

ANNUAL REPORT

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Welcome

The Annual General Meeting of our church is always a time for us to reflect on the year that has been, and turn our hearts and minds to the year ahead.

This year, we have produced this Annual Report booklet. The hope is that this might give you a snapshot of some of the key aspects of church life over the past 12 months. In particular, we have highlighted the ways in which we have sought to pursue the Mission and Vision of our Church.

Along the way, we've also included statistics of various elements that we want to measure to have a feel for the health of our church. Not everything that can be measured is of the same importance. But some statistics are helpful in getting a feel for where things are at, and what needs attention. As a staff team, we have a number of measurements that we track to help us know what is most urgently in need of attention, or where we see significant growth that we want to continue to encourage.

In the past 12 months, there have been many exciting things happening over the life of our church. In the following pages, you will see just some of these developments that have continued to see our church grow in depth, in number and in joy. Of course, an abstract idea such as joy is incredibly difficult to measure. And yet, from both the details in this report, and from many conversations with people across the spectrum of our church, I have no doubt that there is an increasing joy in being the people of God in the city of Blacktown.

My prayer is that we might continue to pursue all that God has for us in seeking to fulfill his mission in this city.



Luke Thomson
Senior Minister

Our Mission & Vision

In September 2019, we launched a Mission and Vision for our church. This was a way for us to place a marker on the map, and clearly define where we are going and what we are seeking to do. We defined it this way:

Our Mission is to grow people who Know Jesus, Treasure Jesus, Depend on Jesus and Represent Jesus.

This is our way of expressing what Jesus meant when he told us to make disciples in Matthew 28. This is the way we describe what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

Our Vision, then, is an expression of what we believe could happen if we pursue that mission.

Our Vision is to see our city flourish in God's good design through a Jesus shaped community.

Under God, this is a picture of what success in our Mission will look like.

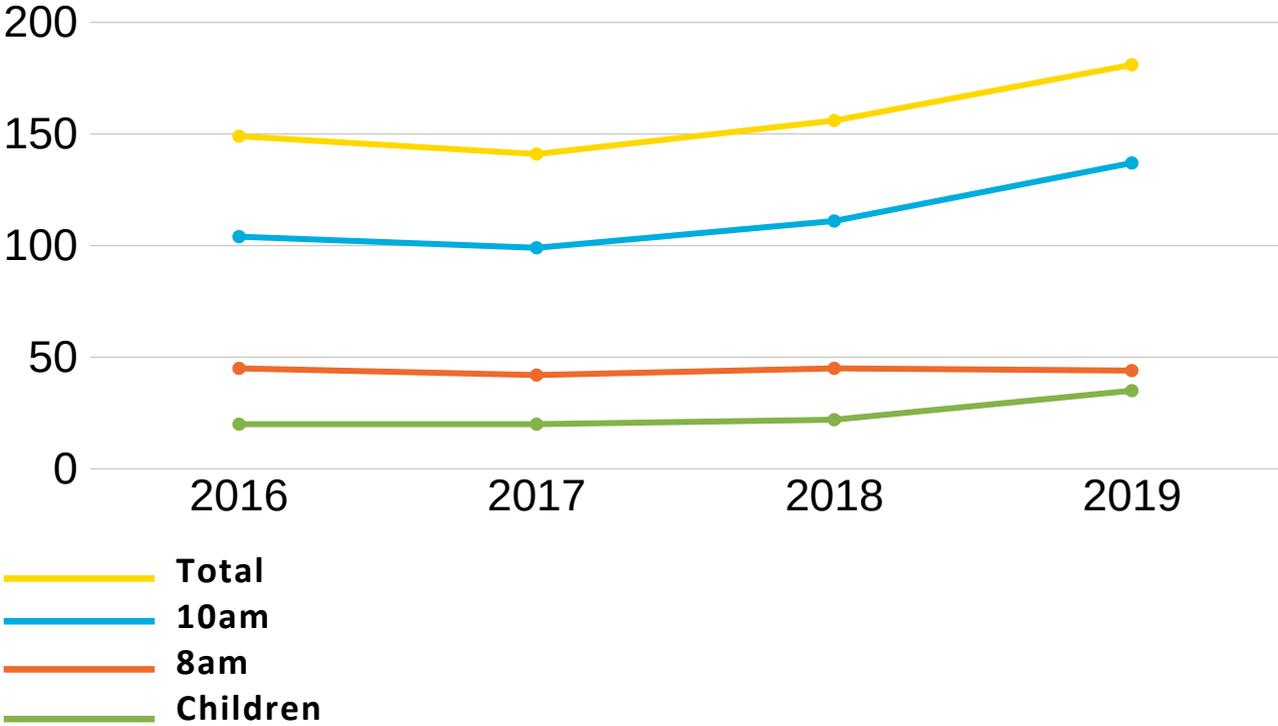
It has only been a few months since we introduced this language around our Mission and Vision. And yet, already we are seeing fruit as we seek to focus our efforts and resources so that we are of one mind as a church across all of our ministries.

On the following pages, you will see some of the ways in which we have begun to implement this Mission and Vision on the ground, and some of the plans we have for the coming months as we continue to pursue this together. Some elements of church life were already in line with where we wanted to head, and we have simply given a language to describe what those ministries are already doing. Other elements will be improved and sharpened to more clearly help us express our unity in partnering together in Jesus' mission for the world.

In bringing all things together under our Mission and Vision, our hope is to be as effective as possible in faithfully serving God in this city with the resources God has provided us.

Church Life - A Snapshot

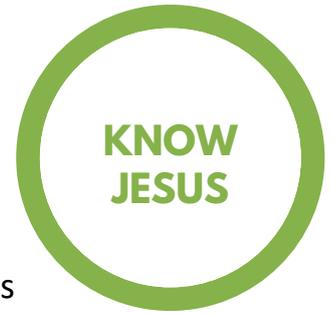
Average Sunday Service attendance



404 guests visited our church in 2019.

61 people joined our church in 2019.

Know Jesus



We want every person to personally understand the good news that Jesus is God's Saviour and King for all humanity. We seek to deepen our knowledge and understanding of what God is doing in the world through Jesus, and how we should respond.

What have we done in 2019?

Discover Jesus



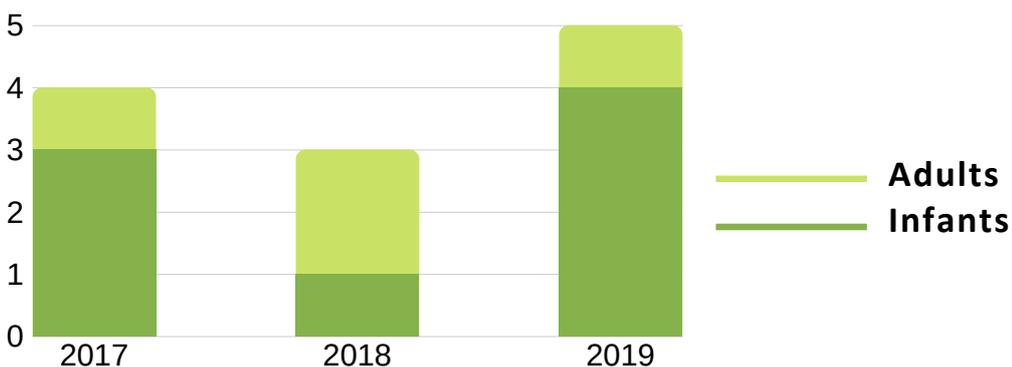
In 2019, we launched our new four week course. The aim of the course is to help people discover Jesus for themselves: who he is, what he has done, and how he makes sense of all of life.



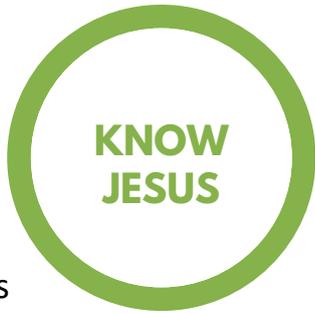
people attended Discover Jesus in 2019.

Baptisms

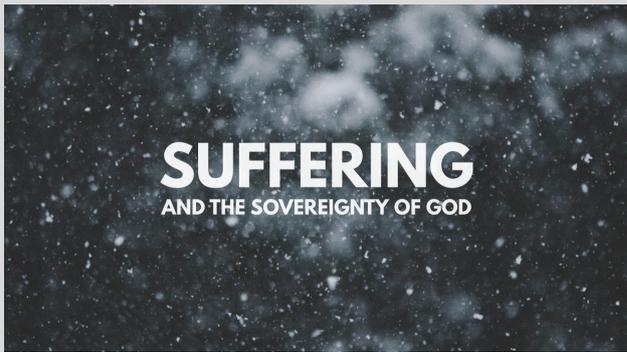
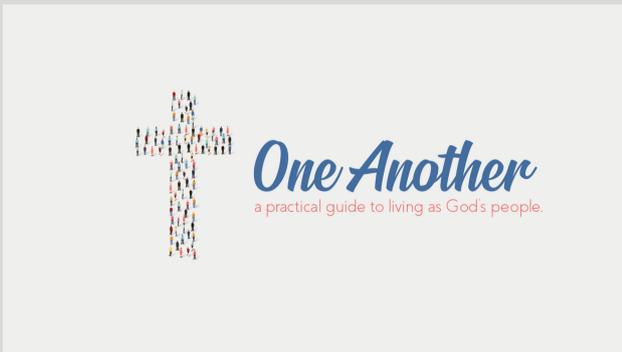
As we work at helping people come to Know Jesus for the first time, we hope to see an increase in the number of baptisms of those who have joined us in calling Jesus their King and Saviour.



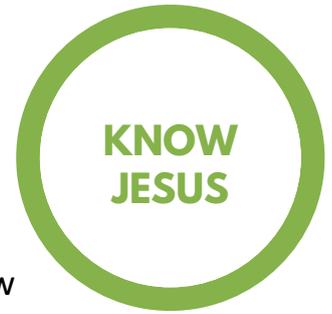
Sermon Series



Here is what we have preached through over the past 12 months to help us Know Jesus through his Word.



What's Next?



In 2020, we are seeking to build opportunities for people to grow to Know Jesus more and more for those at every stage along the journey of following Jesus.



We're hosting a special Q&A evening with Dr John Dickson. John is an author and historian, and has written many books on the history of Jesus. It will be a great opportunity to gain some unique insights, and to invite friends who might be interested.



We will be looking for new opportunities to run our Discover Jesus course, and connecting with people who are searching for answers to life. We're also looking to run a modified form of this as an option for the parents in the Childcare centre.

Refreshing our Sunday Services

We're introducing some new elements to our services over the course of the year. These will take affect as we seek to shape our services and preaching to more strategically help us pursue our mission. Among other ideas, we intend on introducing times for Q&A, teaching videos, and stories from our own people.

Simply Start Reading

Previously we have produced a Bible Reading program for those who like to be guided in their reading, or who like to follow along with others.

We are making some changes to this for 2020, taking a stronger digital approach to how we encourage people to read the Bible and engage with others at the same time (there will still be paper copies for those who prefer it!).

Preaching

In 2020, we will be preaching through the books of Luke 5-9, Hosea, and James. We will be preaching topically in the following short series: Refreshing Faith and One Another. Later in the year, we will preach a Vision Series and an Advent Series.

My Story

Joseph Askew

I was born in Bournemouth, England in 1964. When I was 4 years old, my family migrated to Australia on a ship called 'Fairstar'. We were part of the assisted passage scheme the 'Ten Pound Poms'. We arrived and settled in Blacktown, my first school being Walters Rd Public. For several years my family travelled around Australia by car and caravan, including an unsealed Nullabor Plain on the way to Perth. Dad was hard working, a former British Royal Engineers soldier, and he often would purchase a share of a racehorse, usually from a crooked trainer - a practice that kept us poor, but Mum always made sure we had food and attended school dressed as neat as possible on her limited resources. Those years have given me many wonderful experiences and although we were not a Christian family, I was taught the Lord's Prayer at some of the many schools I attended and was impacted by a Children's Beach Tent meeting, and treasured the little red New Testament Bible we were given. Looking back I can see Jesus orchestrating events to give me the opportunity to one day know him as my Lord.



I am blessed to have two wonderful older brothers who have supported me through a failed marriage but have no regrets because of the beautiful daughter my wife and I were given. I have spent many years in Australia working, competing and socializing in the Horse industry, but after becoming alienated from my only child I began binge drinking on weekends. My life took a slow spiral down I became depressed and felt I had no hope. About 10 years ago I received a devastating health diagnosis. It was at this time that I turned to Jesus Christ and called on him to rescue me, and to my great surprise and joy he has been my Lord and Saviour since then. I became involved with several local Christian groups and discovered the joy of serving others, for a number of years now loving, encouraging, supporting and sharing the Bible and good news of Jesus Christ to the Blacktown community and beyond. I have many friends from South Sudan who attend Blacktown Anglican and was encouraged by the strong stance on God's Word during the recent National debate to change our marriage and abortion laws.

I decide to begin attending Blacktown Anglican, enjoying the Discover Jesus course and finding a supportive and caring leadership team and congregation. I look forward to establishing myself here at church and continuing to love and serve The Lord Jesus Christ, my family, congregation, friends, and the Blacktown community, as well as grow in a Christ centred life.

Treasure Jesus



We believe that following Jesus is the best way to live. We value Jesus above all else in this world. We follow Jesus as our first priority in life by seeking to love what Jesus loves, desire what he desires, and pursue what he pursues. We do this through building deep, authentic community.

What have we done in 2019?

Mission Week & Mission Dinner



In 2019, we launched Mission Week as an opportunity for us to raise our joyful awareness of what God is doing around the world, and especially through our Mission Partners whom we support prayerfully and financially. We celebrated with a multicultural Mission Dinner, and invited one of our Mission Partners, Neville Naden (working with Indigenous Peoples with Bush Church Aid) to come and share about his ministry with us.

Music & Production

Music is a key way for us to express our joy in treasuring all that Jesus is for us. At our 10am service, under the leadership of Laurence Hopkins (our Music Director), we have brought clarity to the role of our music team through our systems behind the scenes, and sought to improve the quality of leading our congregation in joyful praise. We have sought to bring a freshness to our playlist, through introducing new songs and some reworked versions of older classics.

James Sheedy has been given responsibility to oversee the production side of our services. This includes responsibility to oversee our sound, data and stage design, working closely with Laurence Hopkins. Through his efforts, we were able to improve our Easter and Christmas services, as well as some video production.

Welcoming



Welcome Lunches

In late 2018, we began hosting Welcome Lunches for those who have recently joined our church, and want to find out how to get connected and involved in the life of our church. As well as a great time of fellowship, these lunches have provided an opportunity for us to speak about the Mission and Vision of our church, and invite those new to our church to partner with us in our mission to the city of Blacktown. They have also been a catalyst for making it easier and faster for people to feel a sense of belonging in our church.

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new people attended a Welcome Lunch in 2019.

My Story

Rachel Steer

What has been exciting for me in the last 12 months at Blacktown Anglican, has been the new faces coming through the door along with our new staff.

As part of the welcoming team I put on my happy face to greet people as they come to church. Even when I don't feel very cheery, I remember that I'm doing it for God and he will use me just as I am. A challenge in this role for me is to find a quick bit of time to gather the other welcomers for prayer. Asking God to help us to engage and connect with people.



This year I took on the role of crèche coordinator, working with Renee Sheedy to implement the new teaching program for the youngest of our congregation. It has been a joy to see the numbers grow in crèche, to see them respond to our teaching through play, songs, prayer and craft. We have an awesome bunch of teachers and helpers each week who love and care for all the children.

Sometimes, my work schedules, home duties & family responsibilities take their toll. That when I need down time to recharge and be me. Because of this, I am challenged to regularly attend my bible study group and to find time to listen to the sermons that I miss when in crèche.

What's Next?



In 2020, we have a number of plans around some of our church structures to help grow people to Treasure Jesus.

Community Groups

We are relaunching our Bible study groups in 2020 with a new name: Community Groups. Our plan is to help these groups continue to grow in being places where people Treasure Jesus in genuine community and belonging. We want to increase the level of care that happens in these groups, and grow both the number of people who are in Community Groups, and the number of groups that we have.

Welcoming & Integration

Our Welcoming ministry has had a significant overhaul in the past couple of years. As we continue to see visitors and guests coming to our church each Sunday, we are planning on making some further improvements to the way we connect with guests and follow them up after Sunday.

Sharing our Stories

We have a wonderfully diverse people that make up our church family. We're currently working at ways of exploring and sharing more personal stories across the life of our church. There are many encouraging things that God is doing in the lives of our people, and these are the kinds of stories we would love to share widely. Stories as people begin to follow Jesus; of people faithfully Representing Jesus in their workplaces; of those who are new to our church family; of those from various cultures who can teach and encourage us in our mission to our city. As we start to collate these stories, we'd love to hear of any that you think are worth sharing for the encouragement of our whole church.

Youth on Sunday Mornings

In recent times, we have been delighted to see an increase in the number of teenagers who are part of our church family. Youth Group continues to be a key place to disciple and train our youth to Know Jesus and Treasure Jesus. As kids transition from Kids Church, we are also keen to help them connect into church life on Sunday mornings. As part of this process, we are beginning a monthly youth gathering as part of growing our youth to Treasure Jesus and the church we are called into. The hope is to complement regular church attendance with specialised training and encouragement, along with opportunities to serve.

Depend on Jesus



We are prayerful in all things in order to show Jesus as infinitely powerful and trustworthy. We live, act and make decisions that display a deep, necessary and logical dependence on Jesus in order to accomplish our goals.

What have we done in 2019?



We launched Prayer Week as an opportunity for us to focus on growing our prayerful dependence on Jesus in all that we do. We produced devotional booklets for the week to guide individuals and Bible Study groups to reflect on how we might develop our patterns of prayer.

Prayer Gatherings

Each term, our Prayer Gatherings were opportunities to come together as a church to pray for our mission and for our city. In 2019, we began holding a second gathering during the day, as an alternative for people who cannot get out at night.

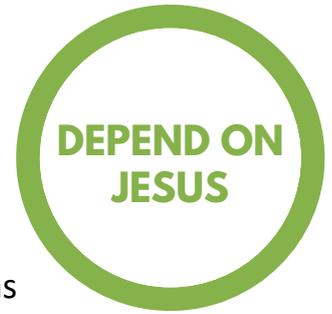
Setting a Vision

In September, we launched the Mission and Vision for our church. Our Vision is to see our city flourish in God's good design through a Jesus shaped community. It's an expression of what we see happening if we succeed in pursuing our Mission together. Our Vision setting is bold and ambitious in the way we want to be a significant presence in the life of our city in a whole range of areas. We want to set a Vision for the future that encourages us to be deeply dependent on Jesus to see the fruit of this Vision fulfilled in his strength and not our own.

Financial Dependence

In 2019, we introduced pledging as a means to help our Parish Council be better stewards of our resources and guide our decision making on ministry and staffing possibilities (more on that later). Our encouragement to be generous is another expression of our dependence on Jesus to meet all our needs as individuals and as a church.

What's Next?



In 2020, we want to continue to see a growth in how, as individuals and as a church, we depend on Jesus for all that we do.

Prayer Week

We will continue to build on our first prayer week, working on a number of resources to help us grow in prayerfulness. This will include introducing some online tools to help us build godly patterns and a sense of unity in our prayer together as a church.

Prayer before Services

We want to increasingly cover our Sunday Services in prayerful dependence on God to work through our gathering together. There has already been a practice to pray before our 8am service, and our 10am Music, Kids and Welcoming teams each gather to pray as part of their ministry for the day. We want to create a broad culture of prayer as we gather, including prayer with those involved in up front ministries.

Growing our Vision

As the rest of this document exemplifies, we are continuing to grow our plans and desires for our church in the city of Blacktown. We want to be bold and ambitious in a way that responsibly expresses our dependence on Jesus to fulfill his mission in us individually and through us as a church community.

Finances

Each year, our Parish Council will spend time in prayer and planning for our budget dreams for the year ahead, as well as plotting some longer term planning in this area. In line with our Vision, we want to show a godly ambition in our plans with a deep dependence on Jesus to provide all that we need to pursue our Mission as a Jesus shaped community. We will again invite people to join us in this through pledging for our 2021 budget later in the year.

My Story

Angelique Cherian

Being in my final year of school, I found myself relying on Church and Youth group more than I thought I would be. It made me realise just how important it was to devote time to God despite dealing with a hectic schedule. This year, the studies in Youth Group had revolutionised my perception of the Bible and its messages. There was a study about five things which would change your life, which focused on the power of acknowledging the importance the Bible, prayer, the church and Jesus. After this series, my curiosity has spiked and I wanted to make the effort to know more about the Bible. Rather than focusing on who's interpretation of the Bible was more correct, diving down into the act of reading would change everything. The fear of reading and understanding incorrectly had dissipated and I felt curious to see what I could uncover with my own eyes.

It was difficult, especially during HSC, for me to actually be grateful for the gift of life and opportunities. It was always about how things were unfair, stressful and how I felt like I couldn't breathe. However, going to Church and Youth group grounded me.

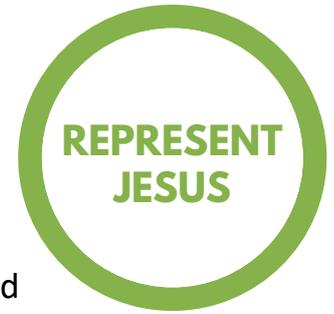


I found the study of Ecclesiastes to be the most challenging to understand but one of the most worthwhile explorations. As someone who consistently worries about living a life with no meaning, so how was I supposed to accept the fact that life was meaningless? Looking to find meaning in life through accomplishments and achievements was meaningless, but learning to live through God, was what made life meaningful.

I've been a part of this church since I was a baby. I would be lying if I didn't admit that I missed some of the things that used to be within our church. Yet, I can be proud to say that seeing how our church is changing and growing, I wouldn't wish for it to be any different. In a world that's so focused on making things to suit our own tastes, I feel that we forget that a Church isn't meant for us, but for worshipping God. When a series of talks was dedicated to the vision of the Church, I was thrilled to hear about this being spoken and to see all the faces in reaction to it. Some who agreed, some who disagreed and some who weren't sure how to feel, yet I feel that at that moment despite on what side people stood on, we all shared a same thought. How can we worship God better?

Over the course of 2019, I feel that I have grown in my faith. All of my family are Christians so sometimes, things to do with faith seem like an obligation. However, the sermons and changes that have happened over 2019 have caused me to take control over my faith, and strengthen my own relationship with God.

Represent Jesus



We live as people created in God's image to display to the world God's character and mission through our words and actions. We are salt and light to our world, helping people experience God's grace, love and generosity through our Jesus-shaped community.

What have we done in 2019?

Mobile Community Pantry

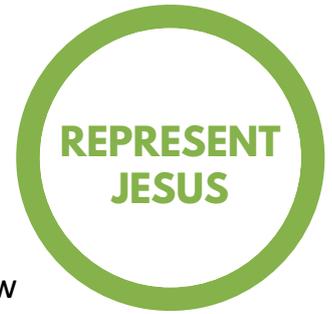
In 2019, we began a partnership with Anglicare to run the Mobile Community Pantry on our site. This program provides cheap grocery staples, especially for those who struggle with their household budgets. Pat and Dave Kinnear have done an exceptional job in bringing together a team of volunteers and leading this ministry. It's been an excellent way for us to serve a genuine practical need in our city, as well as fostering community relationships both inside and outside the church.

Carols in the Park



Carols is a wonderful opportunity for our church to lead our city in celebrating Christmas, and the good news of Jesus coming into our world. It was a great turn out from the broad community. We worked hard to create a simple, quality program for the evening.

What's Next?



In 2020, we are seeking to build opportunities for people to grow to Represent Jesus more and more for those at every stage along the journey of following Jesus.

Building Ministry Teams

We're keen to move more and more toward doing all ministry in the context of teams. We believe God has designed us for relationship, and there is much joy in serving together as a team. Further to that, we are seeking to train more people for leadership, so we can increase our effectiveness across the life of our church. Working in teams allows us to Represent Jesus with the unity of Spirit that we have in Christ.

Scripture classes in the Childcare Centre

In 2020, Renee is planning to run special opt-in Scripture classes each week for children in our Childcare centre. Please be praying for interest from families to enable their kids to join these classes.

Marriage Course

We live in a time where relationships are failing at record rates, and we all know the cost and the pain to entire extended families when they do. Therefore, we recognise that one major way that we as a church can help our city flourish in God's good design is through providing quality, gospel-based marriage enrichment and education. Our plan is to run a 'Building a Safe and Strong Marriage' course in Term 3, which is open to both members of our church and the wider Blacktown community.

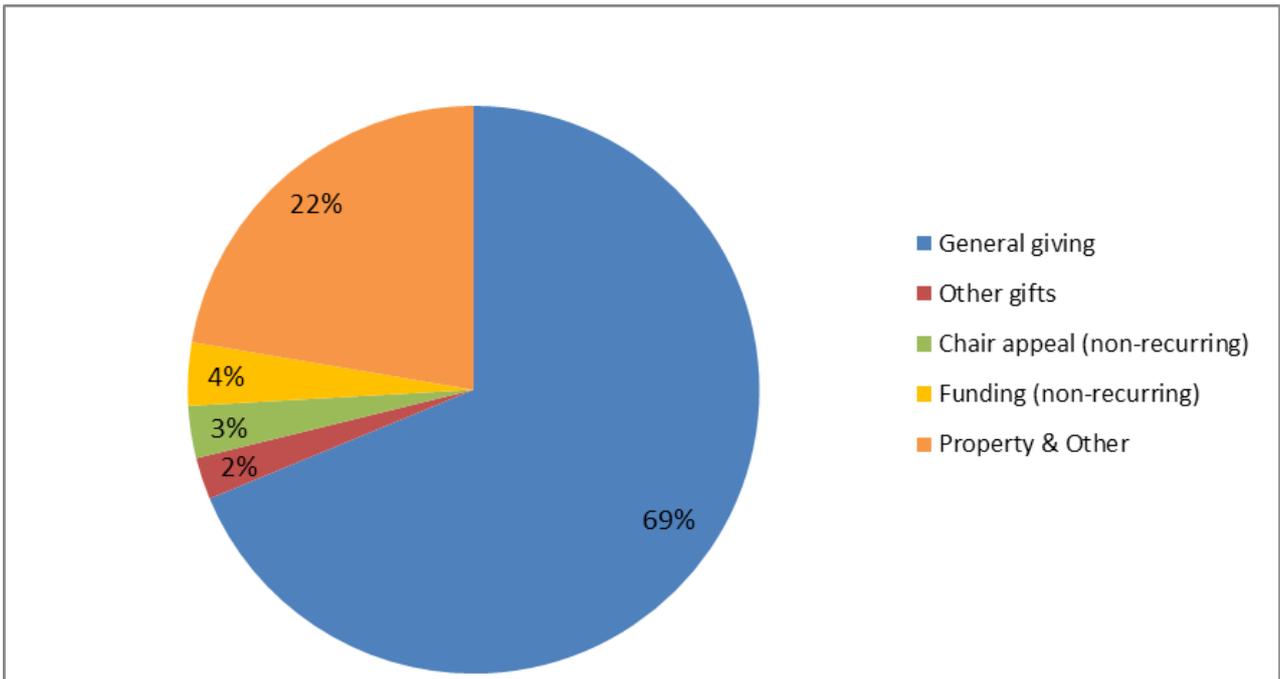
Simply Start Sharing

One significant way we Represent Jesus is through speaking and sharing our faith with others. Over the course of 2020 we are planning ways to equip people and build confidence to begin what can feel like a challenging task: sharing our faith. We will be running some seminars and training to help people simply share their own story of faith in a non-confronting, respectful and winsome way.

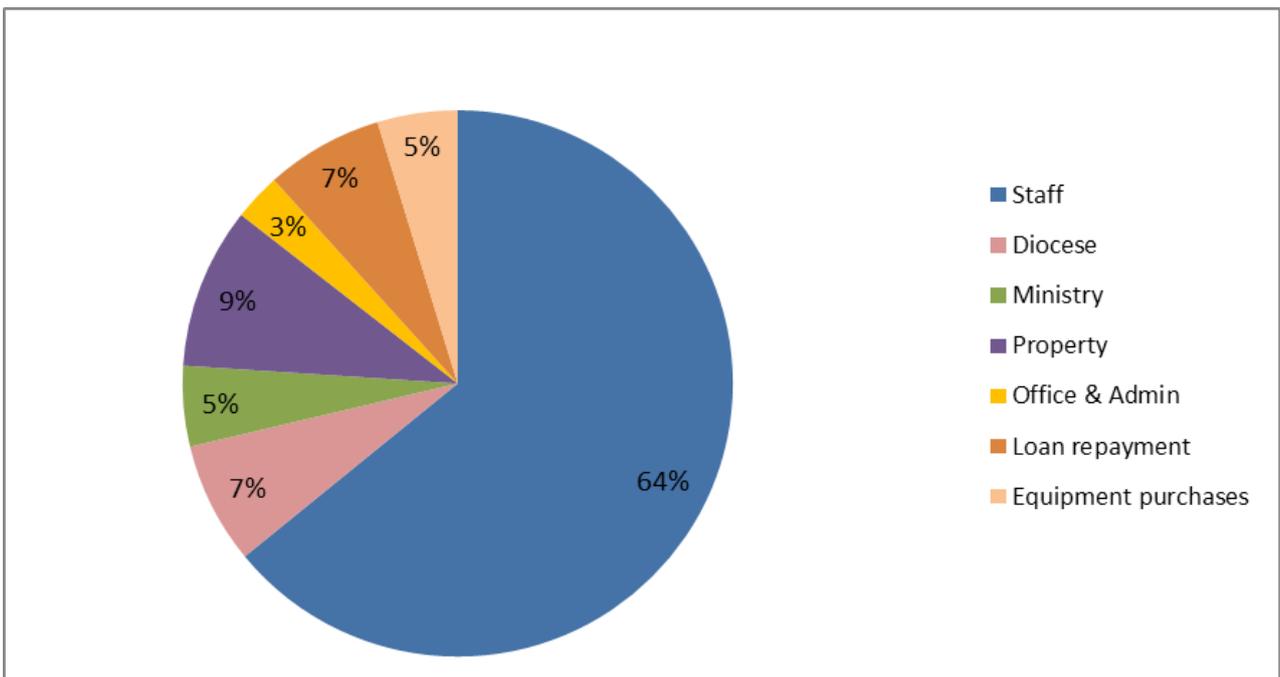
Financial Overview

A summary of our income and spending for 2019.
See the detailed financial reports for further information.

Our Income in 2019

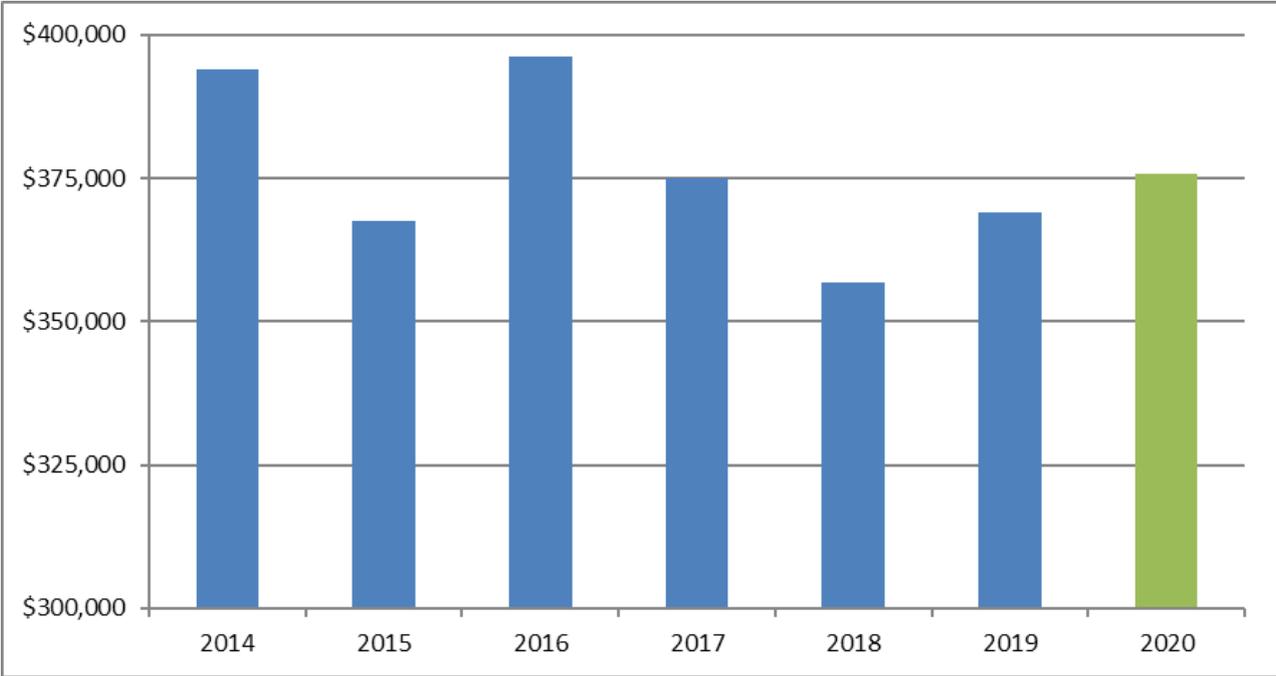


Our Spending in 2019

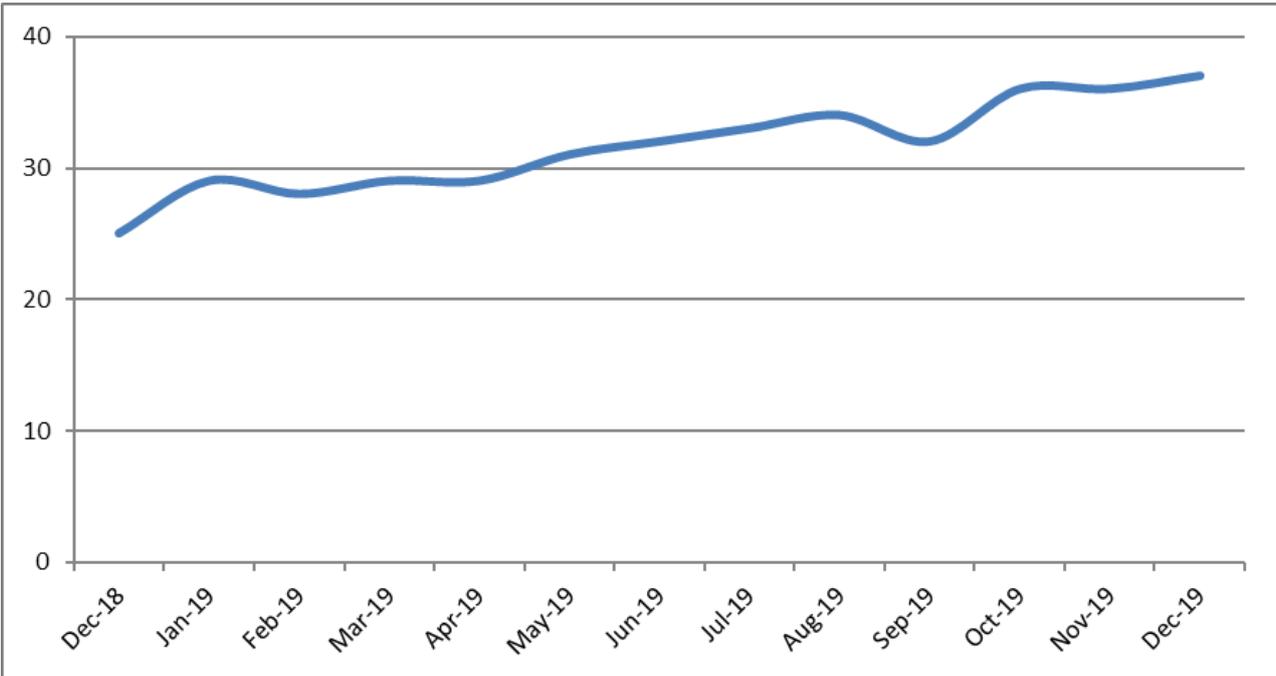


Financial Overview

Regular Giving Trend

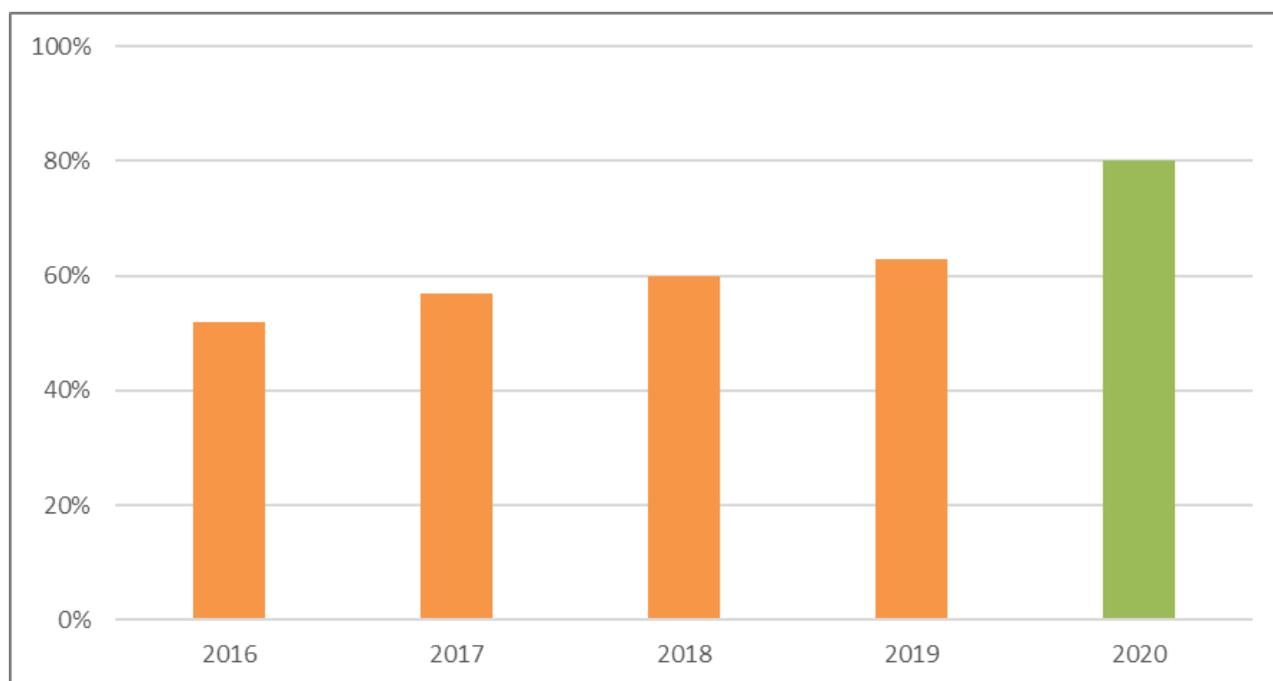


Direct Givers - increasing over the last 12 months



Financial Overview

Direct Giving as % of Total Giving



Parish Funds in Summary

	2018	2019 Budget	2019	2020 Budget
Income from:				
General giving	356,810	369,200	369,087	375,700
Other donations	29,527	2,500	28,771	-
Funding	-	-	19,307	-
Property & other income	119,524	119,500	119,821	118,980
Total	505,861	491,200	536,986	494,680
Spent on:				
Operating expenses	(430,641)	(452,190)	(482,035)	(456,880)
Loan repayments	(37,800)	(37,800)	(37,800)	(37,800)
Equipment & capital expenses	-	-	(25,689)	-
Net Surplus (Deficit)	37,420	1,210	(8,538)	-

This is reported differently in the prescribed financial statements where the capital items – equipment purchases and loan principal payments – are not included in the expenditure.

Pledging

In 2019, we introduced a system of pledging as a new method for our church to be better stewards of our financial resources. Our Parish Council put together a dream budget for 2020, which we brought before our church. We then invited individuals and families to prayerfully consider how they could be generous with the resources God has given them. Finally, we asked people to inform our Parish Council, via an anonymous pledge slip, the amount they intended to give to the work of ministry and mission here at Blacktown Anglican. This would then inform our Parish Council decisions on staffing and ministry opportunities.

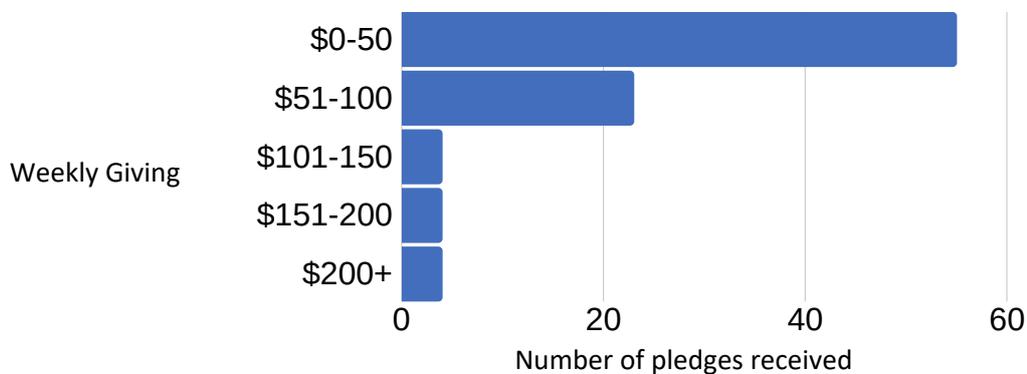
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giving units in our church. This is how many pledges we expected to receive if everyone pledged. (*as at September 2019)

90

individuals or families committed to our pledging process

A 75% response rate is a remarkable achievement in any church, let alone in our first year of introducing this system of pledging. The pledging process has enabled us to much more accurately budget for 2020, especially around our staffing levels.



Treasurer's Report

Some comments on 2019

Our finances this year were characterised by a number of items that were 'outside of budget', but in essence the net deficit for the year comes down to one key area: unexpected property expenses. We will get to that shortly.

The first thing that is evident from the summary on page 19 is that our general giving was in line with budget. This is partly due to more modest aspirations, partly a reflection of our growing congregation, but perhaps also a reflection of the open conversation we've had with the congregation this year about giving. The return to growth after a couple of years decline is welcome, and also an important part of growing our reach into the local community: it funds the staff we have and the activities we run.

The second thing that is evident is that we have a significant amount more other income than we planned. While we often have amounts donated toward specific ministries, this year we had a number of 'one-off' items:

Amount	Received from...	Used for...
\$14,300	Diocese, for a locum during Graeme Marks' LSL	Early hire of Robbie Hayes, and locum of John Phua
\$5,000	Commonwealth Government, Volunteers grant program	Furniture and equipment for ESL and Daniel's Den
\$15,975	Congregation, for chairs	New chairs for the church
\$9,000	Congregation, earmarked donations for property	Other purchases, and to make up shortfall on last year's re-carpeting

That additional income also largely explains the additional expenses we incurred. Our AGM report has a graph breaking down our costs, but the most significant element of our spending is on staff, which is generally around 70% (it's a lower proportion this year only as a result of additional property costs). We did increase our staff costs beyond budget by putting on Robbie early to transition into the role through Graeme's long service leave, fortunately a large part of those costs were covered by the Diocese's long service leave funding.

Treasurer's Report

The other area of over-spend of course was property costs. We had three major areas of necessary expenditure this year: repairing the structural faults at the eastern end of the church; replacing the inverters on the solar system; and replacing the security system and locks, as the software running the previous system was no longer supported. Our regular maintenance budget would cover one or even two of those projects, but not all three in the one year. Consequently, our result digs into our reserves.

Mission Support

Our mission support has followed the approach of previous years: we support a small number of missions, primarily CMS and Pioneers, from parish donations that are marked specifically for mission (details can be found in the supporting notes to the financial statements).

In 2019 there was a decrease from \$20,640 to \$18,273 in financial support for missions. Whether this is a real decrease or a switch from giving through offertory to direct online giving to mission organisations it is impossible to say.

We have committed to CMS \$8,000 support in 2020 for our link missionary Sophia Cameron, consistent with 2019 levels, and of course would like to sustain or grow our support of Gil & Ruth Appleby and the other missionaries that receive our gifts. I draw this matter to your prayerful consideration.

Looking Forward to 2020

Parish Council did an extensive amount of work last year reviewing all aspects of our budget and.... it looks very similar to our budget for 2019! Different journey, same destination, however it was good to think in detail about all the resources needed to make our church operate effectively and affirm a clear plan for 2020.

The key change in our financial management has been the introduction of pledging. While this puts our budgeting on a sound footing, that is really a secondary benefit. The principal role of pledging is to help the members of our congregation think maturely and prayerfully about their role in ministry in this church – financially but also in other ways – and I look forward to seeing the fruit of this.

Treasurer's Report

In our world, the big decisions are often about money. In one of his parables, Jesus turns this thinking on its head:

“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?” (Luke 16: 10 and 11)

We hope that we will see fruitful ministry in this church regardless of our financial position, but perhaps we need to prove ourselves faithful with the little things first.

The total pledge for the coming year was in the order of \$349,722, and Parish Council has approved a budget in excess of that. On what basis? Well there were three elements of this: firstly, a portion of our congregation did not participate in the pledge, and we expect there is some additional income available there; secondly, we drew confidence from the fact that 2019 giving was higher than the pledge amount, indicating a current commitment of a greater amount; and thirdly, some of the increased expenditure is conditional on giving meeting budget targets, there is enough flexibility in the budget to accommodate that.

Finally, given that maintenance costs were a significant issue in 2019, we've included an additional amount of \$10,000 in the 2020 budget that is there if needed but hopefully we don't spend and instead build up a fund for long-term asset refurbishment. It's a small and not entirely adequate step, but a step in the right direction nonetheless.

Greg Muddle
Treasurer

Our 2040 Vision

Over the next 20 years, Blacktown will see many people come and call this city 'home'. We seek to grow, spiritually and numerically, so that we might pursue our Vision to see our city flourish, in God's good design, through the Jesus shaped community we are within this city. We are dreaming big about the kind of impact we might have, and how we might see this Vision become a reality. Here are some of our big dreams for our church, ministry and mission in the next 20 years.

- 100 new confessions of faith in Jesus each year.
- 1000 kids in a holiday kids club program.
- A growing community of trained leaders equipped and empowered to serve Jesus in our church, our city and around the world.
- Resourcing the global church to pursue excellence in cross-cultural and cross-generational ministry.
- Having a clear Jesus shaped identity and character that is known, recognised and appreciated throughout our city, its people and institutions.
- A thriving ministry involvement in the new Blacktown university.
- A network of church congregations gathering each week across our city, and a recognised partnership with other Christian churches for the sake of the gospel.
- Our church representing the diversity of the city in age, culture, language.
- A significant and visible presence with staff and patients in the hospital, where our partnership in public health is recognised and valued.
- Connecting with every new parent/baby born in Blacktown Hospital.
- Sending groups in short-term mission trips to support and resource work in remote places.
- Sending people from our church into long-term mission fields beyond Blacktown with significant prayerful, financial and pastoral support.
- Every person in the city of Blacktown hearing the good news of Jesus and experiencing something of the grace shown to us all.

Will you join us in praying toward this end, for the glory of Jesus and for our joy?