

**CHURCH FAMILY CAMP:**

This was a successful event this year. Rev Brian Gilbert was Study Leader.

**PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:**

Due to a number of reasons, progress slowed for a time. Architects are working on plans.

**BUSHLEY:**

The report from Bushley contained interesting and inspirational material. A wedding and two baptisms conducted in October. Two services were conducted featuring the Mwandu Team 2013.

The local people maintain their grounds and buildings to enable regular worship services to be conducted in a pleasing atmosphere.

**MT MORGAN:**

This report reveals continued ecumenical involvement with the Anglican community. Special Christmas Carol Services and Christmas Services are planned with the Anglican folk.

Again maintenance of buildings and grounds is undertaken by the local congregation and is a credit to them.

**MWANDU UPDATE;**

A comprehensive report was presented by Sylvia, bringing the latest news on the project in Mwandu, the work undertaken by the Mwandu Team 2013 and progress since the fire. It was pleasing to receive such an encouraging report of the contribution made by members of the Team.

**GRIEF RECOVERY:**

Another course with six participants is underway.

**ECUMENICAL LETTERBOX DROP:**

This activity is being organised with participation of our Parish. Brochures have been produced depicting the times of Church Services over the Christmas period.

EVAN G. HOOPER – CHAIRPERSON CHURCH COUNCIL



**The United Church in Australia  
The Congregation of the Parish of  
Rockhampton South**

**NOW THAT'S GOOD NEWS**

**Church Council met on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2013  
for its final meeting of the year in the South  
Rockhampton United Church Hall at 7.30pm**

**It was acknowledged that this meeting was the last  
Church Council Meeting for both Rev Glenn Ingram  
and Rev Jennifer Roberts. Unfortunately Rev Jen  
was unable to attend.**

**PASTORAL CONCERNS:**

People from within our Church family and another were mentioned and members were prompted to include them in our prayers.

Some of the matters which came before Church Council at this meeting is set out as follows – and is News to Share.

**HOSTING OF PRESBYTERY:**

It was pleasing to receive favourable reports of our Parish's experience of hosting Presbytery over the weekend 8 – 10 November. Thanks were expressed again to all who were involved.

**SERVICE OF RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION:**

Arrangements are in hand for this Service on 8<sup>th</sup> December at 9.00am to recognise and express appreciation to Rev Glenn and Anne, as they prepare to retire and leave us, after 8½ years of ministry in Rockhampton South. A Love Gift will be presented to them.

At the same service recognition and appreciation will be expressed to Mrs Lyn Thomasson our Parish Office Secretary who retires after 21 years of service. Again a Love Gift will be presented.

**CONGREGATION MEETING:**

A Meeting of the Congregation will follow this Service of Recognition on 8<sup>th</sup> December.

**TERMINATION OF PLACEMENT:**

Following the recent announcement, by the Presbytery Minister at each of the Services at the South Rockhampton Church, of the termination of the Placement of Rev Jennifer Roberts, arrangements are to be made for suitable recognition of a Service and Farewell for Rev Jen, Robert, Grace and Molly.

**JOINT NOMINATING COMMITTEE:**

This Committee has met on numerous occasions. The Committee continues to meet.

**METHODIST HYMN BOOKS:**

A quantity of Methodist Hymn Books has been donated to Uniting World for distribution to churches in the Solomon Islands.

**ASBESTOS AUDIT:**

An inspection of all properties within our Parish was conducted on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November. A Report will be produced and provided to the Parish for future reference.

**FINANCES:**

Treasurer Brendan presented and spoke to the Statement he produced for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> October. This reveals a deficit of \$14,466. Our income is impacted by a drop in interest earned. Our Offerings are just under the figure budgeted. Insurance increase has taken its toll as has electricity and rate charges. Church Council is indeed grateful for the generosity of God's people.

**BUDGET 2014:**

Church Council accepted and recommends to the Congregation Meeting the Budget revealing a deficit of \$38,000.

**AUDITOR:**

Church Council appointed again as Auditor for this year, Shanahan Swaffield Partners.

**NEW BANKING ARRANGEMENTS:**

Treasurer Brendan outlined some of the changes being made to banking arrangements as introduced by Synod.

**TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP:**

Church Council received the transfer of membership from the Capricorn Coast Parish of Mr Don and Mrs Mary Pope.

**SOUTH ROCKHAMPTON CHAPLAINCY COMMITTEE:**

Church Council would be delighted to hear from persons interested in being our representative on the South Rockhampton Chaplaincy Committee. This Committee supports and encourages the work of the Chaplains appointed to the Schools in this area.

**REPAIR OF PULPIT BIBLE:**

It was reported that the Pulpit Bible which is located on a stand on the Communion Table has been rebound and repaired by City Printing Works at no cost to the Parish.

**CHURCH PEW CUSHIONS:**

It was also reported that the Pew Cushions have been recovered. The material and labour donated by Aurilea Augustine. This was undertaken and completed in time for the Presbytery Meetings which were conducted in the Church.

**PARISH OFFICE SECRETARY:**

This position has been advertised, applications received and interviews conducted.

**PARTNERS IN MISSION 2014:**

Worship and Evangelism Committee has reported that plans are in place for next year's program. The Celebration Service will be 4<sup>th</sup> August. The guest preacher to be Rev Dr Malcolm Coombes of Trinity College and Professor of New Testament Studies.