



## St John the Divine

*Eucharist service*

**15th Sunday after Pentecost**

18<sup>th</sup> September 2022

### WELCOME!

*Welcome to our worship and community life at St John the Divine, and to our live-streamed service, linked from our parish website: [www.stjohndivine.org.au](http://www.stjohndivine.org.au)*

### GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Welcome and notices*

*Our notices today include two explanations:*

- 1. the purpose of & preparation for next Saturday's parish workshop*
- 2. a reminder of the 2nd stage of our Missional Pathway & our Action Plan*

Hymn: The kingdom of God is justice and joy

*Bryn Rees (1911-1983) - tune: Paderborn*

© Alexander Scott, CCL No 632290

- 1. The kingdom of God is justice and joy,  
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy;  
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,  
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.**
- 2. The kingdom of God is mercy and grace,  
the captives are freed, the sinners find place,  
the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share,  
and hope is awakened instead of despair.**
- 3. The kingdom of God is challenge and choice,  
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!  
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,  
our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.**
- 4. God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,  
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole;  
the heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,  
and all things cry 'Glory!' to God all in all.**

### Sentence

You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

*2 Corinthians 8.9*

Let us pray.

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleans the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

### GLORIA AND COLLECT

**Glorify to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Let us pray.

O God,

you are rich in love for your people:

show us the treasure that endures

and, when we are tempted by greed,

call us back into your service

and make us worthy to be

entrusted with the wealth that never fails.

We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,

who lives and reigns with you

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from Jeremiah 8.18–9.1

My joy is gone, grief is upon me,  
my heart is sick.

Hark, the cry of my poor people

from far and wide in the land:

'Is the Lord not in Zion?

Is her King not in her?'

('Why have they provoked me to anger with their images,  
with their foreign idols?')

'The harvest is past, the summer is ended,  
and we are not saved.'

For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt,

I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

Is there no balm in Gilead?

Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people  
not been restored?

O that my head were a spring of water,

and my eyes a fountain of tears,

so that I might weep day and night

for the slain of my poor people!

May your word live in us,

**and bear much fruit to your glory.**

Psalm 79.1–9

- 1 O God, the heathen have come into your land:  
they have defiled your holy temple,  
they have made Jerusalem a heap of stones.
- 2 **They have given the dead bodies of your servants  
as food to the birds of the air:  
and the flesh of your faithful ones  
to the wild beasts of the earth.**
- 3 Their blood they have spilt like water  
on every side of Jerusalem:  
and there is none to bury them.
- 4 **We have become a mockery to our neighbours:  
the scorn and laughing-stock of those about us.**
- 5 How long, O Lord, shall your anger be so extreme:  
will your jealous fury burn like fire?
- 6 **Pour out your wrath  
on the nations that do not know you:  
on the kingdoms that have not  
called upon your name.**
- 7 For they have devoured Jacob:  
and made his dwelling-place a desolation.
- 8 **Do not remember against us  
the sin of former times:  
but let your compassion hasten to meet us,  
for we are brought very low.**
- 9 Help us, O God our saviour,  
for the honour of your name:  
O deliver us and expiate our sins,  
for your name's sake.

A reading from the first letter to Timothy 2.1–10

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human,  
who gave himself a ransom for all  
—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

I desire, then, that in every place the men should pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or argument; also that the women should dress themselves modestly and decently in suitable clothing, not with their hair braided, or with gold, pearls, or expensive clothes, but with good works, as is proper for women who profess reverence for God.

May your word live in us,  
**and bear much fruit to your glory.**

Hymn: Take my life and let it be

*Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-79) alt. - tune: Nottingham*  
© The Australian Hymn Book Company Pty Ltd, 1999,  
CCL No 632290

1. **Take my life, and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**
2. **Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee.**
3. **Take my voice, and let me sing  
always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips, and let them be  
filled with messages from thee.**
4. **Take my silver and my gold,  
nothing, Lord, would I withhold.  
Take my intellect, and use  
every power as thou shalt choose.**
5. **Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.**
6. **Take my love: my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure-store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
St Luke 16.1–13

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Then Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer." Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes." So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?" He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty." Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty." And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

'Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also

in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord,  
**praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Sermon*

#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**Though he was divine,**

**he did not cling to equality with God,  
but made himself nothing.**

**Taking the form of a slave,**

**he was born in human likeness.**

**He humbled himself**

**and was obedient to death,  
even the death of the cross.**

**Therefore God has raised him on high,**

**and given him the name above every name:**

**that at the name of Jesus**

**every knee should bow,**

**and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

**Amen.**

*cf Philippians 2.6-11*

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

*Response:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith  
we may by your grace receive,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

**Merciful God,**

**our maker and our judge,**

**we have sinned against you**

**in thought, word, and deed,**

**and in what we have failed to do:**

**we have not loved you with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;**

**we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.**

**Father, forgive us.**

**Strengthen us to love and obey you**

**in newness of life;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness

to all who turn to him in faith:

pardon you and set you free from all your sins,

strengthen you in all goodness

and keep you in eternal life,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### THE GREETING OF PEACE

We are the body of Christ.

**His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Offertory hymn: *When I survey the wondrous cross*

*Isaac Watts (1674-q748) - tune: Rockingham*

© The Australian Hymn Book Company Pty Ltd, 1999,

CCL No 632290

- 1. When I survey the wondrous cross,  
on which the Prince of Glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.**
- 2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
save in the death of Christ my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.**
- 3. See from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?**
- 4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small:  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.

Accept and use our offerings for your glory  
and for the service of your kingdom.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, faithful God,

always and everywhere,

for with your only begotten Son

and life-giving Spirit,

you are the one true God

from everlasting to everlasting.

At the dawn of time you wrought from nothing

a universe of beauty and splendour,

bringing light from darkness

and order from chaos.

You formed us, female and male, in your image,

and endowed us with creative power.

We turned away from you but you did not abandon us.

You called us by name and searched us out,

making a covenant of mercy,

giving the law, and teaching justice by the prophets.

And so we praise you,

joining with your faithful people

of every time and place,

singing the eternal song:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

When the fullness of time was come,  
you sent your Son to be born of Mary.  
Bright image of your glory,  
he learnt obedience to you in all things,  
even to death on a cross,  
breaking the power of evil,  
freeing us from sin, and putting death to flight.  
You raised him from death,  
exalting him to glory,  
and the new day dawned.  
On the night he was betrayed  
your Son Jesus Christ shared food with his friends,  
his companions on the way.  
While at table he took bread,  
blessed, and broke it,  
and giving it to them, said:  
'Take, eat; this is my body.'  
He took a cup of wine,  
and, giving thanks, he gave it to them, and said,  
'This is my blood of the covenant,  
which is poured out for many.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

Therefore, living God, as we obey his command,  
we remember his life of obedience to you,  
his suffering and death,  
his resurrection and exaltation,  
and his promise to be with us for ever.

With this bread and this cup  
we celebrate his saving death until he comes.

Accept, we pray, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
and send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration  
that all who eat and drink at this table  
may be strengthened by Christ's body and blood  
to serve you in the world.

As one body and one holy people,  
may we proclaim the everlasting gospel  
of Jesus Christ our Lord,  
through whom, with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory is yours, eternal God, now and for ever.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us,  
we are confident to pray,

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
We who are many are one body,  
**for we all share in the one bread.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and  
blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us,  
and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

#### SENDING OUT GOD'S PEOPLE

Let us pray.  
Father of all  
we give you thanks and praise  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

**Keep us in this hope that we have grasped;  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name.**

Hymn: [This is the truth we hold](#)

*Basil Ernest Bridge (b.1927) - tune: Little Cornard  
© The Australian Hymn Book Company Pty Ltd, 1999,  
CCL No 632290*

- 1. This is the truth we hold,  
source of the joy we share,  
hope that can make us bold  
trusting the name we bear:  
that 'Christ has died' and 'Christ is risen,  
in Christ shall all be made alive'.**
- 2. This is the song of praise  
echoing down the years,  
true for the present days,  
through all our doubts and fears:  
that 'Christ has died' ...**
- 3. Christ is the living bread,  
Christ is the word to speak,  
Christ is the way to tread,  
Christ is the goal to seek;  
for 'Christ has died' ...**
- 4. One in the faith we share,  
out in his name we go;  
Jesus awaits us there,  
longing that all should know  
that 'Christ has died' ...**

## BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

### Permissions

Service excerpts:

- *A Prayer Book for Australia* © 1995 The Anglican Church of Australia Trust Corporation

The Scripture quotations contained herein are from *The New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, Anglicised Edition*, copyright 1989, 1995 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, and are used by permission. All rights reserved.

CCLI Streaming Licence No. 129545

### THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Sep	<u>15th Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8am Eucharist 10am Eucharist ( <i>also live-streamed</i> ) 8pm AA meeting
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Sep	<i>Vicar's day off</i> 10.30am <i>Al Anon meeting</i>
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> Sep	1pm AA meeting 5.30pm <i>community meal: TDRM</i>
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Sep	10am Eucharist 5.30pm <i>community meal: Winter Shelter</i> 7.30pm <i>NA meeting</i>
Thu 21 <sup>st</sup> Sep	<i>public holiday: National Day of Mourning for Her Majesty the Queen</i> 10.30am AA meeting 7.30pm AA meeting
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sep	<i>public holiday: Grand Final Friday</i>
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sep	7am AA meeting 10am <b>Parish Workshop:</b> <b>Re-imagining the Future</b> 10.30am Focus on Faith & Friendship
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Sep	<u>16th Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8am Eucharist 10am Eucharist ( <i>also live-streamed</i> ) 8pm AA meeting

### NOTICES

#### Rehoming St Francis in the Fields' AMUA banner

The Anglican Mothers Union Australia (formerly MU) branches of the parishes of Croydon Hills, Lilydale, Kilsyth, Mooroolbark, and Croydon are now combined into the Mountain Views branch, and continue to meet monthly.

The branch formerly at St Francis in the Fields Mooroolbark have been looking for a home for their processional banner. A place has been made in our Lady Chapel, alongside the St John's AMUA processional

banner. We are formally hanging it there at today's 10am service.

*Almighty God,  
you have created the natural seasons  
that help us to attend to the seasonal changes  
in the lives of both ourselves and our communities:  
we give thanks for the branch of Mothers Union  
at St Francis in the Fields Mooroolbark,  
for its ministry,  
and the contribution of all its members  
during its season there.*

*As we give thanks that that ministry is able to continue  
through the combined Mountain Views branch,  
we now place the processional banner from St Francis  
alongside that from St John's,  
that all Mothers Union members may know  
that they are welcomed here  
and that their ministry of service is valued here.  
We pray for your blessing upon this banner  
in its new home,  
and upon all that it represents;  
in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.*

#### Kindergarten knitting request

Would anyone from the church would like to come into the Kindergarten and do a knitting class with the children? On a Thursday afternoon or a Friday - details to be arranged.

*Bec, Kindergarten Director*

#### Craig Russell

Sadly, Craig has had to make the decision to step down from his roles in the parish, including that of church warden. We thank him for the contribution he has made, for his enthusiasm and encouragement. Craig has asked for our prayers for himself and his family as they attend to some ongoing challenges.

(Note: Parish Council has decided not to fill this casual vacancy of warden.)

#### Gardening bee thanks

Thanks to those who participated in the Gardening working bee - it is always appreciated. Note that we intend to hold working bees every 3rd Saturday of each month, e.g. 15 October, 19 November, and so on.

#### St John's TDRM Team - thanks

Thank you so much to everyone who helped in the preparation and serving of the meal on Tuesday evening. It was another wonderful team effort and there were many compliments about the meal. It was great to have the tables available for the guests to sit at and, although the meals were served as takeaway, a small number chose to remain and eat them with us, giving the guests and the volunteers an opportunity to talk.

Thank you also to those of you who came to the 7pm meeting. St John's was well represented. It was encouraging to come together with the other churches and hear how united we are in our resolve to support the mission of The Dining Room Mission. At the meeting it was decided that TDRM would immediately resume

seated dining, and that each church would return to their congregations to seek out people to fill the roles that will be vacated by retiring TDRM management volunteers.

Please continue to pray for God's leading as TDRM navigates the path forward.

*Cathy (St John's representative on the TDRM Committee)*

Note that the life of each Anglican parish is expected to include ecumenical relationships - that is, working with other non-Anglican church communities. It is the explicit responsibility of each Parish Council to encourage such relationships to be established and to flourish.

The TDRM provides one such opportunity - right on our parish site! - as members of the following churches help to take monthly turns in cooking the weekly meals:

- Outer Eastern Lutheran Church (at 53-57 Plymouth Rd, Croydon Hills)
- Croydon Presbyterian Church (at Croydon Primary School)
- Wonga Park Christian Reformed Church (at 251-253 Yarra Rd, Wonga Park)
- and, of course, St John the Divine.

As the management of the TDRM undergoes a transition - and as we participate in that - we can start being more intentional about these ecumenical connections.

### **Archbishop of Canterbury visit - invitation**

Each parish is being provided with 3 tickets for parishioners to attend Evensong at St Paul's Cathedral, at 6.30pm on Sun 9 Oct.

### **Preparing for November's Annual Meeting**

There are some useful tools to help us engage with our current reality that has been so impacted by the Covid pandemic:

- *Re-imagining the Future*, provided by Bishop Paul, gives us ideas about how to process our church's new socio-economic landscape, and suggests alternative models to seriously consider for the future God might intend for us.
- Our *Mission Action Plan* and the *Missional Pathway* - as described in the July sermon series - is another intentional tool to help us deliberately plan how we might continue Christ's mission, and further grow God's Kingdom at and from St John's.

We intend to hold two Saturday morning workshops to which the whole parish is invited to participate:

**Parish Workshop: Re-imagining the Future** - Sat 24 September, at 10am

On the following page below is a Parish Questionnaire. For those attending today's service in person, a copy of this is available as a printed insert in the service booklet. Kindly complete it as best as you are able, and bring it to the workshop, or return it as soon as possible later.

The questions are designed not only for you to answer, but also for you to think about. We particularly ask you to do this thinking beforehand as preparation for the workshop

**Parish Workshop: our Mission Pathway** - Sat 29 October, at 10am

Currently each Sunday there is a reminder of each of the seven stages of the Missional Pathway we are encouraged to engage with, to help outsiders, faith explorers, newcomers, and also long-term parishioners grow in their faith and their sense of belonging within the church community.

So, at the end of October, a second parish workshop will be held to help us engage with the overall mission action plan in the light of this pathway.

Today we remind ourselves of the 2nd stage of belonging, conveniently labeled as those people who are *In Touch* with our church.

These are people who know at least one person in the church. They need an attractive group in which to belong. We need to encourage people we know to become regular participants in a program or group - and therefore we need to establish and promote such groups.

One such group is St John's TDRM team, to which we can invite non-parishioners to join. Another potential group is a family-service oriented music group, to which we could also invite others to join - indeed, at last Sunday's 10am service we had a young child helping with the music. A further potential group might co-ordinate combined parish/kindergarten events and activities.

*The following is provided for answering Q2.A in the questionnaire below*

#### **Anglican Diocese of Melbourne**

#### **Vision and directions 2017 to 2025**

Our **vision** as the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne is to *make the word of God fully known*. Our strategy to do so is built on Colossians 1.24-29, from where our Vision Statement derives.

There are many members, but one body, and we are called to proclamation of the Good News in Jesus Christ and to serve in his name. For the body to flourish, each member of the body must do its part.

This is a strategy that intends to engage our synergies, provide a framework of belonging to one family, create space for all parishes and communities to share and contribute to Our Journey. If the church is to flourish, we must share the same vision, the same commitment, energy and passion. God has entrusted mission to us all.

#### **Strategic directions:**

1. Be a compelling and outward-looking Christian presence in our communities
2. Reach across boundaries of human division to serve our communities and proclaim Christ
3. Be open to the Holy Spirit in transforming lives to be mature in Christ
4. Use all the energy that God powerfully inspires to better manage our human and capital resources

ST JOHN THE DIVINE ANGLICAN CHURCH CROYDON

**PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE**

for Re-imagining the Future Workshop on Saturday 24th September at 10am

*Please complete and hand in at the workshop or as soon as possible after.*

<b>1. Geography:</b>	<i>Circle one in each row</i>	<i>Comments</i>
A. Is this parish in a distinct community, not close to another Anglican church?	YES - SOMEWHAT - NO	
B. Is this a growth area or potential growth area?	YES - SOMEWHAT - NO	
C. Is this an area of social and/or economic disadvantage?	YES - SOMEWHAT - NO	

<b>2. Mission:</b>	<i>Circle one in each row</i>	<i>Comments</i>
A. Does the parish align in practice with the diocesan goals and visions?	YES - SOMEWHAT - NO	<i>(see at end of notices, above)</i>
B. Does the parish have an active MAP being implemented?	YES - SOMEWHAT - NO	
C. Is the parish connect-ing effectively to people outside the church?	YES - SOMEWHAT - NO	
D. Does the parish have a profile or good reputation in the local community?	YES - SOMEWHAT - NO	

<b>3. Ministry:</b>	<i>Circle one in each row</i>	<i>Comments</i>
A. Are the people active in ministry, working with the Vicar (YES) or are they resistant to change? (NO)	YES - SOMEWHAT - NO	
B. Is the current Vicar involved in Deanery, up to date in ministry appraisals?	YES - SOMEWHAT - NO	
C. Is there a younger cohort of parishioners actively involved?	YES - SOMEWHAT - NO	

<b>4. Governance:</b>	<i>Circle one in each row</i>	<i>Comments</i>
A. Is the parish compliant in administration and governance, with sufficient people to be on PC or act as wardens without exemptions from PGA guidelines?	YES - SOMEWHAT - NO	
B. Is the parish compliant in child safety?	YES - SOMEWHAT - NO	

<b>5. Property:</b>	<i>Circle one in each row</i>	<i>Comments</i>
A. Are the church buildings well set up for fruitful ministry with good resources?	YES - SOMEWHAT - NO	

B. Are the church buildings well-maintained or are they in substantial need of maintenance?	YES - SOMEWHAT - NO	
C. Is there a well-maintained Vicarage that meets diocesan standards?	YES - SOMEWHAT - NO	
D. Are there heritage matters with property that would argue for the parish staying open?	YES - SOMEWHAT - NO	
E. Is the location of the church buildings within the parish in a strategic location?	YES - SOMEWHAT - NO	

<b>6. Finances:</b>	<i>Circle one in each row</i>	<i>Comments</i>
A. Was the parish debtfree before the lockdown period?	YES - SOMEWHAT - NO	
B. Is it possible to imagine the growth and/or regeneration of this parish under the current financial situation?	YES - SOMEWHAT - NO	
C. Can the parish support 50% stipend and pay all bills without using reserves?	YES - SOMEWHAT - NO	
D. On the current trajectory when will reserves be exhausted?	YES - SOMEWHAT - NO	
E. If the parish cannot sustain a half time stipend and pay all bills, is there another way it can be regenerated?	YES - SOMEWHAT - NO	
F. Is more than 50% of income from live giving or is the parish supported by rent, Op Shops or other means?	YES - SOMEWHAT - NO	

<b>7. Culture &amp; Demography:</b>	<i>Circle one in each row</i>	<i>Comments</i>
A. Is the parish noted for handling conflict well?	YES - SOMEWHAT - NO	
B. Is the average age of weekly attenders under 70?	YES - SOMEWHAT - NO	
C. Is it feasible to imagine regeneration with a different cultural/ethnic identity?	YES - SOMEWHAT - NO	

<b>8. Cooperation:</b>	<i>Circle one in each row</i>	<i>Comments</i>
A. Is there another parish that might be able to help regenerate this parish?	YES - SOMEWHAT - NO	
B. Is there a nearby parish that could go in partnership?	YES - SOMEWHAT - NO	
C. Is the parish in a strategic partnership with a kindergarten, early childhood centre, school, agency or similar?	YES - SOMEWHAT - NO	

<b>9. Has this been a diocesan priority parish in some way in the past?</b>	YES - SOMEWHAT - NO	
---	---------------------	--