



2025

ANNUAL REPORT



GLADSTONE
ANGLICAN CHURCH

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APPENDIX - AGM MINUTES 2025

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL
MEETING OF THE PARISH OF GLADSTONE WILL
BE HELD AT ST PETER'S CHURCH ON
SUNDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2026 at 11:00AM**

The Agenda for the Annual Meeting will be as follows:-

- (a) The presentation by the Parish Priest of a report of the work of the Parish;
- (b) The presentation by the Churchwardens of the Report of the work of the Churchwardens and the Parish Council, and the presentation and adoption of the Parish Annual Financial Accounts.
- (bi) Consideration and adoption of the budget for the current year which has been drawn up by the Parish Council.
- (c) The reception of the reports of any other Parish organisation.
- (d) The determination of Churchwardens.
- (e) The appointment and election of Churchwardens.
- (f) The determination of Synod Representatives
- (g) The election of Parish Nominators
- (h) The determination of the number of Parish Councillors to be further elected and appointed.
- (i) The election of Parish Councillors.
- (j) The appointment by the Parish Priest (at his/her discretion) of persons to the Parish Council, pursuant to the parish canon.
- (k) Presentation of Parish Budget 2026.
- (l) Any other Parish business brought forward by the Parish Priest or Churchwardens or of which seven days' notice in writing shall have been given to the Parish Priest and Churchwardens (who shall ensure that all such business is notified wherever possible to the electors on at least one Sunday preceding the Annual Meeting).
- (m) Any business arising out of reports which has not already been dealt with.
- (n) The reading and confirmation of the minutes of the meeting unless this is delegated to the Parish Council.

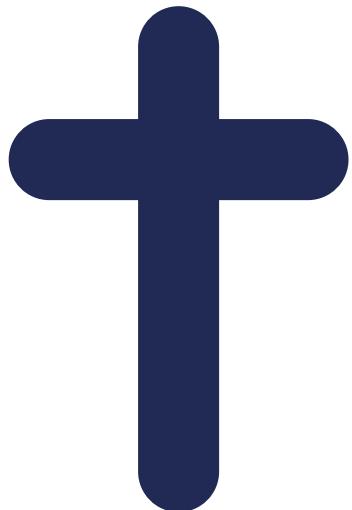
Rev'ds David and Zoë Browne
Priests-in-Charge
Sunday 1st February 2026

Council for 2026

CLERGY	PARISH COUNCIL
Rev. David Browne	
Rev. Zoë Browne	
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TREASURER	

PRIEST'S REPORT

REV'D ZOË BROWNE



*I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.*

(Psalm 121:1-2)

What an incredible journey we, as a family and a church, have been on over the last twelve months. We are deeply thankful to God for his faithfulness, for the call to serve his kingdom in Gladstone, and for our church community alongside whom we serve.

The main goals for 2025 were to provide stability and direction as we seek to know Christ and make him known. This has taken shape across worship, teaching, pastoral care, mission and outreach, stewardship, and parish sustainability.

Rev'd David and I both serve as Priest-in-Charge, using our different gifts in complementary ways. What follows is a snapshot of the past year.

Services

Faithful Sunday worship remains the bread and butter of growing disciples and strengthening our community. Rev'd David has overseen worship at St Saviour's, while I have been based at St Peter's, with a shared focus on consistency in preaching, worship, and pastoral care across both centres.

Stepping into worship at St Peter's has been a great joy. We give thanks for our faithful LAs and LLMs, who have led worship and preached with conviction and humility. I am also grateful for the many volunteers—sacristans, readers, musicians, cake makers, data clickers and more—whose quiet service makes worship possible each week.

Kids' Church was re-established at St Peter's, and in God's goodness we now regularly welcome up to ten children on Sundays. My sincere thanks to our Kids' Church leaders, who serve generously in many other areas as well, for making this ministry possible.

PRIEST'S REPORT

This year we farewelled over ten faithful parishioners from St Peter's due to health or family circumstances. Their absence is keenly felt. At the same time, we have welcomed a steady stream of newcomers, many of whom have stayed and become valued members of our community. The gentle growth and renewed enthusiasm on Sundays are a source of great joy as we live out Jesus' call to make disciples and bear Gospel witness in daily life.

Combined services have continued to offer a valuable opportunity to worship as one parish. While changing locations and times can be challenging, gathering is always a joy. As one wise parishioner put it, "Let's pray that one day we're too big for combined services!".

Lent, Easter, and Christmas remain key opportunities to welcome visitors and enquirers and share the good news of Jesus. This year we held services across both St Saviour's and St Peter's for Ash Wednesday, Easter, and Christmas. We also saw the return of the St Peter's Family Carols and the introduction of the Calliope Carols. We continue to pray that God will use these moments for faithful witness in Gladstone and beyond.

Late in the year, online sermon recordings were revived. These Happy Rock Homilies, shared via YouTube and Facebook, have been warmly received and provide an accessible way for people to engage with God's word, particularly when they are unable to attend church in person.



PRIEST'S REPORT

Discipleship

Rev'd David and I have invested deeply in relationships across the parish through hospital and home visits, shared meals, coffees, and even kayaking and tubing on Awoonga Dam. These moments of care, conversation, and shared life are a reminder that we walk together as a Christian family throughout the week. Thank you to all who have shared their time, stories, and hospitality.

To support growth in discipleship, we have developed Bible study resources that align with our sermon series. While intended for use in groups, they have also served those unable to attend regularly and have been well received. This is part of a longer-term collaboration with other Anglican parishes in southeast Queensland. Bible study groups have grown from one to three, including new men's and women's groups, and it has been wonderful to see both faith and fellowship deepen.

Mission and Outreach

Our church continues to play a vital role in the wider community. Core ministries include the This N That Op Shop, Soup Kitchen, Playgroup, Coffee and Craft Group, Shed Sale, and Men's Breakfast. These ministries provide practical care, opportunities to build relationships, and faithful Christian witness. The This N That Shop and Shed Sale also contribute significantly to parish finances.

My particular focus has been supporting mission activities at St Peter's and the This N That Shop. As several long-standing volunteers stepped down or retired, Rev'd David and I spent considerable time filling roster gaps. This not only provided consistency in opening hours but also allowed us to better understand the operation of the Shop and build stronger relationships with volunteers.

This year also marked the re-establishment of services at New Auckland Place, which had been in abeyance since the COVID lockdowns of 2020. Many thanks to Rev'd Dianne, Jackie, and Liz for their faithful ministry in this space.



PRIEST'S REPORT

Diocese

We belong not only to our local church but to the wider body of Christ within the Anglican Church of Central Queensland. The past year has seen an encouraging influx of new clergy across the Diocese, strengthening congregations and the clergy team alike.

Lay Development Days, facilitated by Bishop Peter and hosted by various parishes, have continued to support LAs and LLMs in their faith and service. In May, we attended the Clergy Conference in Blackall, and in October the annual Synod gathered parishes and Special Ministry Districts for prayer, reflection, and governance. While the Diocese continues to face areas of risk, there is a growing sense of hope and optimism as we serve together. Clergy Retreat in Yeppoon, led by Rev'd John Forsyth on Psalm 121, followed Synod and was a gift of rest and renewal.

BCA

Our ministry is currently supported by Bush Church Aid (BCA), whose generosity extends far beyond finances. I have been deeply encouraged by the prayers, correspondence, visits, and shared kingdom vision of BCA and our partner churches.

We maintain regular contact with our BCA supporters through quarterly Prayer Notes and our Happy Rock Homilies newsletter, and we have enjoyed visiting several partner churches throughout the year. Meeting prayer partners at Synod and CMS Summer School is always a joy. We prayerfully look forward to the day when we can become not only self-sufficient as a parish, but also financial supporters of BCA.

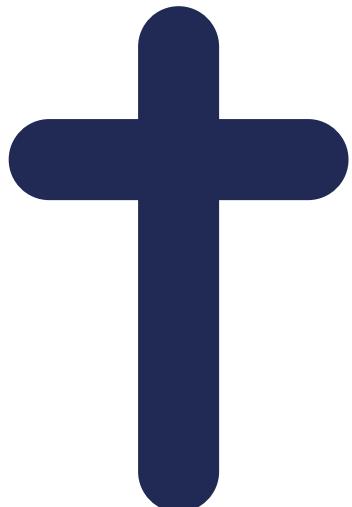
Thank You

There are undoubtedly people and moments I have not mentioned. I am exceptionally thankful to Connie Fredericks, who supported our arrival with her effervescent smile and knowledge. Also to Rev'd Dianne for her wisdom, prayers and godly pastoral care. Thanks to our Parish Council who have served generously, and joyfully, throughout both joys and challenges this year. Above all, thanks be to God. May we always lift our eyes to the Maker of heaven and earth, and to his Son, Jesus Christ, for in him we have true freedom.



PRIEST'S REPORT

REV'D DAVID BROWNE



Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

(Hebrews 11:1)

Our first year in Gladstone has been a whirlwind, but thankfully through God's goodness and our wonderful church family, we've seen our church grow in faith and number. The Brownes arrived in Gladstone on 14th January and we started serving on 20th January. At our commissioning service at St Saviour's on Tuesday 28th January, BCA National Director, Rev. Greg Harris, encouraged us all to put Jesus first with a simple phrase "Not me, Him".

Rev'd Zoë and I were eager to get stuck into serving by getting to know our community and experiencing Soup Kitchen, This N That Shop, and other activities of our church. Connie Fredericks was wonderful in sharing her knowledge and helped us understand the history and activities of the parish. Likewise, it was great to have Rev'd Dianne Milligan leading services, Soup Kitchen devotions, and lots of pastoral care sessions, as we learned the ropes from her. Rob Farnsworth our warden was another important guide for us as we set a budget for the coming year.

We began our Sunday preaching, with a series in the Gospel of Luke: 'Generous Hearts, giving as God gives.' Then during Lent we went from 'Eden to Eternity' looking at how God's presence is restored through Jesus in the grand ark of the Bible. From Easter to Pentecost, we participated in the 'Hope 25' series with Anglicans across Australia revelling in the hope found in Jesus, and we followed this up by exploring the book of Daniel in 'Beyond the Beast'. In the latter half of the year, we studied Bishop Peter Grice's series on prayer, spent some more time in Luke, then Hebrews looking at the supremacy of Christ in all things, and our Advent series 'Waiting for the King' explored the lead up to Jesus' birth.

During the year our Wednesday Bible studies began using the sermon series resources and welcomed new members. Another Bible study began at East Shores on Friday during Lent and has grown steadily. Later in the year Rev'd Zoë began a Thursday morning Bible Study which brings the number of Bible study groups to three.

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We also began meeting for prayer on Monday mornings at 9:00AM with staff and the Ray's Soup Kitchen team. Wednesday morning services at St Saviour's recommenced in January with a rhythm of Morning Prayer services and Holy Communion on the first Wednesday of the month.

After Easter we launched new branding and a new website for the church: gladstoneanglican.org.au. Through the generosity of our church family, we renewed our church signs at St Peter's and St Saviour's. Our Facebook page has also been very active with lots of community members engaging with our posts and a new This N That Shop Facebook page has brought fresh awareness of our shop. Toward the end of the year, we launched 'Happy Rock Homilies', a weekly video sermon to help engage those who cannot physically make it to church and members of the community exploring Christianity.

One of my great joys as a minister is sharing the gospel with young people, and in 2025 I got to do this through Kids' Church and RI. Kids' Church resumed in February with faithful servants leading exciting Bible studies, complemented by games and craft activities. I had the privilege of leading Kids' talks at St Peter's, sitting in on lessons, and leading Kids' Church a few times. In March I joined the RI team at Gladstone Central State School teaching Years 2 and 3 and then added two Year 5 classes at Clinton State School. On Tuesday 4th March we held a 'Pancake Day' outreach outside St Saviour's, sharing pancakes with families on their way to school.



PRIEST'S REPORT

Pastoral Care is the heartbeat of any church, and I got to serve through pastoral visiting and resuming monthly services at New Auckland Place Aged Care Residence. Home visits, coffee catch ups, hospital visits, and prayer visits were all opportunities to share God's love with the community. During the year I took five baptisms, five weddings, and seven funerals, including the service for long time parishioner Noel Bowley; may he rest in peace and rise in glory. Aged Care services grew to over 10 people attending, with Jackie Thompson, Liz Unwin, and Rev'd Dianne forming a valuable ministry team.

Seasonal services were a wonderful opportunity to share the good news of Jesus' sacrificial death and glorious resurrection. Ash Wednesday services at St Saviour's and St Peter's were a reminder of our call to repent. Maundy Thursday at St Saviour's included foot washing, and our Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday services at both centres were a wonderful opportunity to celebrate Jesus and share the gospel with the many visitors who joined us. Christmas was also a wonderful opportunity for outreach with a Calliope Carols on the lawn, a St Peter's Carols, a midnight service on Christmas Eve, and a joyful service on Christmas day at both centres, before a Soup Kitchen Christmas lunch..

The invitational culture of our church family has led to many encouraging shoots of growth. Services at St Peter's and St Saviour's grew through the year and on average we are welcoming 11 more people to church than 2024. At the same time, we farewelled and prayed for several people who left Gladstone through the year. We've also seen new volunteers start at Soup Kitchen and the This N That Shop, and Brad Krebs, our Safe Ministry Officer, has done a wonderful job of welcoming new people and getting them ready to serve.

Sadly, at the end of the year Connie Fredericks resigned from her role as Parish Administration Officer. Connie has filled several different roles over the years, and we pray that God continues to use her powerfully to build his Kingdom on earth as in heaven. We gave thanks for Connie's faithful service at a combined service on 28th December and prayed into her future ministries among us.



PRIEST'S REPORT

Gladstone Anglican Church is part of the wider Central Queensland Diocese, and our people do an amazing job of supporting the wider church body. In May, Zoë and I attended the CQ Clergy Conference in Blackall. In October Jenny Hinde, Rob and Rosemary Farnsworth, David Kingston, and the Brownes participated in the CQ Synod in Rockhampton where David Kingston led the music. Our Lay Ministers and Liturgical Assistants also supported lay development days across the diocese during the year, bringing us all closer together.

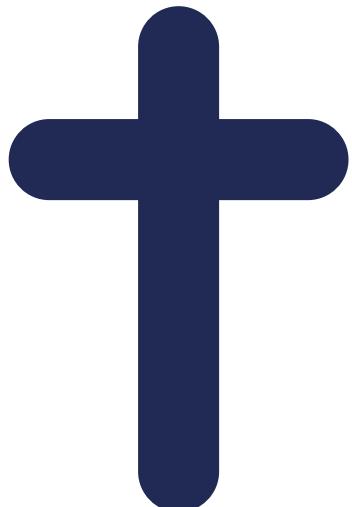
Many thanks for a fruitful year in ministry must go to our 2025 Parish Council of Rob Farnsworth, Jenny Hinde, Bob Trask, Michael Whitehead, Connie Fredericks, Jann Bishop, Brad Krebs, and Kerry Rose. As I concentrated on services at St Saviour's I must also thank Julie Withoos for her service as a Liturgical Assistant, Elizabeth Unwin and David Kingston for their music ministry, as well as Meryl Rose and the team in the kitchen for morning teas. We still have much to improve on and work towards in our mission of knowing and making Jesus known, but there is so much for which we can be thankful.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!



WARDEN'S REPORT

MR. ROB FARNSWORTH



*We know that in all things God works for the good
of those who love Him.*

(Romans 8:28)

In 2025 we welcomed Rev'd David and Rev'd Zoë Browne and their children, Micah and Jude, who relocated to Gladstone from their previous ministries in Dalby. David and Zoë have launched into Gladstone Parish life with prayerful energy and enthusiasm, maintaining existing programmes and commencing new ones.

We give thanks for the Browne family and recognise the sacrifices they made in moving to Gladstone and leaving behind friends and family. We also give thanks to Bush Church Aid (BCA), and all who support it, for the generous funding package that has enabled us to employ the Brownes.

David and Zoë are each engaged for a 75% of a full-time role each. The BCA funding is equivalent to one full-time priest, and the balance (50% full time role) is funded by the Parish. As the BCA funding is for a limited duration, we need to plan for a future in which our priests are fully funded by the Parish. Planned giving has increased in 2025, and we give thanks for everyone who contributes to the Parish income, in whatever way.

With the arrival of the Brownes, our Parish Operations Manager from 2023 and 2024, Connie Fredericks, transitioned into a role as an Administration Officer, which she continued until the end of December 2025, when she decided it was time for a change. Parish Council thanked Connie for all of her services to the Parish, in both roles, and for helping make the Brownes' transition to Gladstone as easy as possible.

Only one Warden candidate was identified in 2025, and I was honoured to be asked to continue in the role. It has been a pleasure working with Rev'd David, Rev'd Zoë and Parish Council. I also thank Rev'd Dianne Milligan who, whilst enjoying a well-earned break from ministry to the Parish, has continued to be my mentor and prayer warrior.

Thanks go to all our volunteers, who have worked tirelessly to serve the parish, maintain our services, and keep our outlets running smoothly.

WARDENS' REPORT

The role of our LAs in worship continues to be spirit filled. Their leadership is appreciated as we come together to bring praise and glory to our God. To Julie and David at St Saviour's and to David, Yvonne, and Ken at St Peter's we express our appreciation. St Peter's was sad to farewell its LAs Wendy and June in 2025, when they relocated from Gladstone. We keep them and their families in our prayers as they settle into new Parishes.

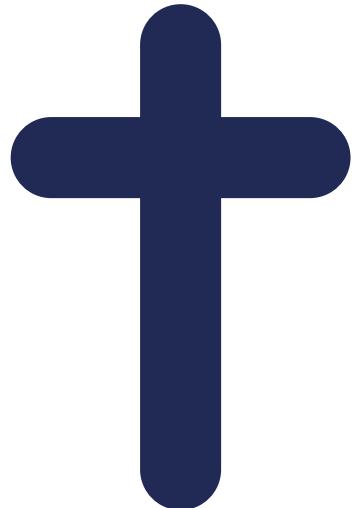
Numerous others play significant roles in the life of the Parish: those who lead our praise through music and singing; those who greet people as they enter church each Sunday; those who read God's Word during the service; those who operate the data projector; those who ensure that the building is set up for worship. There are many who are involved in ensuring that our times of worship are a blessing to all and a glory to God. While our services are a time for us to give thanks to God and to worship His holy name, it is also a time for us to have fellowship with one another. We are thankful for those who organise morning tea following our worship services.

Thank you to our children's ministry team at St Peter's. Our Kids' Church group has seen a resurgence this year, with attendance often being in double figures. We pray for all the families and children who are becoming part of our Parish.

Ray's Soup Kitchen continues to mature and grow. The Parish Council is grateful to those who are supporting this work in so many ways. There is a report on the Soup Kitchen in the AGM Reports. The work of the This N That Shop is also contained in these Reports. Volunteers at St Peter's Shed Sale are also thanked for their faithful service.



PROPERTY REPORT



*Unless the Lord builds the house,
the builders labour in vain.*

(Psalm 127:1)

PARISH PROPERTIES

St Saviour's Church Building

This building remains in a reasonable condition with only minor maintenance occurring this year. New signage was installed at St Saviour's this year. The signage features a QR code, which provides a link to the Parish's new website.

St Saviour's Hall

The Commercial Office Space on the lower level of the hall building, accessed via Rosebery Street, is currently leased to ATSILS. The lease was renewed from 1 July 2025 for a period of 5 years. Unfortunately, these premises suffered two flooding events in 2025, one requiring a carpet to be replaced. A review of the causes of these events is continuing.

There is the need for significant maintenance works to be undertaken to the Parish Hall front veranda. Parish Council has investigated this and has an outline plan for the scope of repair works. The Hall roof has also been identified as needing repair / recoating. This will be investigated further this year.

Parish Council has preliminary plans for upgrades to the St Saviour's Hall kitchen. Parish Council is still seeking to refine these plans to suit our needs and is investigating the cost of completing this work. Please continue to pray for funding opportunities for these important works.

The Rectory / St Saviour's House

The Rectory is currently empty, pending refurbishment in 2026. Preliminary quotes for the works have been received, and Parish Council is seeking to refine the scope and pricing before entering a contract. It is expected the following works will be undertaken: works to address water ingress issues at the rear of the building, refit of bathrooms, refit of kitchen, new carpets and painting throughout, upgrade to power, lighting and air conditioning, limited restumping, and structural works to rectify substandard historical modifications to the floor framing.

PROPERTY REPORT

St Peter's Church

St Peter's Church is in good condition, and the carpets are cleaned every year. Parish Council will investigate cleaning St Peter's roof in 2026. New signage was installed at St Peter's in 2025.

St Peter's House, Clinton

St Peter's House is currently the residence of the Brownes. The building is in reasonable condition, having been refurbished in December 2024.

Some roof / ceiling maintenance has been identified and will be investigated further in 2026. Also, the grassy area between the house and the shed floods and drains slowly. A partial regrading of this area may be required and will be investigated.

Union Church, Calliope

This property, which is held jointly by the Anglican Church and the Presbyterian Church as trustees, is no longer used by the Anglican Church for regular church services. However, the future development of worship in the Calliope area is still a priority for the Parish. Regular meetings are held with the Presbyterian Church regarding this property.

Lifestyle Church Calliope uses the premises on two days a week and contributes to the maintenance and upkeep of the facility. This has included installation of a small kitchenette and a TV screen.

The Parish is now using the buildings on Sunday evenings as we start to run an Alpha Course in Calliope.

Gladstone Regional Council (GRC) has expressed interest in constructing a public footpath on an existing easement, which runs along the northern side of the property. This is of value to the community as it would provide improved pedestrian access to Calliope State School. Discussions with GRC are in progress. Parish Council is seeking to fully understand the nature of the path and risk and financial obligations that make come with this.

St Luke's Church, Ubobo

There have been no services at Ubobo during the past year. Parish Council had previously requested the Diocese to investigate the sale of this property. Some preliminary interest had been shown but no formal offers were made. This property is not being actively marketed. The possibility of re-starting occasional services in Ubobo will be considered in 2026.

PROPERTY REPORT

25 Tank Street

This property houses the This N That Shop, Vision Surveys, One Percent Real Estate, and the Way Out, an escape room, on the first floor. During 2025 the building became fully tenanted. Early in 2025 the parish received an expression of interest in the purchase of this property. Negotiations were entered into and a price that considerably exceeded a recent valuation was agreed upon. Settlement occurred in November 2025.

Whilst the sale of this property had not been pursued by Parish Council, it had the following advantages:

- It avoided the Parish needing to borrow significant additional funds to address imminent maintenance projects, including air conditioning replacement and roof replacement
- It makes funds available to address other critical projects, including St Saviour's House refurbishment and St Saviour's Hall Roof and Awning repairs

The This N That Shop now has a 3-year lease with the current building owner, with options for further 3-year terms.

Parish Vehicles

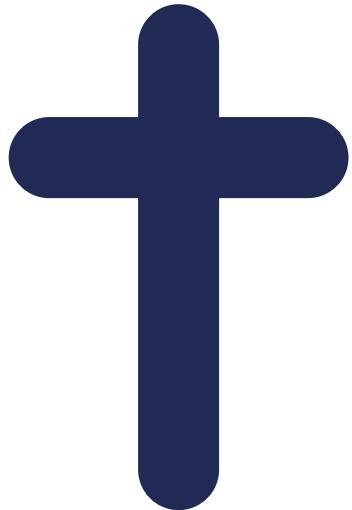
Parish Council elected to dispose of the Parish ute in 2025. With the closing of the Food Centre, this vehicle was no longer needed. Thanks go Bob Trask who prepared this vehicle for sale, which included replacement of the front bumper plastics, servicing and detailing.

The Parish RAV4 struck a kangaroo on the Bruce Highway in September and was declared by the assessor to be an insurance write off. The Parish now has a new hybrid RAV4, which was delivered in December 2025. We give thanks to the Diocese and the Parish of Longreach, who provided a loan car, whilst we waited for our new vehicle to be delivered.

We are grateful for the support of the members of the parish during this past year and look forward to God's continued blessing in 2026 as we continue to worship our God and proclaim salvation through the finished work of Jesus Christ and the ongoing blessings of the Holy Spirit.



MISSIONS REPORT



Go and make disciples, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

(Matthew 28:19)

Ray's Soup Kitchen

David Kingston and Rev'd David Browne

'Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in"

(Matthew 25:34-35)

During 2025 Ray's Soup Kitchen was well attended. It runs from 6:00-7:00PM every Monday night. The attendees of the kitchen are those finding themselves struggling in our community and in need of food, housing, fellowship counsel and faith. On average we have 55 attendees: 40 on a quiet night, and our busiest night was over 80. Of the people who attend, approximately 90% are there to be served and 10% are serving; either in the kitchen or having fellowship at the tables.

We are very fortunate to be sponsored by several people in our community who are passionate about giving and supporting the soup kitchen. The main meal is supplied from the generosity of Wendy Marks, the desserts by Caroline Ferris from Boyne Island Bakery, along with any pantry items we may need. These donations are supplemented by the generosity of Woolworths Kirkwood with a weekly box of mixed vegetables for our soup staples.



MISSIONS REPORT

Domino's Pizza provides us with 25 pizzas every month and when available we have three or four of their team serving with us. This is organised by a gentleman named Ci Ci.

We are also grateful for the donation of \$2000 in toys and school supplies annually by a generous family who wish to remain anonymous. Locations Real Estate made donations of \$1500 and Calliope Bowls Club gave \$500 for our work. Boluda Towage Gladstone donated dry goods and groceries which were passed onto diners. McCosker Contracting also provided \$1000 in vouchers for our Christmas Day lunch. There are generous members of the community who regularly give cash donations in person on Monday nights. Bunnings supplied BBQs twice during the year.

On 29th July, Glenn and Theresa Butcher and their team joined us to serve dinner and make a donation. Commbank also come once a month to serve. Our outreach program is also supported by volunteers who help cook and serve meals and by faithful members of our parish who are present and provide a presence and listening ear to those who may need it. Servants among us include people from outside of our congregation and in the community not yet of faith.

Songs of faith are sung during the night. We open the night by saying grace and a short scripture and devotional message is shared and with prayer. During the year we were able to give away 50 Bibles. Some diners from Soup Kitchen began joining us for Sunday worship, and others for Wednesday services and Bible studies.

A big highlight this year was the reintroduction of Christmas lunch which was generously supported by business members in our community. The day was enjoyed by 70 people, including 15 volunteers who really experienced Jesus' words in Acts that 'it is better to give than to receive'.

We ask you as our congregation to keep this ministry in your prayers and thank you for how you as our church enables and supports us in this ministry that serves those whom God draws to us in their hour of need and lifts up Christ for the glory of God.



MISSIONS REPORT

This N That Shop

Kerry Rose and Rev'd Zoë Browne

The This N That Shop has now been a part of the Gladstone community for 48 years since its opening in 1977. 2025 has been a year of both encouragement and challenges for the Shop.

Our volunteers work tirelessly to serve our community, Monday to Friday. The main goals for the Shop this year have been to improve the consistency of opening hours, increase volunteer base, and improve community exposure and revenue. While volunteer levels are not as abundant as in decades past, we have seen a steady improvement throughout the year. We are so thankful for our volunteers – their energy, friendliness and tireless efforts are the core of what makes the Shop a great place to be. Rev'd David and Rev'd Zoë have focused a lot of time on supporting the roster 'gaps' to help with opening hours. This has helped develop community relationships, and care for our volunteers. By the end of 2025, we were able to open for 48 weeks (with four weeks scheduled closure) and have three people volunteering at any given time, averaging approx. 6 hours trade per day.

We re-established monthly staff meetings at the Shop. With the support of our Safe Ministry Officer, Brad Krebs, we were able to focus on day to day issues, sales, stock, safety or any other concerns. Our volunteers were able to share their wisdom and opinions to help improve the overall Shop function. In April, we also re-established a 'Gladstone Anglican This N That Shop' Facebook page. This increased presence had an immediately positive impact on community engagement and sales. We use it regularly to highlight items for sale, share community reminders, and promote different monthly sales.

Challenges continue to be recruiting and training volunteers. Dumping of donations and security issues were ongoing throughout the year. The Shop has benefitted from some much needed safety and signage upgrades.

The This N That Shop is a vital part of our community and our church. We are fortunate to maintain a central presence in town, and we are committed to being the most affordable of the community op shops.

With thanks to God from whom all blessings flow, this year has seen a positive trend in sales. Sales are up over 21% from 2024. The This N That Shop is a valuable resource for our community, and a vital source of income for our church. The value of this lies in serving God's kingdom, helping people in Gladstone to know Christ and make Him known. We pray that the This N That Shop will continue to be a positive place of mission outreach to our community for decades to come.

MISSIONS REPORT

Monday Playgroup

Jenny Hinde

Playgroup meets every Monday during school term. We have seven families who regularly attend. We provide morning tea for the parents and a simple craft activity. Another group was meeting on Thursdays but that group folded late in the year.

I am very happy to report that Kaitlyn Withoos came on board last year and I thank her for her assistance. If you know anyone with children under school age please send them our way.

Thursday Playgroup

Rev'd Zoë Browne

The Thursday Playgroup has operated out of St Peter's for the last few years but has been in a 'grey area' in terms of church ministry. During 2025, Rev'd Zoë focused on outreach and pastoral care for the Thursday Playgroup, meeting and connecting with parents and their children.

My role was like 'the aunty' – chatting to parents, holding babies while toddlers demanded attention, and helping tidy up. Through this, positive relationships developed, and even the chance to share Easter stories and invitations to church activities.

Clarity was also sought in terms of the relationship between the Playgroup and the church. It was deemed beneficial to fall under the banner of a church ministry activity, while maintaining autonomy in planning and preparation. The Playgroup leaders were happy to give termly updates to Parish Council, make a peppercorn contribution to running costs, and meet all Safe Ministry requirements.

Sadly, Term 4 saw the end of the Thursday Playgroup due to a lack of willing group participants to be facilitators. Opportunities for pastoral care and community outreach had been plentiful. At its closing, the Playgroup made donations of various toys and craft supplies back to the church, as well as a vacuum cleaner and speaker. There was also a cash donation as a token of thanks.

While this opportunity for pastoral care and community outreach has closed, it has sown seeds of relationship and the good news of the Gospel with many who may not have otherwise heard it. We continue to pray for the children and families who took part in the year ahead.

MISSIONS REPORT

St Peter's Coffee and Craft Group

Annslie Stovell

Each week we have 20 or more members getting together and enjoying each other's company as they work on their projects. Our morning tea roster continues to work well and many of our members have great baking skills! Generosity, friendship and care are what our group is all about.

Many members work on items for our Christmas in July Sale and Christmas Child Boxes. This year we were able to donate \$500 to The Royal Flying Doctor Service as well as \$1000 toward the postage on Christmas Child Boxes. Also, this year, we were invited to participate in the 'Welcome to the Region – Babies edition' where we could make items, i.e. wraps, toys, bibs etc. to be given at a function run at The Precinct. Several members participated and all the gifts were greatly appreciated.

Sadly, we said goodbye to three long-standing members who had to move away. At the same time, we have been joined by some new members. Needless to say, new members are always welcome. A contribution of \$2 a week covers the cost of coffee and tea etc. and everyone receives a contribution towards the cost of our mid-year and Christmas lunch.



MISSIONS REPORT

Wednesday Bible Study

David Houston

A weekly Bible Study was held at St Peter's on Wednesday nights from 7.30PM til 9:00PM and attended by up to ten parishioners. In the early part of the year we looked at the readings for the following Sundays, and then we followed an excellent study on the Supremacy of Christ titled 'Greater Than' focused on Paul's letter to the Hebrews. During Advent we used an appropriate study titled, 'Waiting for the King'. We are now looking at The Lord's Prayer with the aid of a study called, 'Teach us to pray'. All are welcome to come and follow these studies which are being written for and used by a group of four Parishes, one of which is Gladstone.

Men's Bible Study

Rev'd David Browne

During Lent we launched a Hope25 study group at East Shores on a Friday morning. This group started with two people meeting at 8:00AM to pray and read the Bible. Slowly God answered our prayers for growth and the group has evolved into a 9:00AM Men's Bible Study with eight members. Sadly during the year, one of our number, Dennis Martin, went home to be with the Lord. May he rest in peace and rise in glory!

Ladies' Bible Study

Rev'd Zoë Browne

Late in 2025, a casual conversation saw the genesis of a ladies' Bible study for our Advent series 'Waiting for the King'. This is hosted at St Peter's on a Thursday morning. While a small group, it has been a warm and encouraging space to study the Bible and journey together as women of all ages.

It's a delight to say that our ladies' Bible study is continuing in 2026, and is already beginning to grow. Morning tea is now a feature! Newcomers are always welcome.

Men's Breakfasts

Rev'd David Browne

During the year we had six men's breakfasts at St Saviour's. Our speakers included: Rev. Brett Bovey from Boyne River Anglican, Dr Abi Kaka, a local GP, Cr. Simon McClintock from Gladstone Regional Council, John Hinde to speak about classic cars, and Ps. Paul Koen to speak about Police Chaplaincy. There were great turnouts through the year, bringing together 20 to 40 men for fellowship, brekky, and prayer. Thank you to our cooks and Darrel Blackford for helping organise.

MISSIONS REPORT

Shed Sale

Kerry Rose

February to November each year we hold our Shed Sale at St Peter's. We have a group of amazing volunteers who help sort, move, and display our treasures. It's always the last Saturday of the month and is very well attended.

Each month we have different things to sell, and any remaining items worth selling go into the This N That Shop. All our volunteers work well but have a great time. In great news, sales for 2025 increased 16% on 2024, thanks to Facebook advertising and promotional flyers.

Anyone wishing to help in anyway is always welcome.

Operation Christmas Child

Brad Krebs

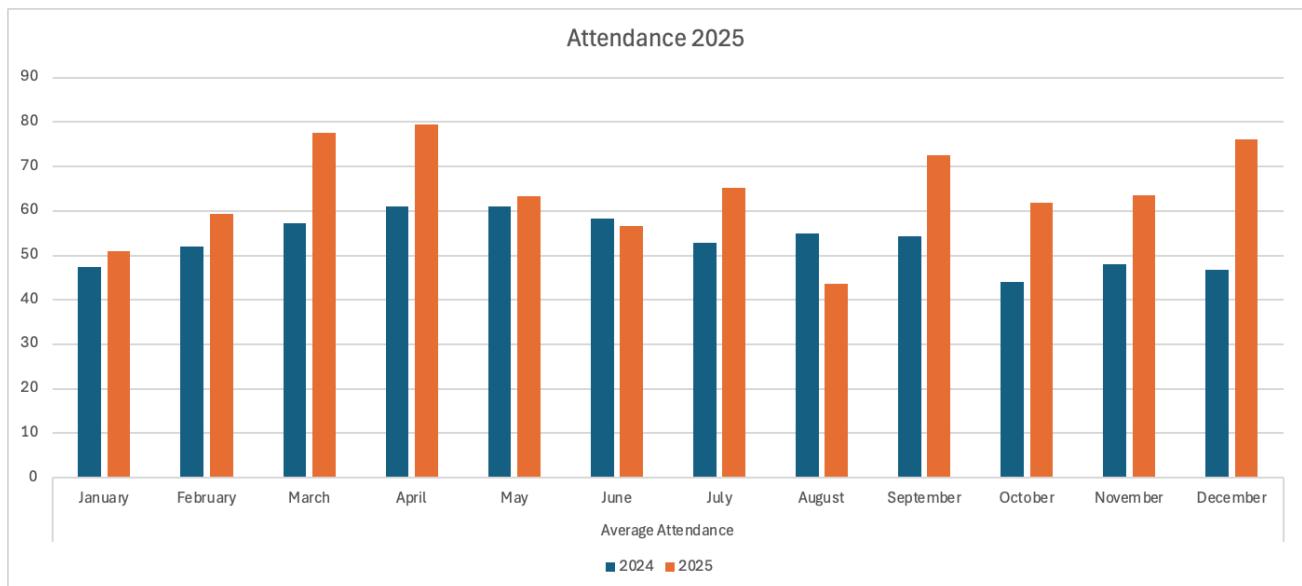
The Parish participation in this activity was co-ordinated by Brad Krebs. A shoebox stuffing session was undertaken at the combined service at St Peter's Church in September 2025. There were 103 Operation Christmas Child boxes packed. The children started the shoebox stuffing during Kids' Church and the shoeboxes were finished off by parishioners after the service. A fellowship sausage sizzle was held afterwards.

A large quantity of items was donated by St Peter's Coffee & Craft Group and some items from parishioners. Monetary donations received comprised \$1,000.00 from St Peter's Coffee & Craft Group, \$462.50 from parishioners and \$250.00 from the local State Member Mr Glenn Butcher.

Thanks to everyone who supported this activity in any way and especially the amazing people in the St Peter's Coffee & Craft Group.



SERVICE DATA



Budget 2026

INCOME

Code	Item	2026 Budget	2025 Actual	2025 Budget	2024 Actual
	Offertories - Stewardship	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,336.95	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 12,864.81
	Offertories - Loose Plate / Cash	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 14,937.55	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 7,950.25
	Offertories - Direct Debit	\$ 82,000.00	\$ 73,194.78	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 49,647.22
	Services - Weddings, Funerals	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 550.00
	Children's Ministry	\$ -	\$ 242.65	\$ -	\$ 113.40
	St Peter's Shed	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,451.84	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 7,252.25
	St Saviour's Morning Tea	\$ 800.00	\$ 835.75	\$ 800.00	\$ 770.35
	Soup Kitchen	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,111.75	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,017.45
	Men's Breakfast	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,486.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 649.95
	Christmas Outreach	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 750.00	\$ -
	Employment Income - BCA	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 98,077.08	\$ 97,917.00	\$ -
	Fundraising	\$ -	\$ 314.50	\$ -	\$ -
	Food Centre - Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70,491.81
	Food Centre - Donations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,059.65
	TNT Sales	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 92,563.80	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 76,987.29
	Rent	\$ 22,675.80	\$ 88,972.82	\$ 94,525.00	\$ 78,567.07
	Interest	\$ 13,054.74	\$ 2,179.22	\$ -	\$ 3.58
	General Donations	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,580.90	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 30.00
	Ashes in Columbarium	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00
	QLD Govt Energy Rebate	\$ -	\$ 1,237.11	\$ -	\$ 1,059.00
	Sundry Income	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 959.09	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,068.18
	Calliope Church - Contributions	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 7,024.36	\$ -	\$ -
	Grant - GPC (First Aid)	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Missions Giving	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,642.00
	TOTAL INCOME	\$ 371,380.54	\$ 416,656.15	\$ 392,942.00	\$ 328,774.26

EXPENDITURE

Code	Item	2026 Budget	2025 Actual	2025 Budget	2024 Actual
	Incumbent - Total Stipend	\$ 164,154.28	\$ 151,044.91	\$ 153,774.00	\$ -
	Admin - Total Wage	\$ 19,045.46	\$ 25,206.31	\$ 26,098.00	\$ 52,745.55
	Locum Costs	\$ 800.00	\$ 553.74	\$ -	\$ 41,112.76
	WorkCover	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,657.21	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,390.28
	Parish Contributions	\$ 28,355.00	\$ 33,101.04	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 27,543.00
	Vehicle Costs	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 10,131.92	\$ 5,815.00	\$ 7,770.07
	Services and Kid's Ministry	\$ 4,050.00	\$ 3,809.61	\$ 2,896.00	\$ 1,817.90
	St Peter's Shed	\$ 800.00	\$ 607.58	\$ 800.00	\$ 831.12
	Mother's Day	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -
	Men's Breakfast	\$ 600.00	\$ 308.34	\$ 600.00	\$ 520.05
	Soup Kitchen	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,099.51	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,512.67
	Community Outreach Expenses	\$ 250.00	\$ 100.25	\$ -	\$ 162.59
	Christmas Outreach Expenses	\$ 250.00	\$ 307.71	\$ 250.00	\$ 255.00
	Hospitality	\$ -	\$ 54.65	\$ -	\$ -
	Emergency Relief - Accommodation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Emergency Relief - Fuel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 146.31
	Volunteer Christmas Lunch	\$ 500.00	\$ 423.76	\$ 250.00	\$ 234.28
	Resources - Bible Study, Lectionaries	\$ 500.00	\$ 35.43	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 993.87
	Police Day Morning Tea	\$ 500.00	\$ 452.59	\$ 100.00	\$ 104.81
	St Saviour's Costs	\$ 45,525.78	\$ 38,265.16	\$ 44,784.00	\$ 49,956.90
	Auckland St House costs	\$ 1,774.32	\$ 3,093.14	\$ 13,718.00	\$ 4,412.43
	St Peter's Costs	\$ 15,452.35	\$ 12,504.58	\$ 9,877.00	\$ 16,561.10
	J Hickey House Costs	\$ 7,251.58	\$ 14,764.52	\$ 18,196.00	\$ 21,342.93
	Union Calliope Costs	\$ 6,479.71	\$ 6,832.68	\$ 3,790.00	\$ 2,993.78
	St Luke's Ubobo Costs	\$ 655.45	\$ 624.24	\$ 2,252.00	\$ 534.36
	Depreciation	\$ -	\$ 8,650.42	\$ -	\$ 9,692.78
	Office Expenses	\$ 7,320.00	\$ 4,863.90	\$ 8,550.00	\$ 3,849.60
	Food Centre Costs	\$ -	\$ 2,435.37	\$ 450.00	\$ 49,988.47
	TNT Shop Costs	\$ 39,170.00	\$ 14,330.51	\$ 6,276.00	\$ 5,417.95
	Tank St Costs	\$ -	\$ 65,332.24	\$ 63,516.00	\$ 62,850.43
	Auckland St Costs	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 7,364.31	\$ 3,560.00	\$ 5,530.89
	Sundry Expenses	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,506.20	\$ 960.00	\$ 927.92
	Gifts for Volunteers	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,250.00
	Grant - GPC (First Aid Kit)	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Special Purpose Donations	\$ -	\$ 727.27	\$ -	\$ -
	Missions Giving	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,176.00	\$ 5,800.00	\$ 5,266.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$ 369,883.93	\$ 415,365.10	\$ 410,212.00	\$ 378,715.80
	OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT	\$ 1,496.61	\$ 1,291.05	\$ (17,270.00)	\$ (49,941.54)

NON-OPERATIONAL INCOME / EXPENDITURE

Net Profit on Sale of Assets	\$ -	\$ 28,882.47	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -
TOTAL NON-OPERATIONAL INC / EXP	\$ -	\$ 28,882.47	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -
OVERALL NET SURPLUS / (DEFIC	\$ 1,496.61	\$ 30,173.52	\$ (2,270.00)	\$ (49,941.54)





Gladstone Anglican Annual General Meeting

**Sunday 02 March 2025
St. Peter's Clinton, 11:00am**

**Minutes
and
REPORTS**
for the period 1 January - 31 December 2024

AGENDA

1. Open in prayer

The AGM was opened in prayer by Rev David Browne.

2. Attendance / Apologies

Present:

David Browne	John Burvill	Liz Unwin
Zoë Browne	June Burvill	Annslie Stovell
Rob Farnsworth	Kerry Rose	Ken Stovell
Rosemary Farnsworth	John Hinde	David Houston
Connie Fredericks	Jenny Hinde	Julie Withoos
Anton Fredericks	David Kingston	Rod Kamholtz
Brad Krebs	Darrel Blackford	Yvonne Kamholtz
Edna Kuzmic	Dianne Milligan	Jenny Shearman
Kerry Janes	Jann C Bishop	Valda Garson
Douglas Duff	Elizabeth Goodall	Pam Rutherford

Apologies:

Colin Petersen	Bob Trask	Chris Trask
Joseph Webb	Meryl Rose	Alyssa Gibbins
Kaitlyn Withoos	Jeanie Eddy	Bronwyn Roberson

3. Appointment of Minutes Secretary

Motion that Robert Farnsworth should be appointed as minutes secretary for the 2025 AGM:

Proposed Wendy Marsh;

Seconded Kerry Rose;

Elected.

4. Appointment of Scrutineers

No elections expected this AGM, so appointment of scrutineers is held over.

5. Acceptance of Minutes from previous AGM and Business arising

Motion that the minutes of the 2024 AGM be accepted as presented:

Moved Rosemary Farnsworth;

Seconded David Houston;

Carried.

6. Ministry Report

The Ministry Report was tabled by Rev Di Milligan.

Motion that the Ministry Report should be taken as read:

Moved Rev Dianne Milligan;

Seconded Brad Krebs;

Carried.

7. Warden's Report

The Warden's Report was tabled by Rob Farnsworth.

Motion that the Warden's Report should be taken as read:

Moved Rob Farnsworth;

Seconded Julie Withoos;

Carried.

8. Parish Reports

The following Parish Reports were recorded in the AGM papers:

- Property and Maintenance Report
- St Peter's Bible Study
- St Peter's Playgroup
- Operation Christmas Child
- St Peter's Sunday School
- St Peter's Coffee and Craft
- St Peter's Shed
- This N That Shop
- Ray's Soup Kitchen
- Gladstone Food Centre

Motion that the Parish Reports should be taken as read:

Moved Anslie Stovell;

Seconded Kerry Janes;

Carried.

9. Financial Report

The AGM papers include an unaudited Financial Report for 2024.

Rev David Brown noted that the Financial Report will be submitted to the Diocese's auditors by the Diocese as per current Dioceses procedures. The audit results will be presented to the Parish once returned. The audit report will also be submitted to Synod.

Motion that the unaudited Financial Report be received by the AGM:

Moved Jenny Hinde;

Seconded Pam Rutherford;

Carried.

10. Budget

The AGM papers include a Parish Budget for 2025.

Motion that the presented Budget be accepted by the AGM:

Moved Kerry Rose;

Seconded Rosemary Farnsworth;

Carried.

11. Election of Churchwardens

a. Election

One nomination received for the position of People's Warden:

<i>Nominee</i>	<i>Proposer</i>	<i>Seconder</i>
Robert Farnsworth	Connie Fredericks	Brad Krebs

Elected.

b. Appointment

The Rev David and Zoe Browne noted that their appointee for the post of Incumbent's Warden is still to be confirmed.

12. Election of Parish Councillors

c. *Determine size of Parish Council*

Motion that Parish Council be a size of nine (being six elected and three appointed):

Moved David Houston;

Seconded Anslie Stovell;

Carried.

d. Elections

The following six nominations were received for membership of Parish Council members and the nominees were elected:

<i>Nominee</i>	<i>Proposer</i>	<i>Seconder</i>
Jan Bishop	John Hinde	Brad Krebs
Jenny Hinde	Brad Krebs	Rob Farnsworth
Brad Krebs	Liz Unwin	Jenny Hinde
Connie Fredericks	Brad Krebs	John Burvill
Kerry Rose	Anslie Stovell	Wendy Marsh
Kerry Janes	June Burvill	Edna Kuzmic

Rev Zoë Browne noted that Parish Canon provides a limit on the number of years parishioners can serve on Parish Council.

Motion that Brad Krebs and Connie Fredericks to be given leave to serve one more year on PC, which is in excess of the standard 6-year term stipulated by Parish Canon:

Moved Rev Zoe Browne;

Seconded Kerry Rose;

Carried with applause.

e. Appointments

Rev Zoe Browne advised that the Incumbent's nominees for Parish Council are:

Joseph Webb	Bob Trask	TBC
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The third appointment is still to be confirmed.

13. Election of Lay Representatives in Synod

Motion that nominee Rob Farnsworth be elected to commence a three-year appointment as Lay Representative to Synod, concluding in 2027 (with the previously nominated representatives concluding as follows:

Rosemary Farnsworth – concluding in 2026; and

Jenny Hinde – concluding this year, 2025):

Proposed Rev Dianne Milligan;

Seconded David Kingstone;

Carried and elected.

14. Election of Parish Nominator

Motion that nominee Anslie Stovell be elected as the Parish Nominator:

Proposed Wendy Marsh;

Seconded Kerry Rose;

Carried and elected.

15. Election of Safe Ministry Officers

Motion that Nominee Brad Krebs be elected as the Parish Safe Ministry officer with oversight over all Parish activities:

Proposed Kerry Rose;

Seconded Connie Fredericks;

Carried and elected.

Motion that appointment of local Safe Ministry liaison officers for:

- St Saviour's
- St Peter's
- This N That Shop and
- Ray's Soup Kitchen

Be referred to Parish Council:

Moved Rev Dianne Milligan;

Seconded Liz Unwin;

Carried.

16. Appointment of Parish Auditor

Rev Zoe Browne noted that auditing now happens at a Diocesan level. The Auditor is elected by Diocese and the audited results will be returned to the Parish and presented to Synod.

17. General Business (at least 7 days' notice in writing is needed)

No General Business for AGM.

18. Matters for Parish Council

The AGM noted the following items for further consideration and action by Parish Council:

- Safe ministry officers – refer above
- Accessibility for St Saviours Hall
- Signage throughout the Parish
- Parish Website and digital presence

19. Confirmation of Minutes

Motion that the minutes of the 2025 AGM be approved by Parish Council:

Moved Rosemary Farnsworth;

Seconded Annslie Stovell;

Carried.

20. Close in prayer

Rev Zoe Browne closed the meeting in prayer at 12pm.