

Dear Friends,

Haven't we had a wonderful series of events so far this month?

Our successful Mega Sale and community BBQ, our Patronal Celebration with Bishop Bill and our well supported Anglicare Community Information morning focussing upon 'Living Well with Dementia' and 'Getting your Personal Legal affairs in Order'

These celebrations continue next month with Bush Church Aid Sunday [5th October]; our Nicaea event with Dr Peter Kline [12th October] ; Mandolins in Brisbane concert [19th October]; Anglicare Sunday and Morning tea [28th October] and Halloween [All Hallow's Eve celebration [31st October] .. with more to come in the run up to Advent and Christmas!

My grateful thanks for all those who coordinated, attended and so generously supported these events to the Glory of God, our outreach to our community and the building up of our faith and fellowship.

Your Parish Council has been also commenced our preparations for 2026 [and beyond!] and after much prayer and seeking His will, endorsed our updated Mission Action Plan 2026 -2028 for the wider parish's consideration.. This MAP guides us in our planning of events and priorities for Mission, Discipleship and Service here at St Matt's. Please carefully review our draft MAP and provide any suggestions, edits and comments to me or one of our Wardens.

In its August meeting and also in the context of developing the MAP, Parish Council considered some thought leadership [by Revd Kara Root] upon Parish Growth and some often cited assumptions concerning 'smaller parishes'. She identified within her own parish a series of common assumptions which incidentally had the effect of stunting Parish growth and development. Parish Councillors worked through these assumptions and felt that there were some resonances at St Matt's, but that these had been changing for many for some time.

Again after prayer, some fresh 'assumptions' were developed and endorsed by Parish Council. These fresh assumptions provided the foundation upon which the draft MAP was developed and will also guide Parish Council deliberations going forward. Again, I and my wardens would welcome your input upon these fresh assumptions.

As I approach my 3rd Anniversary of being with you, I give praise to the Lord for our parish's continued growth over this period - spiritually, numerically and financially. My profound thanks to our Parish Council and you all for your faithful ministry in the midst of our parish family, our wider community and for your support for me and my family personally.

I'm looking forward to continuing our journey of faith and growth with you all and for your feedback upon our draft MAP and Fresh Assumptions.

Take care and God Bless

Revd Morris.