

ANGLESEA TRINITY CONGREGATION CHURCH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT. 2016

We began the year with much hope , and held our Annual Fete in the second week of January . This is a great occasion , for not only does it give a means of raising funds but it also enables our Church to be involved with the Anglesea Community. the Ladies Fellowship again had their book room open for a whole week , which is much appreciated by so many of the holiday makers.

Rev. Helen continued in her busy ministry and very good pastoral care to the members of the four Congregations . It was thus a shock and a surprise when we learnt that Rev. Helen was forced to take extended sick leave due to her ill health . Not being sure of the end result of her problem, the four Churches set about to work out our options . In the end Helen did return to her Ministry however on a 0.6 basis; with this Helen seemed to manage and continued to cover very well her Pastoral work. Anglesea settled into a routine , with Rev. Helen preaching 2nd and 4th Sundays ,the Rev. Margaret Russell taking the 1st Sunday while the Rev. Long came to us on the 3rd Sunday. Any 5th Sunday of the month , an Ecumenical Service is held ; each of the four Congregations in Anglesea hold a Service in their own Church , in turn , to which all the other Church members attend.

We continue to share our building with the Anglesea Baptist Congregation. This works very well ; the Baptist Church have a member on our Property Committee and are very generous when new equipment is required. During the year the Property Committee continued to ensure our property not only looked good but that everything was in working order.

A deep concern is the ageing of our Congregation and as we each get a little older each year, the tasks required for the maintenance of our Congregational Life becomes that little harder . During the year a few of our members became ill and the jobs they had previously done needed to be shared . We are so fortunate to have had three organists for some years , however we were saddened when Joyce Richards found she needed a rest from this task . It was a joy to welcome some of our regular visitors and they certainly helped to boost our numbers on occasions.

On the occasion of the UCA Anniversary we hosted a Parish service, Rev. Helen took the Service and a very friendly lunch followed in our Meeting Room . During the year we were pleased to contribute to the purchase of 6 Special Surf Boards for use in The StarfishLittle Nipper Program. A 'Survey ' to find what our dreams might be was instigated by John Russell.

The results from this survey are yet to be determined. After 16 years as our Presbytery Representative Mr. Colin Arthur found he needed to retire, a very moving Minute of Appreciation was made to Colin. Well done Colin.

Week by week , many members of our Church are involved in ways which help with our Worship and our witness as God's people. We still have two

social groups functioning; S.P.A.M an evening group and an afternoon Fellowship Group . The Fellowship group contribute monthly to Uniting Care , Geelong.

It was a happy occasion when the Rev, Long performed a Baptism for a family from an out of town Church. The child's name was Emmett Darcy Whitford .

However we were all saddened by the deaths in the later part of the year of Don Aitkins Joe Fraser and Ken McCasker . And so the year ended - let us look to the future , and think and pray carefully about each of our roles in our Congregation 's life.

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