

South Head

ANGLICAN PARISH

Light for the City, Refreshment for the Soul



2023 Annual Report

A Year of Renewal & Growth



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Service Times

ST. MICHAEL'S



Cnr Gilliver Ave & Vaucluse Road,
Vaucluse



SERVICES

Sunday Morning
8am

Sunday Morning
10am

ST. PETER'S



331 Old South Head Rd,
Watsons Bay



SERVICES

Sunday Morning
9am

Sunday Little Sheep
Church
9.30am

A Year of Renewal & Growth

— Matt Aroney

LOOKING BACK

Let me begin by expressing our gratitude, as a family, for your welcome to us at SHAP. We appreciate the house you prepared for us, the meals and gifts you've given and the care you've shown. It was a big year for us as a family and so your love as church family has meant a lot to us.

There is a "time for everything" so the teacher of Ecclesiastes remarks in a wonderfully fitting poem about the way life fits into "seasons". Often the life of a church can similarly fit into boundaries of time. One way to tell the story of the last year and the coming year in our life together at SHAP is one of seasons. We now stand between seasons, as it were, awaiting the beginning of the next chapter. As God's people, this is the time when we need to depend upon him in prayer, asking him to uphold us and lead us into the future that he has for us.

We are to continue our mission to be 'Light for the City, Refreshment for the Soul'. Looking beyond ourselves to shine for Christ and bring transformation to our community. As a church, we are well positioned with great well-maintained properties, a strong financial position and a wonderful ministry team. The Lord has enriched us in every way as we seek to honour him in the year ahead.



Acting Rector, Matt Aroney

LITTLE SHEEP

2024 was a wonderful year of ministry under the Lord. We saw the continued growth of our Little Sheep ministry. It has astonished me to see how many less familiar with church, are willing to engage not only in our community but also with stories about Jesus on a weekly basis.

PASTORAL CARE

We've been growing our pastoral capacities as a church in many ways. We have been seeking to love our neighbour as ourselves by growing in our understanding of the mental health challenges of young people and how to be welcoming place for those with dementia. Many at SHAP have taken up a role of praying, listening, visiting and encouraging each other in the Lord.

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Our community lunches continue to provide much needed connection, care and joy to SHAP and the wider community. Doreen Laforest and Genevieve Scarf have led a wonderful team of volunteers to make this space a blessing to anyone who enters. It has been a joy to have Woollahra Council acknowledge this work and to enable us with a grant to continue to serve at a high level.

SOCIAL OUTREACH

We continue to look well beyond our immediate community into the lives of many in Sydney. We've helped support the wonderful work of Rev. Seti Latu in Redfern through an uplifting supper. We've raised money for Banksia Women and Rough Edges in Darlinghurst and continued our associations with the Asylum Seekers Centre, Bread of Life and Eden Canoes Project. Verity Thomson's heart and her tireless energy to pursue what is right and good are praiseworthy. I want to especially mention her work and thank her as her time as our Social Outreach Coordinator has come to an end.

SENIORS MINISTRY

Our Seniors ministry continues to bless many at Moran, Vaucluse Aged Care and Beresford House. This includes many personal visits to residents where we provide care, support and prayer. The value the staff and attendees place on these services is a great encouragement and a demonstration of their impact.

MISSION

Our mission work extends to theological education in Indonesia and Nungalinga College Darwin to church ministry in the Middle East with CMS and the mining town of Roxby Downs with Bush Church Aid.

LOOKING FORWARD

The departure of Stuart and Jane was very significant for us. They led SHAP through an amalgamation, laying a vision and path for a common life of ministry together.

They also led through the tumult of COVID with wonderfully thoughtful and attentive pastoral care. There are indelible marks of their commitment to ministry in our Aged Care Services, Little Sheep, Community Lunch and our Sunday worship, not to mention the many individual lives touched by their prayers and words. Many now call Jesus their Lord through Stuart and Jane's longing to tell of Jesus' gracious love.

THE NEXT GENERATION

One of our most pressing needs is to reach the next generation of Watsons Bay and Vaucluse with the good news of Jesus. Our young people are the church and will continue to be it into the future. To this end, Nicky Hay will be taking on a role in leading Little Sheep Church on Sundays. Meg Weston will be leading Little Sheep PlayTime during the week, supported by Tobias Buckley.



Tobias Buckley will fulfill this role as Student

Children's Minister. In this we are seeking to replace the time and energy given by Jane Robinson so generously in her time at SHAP.

KAMBALA

In addition to this, we are continuing and deepening our work with Kambala. Stuart strengthened our historical relationship with Kambala through his diligent work. In 2024, we've formalised this relationship and will seek to provide senior chaplaincy to the school. A close working relationship with Kambala is vital to re-starting youth ministry in our parish. To aid with the additional time required for this during the week, Paul Perini has agreed to come and assist with our aged care services in 2024.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

There are still more questions for us to ask and answer with the renewal of children's ministry at St Michael's being an absolute priority for our mission. We need to start considering what it means for us as a multi-site parish to do ministry effectively on a Sunday. To this end, a survey was released at the beginning of February to discern our Sunday life as a parish as we look to the future.



Kambala Choir at one of our Community Lunches

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

I want to thank Eddie Bosch for his commitment to serving us through his oversight of property at both St. Michael's and St. Peter's buildings and surrounding grounds.

SUPPORT STAFF

We have a wonderful team of people who seek to enact our mission at SHAP. I am incredibly thankful for their work among us including the tireless work of Elaine Kaye and Litiana Seroa who manage our properties and serve the wide array of people who engage. They wonderfully represent Jesus publicly to those who seek out our church, as does Iszy Pamatmat, who continues to aid us in expressing and engaging our community and beyond with Community News and other publications.

May the Lord richly bless and keep us in and through 2024.

Matt Aroney

Little Sheep & PlayTime Report – Tobias Buckley



What an exciting year 2023 was for Little Sheep. Both Little Sheep PlayTime and Little Sheep Church had hundreds of men, women and children walk through our doors.

Little Sheep PlayTime has met every Thursday and Friday during term time this year, connecting families from across our community and church. Through the committed work of our volunteers and staff, PlayTime has been a powerful place for introducing people to church and a chance for families to meet Christian people.

Through PlayTime and word-of-mouth, Little Sheep Church on a Sunday has grown to have 50 regular people gathering together to hang out, share a coffee, sing a song, and hear a short bible story.

**100+ MEN, WOMAN
& CHILDREN**

It is such a blessing to have people from all different ages, places and stages joining together to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ.



Last year a generous donor funded all children at Little Sheep to receive their very own Bible

We are joyful to see the work of the God in the lives of both children and their parents and seeing people come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

We would like to thank the tireless work of Jane Robinson in this ministry. The work and effort of creating Little Sheep PlayTime five years ago, and establishing an atmosphere of love, care and trust that enabled the starting of Little Sheep Church three years ago, is how, today, we are able to care for and minister to so many people.

Jane's friendly smile, remembering each person's name and giving a word of encouragement have been a joyful reminder of Christ's love for all of us. Her contribution has been such an uplifting and crucial part of our Little Sheep Community.

As we look forward into the future, Little Sheep will be looked after by Nicky Hay, Meg Weston, and Tobias Buckley. We pray that the Lord would bless and guide this ministry and that Little Sheep would be a place where people come to know the love of Jesus Christ.



Community Lunches Report – Doreen Laforest



Doreen & Genevieve at our James Bond themed Community Lunch

The Community Lunches have been running for 3 years on a monthly basis (with a break over Christmas). We have consistently had around 60 attendees from the Parish and the community.

We are grateful for the ongoing partnership of Woollahra Council for enabling us with a grant. We hope to increase the number who will join us this year as Woollahra Council will be promoting some of our events.

We are so grateful to the many volunteers who make these events possible, who give so generously of their time, donate food towards the lunch, help with the entertainment, decorations, setting up and cleaning up after our themed events.

The lunch is extremely well organised with lovely food and great entertainment. I hope to support and attend many more.



Sue Beer

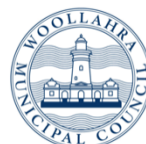
God has blessed us with a wonderful team and a perfect venue with which to bring some light into the lives of those in our community. We have had many comments that the lunches are the one event every month that they really look forward to as they get to enjoy the company of others with an opportunity to bring some cheer into their day.

I have had such a delightful experience at the Community Lunch held at St. Peter's. A delicious lunch and great company.



Susan Buchanan

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Seniors Ministry Report – Meg Matthews



Christmas Carols held by SHAP at Moran

Our Seniors ministry remains a privilege and joy. Weekly Moran services at 2pm on Tuesdays are a highlight, with average attendance of 25, both from independent living units and the nursing home. SHAP provides a strong team ministry, with Jeff, Meg, Verity, Tanya, Jane, Stuart and in later months Matt, all of whom have contributed greatly.

Weekly services are a happy mix of hymns, prayers, Bible readings and words of hope and inspiration, all set in a casual and friendly context. A number of our regulars tell us that this for them is a reconnection with matters of faith after a long break, harking back to memories of Sunday School or Christian school assemblies. The nature of our Seniors ministry means that we have sadly farewelled some of our regular attendees. We've been privileged to be invited to share in funeral planning.

We have continued to run fortnightly services in Beresford Hall Rose Bay and Vaucluse Nursing Home Young Street, where old and new friendships have been forged. Individual room visits also take place in both these homes. It is important that people feel valued and remembered, while bringing Christian hope, encouragement, friendship and prayer.

A NEW INITIATIVE FOR 2024

A new initiative for 2024 sees steps toward SHAP becoming a dementia friendly organisation. We are partnering with Holdsworth Community Organisation to become an outreach centre for one morning a month to provide activities and morning tea at St Peter's Hall. This would provide some much-needed respite for dementia carers in the parish, whilst offering a safe, enjoyable program for those with dementia.

Ministry with SHAP Seniors is a vital part of our living and growing parish community. The senior years of life can be challenging on many levels, and our church community is a place to offer loving support and inclusion for all.



“He heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds.” (Psalm 147:3 ESV)

Praise and thanksgiving to our Sovereign God for His amazing love and for making us in His image and designing us to need Him, to love Him and each other.

It is through acts of pastoral relationships that the love God has for us is evidenced as we nurture each other in times of joy, trial, and celebration, sickness (physical, emotional, and mental ill health), grief, fear, loneliness, relationship issues, financial concerns, legal issues and more.

Pastoral care relationship in 2023, loving each other included visiting people in hospital, rehab facilities, home visits, escorting people with medical appointments, giving respite care, helping with shopping, upholding each other in times of grief. Meeting for morning or afternoon tea/coffee, praying with and for people, on the phone / face to face. We know that “when we pray God works”.

MENTAL HEALTH

Mental health encompasses emotional, psychological, and social wellbeing. In 2023 we ran two workshops on “Mental Ill Health First aid”, “Mental Ill Health and Young People.”

The workshops were very well attended providing valuable information - for example the difference between “Mental Ill Health”, and “Mental Health” plus facts and figures and more. Trinette the trainer walked us through these sessions with professionalism, humour, and openness. We received much needed information to help individuals and us as a church family.

DEMENTIA

We have joined the Woollahra Council Dementia Alliance and Holdsworth which meets every other month. This is a multiagency group raising awareness through workshops and events / activities for people with dementia and their families. In September we ran a workshop on Dementia Awareness at St Peters. The workshop was well attended, with much valuable information being given.

PRAYER FOR HEALING SERVICES

Stuart led healing Services at St. Peter’s every other month on Thursday evenings. The attendance was small but all who attended said that they found the services uplifting, encouraging, comforting and giving peace especially when being overwhelmed by circumstances. Some also had answers to prayers. Follow-up continues.



Social Outreach Ministry Report – Verity Thomson



It gives me great pleasure to report that our Social Outreach Ministry continues to spread Jesus' love and care for all throughout the Eastern Suburbs and beyond. I have been really encouraged by the level of support and encouragement during my time as Honorary Social Outreach Coordinator. Here is a brief outline of our ministry in 2023.

ANGLICARE

On Friday 20th of October, we held the inaugural 'Supper at Sunset' event to raise funds in support of the ministry of Rev. Seti Latu at One For Life church in Redfern. The event was superbly organised by Doreen Laforest and Genevieve Scarf and was very well supported with food donations and raffle prizes. The event raised an impressive \$11,300!



100 boxes filled for Toys 'n' Tucker

Throughout the year we continued to collect tinned food and such for those doing it tough and delivered many bags of groceries to Anglicare's warehouse at Villawood.

With the support of Kambala Junior School and Cranbrook Pre-School we had another wonderful response to the Christmas 'Toys 'n' Tucker Appeal' and managed to fill 100 boxes.



Supper at Sunset event raising \$11,300 for the ministry at One For Life Church, Redfern

BREAD OF LIFE

Teams from South Head including Wendy Jarratt are beginning their seventeenth year of service to the Bread of Life ministry at Surry Hills. The team attend on the second Sunday of each month to help serve breakfast to the appreciative companions at St. Michael's, Surry Hills.

COMMON GRACE

We regularly encourage members of our church to be better informed on topics such as Environment, Justice, Indigenous Issues amongst others by signing up to the 'Common Grace' newsletters, participating in prayer vigils and donating when possible.

ASYLUM SEEKERS CENTRE (ASC)

We partner with the ASC to highlight the plight of the thousands of asylum seekers both here and offshore and we regularly encourage members of our church to donate grocery gift cards and make financial donations.

Through an initiative of SHAP member Alison Keene, who is a staff member at the ASC, we partnered with 'Mummies Paying It Forward', who provide baby clothes & equipment to asylum seeking families. Our Little Sheep families were extremely generous and their donations filled two carloads!

We also held a 'Nappies in November' drive which was fantastically well supported by our Little Sheep families.



Alison Keene and Verity Thomson at our Nappies in November Drive



Eden Canoes Project

EDEN CANOES PROJECT

Since November 2020, the Eden Canoes Initiative has enabled nearly 100 youth, predominantly Indigenous, to construct, decorate and paddle tour canoes on the beautiful waterways surrounding Eden, NSW. The program encourages Indigenous youth in the celebration of their culture and belonging.

Eden Canoes is exploring the possibility of an 'Out of Eden' workshop, conducted in Tanja for the Bega Local Aboriginal Land Council. For these wider possibilities Eden Canoes continues to work closely with Eden Marine High (EMH), most recently in collaboration with PCYC. Eden Canoes is developing its partnership with Twofold Aboriginal Corporation and celebrates its foundational support from Anglicare (NSW South, West and ACT) and South Head Anglican Parish.

With the exception of Rev. Michael Palmer, an Anglicare Community Chaplain (& ex-Rector of St. Michael's 2004-2017), the team is entirely Indigenous.

ROUGH EDGES and BANKSIA WOMEN (St. John's Community Services)

With an ever-growing number of homeless and marginalised people in our city, we regularly partner with 'Rough Edges' who provide a meal and a safe place to meet for people in these situations. This year our 'Roughtober Sleepout' team - Angali, Stuart, Verity & Matt – raised over \$8,700 for Rough Edges.



The Tea Room, with all funds donated to Banksia Women

We also partner with 'Banksia Women' who offer advice and support to women fleeing domestic violence. An initiative of our wonderful 'hospitality experts', Doreen Laforest, Genevieve Scarf and Mags Mead, was to open a Morning Tea Room in the Sun Room at St. Michael's where they provided tea, coffee and delicious homemade cakes to happy customers in a pretty and welcoming atmosphere. The Tea Room was so popular that they were able to give Banksia Women over \$800 on behalf of SHAP.

Closing remarks from Verity

On a personal note, this year I have decided to step down from my position as Social Outreach Coordinator. I will still be around to help the new coordinator, get involved in fundraising events and will continue to encourage our SHAP members to support the important causes and further demonstrate God's Love in action.



Verity and Angali sleeping for Roughtober 2023

SHAP RAISED Team of 4
\$8,700 Stuart, Verity,
Lucia & Matt



Missionary Report – Louise Kaye

In 2023, we continued to support the same missionaries as previously although towards the end of the year our commitment of three years' college fees for Peter Manumbu came to completion. Peter successfully graduated from Bunda Bible college in Tanzania and commenced his role as a pastor locally. His support has been under the auspices of Anglican Aid to whom we have donated on his behalf.



Peter Manumb, Bunda Bible College in affiliation with Anglican Aid

More recently, they have opened a room in their house for a Sunday Play Time, servicing about four hundred children. In the second half of 2024, the family will be coming back for home assignment in Australia.

There are five other mission families and organisations with whom we at South Head Anglican Parish partner, through a small amount financially and through our prayers. Ten percent of our Sunday offering is divided between the five groups.

This year now has two members including Catherine Kalokerinos and Louise Kaye after the resignation of Caroline Frykberg. Caroline has been a great asset in the team with her creative and practical ideas and with her family connections with Mission Aviation Fellowship. On behalf of us all I would like to thank her for all that she has done and send her our best wishes as she spends more time out of Sydney.

ANDREW BUCHANAN AND ABI TANDISERU WITH TIMOTHY SERVING WITH CMS

Andrew Buchanan and Abi Tandiseru with their son Timothy work in Toraja, Indonesia. We are the main partner church for this family who have long historical ties with South Head Anglican Parish. Andrew teaches post graduate theology students in a government run Christian institute and Abi runs English classes for about seventy primary aged children.



Andrew, Abi and Timothy Buchanan

GLEN & BETH McDONALD AND THEIR FIVE CHILDREN SERVING IN ROXBY DOWNS WITH BUSH CHURCH AID

This year has been challenging but very exciting as they see stronger connections developing between the community and the church. This year it is clear they are feeling very much part of the community and the church family and are grateful to God for this increased sense of connection.

They have also seen maturing in faith of so many young people involved in youth ministry.

They also have a strong focus on children's ministry and have been running the Epic Kids Holiday Programmes and Tots and Tunes. They are currently looking for someone to take over and develop these programmes.

As this is a mining town, there is a large itinerant group of people, creating challenge for ongoing pastoral care.

They would value our ongoing prayers for one of their children, Zac, who has moved to Adelaide for schooling and is about to move from living with one family into another.



The McDonald Family serving in Roxby Downs

MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP

MAF is an international Christian organisation which arranges humanitarian flights for medical reasons or for urgent transport into areas inaccessible to larger planes.

We have had a strong connection with MAF through Caroline Frykberg's family who have flown with MAF in Pakistan. Currently our donations go to the area of greatest need.



MAF recipients in front of plane

**MORGAN & OLIVIA AND THEIR FOUR
CHILDREN SERVING IN THE MIDDLE EAST
WITH CMS**

Morgan is encouraged by the amazing opportunities he has had to speak to people from so many different countries about Jesus and to know that these people are taking that message back to their country of origin. The family visited India this past year where Morgan was invited to officiate at a service for one of his students.

In their home city, Morgan has been able to arrange worship services and Olivia has been able to establish Bible studies.

The entire family visited St. Michael's in 2022 and it was a wonderful to meet the family and children. It was wonderful to see their children happily settled in their new home and school and that engagement with the local community was progressing well. They will come back for home assignment in Australia in July or August this year.



Morgan & Olivia and their four children

NUNGALINYA COLLEGE IN DARWIN



This is a combined churches college in Darwin where First Nations Christians from remote communities are offered further training in basic literacy, numeracy, music, media, Bible translation and theology. The college offers school groups live-in courses on indigenous culture.

2023 has been a very special year for the college as it celebrated fifty years since its founding. The principal, Ben Van Gelderen, visited St. Michael's this year bringing with him a wonderful artwork created by the students illustrating the freedom from bondage to sin that Christ gives, and commemorating the previous fifty years of the college.

SHAP's Vintage Fair organised by Jennifer Glasson and Helen Van Der Meulen and their teams raised \$16,000 this year for the work at Nungalinya.

SHAP RAISED \$16,000 **Nungalinya College**
through Vintage Fair



Sunday Worship Report

Our Sunday worship continues to be the heart of our life together as God's people. We meet to hear the Lord in his word and at his table.

Music

The rich contribution of our organists Kristie and Jassen filled our services with joyful music. The choral and musical accompaniment at St Michael's enables us to respond so wonderfully to God's summons to praise him. This were exemplified in the Taize services which provided another wonderful means of peacefully meditating on the work of the Lord on Holy days in 2023.

Supporting Clergy

Jeff Ware has particularly served Sunday's at SHAP with his warm service leading and winsome, vivid preaching. The Lord has provided a great shepherd to us in this season in Jeff. The parish was very grateful to Paul Perini and his wife Michelle for Paul once again taking up the position of acting rector when Stuart and Jane were on leave.

Bruce Kaye's Ministry

In 2023, the Rev. Dr. Bruce Kaye finished up as a regular preacher and presider at communion at SHAP, ending a ministry which he has regularly held in the parish since 1983. The regularity and stability of Bruce's ministry has been a rare gift to us as a parish. Bruce's persistent desire to aid the church in making sense of discipleship in a complex world has been a hallmark of his preaching and pastoral care

for many in the various seasons of life. It has been a remarkable privilege to have Bruce's incisive mind and heart leading us in Sunday worship. We appreciate and honour his work among us.

Referendum Presentation

Our services continue to look outward as well, with interviews of Allegra Spender and the Minniecon family as well as parishioners. In addition, at the prompting of the Archbishop, we sought to promote an affirmation of the voice to Parliament in the 2023. Michael Jensen, Michael Stead, Joel Harrison, Allegra Spender and Uncle Ray Minniecon all provided compelling reasons for a "yes" vote. It was an honour to be a publicly involved in seeking the common good of our country.



Bruce and Louise Kaye at the service marking the occasion.

Wardens' Report and Financial Statements

2023 and 2024 are years of transition for our parish, and this has a significant impact on the results for the 2023 and the 2024 budget.

We were delighted to welcome Rev. Matt Aroney with Kass, Lucy, Henry and Poppy to our community in July 2023. They moved into the Rectory at Watsons Bay in September following the completion of minor renovations. The financial impact of this was that we were paying two full time ministers for the second half of the year: there were costs associated with the renovation and the Rectory was no longer available for rental.

As Matt has mentioned in his report, the Parish plans to expand its ministry by engaging in Chaplaincy work at Kambala. This will provide significant additional income for ministry. We commence 2024 with a Ministry Team consisting of Matt with part-time support. It is reasonable to expect that we will be able to bring additional support during the year, but we cannot predict the nature and the timing. Therefore, our budget for the entire year accommodates two full-time staff, offering flexibility to hire additional team members as needed.

In 2023 we embarked on a major renovation of the Curate's Cottage at Watsons Bay. After a slow start, work is now underway and is expected to be completed in the third quarter of 2024.

The cost, in excess of \$500,000, is being funded from the funds held by the Anglican Church Property Trust from the proceeds of the sale of the Wentworth Memorial Church. We have not included any potential rental from the property in the 2024 budget.

Following Stuart and Jane's retirement, the Vaucluse Rectory has become vacant until we use it for new ministry staff. Currently, Rev. Chase Kuhn, the new Rector of St. Matthias Centennial Park is living in the rectory with his family while St. Matthias completes renovations on their rectory. We have assumed for the budget that it will be possible to rent the rectory out commercially for the remainder of 2024.

The Wardens wish to thank all those who have contributed their time, skills and resources to our community at South Head Anglican during 2023.

We express our sincere gratitude to Stuart and Jane Robinson. Through their diligence, vision and devotion to the spiritual and pastoral care of each member of our community, we are greatly blessed.

We thank God for their leadership, godliness and humility in serving us here at South Head Anglican Parish and we pray for them in their retirement.

Doreen Laforest

Mags Mead

Andrew Keene

2023 FINANCIAL RESULTS

Parish Income & Expenditure

South Head Anglican Parish

For the year ended 31 December 2023

Account	Notes	2022	2023	2024 budget
Where does the money come from?				
Offerings & Donations	1	274,329	270,250	271,000
Ministry Income, Weddings & Funerals	2	53,418	53,730	102,000
Net Columbarium income available to Parish	3	81,022	53,113	51,000
Leased Property Income	4	271,673	202,023	242,000
Government Grants	5	29,000	18,300	7,000
Finance Income		68,679	98,036	112,000
Total		778,121	695,451	785,000
Where is the money spent?				
Parish Salaries	6	316,364	374,825	414,000
Diocesan Levies	7	89,197	130,795	101,000
Running the Ministry & Parish		46,724	58,342	62,000
Church Property Expenses		130,629	104,468	95,000
Lease Property Expenses		23,752	19,963	21,000
Giving to Missions		26,590	28,781	27,100
Total		633,256	717,174	720,100
Ordinary church activities surplus / (Deficit)	8	144,866	(21,722)	64,900
What did we spend on major building projects?				
Major Projects	9	152,552	62,132	500,000
Donations through National Trust		(55,413)	-	-
Insurance claims		(24,015)	-	-
Total		73,124	62,132	500,000
What was out of the ordinary?				
Refund of Columbarium income from 2021		(15,509)		
Provision for doubtful debts		(3,832)		
Total		(19,341)	-	-
What is left		52,401	(83,854)	(435,100)

These summarised accounts are based on the audited accounts in the prescribed diocesan format which are available on request.

Parish Balance Sheet

South Head Anglican Parish

At 31 December 2023

Account	Notes	2022	2023
Current Assets			
SHAP Bank Accounts		470,381	107,062
National Trust Bank Account		56,273	55,557
Debtors		15,908	53,525
Term Deposit		200,000	454,042
Anglican Church Property Trust Funds	10	3,648,145	2,728,004
Total Current Assets		4,390,707	3,398,190
Fixed Assets			
Land		17,264,390	17,264,390
Buildings		23,757,444	23,757,444
Contents		1,882,965	1,882,965
Total Fixed Assets		42,904,799	42,904,799
Liabilities			
Creditors and accruals		65,838	40,751
Employee entitlements		32,774	23,398
Total Liabilities		98,612	64,149
Net Assets		47,196,894	46,238,839
Equity			
Accumulated Funds		31,723,306	31,639,452
Revaluation Reserve		15,407,655	14,534,005
Building Fund		56,082	55,532
Organ Fund		9,851	9,851
Total Equity		47,196,894	46,238,839

1. Parish Offertories and donations were stable in 2023. There was an increase in regular giving which is encouraging. The total was lower than 2022 due to some large one-off donations that year.
2. The ministry income is primarily from community lunch donations, weddings and funerals. The number of weddings held at the churches has declined over recent years. In 2024 we expect to receive \$45,000 income from the provision of chaplaincy services to Kambala.
3. The income from the Columbarium has continues to decline so we have not budgeted for any increase in 2023, and additional efforts will be made to market this beautiful facility for our community. The amount available to the Parish represents the income less costs of repairs and maintenance of the facility. We are also putting aside 10% of net income into a long-term preservation account.
4. Rental income was lower in 2023 as the Curate's Cottage and Watsons Bay Rectory ceased to be rented during the year. We are expecting additional rental income in 2024 from the Vaucluse Rectory.
5. We received two grants in 2024. \$11,300 from the NSW Government for the works on the bathrooms and \$7,000 from Woollahra Council for the Community Lunches.
6. Parish Salaries were higher in 2023 following the appointment of Rev. Matt Aroney. As discussed above, we are budgeting for two full time ministry staff in 2024 to give flexibility for hiring later in the year.
7. There was a significant increase in Diocesan Levies in 2023 as the Diocese phases in a Property Levy. Our income was lower in 2022 than 2021, so the amounts will reduce in 2024.
8. As discussed above there is some volatility in the overall result from Ordinary Church Activities. There is a reasonable expectation of a surplus in 2024 based on increased rental income, income from Kambala and

reduced staffing. This should be seen as a fund for future growth.

9. In addition to the work on the Curate's Cottage, the following major projects were carried out in 2023.
 - Renovate St Peter's rectory including new carpet, painting inside and out, remove dilapidated garden ponds, and, install child proof fence at front.
 - Renovate St Michaels rectory including new carpet, painting inside.
 - Installation of new windows and door at upper entrance to St Michael's Hall
 - Installation of security door to void next to upper entrance to St Michael's Hall
 - New sandstone steps to main entrance of St Michael's Church

Major projects planned for 2024 include:

- St Peter's Stonework
 - Stainless steel handrail for path in Bush area at St Peter's (awaiting govt grant app result)
 - Prayer garden involving benches and landscaping at St Peter's
 - Flooring of St Paul's Chapel (St Michaels)
 - Repair of stone wall at St Michaels Rectory
10. \$2,728,004 is held by the Anglican Property Trust from the proceeds of Wentworth Memorial Church. We are expecting to spend at least \$500,000 of those funds on the refurbishment of the Curate's Cottage and stonework at St. Peter's Church. In 2022 this amount was shown as \$3,648,145, as it had not been adjusted for the \$980,516 relating to payments made to the Anglican Church NCNC Fund from the Watsons Bay ACPT Fund in 2021.

Repairs to our rented properties, and to the churches and rectory are constant and ongoing.

How to Support Your Church Family Financially

Giving is an expression of our thankfulness and praise to God. It comes from a heart of worship that recognises everything we have and give already belongs to the Lord. Here are some ways that you can support your parish financially below.

REGULAR ONLINE GIVING

The most convenient way to support your church is to set up a regular debit system from your account. It's easy for you and enables us to plan and budget with confidence.

Account details:

South Head Anglican Parish

Bank: Westpac

BSB: 032 058, A/c No. 222171

WEEKLY GIFT ENVELOPES

Weekly envelopes encourage us to give regularly and can be picked up from the church office and dropped off at the service you attend.

TAP & GO AT CHURCH

At the back of the church there is a device that you can tap with your credit card and \$20 dollars will be transferred to the church's account. There is no limit on how often you tap!

DONATIONS TO DESIGNATED PURPOSES

Gifts to appeals, mission organisations, special projects or in support of a staff member can be arranged and, in some cases, offer tax deductibility. Contact the office for details.

BEQUESTS & WILLS

One way to support your parish financially is through a bequest or gift in your will. Your will is a way you can help enable SHAP to reach out with God's word and work in our community. By leaving a bequest in your will, you can help provide the resources our churches need to provide for His kingdom both now and into the future.

For more opportunities to support your parish financially, contact our office (details on back cover).



Farewell to Stuart and Jane – Sarita Russell

As 2023 came to a close, our hearts were sad but full of gratitude as we gathered to say our farewells to Stuart and Jane and wave them off with all good wishes.

Stuart began his ministry at St Michael's as he would end it with SHAP – on time – every time! We were not used to that, but it was one of many changes that we would learn to love and embrace.

First and foremost, Stuart and Jane made a remarkable team. It was always such a pleasure to watch them weave their magic, seamlessly complementing each other's skills. With what seemed like endless energy Stuart embraced new projects and challenges and worked tirelessly to bring others alongside him. Stuart was an ideas man. Over their tenure, there was significant improvement to the fabric of the church. Getting rid of surplus items was one of Stuart's special skills. If it stood in a pile long enough, it was out on the kerb!

Two huge events marked their time with us. The first was when St Michael's and St Peter's joined forces to become SHAP. This was not without its difficulties, with people, personalities and properties adjusting to the new world order. But Stuart handled it all with tact, understanding and finesse.



Stuart and Jane Robinson at their final service

The second event spanned the COVID years which was a dystopian time where people's personal needs were high and contact was limited.

While Stuart led a resurgence in Seniors Ministry, it was Jane who nurtured and grew the youngest amongst the parish. Setting up Little Sheep was a stroke of pure genius, and the impeccably run playgroup, with its beautiful toys was an immediate hit and led to contact with people who would never step inside traditional church. Jane was the behind-the-scenes worker, who spent endless time and energy on this amazing ministry, with a caring heart, and who always had time to support those most in need.

For all their many achievements, the growth, the structure of the parish, the ministries and the gospel being preached, what I think will remain first and foremost in our memories are Jane and Stuart's kind hearts and their formidable Christian leadership.

Goodbye, farewell, auf wiedersehen, God bless.

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