



ST. PETER'S
ANGLICAN CHURCH
WYNNUM

Parish Profile 2022

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COMMUNITY OF WYNNUM

Wynnum is a Bayside suburb of Brisbane, located 20kms from the city centre on the shores of Moreton Bay, adjacent to the mouth of the Brisbane River

The Bayside area consists of two Parishes – Wynnum and Manly. It is hard to speak separately of these two parishes/suburbs as they interlock on so many “fronts.” In general, we shall talk of the area of Wynnum and Manly.

The area has a diverse nature featuring an ever-shrinking core of older established homes, surrounded by rapidly expanding housing developments.

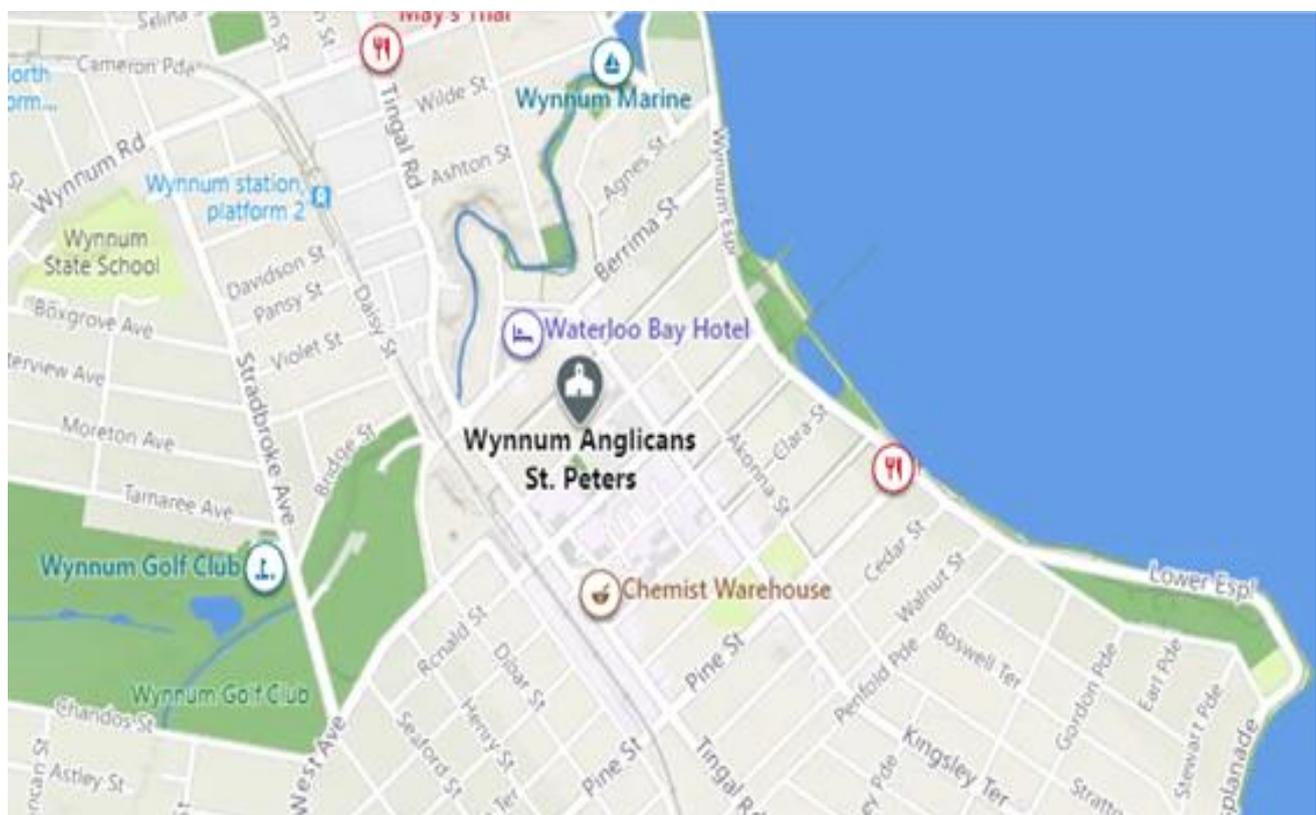
Since the passing of legislation in recent times by the Brisbane City Council which has allowed much smaller areas for housing, many of the 800 m² blocks, which are surveyed as 2 x 400 m² blocks, have been sub-divided.

There has also been a recent trend towards medium density housing, the building of a number of retirement villages and the renovation of old Queenslander style housing. A number of new apartment complexes have been developed in the last few years, along with additional commercial space and a new Cinema.

Wynnum has become a “sought after address” these days and land and house prices have soared.

Educational facilities within the area consist of thirteen Government and three independent Roman Catholic primary schools, two State High schools and two Private Colleges. One, a Roman Catholic College (Iona College) is a boys-only school. The other (Moreton Bay College) is a under the auspice of the Uniting Church and has separate boys and girls campuses.

Five Nursing units/homes provide care for the elderly/sick members of the Wynnum and Manly community.



OUR PARISH VISION MISSION

We are a thriving parish, who have adapted to the changing demands within our community. We have put our adaptability to the test in recent years, in response to a change in our primary demographic and the COVID-19 Pandemic.

We remain a vibrant community, offering a variety of worship, outreach and social opportunities.

The St. Peter's Wynnum Centenary book (available upon request) outlines the history of the Church from its establishment in 1899.

Our Parish Motto

Making disciples; growing in faith.

St Peter's is where you can find the face of God in the people you meet.

Our Parish Vision

We are building a vibrant Christian community, which offers a place for reflection, growth and action.

Our Parish Mission

We are all children of God, therefore we welcome children of all ages. No matter what your current family circumstances are, please join with us.

We offer diverse ways of meeting Jesus, getting to know Him and understanding His way. We welcome you to come and join us in worship.

We're making worship as accessible as possible. More than just meeting for our Sunday Morning services in our Church building.

We understand that some prefer to join us via our online services using YouTube. We welcome you to join us from the comfort of your home or when you're away, at a time of your convenience.

We are working with and in our local community. We use our Spiritual gifts for making a positive impact on our community and environment.

We pray to discern projects that resonate with our community. We implement these projects through partnering with others - in order to help and bring hope for those in need.



Please refer to [Appendix C – Our Mission Action Plan](#) for our current 5 year roadmap.

OUR WORSHIP

Our ecclesiology is essentially, middle way APBA based Anglo-Catholic Tradition which is highly valued. Most of our parishioners are happy with the current style of worship. Were changes necessary to attract new members (for example families and youth), we would prefer a new service start up, rather than tampering with what already works. Our new Rector would be conscious of meeting the needs and preferences of our current long-standing parishioners, many of whom have been members for over 70+years. Most of our liturgies although seasonal different, are still based on the APBA. The one exception is Advent where artistic licence has been employed to offer an engaging service. In the past, contemporary, mediative styles of worship have been offered periodically, based loosely on both Benedictine monastic traditions and Taize.

Whilst the Rector has the responsibility of leadership in worship, there is a strong lay participation involving 9 Liturgical Assistants, 1 Sacristan, 7 leaders of Intercession, 16 Readers, 2 Organists, 2 Livestream Technicians, 2 Audio Technicians and 4 PowerPoint operators. A small singing group is involved on special occasions (although this group has been disrupted due to COVID-19 restrictions).

Services

Eucharist Services

Prior to COVID-19 closures, we held two Sunday Morning Services. Combined number of communicants at these services ranged between 60-100. Our 7am service catered to middle Anglo-Catholic while our 9am was a more contemporary offering with more modern music and included children's talk most weeks.

We now hold a single Sunday Morning Service at 8am (alternating styles), with an average of 70-85 communicants.

This service is livestreamed via YouTube on our own channel <https://youtube.com/c/StPetersWynnum> reaching an average of 20 viewers each week with an additional 10-20 tuning for just the sermon.

We hold a midweek Eucharist each Wednesday Morning, which is attended by between 2-10 communicants. This service is face-to-face only and is not recorded or livestreamed.

Morning and Evening Prayer

We offer a morning prayer only one day a week currently for 2-6 people.

Until our previous Rector left, we filmed evening prayer services for Monday and Friday each week. These has temporarily ceased, but we would love them to either recommence or be reinvented. These services were well "attended" online and were often watched over and again by viewers, or well after the time of recording.

Nursing Home Services and Home Visits

St Peter's only cares for two local aged care facilities, (Nazareth House, 6-10 communicants and Regis Aged Care, 16-25 communicants). Depending on the demand, we tend to visit these centers only monthly. Prior to Covid we had a visiting team to attend with the Rector but with Current covid restrictions these are temporarily on hold.

Our Las; home visiting teams also take regular Home Communion to some other residents who are unable to attend the worship service.

Other Services

Over the years we have enjoyed a variety of services such as Taizé, Contemplative, Soup & Praise Nights and Messy Church. We are constantly evolving our offering to meet the needs of our parish and community. We also hold the occasional outdoor service on the Green, namely family Christmas and Pet Blessing.



Congregation

Our present congregation, based on our Parish Roll consists of approximately 78% above 60 years of age; 12% from 45 to 60; 8% 20 to 45; 2% under 20. The number of family units currently on the Parish Roll is 150.

Inclusion on the Parish Roll requires some association with the worshipping community of St. Peter's. This is usually as a worshipper or someone who receives Holy Communion in their home or retirement home/ nursing home. It could even be as tenuous as having been married here or having had a child baptised in recent times. The Roll is continuously updated on an as-needs basis, and we ask Parishioners to confirm their contact details prior to the AGM each year.

With the inclusion of online services, some of our Parishioners now worship with us primarily via online media. This can make it difficult to keep up with our Pastoral Care, and to determine how regularly they still worship with us.

In addition, we have a number of new online "followers" who have not visited our parish for a face-to-face service, and who may not have made direct contact with us. As a result, we consider these anonymous worshipers/viewers in the light of an outreach program – rather than trying to identify them as members of our parish.

Youth Ministry

Children's Church (AKA Sunday School) is held each Sunday at 8.00am during school terms. Teachers are available but the Sunday School lacks children in consistent numbers. We hold Children's Church in a dedicated children's area within the main church, allowing children and parents to make use of the area as meets their needs. We find this particularly helpful for new families.

While we have had a thriving family and youth ministry in previous years, our current parish demographic leans more toward retirees. We have only a few young families who regularly attend, and no longer run dedicated children/youth ministries.



OUR FAITH IN ACTION

While we accept the need for growth in this area of ministry, there is a great degree of individual and organised activity taking place.

- A.B.M., C.M.S., Mission to Seafarers, SAILS@Bayside and St. Pete's Pantry receive regular, financial support from the budget.
- The Parish Hall is primarily used for Parish administration, social and outreach purposes, however it is also rented to community groups. Reduced rates are offered for groups such as Gamblers Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous, YMCA and other charitable groups.

Parish Outreach

St. Peter's commitment to reaching out to our community remains strong. This is a core part of our mission and has taken a number of forms over the years - but remains firm and thriving.

Pandora's Thrift Shop

Pandora's is well loved within the Bayside and "thrift-seeker" communities. Previous to Covid we opened 5 mornings per week, but we moved to 3 mornings per week in 2020. This has worked wonderful with almost no reduction in revenue. Pandora's offers affordable clothing and household items to all, but importantly, provides a mechanism for us to obtain goods and clothing for those in need. We routinely provide clothes and household items to the vulnerable members of our community, completely outfitting a number of women each year.

Pandora's is also a critical source of revenue for the parish, raising over \$14,500 in 2020. The shop is managed and coordinated on a volunteer basis by a parishioner, and fully staffed by parishioner volunteers.

SAILS@Bayside

SAILS@Bayside (Sailing Adventures In Life Skills) was started in our area by four Bayside Parishes; Wynnum, Manly, Waterloo Bay and East Redland Anglicans, by The Rev'd Keith Colbert and The Rev'd Greg March. Although all the Bayside parishes provide the SAILS volunteer base, St Peter's Wynnum acts as the parent parish. SAILS run both public and private sailing and kayaking activities for at risk members of our community.

SAILS's Vision is to provide opportunities for

- youth at risk, together with families and carers to overcome their difficulties, reach their potential and engage fully in community life; and
- the local community, young people and young families to enjoy time together on land and water in a safe and supportive Christian environment.

SAILS has its own coordinator and, whilst moderately supported by the Bayside parishes, raises most of its revenue through public sailing/kayaking event days, grant monies, Bunnings BBQ's and local fundraising. A large shed for storage purposes has been erected on Church property which was paid for by SAILS. Additional storage is maintained on the property of other Bayside parishes.

St Pete's Pantry

St. Pete's Pantry is a relatively new outreach program, Sep 2020, official start date and is committed to making sure that no one goes hungry in our community. This pantry is funded and stocked by members of our parish family, purchases from Foodbank, FareShare and grant monies and sponsors.

On Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings the Pantry is open to provide basic staple food items. Breakfast is available on Monday mornings from 8:30 – 9:30am.

Online Worship

When COVID-19 struck in 2020, we began pre-recording worship services for our parish. This has evolved into a thriving online outreach program, where we livestream 2 services per week and until recently, 2 pre-recorded services. In addition we are able to livestream special services such as Weddings and Funerals.

Mission to Seafarers

St Peter's have been active within the Mission to Seafarers for more than twenty years. We have a number of parishioners who volunteer at the Port of Brisbane, and many who knit beanies from donated wool. We lovingly refer to these folk as the "beanie brigade".

Monday Hub

St Peter's host a number of outreach partners each Monday morning. The aim is to provide a range of services to those in need as a kind of "one stop shop".

Prior to COVID-19 restrictions, a number of Government Agencies attended, but at present we are limited to the following non-government organisations.

- Rosies (weekly)
- Hair Aid (6-weekly)
- Mobile Laundry & Shower Bus (monthly)

Parish Groups

Mother's Union

St. Peter's and St. Paul's (Manly) have a thriving Mother's Union membership, who meet monthly for a service and morning tea.

Ladies' Fellowship

Our Ladies' Fellowship is primarily a social group designed to build a strong and flourishing fellowship among our parishioners. Primarily attended by retirees, this group meets monthly and often takes on responsibility for larger Parish social functions and fundraising events.

Men's Group

Our Men's group meet in the Chapel every Wednesday Night and offers a supportive group for the men of our parish to share their faith.

Home Groups & Bible Studies

There are currently 3 home groups operating. Each year we run a special Lenten Bible Study, which is usually very well supported by the home groups, with extra groups formed just for the study itself.

Parish Events

Church Fete

Our Fete is held in July each year and serves as our major community and fund-raising event. This is an event of great fellowship and fun for parishioners, as well as an opportunity to meet and connect with members of our community. We invite local groups (including schools) to perform/entertain and host a number of stalls and children's activities.

Cursillo

The Parish has an ongoing involvement in Cursillo. For information about Cursillo Southern Queensland, see <https://www.cursillo-brisbane.com/>.

OUR PROPERTY

The St. Peter's Parish Precinct (Church, Rectory, Parish Centre/Hall and Community Centre/Pandora's Thrift Shop) is situated in the Wynnum CBD (Central Business District) and just 300 metres (five minute walk) from the shores of Moreton Bay. It can be entered from Charlotte Street at the front or Bride Street at the back.

All buildings are of brick construction with colour-bond roofing with the exception of the rectory, which has a tiled roof.

The Precinct contains a large tri-steel storage shed, an external brick toilet block and ample off-street parking space. The large grassed open area is also available for the Parish fete and other activities. We recently saw construction of an additional large steel shed, owned and used by the SAILS @ Bayside outreach program.

All the buildings (other than the new SAILS Shed) are debt free. The SAILS Shed ANFIN loan is 100% covered by cash reserves.

The Church

The current Church building was Blessed and dedicated by Archbishop Felix Arnott on 15 November 1980 and consecrated by Archbishop John Grindrod on 10 May 1981 and is capable of comfortably seating 250. The modern building incorporates the body of the church, a separate Chapel (for smaller services), Priest and Server's Vestries and a preparation room/kitchen.

In 2001, the Memorial Garden at the back of the church was blessed by Rev'd Sandy Marshall in memory of a past parishioner Mrs Mabel Miles and is still current for the interment of ashes.

Hall and Parish Centre:

The Parish Centre was built in 1989 and Blessed by Archbishop John Grindrod.

It serves as the social hub of the parish. The kitchen facilities, chairs and tables comfortably cater for over 150 guests (pre Covid) at parish functions.

These facilities are also available for hire by the local community and thus provide a source of revenue. There are quite a number of permanent bookings.

The hall also contains a Parish administration office as well as internal toilets which have wheelchair access.

The James Aitken Community Centre

Built in 2004, this centre contains the thrift shop, Pandoras, which is managed by the Guild and its profits supplement Parish income. The building is named for a current, long-standing parishioner who was instrumental in initiating our community engagement programs.

The Rectory

This building was occupied by the Rector in December 1994 and Blessed by Bishop Ron Williams in June 1995. This modern brick home sits on a large, private fenced lot and includes four large bedrooms (master: walk through robe and ensuite), family room, study/office/5th bedroom, 2-car lockup garage and outside pergola area.

OUR FINANCES AND ADMINISTRATION

That the buildings at St. Peter's are debt free is not indicative of an abundance of funds nor an excessive preoccupation with money, but rather reflects many years of prudent and responsible stewardship.

The 2022 budget is fully funded through the following major income sources:

- Pledge/envelopes/direct debit
- Open plate
- Interest on investments
- Pandora's Thrift Store
- Fund raising activities (the fete, fashion parades, trivia nights, jumble sales, etc.)

Prudent management and Diocesan approval has enabled St. Peter's to utilise property sale funds, along with provision funding, to build what is now a low maintenance complex of Church (1978), Parish Centre (1989) and Rectory (1994).

While our congregation contains a high proportion of retirees/pensioners on fixed incomes, there is a responsible commitment to offerings by way of our pledges on Thanksgiving Sunday. It is pleasing to note that about 45% of those making a commitment now use Parish Direct (a direct debit facility available through the diocesan agency, Anglican Financial Services). Additional appeals throughout the year (missionary, welfare, drought etc.) are also actively supported.

Churchwardens and Parish Council, as the responsible body for the disbursement of Parish funds, do so within the guidelines of an attainable budget. The annual budget is focused on meeting the needs of the Parish while not overlooking the wider needs and initiatives of the Church at Diocesan level.

This budget provides for:

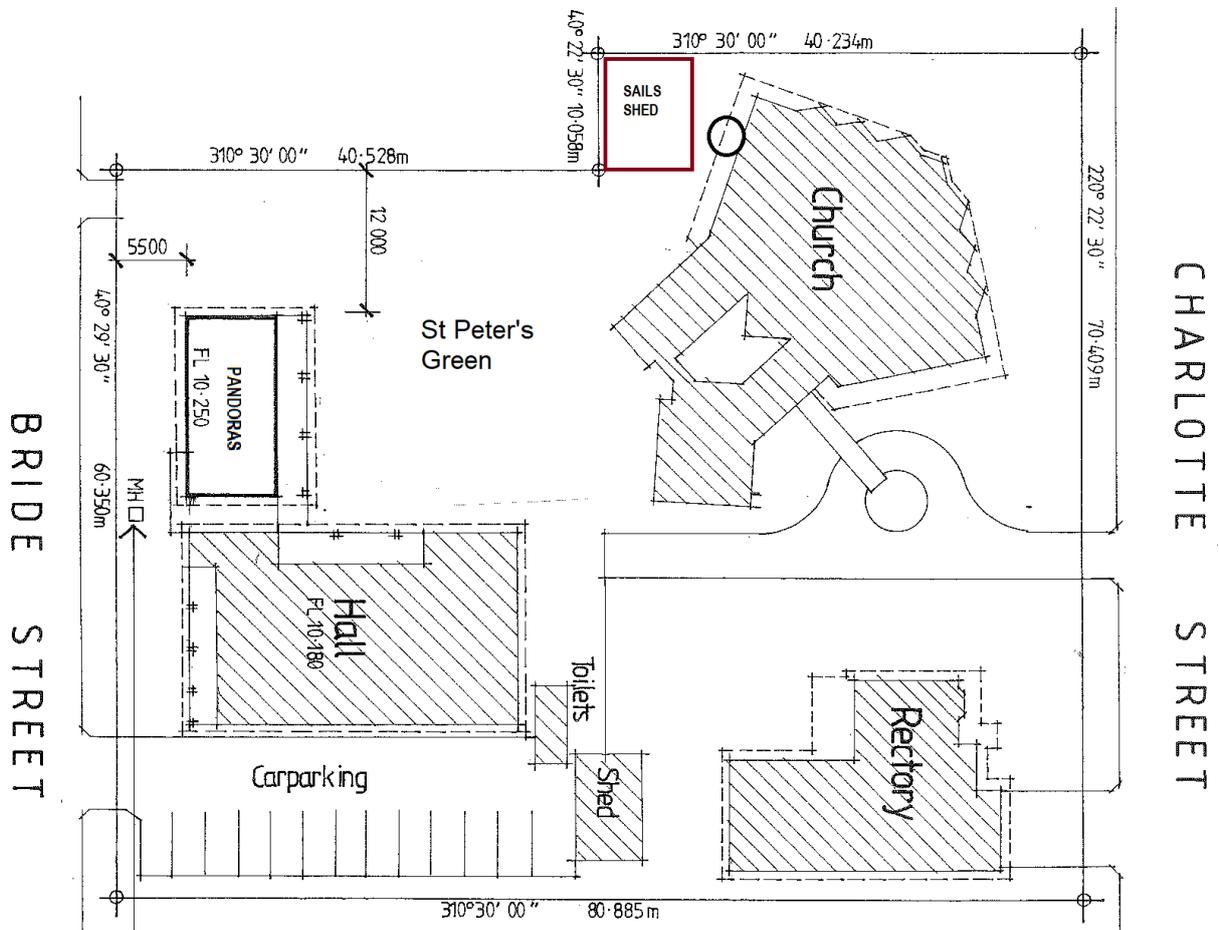
- Standard remuneration packages for the rector
- Clergy accommodation.
- One parish vehicle.
- Employment of a parish administrator (12 hours per week)
- Employment of a parish secretary (6 hours per week).
- Weekly cleaning of the church and hall.
- Regular lawn and garden care (supplemented by volunteer parishioners).
- Multi-function printer/photocopier.
- Property repairs.
- Maintenance and ground improvements.

An important initiative of St. Peter's has been to utilise the skills of our own Parishioners in planning, organising and successfully implementing Parish activities.

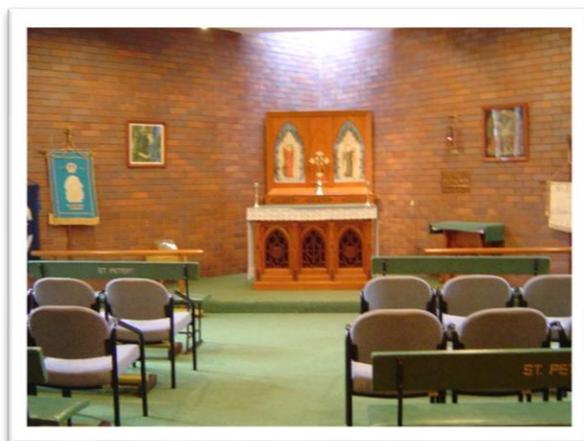
OUR FUTURE NEEDS

St Peter's have a 5 year Mission Action Plan (MAP) outlining our direction until 2024 ([refer to Appendix C](#)). We are committed to our vision and mission. Any future planning will need to ensure the needs of our current parishioners are met, while also trying new things and reaching others within our community.

Appendix A – Gallery Our Precinct



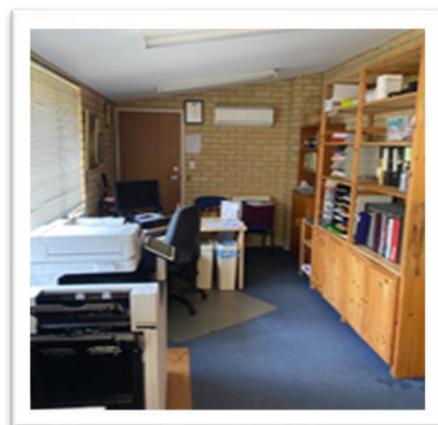
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Our Community Centre & Rectory



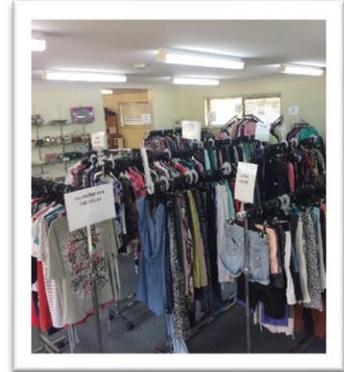
Our Parish Centre – Hall and Office



St Pete's Pantry and Community Outreach Events



Our Community Centre & Pandoras



Our Events



Appendix B – Example Parish Diary

<p>Monday, 22 November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30am - 8:00am Morning Worship (St Peter's Chapel) ☹ 8:30am - 10:30am Mobile Laundry & Shower Service (Parish Centre) ☹ 8:30am - 9:30am Brekky Club (Parish Centre) ☹ 9:00am - 12:00pm Pandora's Thrift Shop (88 Bride Street Wynnum) ☹ 9:00am - 12:00pm Parish Office Open (Parish Office) ☹ 9:00am - 11:00am Parish Pantry (Parish Centre) ☹ 9:30am - 11:00am Regis- The Pines Nursing Home (261 Preston Road Wynnum) ☹ 6:00pm - 7:30pm Hall in Use (Parish Centre) ☹ 	<p>Tuesday, 23 November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30am - 8:00am Morning Worship (St Peter's Chapel) ☹ 9:00am - 12:00pm Footprints - Mobile Shower & Laundry Service (St Peter's) ☹ 9:30am - 12:00pm Mother's Union Service & Meeting (St Paul's Manly) ☹ 4:30pm - 9:00pm Hall in Use (Parish Centre) ☹ 5:00pm - 5:30pm Evening Worship (St Peter's Chapel) ☹🔒
<p>Wednesday, 24 November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am - 9:00am Morning Prayer (Chapel) ☹ 9:00am - 12:00pm Pandora's Thrift Shop (88 Bride Street Wynnum) ☹ 9:00am - 12:00pm Parish Office Open (Parish Office) ☹ 9:00am - 11:00am Pete's Pantry (Parish Centre) ☹ 10:00am - 10:30am Wednesday Eucharist Service (Chapel) ☹ 1:00pm - 4:00pm HALL IN USE (ST PETER'S PARISH CENTRE) ☹ 5:00pm - 5:30pm Evening Worship (St Peter's Chapel) ☹🔒 	<p>Thursday, 25 November</p>
<p>Friday, 26 November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30am - 8:00am Morning Worship (St Peter's Chapel) ☹ 9:00am - 12:00pm Pandora's Thrift Shop (88 Bride Street Wynnum) ☹ 9:00am - 12:00pm Parish Office Open (Parish Office) ☹ 9:00am - 11:00am Pete's Pantry ☹ 1:00pm - 10:00pm Set Up for Christmas Markets (St Peter's) 	<p>Saturday, 27 November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:00pm - 8:00pm Christmas Twilight Markets <p>Sunday, 28 November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00am - 9:00am Sunday Service (St. Peter's Church) ☹ 9:30am - 10:30am Morning Tea (Parish Centre) ☹ 11:00am - 11:30am AGM PART A () 11:30am - 1:00pm Parish Council Meeting () ☹

Appendix C – Our Mission Action Plan (MAP)

From a Sustainable Parish to a Parish of Continual Regeneration

Our story goes back to our humble begins in 1899. We have been worshipping and serving God in this place. Buildings have built and been replaced. People have come and gone. Styles of worship have changed. Throughout all of this, we are lead and moved by the Holy Spirit, as reflected in our Motto.

Making disciples; Growing in faith.

St Peter's is where you can find the face of God in the people you meet.

We have developed our Mission Action Plan (MAP) through Parish wide discernment of how God wants us to serve Him in the measurable future.

Where are we now?

Naturally, with over a hundred years of history, our story of where we are now has changed with many changing generations. Where our Parish has come to now is reflected in our Motto, Vision and Mission Statements.

We encourage and believe in a diversity in Worship styles. The friendly family feel of our Parish Life is a testament to the feeling of belonging that being part of the St Peter's parish brings. Through challenging times like living through COVID-19, we are helping each other and helping others.

Through using our gifts, we have developed new ways to spread our Worship message, including livestreaming and social media. Plus, we have grown our outreach to the needy. Our local community recognise the role we play in assisting those in need.

Where do we want to be in Five Years?

We have a goal of being a Parish of continual regeneration. We will achieve this by maintaining respect for our Place and the stories of our Place. We will become a growth Parish premised on the Quadruple Bottom Line © philosophy. Spiritual, Environmental, Social and Economic growth in harmony with each other.

As per our Vision, we are a vibrant Christian community, which offers a place for reflection, growth and action. We are a preferred place of Worship in the Wynnum Bayside area. We have a diversity of Worship styles and methods of delivery. Our Worship and other Ministries embraces people curious about Christ for the first time to life long Christians, we can help you explore, learn and grow. No matter what your life stage is, we have a place for you. No one is too young or too old to be part of our Parish.

We have a willing and giving congregation who help us be financially viable. We have our Vision and Mission that encourages those looking at our grant applications. We primarily seek projects that align with our Vision and Mission and help deliver a better outcome.

All of us need some help or assistance from time to time. Our dedicated teams help in many ways. Some people need someone to talk to or have a cuppa with. Some want someone to pray for them. We are here to help.

We partner with other community groups in helping us deliver our outreach projects. Some of our projects include providing food and other essentials for those sleeping rough or those who just need a hand up. Some have a change of personal circumstances they need help with.

Our buildings have a reduced carbon footprint. Our grounds have a positive carbon-sequestering focus through our earth healing garden projects. We are active participants in the Circular Economy. Pandora's Thrift Shop plays an important role in recycling clothing and other goods.

Plan of Action

We will grow and adapt our Worship service, our outreach programs to the Bayside communities and our inreach programs to grow and nurture ourselves. As we all grow older, we will remain a relevant Anglican parish. We will engage and provide a parish that resonates with younger generations and the young at heart.

We will continue to develop a diversity of Worship styles and methods of delivering our Worship - helping people to grow in faith and grow in confidence to invite others to become disciples.

We have a responsibility of stewardship and will continue to develop our buildings and grounds to be part of the part of the Circular Economy. Decreasing our carbon footprint and increasing carbon-sequestering into our lands. We must Minimise waste and designing 'out' waste. Our Parish must be community leaders in Growing the Circular Economy. Reuse, repurpose, recycling, upcycling. Rejuvenate and regenerate. When and where necessary, replace with a new more sustainable option.

Our MAP has a flow for growing and regenerating each year. Each year we reassess the outcomes from the year past. We will critique and learn. As we plan for the next year ahead, we will prioritise Three items for each area:

- Worship
- Inreach
- Outreach
- Parish Community Building
- Stewardship and
- Fundraising

We have themed each year from 2020 to 2024. Each year will have its focused plan of action.

2020 Year of Planning our Garden

2021 Year of Preparing our Garden - Land Healing Ministries

2022 Year of Planting the Seeds of Life

2023 Year of Shining the Light of Life

2024 Year of Flowing the Water of Life - Our 125th Year

We invite you to step out and join us on this rewarding journey together.