes in this Diocese do not have children amongst them. Rev’d Jane will now continue to develop these connections, as she transitions into fulltime work here, with the focus on ministry with the younger cohort and households. In her final formation year 2022, she initiated TeenSpirit and the Messy Musicians, exciting ministries that will continue 2023. The Musicians (instruments and voice) will be the basis for the ‘new idea’ of 2023, SpiritAlive, a monthly service on a Sunday evening geared to teens and young adults. This will be mentored by Ichthus leaders, and shared with other Anglican parishes.

SpiritLife, the 9am Sunday all age worship, will also explore some new ways of engaging with younger lives, ie, primary school focussed. In December we began a “listening time” with those households, and there is a clear message to offer learning specifically for that age group. We have now begun an exploratory model of “two teaching hubs”, one to stay in the church, one outside, activity based. This will involve a real team approach, and lots of planning and preparation. However, with the gift of a second fulltime stipend, we must explore engaging the Word with the ‘gaps’ in all age ministry. I am very conscious that the commitment to train a Curate is an extraordinary financial commitment by this parish, so thank you for your faith and generosity. We can all agree that Rev’d Jane, and her family, are wonderful blessings amongst us.

The balance of missional initiative is always with the cycle of constancy in worship, pastoral care, study groups, governance, office administration, maintenance of eight buildings on two sites, community engagement, care of each other. Even in these things, there is need to reflect on capacity and appropriate purpose. In that approach, a working group was formed after the Parish Council May planning day to look at resources and ‘fit for purpose’ in the current ministries, and where we discern God’s call on this faith community. Thank you to Peter Brady heading up this group. By the middle of 2024, as the Curate comes to conclusion of time here, the parish will need to make decisions about where to place staffing resources, as well as hopefully what is possible with best use of plant/buildings.

The various leaders here are God’s blessings in action – some we see, some we don’t. The quiet work of sacristans, preparing for sacramental worship each week; the preparation and commitment of study group facilitators; the care of the fabric of the two lovely churches, and the grounds; the pastoral care of many, through crisis and also friendship; the continual planning, well ahead, for worship in all its facets – the rota of clergy and sanctuary, the music, the welcoming and care, the hospitality. These are all the things of faith family here, and are God’s blessing in our midst, and we are grateful. I have said before that it is not my right to say ‘thank you’ because this faith community’s life and care is everyone’s choice to serve God. But I do express deep personal gratitude for being part of you all, and the support and encouragement and (especially) prayer you constantly offer.

In that vein, I do acknowledge the Leadership Group – Wardens and Treasurer. We have met monthly through 2022, with many other connections, and we are so well served by the quality and commitment of this group. Margaret de Wit has indicated conclusion in her role of People’s Warden after five years – on behalf of us all, we thank you Margaret for your willingness to learn a quite different community governance way, and your natural thoroughness and high work ethic has achieved many things through these years. You will perhaps not recover from interaction with Diocesan ‘ways of doing things’ – but fortunately you have a good sense of humour 😊 We are also very grateful for the years of service of Alan Dann, with his Commitment to wider ministry, Anglicare Ambassador, his financial acumen. I thank him for years of faithful Liturgical Assistance in the sanctuary. Alan will continue to assist with care of property, especially Good Shepherd grounds. And, again, this coming year, my deep gratitude for Peter Brady’s continuing commitment as Priest’s Warden.

The Rev'd David Dean, and Mary, continue to serve faithfully, in particular with the Good Shepherd congregation. Our prayers continue for David as he emerges from significant surgery and health issues. His Brookfield report includes acknowledgement of the great loss this year to us all of parishioner of Neville Eckersley. May he continue to rest in God's peace. We thank Rev'd George Markotsis, and Rev'd Sandra Kjellgren, for their support through this time, and our continuing relationship with Associate clergy, Rev'd Geoff, Rev'd Josie and Rev'd Colin.

I love that we practise here what I truly believe – God does not see age. In our continual strengthening of aged care ministry, together with focus on the younger cohort, I believe we are aspiring to the wonderful community adage, there is a place to belong here, for everyone. If that was not true, welcome for all, then we would not be Christ's community. The heart of our being is his hospitality – from sacramental meal, to all gatherings we do in his name. We are called to be his 'Village Green' for each other and this community we are part of. May we continue to build on Christ's hospitality with all, with vitality and enthusiasm because he is our Way, our Truth, our Light – our very life. In that enthusiasm, we become God's blessings in the world. May we be so.

***Rev'd Jan***



## Worship - Intergenerational

### Messy Church

***All the believers were together and had everything in common Acts 2:44***

#### The Now

Messy Church in 2022 was again underpinned by the words of Faith, Fun and Food. To tease this out, Faith was Jesus centred, Fun was aiming to make the learning connect in a positive and lifelong way to knowing Jesus and Food was always about community, “breaking bread together”. During worship time the message of Messy Church focussed on numerous things, including The Transfiguration, The Annunciation, Palm Sunday, Easter Eve, Pentecost, Creation and Advent. GFS again generously granted money to the parish for this significant worship space and Messy Church numbers remained very solid.

#### The Future

Messy Church continues to evolve at Kenmore Anglican. Some of the worship times were on Sunday morning and some on late Sunday afternoons. Some of the activities were for the individual but many were done as a congregation and the completed items were used to inform other congregations, as they worshipped.

One of the pillars of Messy Church has always been that it is an intergenerational ministry. So let’s reflect again on this concept. What is intergenerational ministry? Firstly, perhaps it may be useful to throw a few thoughts around about what intergenerational ministry is not. It is not all about children and youth and providing colouring sheets, books, fun activities, yummy food and a play area.

Yes, these are important but intergenerational ministry is so much more than that.

*Intergenerational Biblical ministry, embraces all ages, all households, and accepts that things can be done differently. How can intergenerational ministry possibly do this? Quite simply it can happen because intergenerational ministry is a Biblical discipline. It is based on the message and the actions of Jesus. It requires us to love our neighbour as ourselves; to not always think of what “I” want or experienced but to think of the spiritual needs of others. Further, the intergenerational church has an active element of welcoming and hospitality; where all people are included in the active process of naming, nurturing and nourishing all ages.*

It has been stated in previous AGM reports that significant studies are revealing that an intergenerational approach to ministry, that is grounded on the Bible, leads directly to younger people remaining with a Faith Community as they grow older. In a world confronting a diminishing place for Christianity, this is both a timely and compelling message.

Messy Church will continue to evolve. The hope is that into the future the words from Acts 2:44 will continue to underpin the direction of Messy Church.

*All the believers were together and had everything in common Acts 2:44*

***Jennifer Bradbury on behalf of the team***



## SpiritLife

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SpiritLife is an intergenerational, Eucharistic, worship service held every Sunday morning at Holy Spirit, Kenmore. The service is designed to be highly flexible and interactive to suit the spiritual needs of all ages and is shaped by A Prayer Book for Australia and the Outline Order for Holy Communion. This worship service is intended to allow the word of God to be heard and understood in a variety of different formats, by all who attend.

Although the Covid 19 pandemic significantly impacted the SpiritLife attendance rate, numbers have begun to reflect those of pre-covid times.

Challenges that SpiritLife faced in 2022:

- Low participant numbers during school holiday periods.
- Households with primary school-aged children advised that the children were not being stimulated during the service. A "listening project" to this need has resulted in changes in 2023.

Overall, SpiritLife continues to be a great success in allowing a variety of people of all ages and stages the opportunity for God's word and Jesus' teachings to be easily accessible. It is very hard work to maintain this approach, and there is a continuous effort to adapt to the variety of all age needs. Regular, positive feedback is received from SpiritLife attendees which makes the extra effort very satisfying.

### ***Rev'd Jane Markotsis***



Rev'd Jane's Ordination Ceremony 2022

## Warden's Report

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While 2022 saw the relaxation of most restrictions, COVID continued to demand flexibility and resilience as we continued to deal with infections amongst parishioners. As Wardens we were extremely grateful for the way in which parishioners filled in while others were sick and, most importantly, supporting them during their illnesses. Pleasingly, there were strong attendances at the major festivals of Easter and Christmas, demonstrating there remains a strong Christian sense within the community. The pandemic notwithstanding, there were many missional achievements during 2022. In the interests of avoiding duplication we will not comment on all of them here but please read all the Committee reports which give full details of work done and events held.

Some of our major achievements during the year included the launch of TeenSpirit for our young adult members and hosting a variety of community forums at Holy Spirit. And, of course, in 2022 we not only organised but also hosted the Kenmore Community Carols – a very successful event held appropriately in the church with activities and food beforehand on the village green. A special feature was the performance by the Brisbane Bells – their first time performing outdoors. We are making our facilities available for more community events and interactions and there is no doubt that this unique place is becoming more well-known and appreciated by the wider community. With few community facilities in this area it is appropriate that we continue to do what we can to support the needs of the wider community by providing a meeting place where we can.

2022 was a significant year for the Church of the Good Shepherd at Brookfield. After a number of delays the Conservation Management Plan was completed thanks to a State Government heritage grant. The plan is a useful document which not only provides the history of the site but gives guidance as to how the church is to be maintained for future generations. A copy of the Plan is kept in the vestry at Good Shepherd. Major repairs to the church were completed. What started as a straight forward maintenance job became a major project when it was discovered the roof above the sanctuary had to be replaced. Special mention should be made of our contractor, Mark Johnson from The Chippie Co. for his care and for the excellent work done in difficult circumstances.

At Holy Spirit Kenmore the stabilisation works on the western wall were completed and it was with great joy we were able to reinstate the memorial stained-glass window. In addition to these major works there were many smaller projects at both sites as we responded to the ageing of our infrastructure. It is often not realised that we have eight buildings to manage on the two sites – an ongoing and expensive task! We are indebted to the Property Committee for the ever-increasing workload they manage so efficiently. An Asset Review Working Group was established to try to address some of these issues. This group is receiving input from the Diocesan property office but it remains the case that the parish is required to meet the cost of any building works itself.

Your Parish Council is a very important contributor to the oversight and management of the Parish. As Wardens we have responsibility for the financial and operational management of the Parish but we rely very much on guidance from the Parish Council. In May we gathered for a planning day where we reviewed and discussed the successes and challenges we have dealt with as a Parish in the last few years and looked to the future,

mindful of the resourcing challenges we have. While there was a list of important actions agreed upon on the day the most significant was to commit the Parish to funding a Curate for two years. This is a financial challenge but we strongly believe it is something we should do not only to provide much needed support for Rev'd Jan but to contribute to the training and development of new priests. The creation of the Asset Review Working Group referred to above was another initiative which came from the strategic planning day.

We extend our sincere appreciation to the Parish Council members who have been a great source of support throughout the year and of course thank Rev'd Jan for her guidance and support. With Alan Dann's well-earned retirement from many years on Parish Council, his work with Wider Ministry and his liaison role with Good Shepherd we pay tribute and say thank you for his financial acumen and wise counsel on many matters.

We must also make special mention of our long suffering Treasurer Rachel McFadyen who has had to deal with many IT frustrations and communication issues with the Diocese this year coupled with the difficulty of finding a new auditor – on top of the constant work of paying the bills and keeping the place ticking! Thank you Rachel! It would be remiss of us also not to thank Gary Kellar for his work as the Parish Covid Warden over the last three years in addition to managing the hall bookings. No one cheered louder than Gary when the Covid position was no longer needed!

We were delighted at the end of the year to celebrate the deaconing of our formation student (Rev'd) Jane Markotsis and we look forward to working with Jane as she embarks on this next phase of her clerical training as our Assistant Curate. Another former student, Glynn Holland-Leam was also deaconed and, of course, our former student and parishioner Rev'd Melissa Conway was priested. As mentioned in last year's report it says much about our community that the parish remains an important training ground for the next generation of clergy. Again though, the diocese's current approach does not provide financial support to parishes like ours for training clergy; we are expected to meet these costs ourselves.

During the year we welcomed Sonja Shipard as our third Warden and thank Sonja for her commitment and input. At the AGM this year we will be looking to appoint another Warden with Margaret de Wit not nominating after five years in the role. Margaret will continue with her music ministry and will nominate for Parish Council.

As we move into 2023 our objectives are to maintain the positive initiatives developed from (almost) three years of the pandemic and to build on our faith community mission to promote the Gospel.

***Peter Brady - Rector's Warden***  
***Margaret de Wit - Parish Warden***  
***Sonja Shipard - Parish Warden***



Confirmation 13 November 2022

## Compliance

Compliance in 2022 commenced with our February Compliance Month. Part of our scope in February 2022 was to continue seeking 'Next of Kin' information; thank you for your assistance in this matter. As requested, we updated our records to incorporate the Diocese COVID Mandate requirements of Vaccination Status for Staff and Volunteers.

As the year progressed, we undertook a safety audit of our sites, addressing Workplace Health and Safety at Kenmore and Brookfield. A safety audit was conducted by Rev'd Jan Crombie and Kathy Allen. The results of the safety audit highlighted some areas which require attention. These are being addressed at present with the Diocese informed of outcomes. Unfortunately, there was an incident that involved a member of our church seeking medical treatment due to injury incurred in assisting the church in ministry. This issue has now been rectified. In 2023, new evacuation plans shall be prepared for all buildings on our sites.

We had hoped that 2022 would see the development of the new Diocese Child Protection Training program. This program was indeed updated in 2022. Unfortunately, there are many technical difficulties associated with the internet-based platform that the Diocese has used. The Diocese is aware of our concerns with the program, including the technical issues as well as the information in the training package and workbook materials. All of that aside, we are still asking that you complete the program if you are working in areas involving children.

We appreciate the goodwill shown to us as we have undertaken these compliance tasks.

**Kathy Allen**  
**Compliance**

**Rillis Kilmartin**  
**Admin**

## Parish Council Sub-Committee Reports

### Brookfield

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2022 was an eventful year for the Good Shepherd congregation. There were times of sadness, joy and challenge as the year unfolded.

The sadness of the sudden death of Dr Neville Eckersley on 7th September was felt in the Parish generally, but especially at Good Shepherd where his ministry was much appreciated. A large congregation gathered on 14th September to give thanks to God for his life. Special thanks to Neville's beloved Tess, who has gifted one of his paintings to Good Shepherd. It will be hung with an appropriate plaque in the hall in his memory.

A number of faithful members of the congregation had continuing and new medical issues during the year, some involving surgery and extended absence from worship, in two cases likely to be permanent. There were also recoveries for which we are thankful. Through all of this, there was prayerful and practical support, much appreciated by all involved.

Although these things led to a reduction in numbers at Sunday worship, some new members were welcomed. Weekly attendance over the year averaged 18.

For a number of reasons, the governance role of the Good Shepherd Committee was dissolved. Many thanks to members of the Committee for their work, including completion of the heritage repair work to the Church building, despite problems encountered along the way.

The dissolution of the Committee returned its role to Parish Council. Following this change, many thanks to Graham Crombie for the time and care given to maintaining the property, and also to Alan Dann for taking oversight of the repainting of the exterior of the Church building, and the many hours involved to produce such a great result.

Grateful thanks to all who contributed to the Good Shepherd life and worship services in 2022, to the committed clergy team, lay preachers, liturgical assistants, musicians, and all who filled the rosters for welcoming, Bible reading, flowers and morning teas.

Special thanks to Maxine Chandler for her continued faithfulness in looking after the onerous task of drawing up the weekly rosters, managing changes, and providing timely reminders to all involved. Thanks also for the general oversight she gives to life at Good Shepherd.

Highlights of 2022 included:

1. The Bible Study Group program through the year, which continued to provide a place of fellowship and learning from God's Word, to help us grow in our love and service for Him.
2. The Tenebrae service on 13th April which was well attended. Everyone commented how the service was a very moving experience.
3. The year ended with the annual Christmas Carols evening on 10th December. This evening is hosted and shared alternatively with our friends at Brookfield Uniting Church. 2022 was our turn to present Carols at Good Shepherd, sharing the great Bible readings and Carols of Christmas. A good number attended and also enjoyed fellowship over supper.

The Good Shepherd congregation is thankful for its life as part of our Parish, and enters 2023 committed to growing in love for the Lord we serve and for each other, and doing all we can to be His light in the Brookfield community.

***Revd David Dean***



## Hospitality and Fundraising

2022 has been a busy and fulfilling year in the fund raising and hospitality area of our church.

Community has been a strong focus and we have had very good support for most of our events.

Although we as a parish must fund the working of the church we have also been able to donate to areas outside the church.

Below is list of the events during the year and the money raised.

### Donations

Function for Ukraine July 2022	\$7,500.00
Kenmore High School Chaplaincy Included \$900 raffle, car wash etc.	\$2,000.00
<b>TOTAL GIVEN</b>	<b>\$9,500.00</b>
Pentecost lunch	\$ 2,629.00
May Markets	\$ 2,850.00
Mother's Day Stall	\$ 2,000.00
Second Harvest Book shop sales	\$ 8,400.00
Monster Book sale raffle	\$ 2,195.00
Monster Book sale	\$12,416.00

It should be noted that during the week of the Monster Book sale part of the above amount included:

Friday evening meal	\$1100.00
Plants \$1000.00 second hand goods	

Community Carols	\$ 1,000.00
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<b>Total for 2022</b>	<b>\$40,990.00</b>
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Less donations	\$ 9,500.00
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<b>TOTAL INCOME FOR THE CHURCH</b>	<b>\$31,490.00</b>
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There was considerable input for mixed events in 2022 eg Ukraine , Super Saturdays where multiple stalls were very successful.

So money came into the church via direct donation, direct debit, eftpos etc.

Cake stalls, plants, jewellery, second hand goods were popular and helped to raise the community atmosphere and spirit .

Thank you to all who supported, cooked ,created and participated in events.

**Anne MacRonal**d - Chair Hospitality and Fundraising Committee

## Second Harvest Bookshop

The purpose of the bookshop is to create an income stream for the Parish and to encourage involvement of the general community into the parish community by bringing them onto site.

The shop opened almost every Tuesday and Saturday in 2022 and the total for the year was \$8682! This excludes the Monster Book Sale. (See Fund Raising Report).

Changes from 2021 included breaking the 4 hour shifts into two 2 hour blocks each session, and then later on changing the shifts on Tuesdays to 1 three hour shift cutting down on the numbers of people needed to run the shop. I am always there to open at 9 (having done the school run) and then the 2 people on shift turn up and do 10-1. Saturdays remained as two shifts of two hours (9-11, 11-1). People can do this as one four hour shift. Unless people request a change, we will keep with this pattern for 2023.

We had two special days during 2022 when the shop was open with other activities. One was based around a car wash run by the Youth Group for Chaplaincy funds (March) and the other was for Ukraine relief. (July). Most other months, we had a Super Saturday when we had a special display of some category of book (e.g. Crime) and sold plants, pickles and preserves. We now have some people who just come for the plants. Jams etc were on sale at nearly every shop session, but there were always more on the Super Saturdays. On May 7th there was a general Market Morning (see Fund Raising Report) when the shop was open as well.

Super Saturdays will continue during 2023, with the first being on February 25th. There will be plants, jams etc and a themed book display.

Donations are continuous which is good and increasingly come from outside the congregations as we are so well known. Much is unsuitable. Poor quality items are binned, but we have two outlets for books – Walter Taylor Rotary takes books to send to Pacific Islands nations to fill library shelves – and a contact who works with refugees via the Romero Centre equipping those with a business background to transition into work here. She takes business books and similar. We also give magazines to some aged care places.

Current stock of Fine Books is 623. We sold 138 fine books during 2022, most at the MBS, thanks to Jen Bradbury's great display.

Hilary Bell curates the fiction collection and ensures a good turnover of high quality books in the shop. Invariably, when someone comes into the shop for the first time, the quality and range of books is remarked on.

DVDs and CDs sold very poorly in 2022, but have been culled somewhat and we hope the remaining offerings will appeal. Having sold all the pop/rock/folk ones, we have stopped selling vinyl as no one seems to want classics on vinyl.



Allan Bell moves boxes of books tirelessly from shop to sheds and both Bells cull the donations as they arrive which saves me time when I come to sort, price and pack the non fiction. I also manage the Fine Books. Graham Crombie also regularly helps out with moving books, for which I am grateful and others have helped as well. Rillis deals with book related queries in the office on phone, email or in person and has also done lots of flyers, FB posts and signage, which are always very good. Jeff Bradbury always makes good eye catching slides for the electronic sign which help so effectively with alerting the public.

During the year we had a Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award participant doing the service part of her Award working an hour every Saturday for 13 weeks. Neha Saravanan was delightful to have around and decided when her 13 weeks were up, that she would continue! She picked all sorts of things up very quickly and I am sure could run a second hand bookshop now. We look forward to welcoming her back in 2023. We are always open to either D of E Award students or Rotary Community Award students coming to do the service element of these Awards at the shop.

Thank you to all the people in 2022, apart from those mentioned above, who have volunteered to do a shop session or two or many! I hope you all continue.

As we had a seven week break over summer for the first time in a few years, we had a morning tea on the last shop day, which was a good opportunity to get together and for me to thank everyone. This could not happen without so many people who help! There is always room for more volunteers! Please contact me if you would like to help out.

Please continue to visit and buy books and if on Facebook, please follow the Second Harvest page, like and share all of our FB posts to spread awareness of Second Harvest around the neighbourhood.

***Susan Thomas***  
***Manager***  
***Second Harvest Bookshop***



## Property

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It has been a busy year for the Property Team in the Parish. Part way through the year we were very pleased to welcome Michelle Chapman to the team, particularly as she can offer an additional insight into the property needs at Brookfield.

### Kenmore – work done

#### 1. Western Wall of Holy Spirit

This was the biggest project during 2022. In the early part of the year, underpinning of the foundations of the western wall were carried out. Reinforced concrete piers were built below ground level to a maximum depth of 5 metres, to support the wall and prevent further movement. After the new foundations had stabilised, towards the end of the year the brickwork was repaired and the stain glass window was re-installed. Many thanks must go to Allan Bell for all his efforts in managing the majority of this project on behalf of the Parish.

#### 2. Grounds Maintenance

Once again, the good condition of the grounds at Kenmore is a credit to the small band of helpers; Allan and Hilary Bell, Graham Crombie, Carol Streatfield together with Julie and Peter Murray, and others continue to spend many hours quietly working away. All efforts are much appreciated.

#### 3. Replacement smoke alarms

In line with the requirements of the new Queensland Government regulations, the smoke alarms at the Rectory and the Old Rectory have been replaced during the year.

#### 4. Wooden Cross on Moggill Road

The horizontal beam of the wooden cross has been repaired and has had sheet metal installed along the upper surface. Re-painted has also been carried out. Many thanks to Graham Crombie for organising and participating in this work.

#### 5. Boundary re-alignment

The boundary fence on the eastern side of the property near Moggill Road has been moved slightly at the top end to more closely following the boundary line of the property. This means there is now improved vision to motorists entering the property as they can see further down the internal roadway. Many thanks to Allan Bell and Graham Crombie for their efforts here.

#### 6. Equipment replaced during the year

During the year it was necessary to replace several major pieces of equipment, amounting to a total cost of nearly \$16,000.

- Two data projectors
- Dishwasher in the utility room
- Hot water service for the office building

## 7. Hall Roof Repairs

During 2021 two sections of box guttering on the hall roof were repaired and during this last year, another section has had to be repaired. While all seems to be good and watertight at present, there will come a time probably within the next 10 years when it will be necessary to replace the 60 year old roof. It will be a significant undertaking, particularly as there are solar panels mounted on the roof.



## **Brookfield - work done**

### **1. Roof repairs and Painting**

In the early part of the year a builder was contracted to carry out major roof repairs at the sanctuary end of the church. In addition, the exterior of the church building was painted professionally. Many thanks to Alan Dann for project managing these two activities.

### **2. Grounds Maintenance**

One of the attractions of the Brookfield site has always been the presentation of the grounds and this has been possible because of the work of many people. For quite some time, Graham Crombie has working at Brookfield on a weekly basis. A bequest from a past parishioner; Voni Brumm of \$20,000 to be used for the upkeep of the Garden of Memories means that it is possible to have a professional gardener assist on a monthly basis. Thanks to Alan Dann who has agreed to oversee this arrangement.

Also, there is additional good news in that the garden steps to the Garden of Memories will shortly be re-built thanks to the generosity of a Parishioner.

### **3. Road Sign**

The wind up street sign near Brookfield Road can no longer be wound up and with the change to legislation affecting this type of sign, it can now only be used in the current lowered position.

As always, there are many dozens of smaller tasks undertaken during the year at both locations. Many thanks to all who assist in this area.

## **Major Activities – To Come**

This coming year, for the first time in some years, there are no major projects in the pipeline. Hopefully this means that there will be an opportunity to catch up on some of the smaller tasks that have been identified previously and are still to be done.

During 2022 the members of the Property Committee were Rev Jan Crombie, Allan Bell, Graham Crombie, Alan Dann, Michelle Chapman and Jeff Bradbury. Many thanks to all involved and if anyone would like to assist the committee in any way, their input would be much appreciated.

***Jeff Bradbury - On Behalf of the Property Committee.***

## **Technology and Communication Report**

With the Parish's technology platforms being fairly stable during the year the activities of the TAC Committee have been relatively limited. Monitoring of the effectiveness of the arrangements with the Diocese for subscriptions and support of various office applications has continued. The limited resourcing of the Diocese systems team has caused some concern when our need for technical support has not been met within expected timeframes.

The overall communication strategy includes a number of elements:

- The Faith Daily publications which are distributed by Rev. Jan on a daily basis and published on the website.
- The weekly community newsletter also distributed by email on Fridays to all parishioners.
- The electronic noticeboard on Moggill Road.
- The Parish Facebook page which regularly publishes items about church activities.

There has been little activity on the Parish YouTube channel which was most active during the COVID period, when that form of communication with sections of the Parish was most important.

Other informal tools such as the Notice Boards in our Halls also provide methods of communicating and connecting with those who attend non-church activities.

The coordinators of these elements continue to provide a strong focus on keeping Parishioners and the community aware of our presence and relevance to the western suburbs and the ongoing work in God's name arising from all our various programs.

### **Data Projectors**

The aging data projectors in the Holy Spirit Church finally "gave up the ghost" late in 2022 and required urgent replacement. Thanks to the quick response of Jeff Bradbury and the equipment suppliers the replacements were acquired and installed prior to Christmas with little fuss and no disruption to services.

### **Office Technology**

The conversion of the Parish Office email system to a platform common to the Diocese of SEQ continues to have intermittent challenges but development of the TEAMS tool also continues with a view to ensuring all working members of the Parish team have access to common systems and data. For instance, all records related to Hall Hire, such as signed agreements, insurance certificates and hirer's register are being saved to the Teams central filing application.

After a period of deliberation over the need to improve our database management, the current Elvanto system is being converted to a new system provided by U-Care, which is hoped to provide both efficiencies and cost savings.

Sincere thanks to the TACC team for their dedication to this important aspect of Parish management.

**Gary Kellar**  
**Chair -TAC Committee**

## **Wider Ministry**

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The Wider Ministry Team comprised the following members during the year.

Alan Dann – Chair; The Rev'd Jan; Angela Back; Diana Whimp; Rachel McFadyen; Ian McCarthy; Cathy Grant and Aunty Jean Phillips on occasion.

The parish continues to support Wider Ministries both locally and overseas. Altogether the parish contributed \$15950 to Wider Ministry causes during 2022. The major contribution of \$9200 was made to the support the Chaplains at Kenmore State High School through Scripture Union. Payments made in 2022 and budgeted for in 2023 are set out in the Financial Report under the heading "Giving". We propose to spend similar amounts supporting similar causes in 2023. Cathy Grant continues as a member of the KSHS Chaplaincy Committee and in doing so provides a link with the Parish. Ian McCarthy continues to do a great job in organising the Parish Advent Tearfund Appeal which raised \$1985 in 2022. Ian extends his grateful thanks for all the support he receives.

In September we partnered with Anglicare and offered a Forum on "My Age Care", attended by over 60 people, with a lovely afternoon tea.

There are several Wider Ministry initiatives which are in the form of "Donations in Kind" or financial contributions that are collected from the congregation and forwarded directly to intended causes; for example Bush Church Aid boxes and contributions to ABM, support of the Archbishop's November Appeal and our annual support for the TEAR Fund. In addition we collected and directed groceries to the parish of Goodna and toiletries to the Anglicare Homeless People initiatives which are referred to in detail in Suzanne Claire's Report.

Three formal meetings were held during the year along with informal meetings as the needs arose. It is proposed that the Wider Ministry activities of the Parish be transferred as a direct responsibility of the Parish Council in 2023. As Chair, I wish to thank the members of the Subcommittee for their valuable and untiring contributions. Some of these members have served in that capacity over many years.

The needs are great and there are many good causes the team would like to support, however, budget constraints have of necessity curtailed our exuberance.

**Alan Dann**  
**Chair - Wider Ministry Committee**

## Ministry Reports

### Christian RI

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I would like to open this report by first expressing our deep appreciation and thankfulness for the ongoing support this Parish and Reverend Jan have continued to provide for the RI ministry at Brookfield State School.

Religious Instruction continues to be valued at Brookfield State School and I am delighted to report that last year, was a very peaceful one, with good support from the classroom teachers. Thank you Brookfield State School.

A huge thanks to Catherine Plint, who responded to my request for assistance in the year 3 classroom last year, and was a terrific support to me. Catherine would distribute name tags and the workbooks to the children at the beginning of the lesson, while I set up my laptop to deliver the online lesson. We would both circulate around the children to provide assistance, when the children were using their workbooks. Catherine also helped out by standing in on two occasions and taking the class, when I had to be away.

Sincere thanks to the ladies from Good Shepherd, who continue to host a wonderful morning tea prior to the Quizworx final assembly, to the teaching staff and team leadership at Brookfield. It also goes down a treat with the staff. Excuse my humour. It is also a wonderful relationship building exercise between the Church and local school.

Thanks also to Reverend Jan who was asked at the last minute to say a prayer at the end of the Christmas Quizworx show. Of course Jan did a wonderful, contemporary prayer with the children attending. Well done Jan! Thanks also to Jen Bradbury for allowing us access to the Messy cupboard and all creative materials. This has been a huge help in the delivery of RI.

The RI year was delayed in it's start last year due to a decision being made by the RI leadership to allow the school to settle as we were still dealing with managing Covid in the school environment. This meant we started after Easter. My classroom consisted of about 23 children in grade 3, this was a combined class. I had my first male teacher as well and I was very grateful to Mr Lukritz for helping me to get my laptop set-up and assisting me with management of the children throughout the year.

There was a new, optional digital curriculum introduced last year by Godspace. This curriculum offered Powerpoints with the essence of the lesson already on the slides. It also includes lots of additional extras like wonderfully fun songs for the children to sing and a very cute cartoon character called Goober. The children loved Goober. These Powerpoints have significantly reduced the amount of time you need to spend putting a lesson together.

There continues to be lots of constructive thought and critique that go into ensuring school children are getting quality lessons about the Christian faith, in easy to understand and enjoyable media. It is wonderful to watch the children responding to the media and asking good questions in response to it. Please pray for the children, that our teaching will fall on good soil.

Last year we taught four year levels and all children who were opted into RI, were able to attend the Christmas Quizworx assembly. Karen Grenning the RI Area Coordinator taught a large combined class of 40 odd year 1 students. As we were unable to raise an Assistant to help Karen with this class, Lani van Delsen, Cam McKintosh, Catherine Plint and myself, took turns in helping Karen out.

We also had no instructors to teach years 2 or 5. The supply of Religious Instructors continues to be a challenge for us. but we don't give up. There were children who had consent, but we were unable to provide classes. Karen chooses to ensure that the grade 1's and grade 6's have RI in order that the children get a good grounding and for those preparing to leave primary school. Karen then provides us with the numbers of children who will be doing RI and what year they are in, allowing us to make a decision on what we are comfortable with teaching.

A big thanks to the class teachers who help us with classroom management and technology! We couldn't teach RI without the their support.

Catherine and I will be attending the Training and Commissioning Day for CRI at Riverlife Baptist Church on Friday 3rd February. Thanks to Reverend Jan who has been asked to conduct the service at the training. We really appreciate you! We are also thankful for the work of Louise Hodgson for the coordination work she continues to provide, for the successful training of individuals for Religious Instruction.

I ask you please to pray for a continuing good relationship with the School Leadership and the teachers and staff. Pray for many children to be able to sign on for Religious Instruction and to stay, and for God's good grace over us to do great work teaching the children about God and his son Jesus. We are so grateful for your heartfelt prayers. Thank you God, for the privilege of being able to teach the children about you!

***Rosemary Bruton, Religious Instructor***





## **Faith Groups**

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### **Faith Group Thursday Evening 2022**

This group met fortnightly throughout the year at 6pm, sometimes at Kenmore Anglican and sometimes in people's homes. All are very grateful for the wisdom and insights of Dr Hugh Begbie and Dr Neville Eckersley as they led discussions.

Shared meals have been a feature of our gatherings and many of us came together days after Neville's funeral to celebrate his life and to give thanks for all that he contributed to this multi aged group.

As in 2021 the group opted to use the electronic Lenten Studies offered by the Diocese of Bathurst. The studies were a comprehensive and scholarly approach to the Creed. The Gospel of John has also been studied and the book by Tom Wright, entitled "John for Everyone" has complemented the Biblical text.

Faith Group Thursday is a diverse group of parishioners wanting to know more about the Bible.

***Jennifer Bradbury on behalf of the group.***

### **Wednesday Scripture Reflection group.**

This group met weekly on Wednesday afternoon at Holy Spirit, Kenmore to read and reflect on the Lectionary readings for the coming Sunday. During Lent we used The ABM Study "Repairing the Breach" which we found stimulating and provoking thoughtful discussion with most group members rating it amongst the best Lenten studies of recent years. Our group consisted of eleven regular members with numbers swelling to begin Advent.

New members are always welcome as we join in Scripture Reflection, fellowship, care and prayer for one another, our faith community and the world.

***Hilary Bell***

### **Thursday afternoon group**

During our weekly Bible study gatherings we read and reflected our way through several different studies last year. We delved into John's Gospel to focus on abiding in Christ, we were challenged by the Lenten study 'Repairing the Breach', then, for a change of pace we did an 8 week video series titled 'Godspeed' which was enjoyed by all. We then reflected on Rowan Williams 'Being Disciples' and we concluded the year with a study by Eugene Peterson. The highlights for me were the open and honest discussions and the sharing of personal faith journeys and experiences, which broadens, inspires and encourages growth in our spiritual journey.

***Meredith Nicholls***

## **GFS/Anglicare for Homeless**

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Parishioners, friends, and families have been invited to join GFS Brisbane: An Anglican Ministry, which gives generous grants to many parishes for their children's ministries, including our Parish. Membership for children is free and they can join and learn about and contribute to the amazing ministries of GFS for over 140 years! I have started a new GFS group for adults in this parish: called KENMORE JOURNEYERS. We plan to meet every second month on the fourth Saturday or Sunday to form Christian friendships and help those in need in our community and country. Please join us for our first meeting on Saturday 25th February 2023, 10.00 – 11.00 am in the Little Old Church, Kenmore and we can plan what members would like to do!

Parishioners continued to be most generous in their donations of toiletries and in addition many beautiful community donations were received for hand- made rugs and teddies. Brisbane West Dental Group, Indooroopilly, kindly donated toiletry bags and toothpaste.

As Brisbane suffered another flood early in 2022, toiletry packs were packed and delivered on 2nd March 2022 to flood victims in Fortrose and Kilkivan Streets, Kenmore, and also to parishioners. Twelve family packs of new toiletries, 23 overnight packs, and 6 gorgeous teddies were delivered to people in their homes as they accepted them. Thanks to Mrs Susan Fahir who helped me pack these helpful gifts.

Ms Tiffany Berg, Fund Raising and Events Manager, Anglicare kindly collected our June 2022 donations for the Home Away from Homelessness and St Johns and homeless youth. We wish Tiffany all the best in her new position and thank her for her wonderful and tireless work for many years in caring for the homeless with Anglicare. We donated 12 toiletry packs for men and boys and 19 packs for women and girls. Also, 31 overnight packs, 19 hand knitted rugs, 10 gorgeous teddies and 18 scarves were donated. Our packs have a least 13 full sized items and a small "extra", such as a hairbrush or Listerine mouth wash. When women come into the Home Away from Homelessness, which was built by GFS Brisbane, they usually only have the clothes that they are wearing. Women may stay up to 6 months and so we like to present them with a helpful toiletry pack that has been packed with care and love as they are our guests!

THANK YOU SO MUCH for your wonderful efforts to pack 82 full toiletry packs for homeless women, men, and youth for our December 2022 donations. All had a small gift in them that volunteers wrapped in advance, so on 20/11/22 many of us packed this enormous number of donations in suitable handbags, computer bags or backpacks. Mr Peter Adams of Anglicare kindly picked up our huge number of packed donations and they were given to Insync Youth Services, Caboolture Foster Kinship, who were struggling for Christmas family support, and Trinity Pantry, who help a lot of people in The Valley. He said they were an "amazing amount of good toiletries". Rev'd Sandra Kjellgren, our GFS Aust Chaplain, said that pre-wrapping the modest Christmas gifts was a great idea to quicken our packing on the day, so thanks go to Rev'd Sanrda, Susan Fahir, Jane Prasser, and Ian McCarthy for helping with this task.

Many of us packed for an hour and a -half and we got the job done! Our greeting stickers were also wonderful, sending a small greeting from us all, thanks Rillis in the office. Thanks to all who helped so willingly including Sonja Shiphard, Jane Prasser, Rosemary Bruton, Alice Michaels, Ros Watson, Maggie Woolly and Rev'd Sandra Kjellgren.

Thanks to St Aidan's Anglican Girls School - Junior School for their very generous donations! So many bags of wonderful new and regular sized practical toiletries and brushes! Ms Celia Claire, GFS member, raised \$300.00 during the year by selling lemon butter and this money went towards lots of items that are less often given, such as hand lotion and face cream. Also, Celia was able to buy modest Christmas gifts for our packs including nice lip balms and rubber thongs. So, lots of people helped in their own way to contribute to this wonderful outcome!

#### TOTAL DONATIONS IN 2022 TO HOMELESS PEOPLE

Destination of donations	Packs to women	Packs to men	Packs to youth 12 years +	Over-night packs	Rugs = large and knee rugs (handmade)	Teddies and scarves (handmade)	Total packs
Kenmore flood victims, delivered by Suzanne	12 family packs as accepted			23		6 teddies	35
Anglicare June 2022, Home A F Homelessness and St John's, T. Berg	19	12		31	19 rugs	10 teddies 18 scarves	62
Mission to Seafarers Dec 2022 Curtesy Rev'd Kjellgren					2 knee rugs Grateful to receive them.	7 scarves	
Caboolture Foster Kinship and Trinity Pantry (Valley), Curtesy Anglicare: P. Adams Dec 22	37	17	28		"Amazing amount of good toiletries"		82 With small gift and Christmas greeting
Insync Youth Services, Logan, Dec 22, Curtesy Anglicare,					31 large or bed rugs	5 teddies for presents	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>179</b>

So, GFS Brisbane with lots of support from the Parish and community donated and 128 beautiful rugs or other helpful handmade items and 179 toiletry packs to homeless people in appropriate bags during 2022.

Thank you to parishioners for their kind and generous donations and assistance with packing the toiletry packs so people can feel welcomed into our homes when they arrive. We hope to continue this ministry in 2023 and I look forward to your wonderful and continued support for our Anglicare homes. Thanks to Rev'd Jan Crombie and Rev'd Jane Markosis for their invaluable support during 2022.

**Suzanne Claire**

**GFS Australia President, [president@gfsaustralia.org.au](mailto:president@gfsaustralia.org.au). Celebrating 143 Years!**



## Hall Hire

The Parish maintains two halls adjacent the respective Church buildings at Kenmore and Brookfield to support its activities and accommodate the various programs conducted by Parishioners. Both facilities are well appointed and whilst the Kenmore hall is the larger, they both provide excellent venues for meetings and community programs. Both halls offer air-conditioning and kitchen facilities to hirers.

Recovering from the impact of COVID-19 and lifting associated restrictions on gatherings saw a resurgence of Hall usage during 2022 and in addition there was a general upturn in enquiries occasioned by groups finding other venues in the western suburbs being heavily booked also..

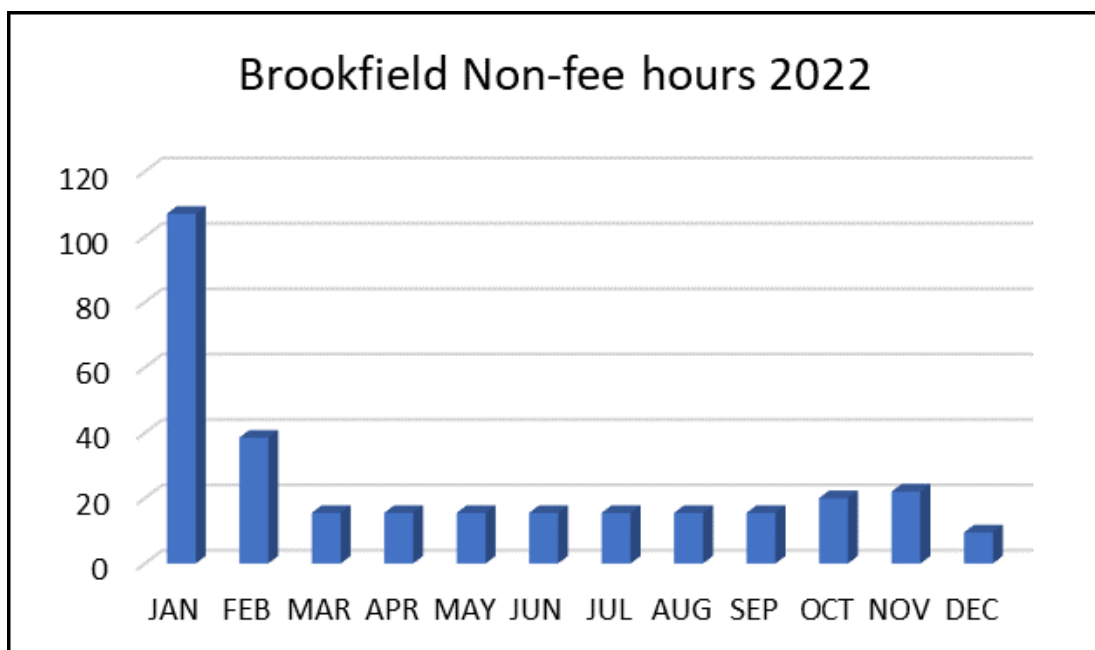
### Non-Fee based activities

During the past year the halls accommodated Church and Community programs including:  
Bible Study Classes  
Mahjong and Games events  
Guild Activities such as regular Craft days

as well as numerous gatherings of parishioners and families at church functions.

No fees are charged for these activities. The Second Harvest Bookstore also operates from the Kenmore Lower Hall on a permanent basis without charge.

Regular uncharged hall usage of the Kenmore Hall by external groups has been largely eliminated during 2022 such that all hirers for that venue were fee paying. The regular non-fee paying Parish groups are focused on the Brookfield Hall reflecting the following 305.5 non-fee hours for the year.



## Fee Based hiring

Although priority of use is accorded to Church core needs, the halls are made available to community groups and small service organisations on a commercial rental basis when not required by the Church. This helps the Parish defray some of the cost of operating the facilities. Typically, these other uses include dance classes, physical fitness programs, children's activities as well as Tai Chi and similar relaxation programs. As a matter of policy, private hirings for parties and other celebrations are not usually permitted although significant celebrations for Parish families are accommodated.

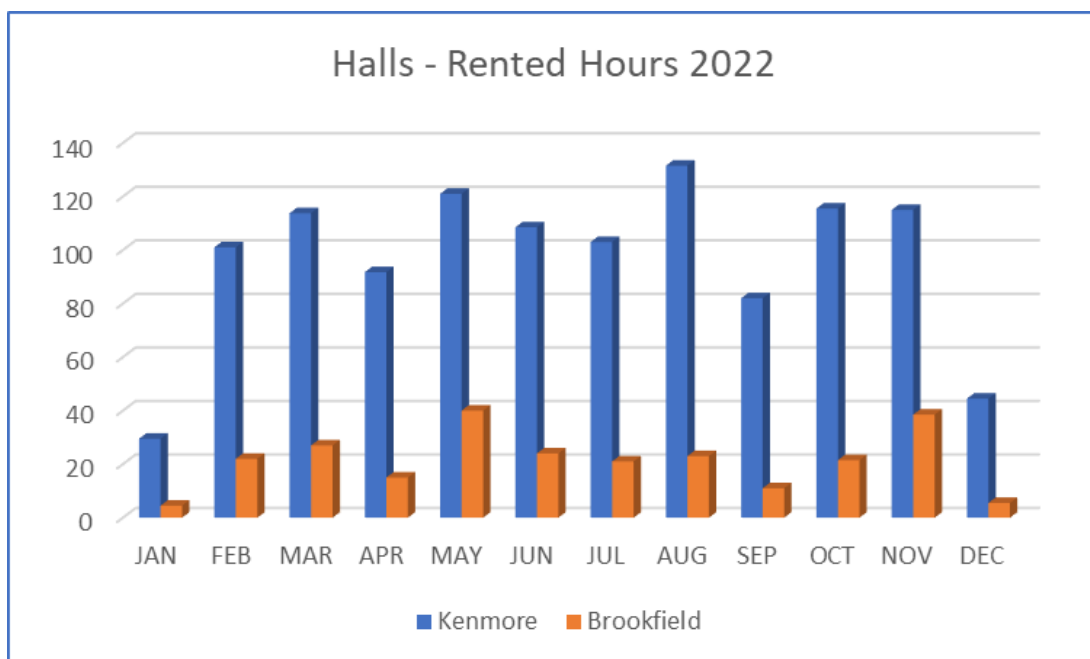
During 2022 both halls were well used by fee paying hirers and Brookfield Hall experienced a particular increase in patronage.

Kenmore Meals On Wheels has a permanent lease arrangement for which an annual fee is paid.

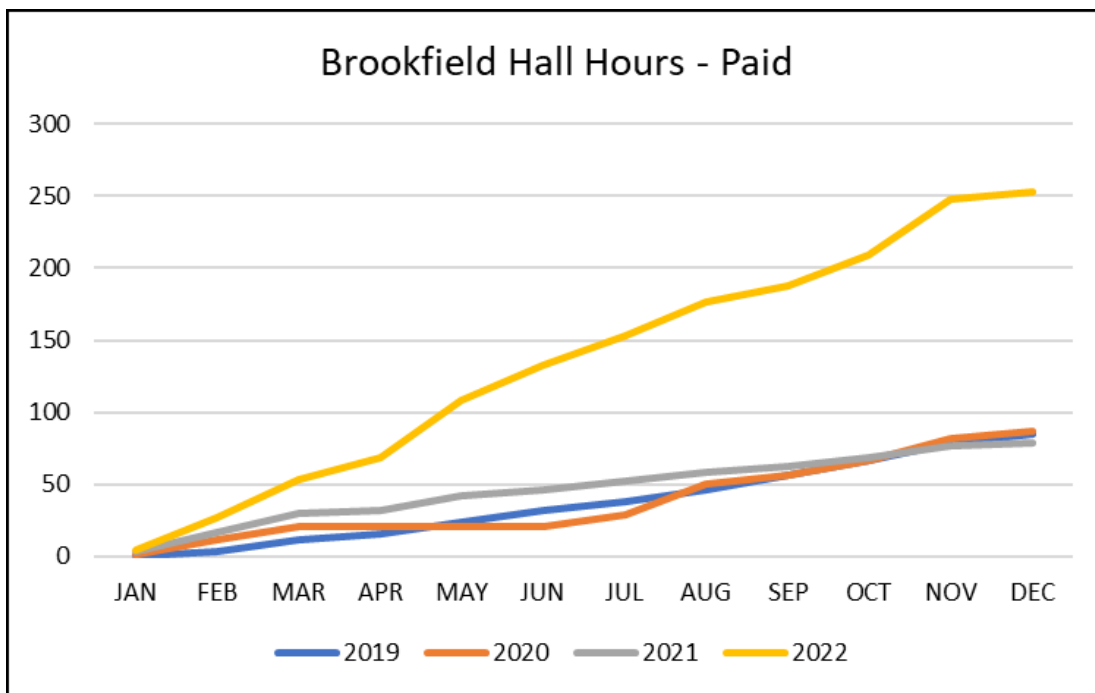
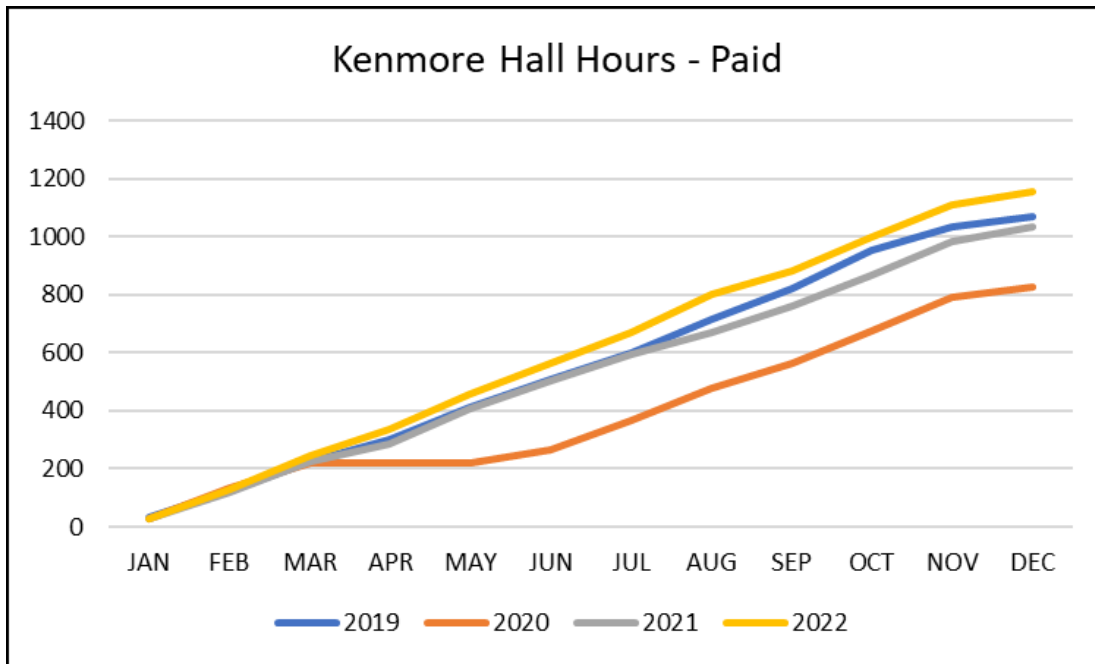
The number of other regular hirers (i.e. those with weekly bookings has increased slightly over the past couple of years to between 12 and 14, as well as other "one off" lettings for individual or short term events. The fees charged for the community users are maintained at competitive levels and increasing enquiries by community groups for hall space in the Western Suburbs generally has seen our halls receive enquiries from hirers unable to gain time in their usual venues.

Total hours invoiced to fee paying hirers in 2022 amounted to just over 1,410 hours or about 117.5 hours per month. On average this represents 21 hours at Brookfield (up from 6.8 in 2021) and 96 hours at Kenmore (up from 86 in 2021). This represented a 26.5% increase from the total of 1,114 hours last year, and nearly 50% up on the 943 hours hired in the "pre-COVID" year 2019.

The following illustrations are of interest.



Mrs Sonja Shipard, Mrs Suzanne Claire, and Ms Celia Claire

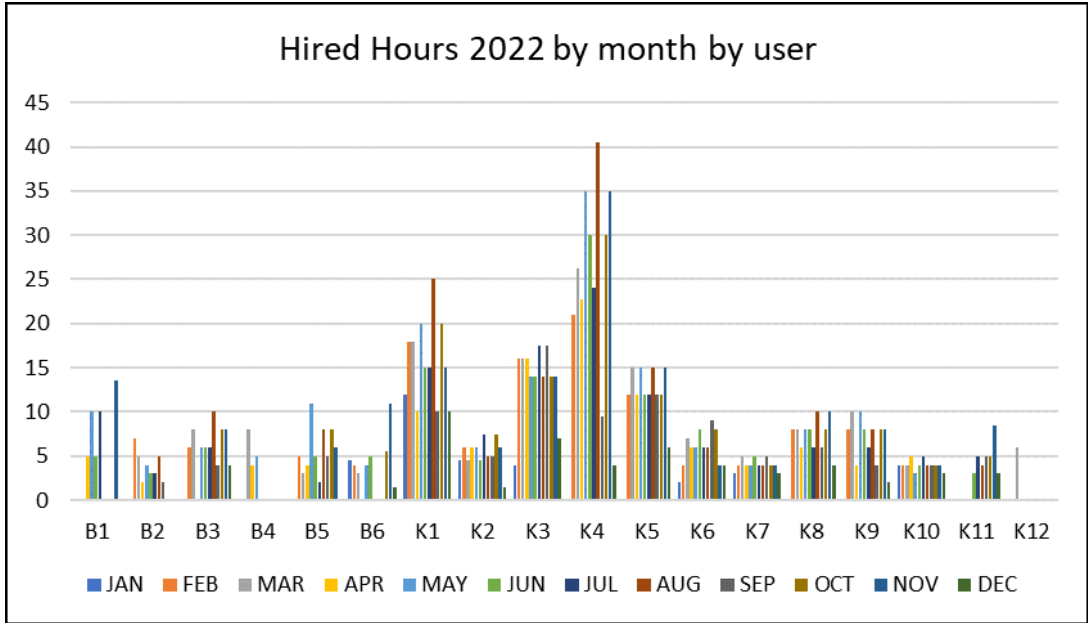
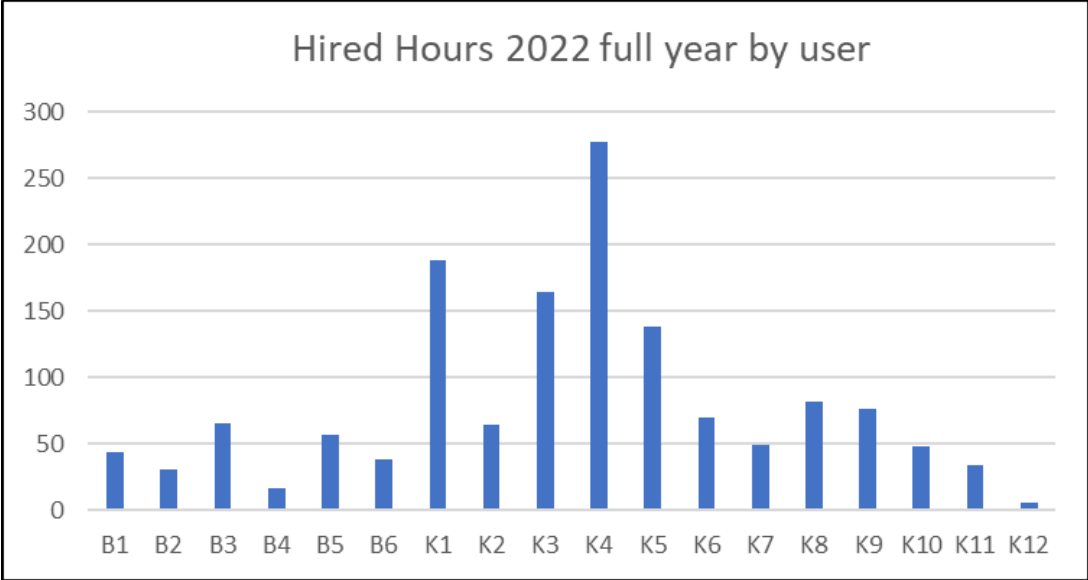


Revenue from Hall Hire has been steadily growing as shown as follows:

<b>Hall Hire Revenue ex GST</b>						
<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
\$11,814	\$18,265	\$17,018	\$21,317	\$20,303	\$25,157	\$28,535

(Note: Amounts do not include Meals on Wheels lease fee \$4,500 pa)

In order to avoid the high reliance on one particular hirer, which was a feature of previous years, the strategy of seeking to diversify the hirer profile has been successful and that dependence has been substantially reduced from 53% of the rental income in 2019 to 34.6% in 2021 and now 20% in 2022.



(Note: The Hirers' names have been changed to numbers to maintain privacy)



Given the level of demand for our hall rental space, we expect to at least maintain our current numbers , with some prospect of slightly increasing hired hours in the year ahead. For various reasons hirers come and go, however, thankfully we have a good core of hirers who are fairly stable in their usage. We have only limited availability for more additional sessions at Kenmore, and afternoons at that facility are now well booked for four out of the five week days. The Brookfield Hall continues to be underutilised in both mornings and afternoons, and we would aim to increase usage at that facility. A motion activated light has been installed here to provide enhanced safety at night.

As a matter of policy our hiring strategy is not to totally maximise external usage so that we can ensure there is always flexibility to give our own church needs priority when necessary.

### **Relations with Hirers**

Relationships with Hirers are positive and we find them all to be very cooperative when circumstances arise requiring changes to their hire arrangements. They are also appreciative of our willingness to accommodate their needs to cancel or rearrange bookings from time to time as circumstances arise. All are generally prompt in meeting their hire payments and reliable in looking after the Halls during their occupancy.

Information about the halls can be enquired of by visiting the home page of the Parish website [www.kenbrookang.org.au](http://www.kenbrookang.org.au) and under the “Connecting” tab opening the “Hall Hire” menu.

Because the halls are in high demand, any parish organisation or parishioner planning a function that requires a hall should speak to the Hall Hire Manager well in advance to ensure that the hall is available – email: [halls@kenbrookang.org.au](mailto:halls@kenbrookang.org.au).

Hall Management is conducted though a team approach which includes the participation of Graham Crombie and Parish Treasurer Rachel McFadyen who attend to the invoicing. Sincere thanks to Graham and Rachel for their attention to these matters. A special vote of appreciation is also deserved for Sonja Shipard for her diligent attention to the cleaning of the halls during 2022. Sonja is now handing over that responsibility to others.

**Gary Kellar**  
**For the Hall Management Committee**

## **Mahjong and Games Report**

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The group of usually 10 people have met regularly through the year at Good Shepherd hall. Many thanks to all those who help with food preparation and arrangements. We made a total of \$878-50 profit for the year. It is a very comfortable venue and we would welcome more players of games of your choice.

**Julie Murray**

## **Spiritual Practice**

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### *Christian Meditation*

The meditation group continues on Monday night at 6:30. It's a small group, a mixture of parishioners and non-parishioners who are very dedicated to meditation. In addition to the meditators who come on Mondays, the WCCM newsletter is sent out to a further eighteen people who find the talks and writings helpful.

### *Contemplative Evensong*

Our half-hour service of music, song, prayer, poetry and contemporary reflection continues at 5:00 pm Saturdays. We have continued to offer Zoom services on Sundays, as this gives a sense of community and the chance for conversation for those who can't make it to a face-to-face service. The service and song sheets are distributed each week to 42 people who have expressed interest over the last couple of years. It reaches people within the parish, people who have moved away from the parish for some reason, non-parishioners and people who are unable to attend the church for medical and other reasons.

### *Contemplative Eucharist*

Since October 15, Rev Jan has taken a Contemplative Eucharist instead of the regular Contemplative Evensong, on the third Saturday of the month. This provides a lovely, gentle Eucharist which is at a time more accessible for some who find the morning services on Sunday difficult to attend. It's a beautiful service, and gives those who cannot make the Sunday services a chance to receive the Sacrament, and to hear Jan's sermon.

### *Bookclub*

Bookclub has continued throughout the year, studying Margaret Silf's book, "Inner Compass". The books studied are selected to help deepen our openness to Christ and always generate a lot of discussion. The group has developed a warm, supportive relationship which is appreciated through all of life's ups and downs.

### *Quiet Afternoons /Mystic Series*

Although there were requests for the Mystic Series to continue in 2022, it wasn't possible. However, it is planned for 2023, with the mystics Etty Hillesum, St Teresa of Lisieux, and Hildegard of Bingen being presented.

Instead of the Mystics, Patrick Oliver again presented three Quiet Afternoons, 2 in Lent and 1 in Advent, in which he re-examined some of the stories and personalities contained in the Lenten and Advent scripture readings. These are always well received and Patrick, despite giving retreats far and wide in Australia, made a point of saying how much he loved coming to Kenmore, and always felt so relaxed at the prospect.

### *Spiritual Practices*

In addition to the above activities, a meeting of all Spiritual Practices organisers was held this year to help to coordinate, support and focus the various spiritual groups in the parish. These included, in addition to the list above, the Healing Prayer Service, Thursday Prayer Group, and the Spiritual Directors. It was felt to be a positive movement towards the growth and direction of the groups.

### ***Carol Streatfield***

## TeenSpirit

TeenSpirit began in February 2022 with twelve teens from the parish attending. The leadership team consists of Jane Markotsis, Dimitri Markotsis, Tristan French and Zac Brady. TeenSpirit events were run directly after SpiritLife worship, on the first Sunday of each month for approximately 2hrs. Each session began with fun and games followed by a bible study of the Gospel of the day and time for personal reflection and life connection with the scripture studied. The last 30mins of each session was set aside to share food in an informal manner where the attendees were given the opportunity to build relationships and rapport with each other and the leadership team.

During the year TeenSpirit organised a fundraising car wash to raise funds for the Kenmore State High School Chaplaincy program. This was deemed a great success and will likely be an annual event. TeenSpirit also set up a group chat on WhatsApp and the youth regularly used this method of communication throughout each week.

In the third term Jane met with Rev'd Nic Denny-Dimitriou, P in C of St David's Anglican church, Chelmer, where it was decided that an ongoing invitation to TeenSpirit would be extended to the teens of St David's. Three teens from St David's have joined the Holy Spirit TeenSpirit group. There is a possibility for this invitation to extend to other parishes in the future.

In November, a very fun break-up/sleepover was held at Holy Spirit, Kenmore, to celebrate the first year of TeenSpirit in 2022.

Challenges that the TeenSpirit leadership faced in 2022 and hope to overcome:

- Parents/Guardians not completing the mandatory diocesan consent form;
- Lack of communication from parents/guardians;
- Other extracurricular events impacting the teens inability to attend on Sunday mornings;
- Low participant numbers during school holiday periods.

Overall, TeenSpirit has been a great success in 2022 and will continue in 2023.

**Rev'd Jane Markotsis**



## Parish Records 2022

### Baptisms

16 January 2022	Lucy Frisby, Good Shepherd - Rev'd Jan Crombie
15 May 2022	John De Plessis, Holy Spirit - Rev'd Jan Crombie
21 May 2022	Charles McNicol, Holy Spirit - Rev'd Jan Crombie
21 May 2022	Toby Struss, Holy Spirit - Rev'd Jan Crombie
3 July 2022	Elenore Lobwein, Good Shepherd - Rev'd David
13 August 2022	Graeme Walker, Good Shepherd - Rev'd George Markotsis
11 September 2022	Archer Grigg, Holy Spirit - Rev'd Jan Crombie
25 September 2022	Theodore Launay, Good Shepherd - Rev'd Jan Crombie
9 October 2022	Elsie Gruis, Holy Spirit - Rev'd Jan Crombie
30 October 2022	Angus Elmes, Good Shepherd - Rev'd Jan Crombie
11 December 2022	Riley Ashworth, Good Shepherd - Rev'd Jan Crombie

### Funerals

16 February 2022	Nancy Browning, Good Shepherd - Rev'd Jan Crombie
26 May 2022	Jennefer Chandler, Holy Spirit - Rev'd Jan Crombie
22 June 2022	Jean Palm, Good Shepherd - Rev'd Jan Crombie & Rev'd Jane Markotsis
7 July 2022	Natasha Seaman, Good Shepherd - Rev'd Jan Crombie
14 September 2022	Neville Eckersley, Good Shepherd - Rev'd David Dean
23 September 2022	Nona Goodchild, Centenary Gardens - Rev'd Jan Crombie
19 October 2022	Beryle Willocks, Len Russell Funerals - Rev'd Jan Crombie
25 November 2022	Joan Muir, Centenary Gardens - Rev'd Jan Crombie
15 December 2022	Fay Roberts, Holy Spirit - Rev'd Jan Crombie

### Confirmations

#### **13 November 2022 - Bishop Bill Ray at Holy Spirit**

Toby Bailey  
Olivia Bruton  
Leanne Hallas  
Sophia Markotsis  
Alex Markotsis  
Sam Markotsis

## Average attendance 2022

Due to the nature of the year, with various short lockdowns of public worship the figures below represent the average number of attendees when we did gather.

Sunday 7am Kenmore	40
Sunday 9am SpiritLife	56
Sunday 9am Brookfield	19
Contemplative Evensong	3
Tuesday 8.45am Kenmore	11

