



Minchinbury Anglican Church

MINISTRY REPORT

2020



From the Senior Minister Rev. Mike Smith

“We are proclaiming good news to you, that you should turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and everything in them. In past generations he allowed all the nations to go their own way, although He did not leave himself without a witness, since he did what is good by giving you rain from heaven and fruitful seasons and satisfying your hearts with food and happiness.” - Acts 14:17

Friends, we all know people in our own homes, streets, and workplaces, like the Galatians in Acts 14, who are following worthless things; things they believe will provide them happiness and security but can't; whether that be money, health, career, or relationships. A global pandemic throughout 2020 has surely made obvious how temporary at best some of these idols are. Our friends, family, colleagues and neighbours, are drowning and like Paul all those years ago, we have the life-jacket in our hands!

My prayer for myself and all of us is that we 2021, having experienced all the hardships of 2020, will be a year where are equipped and inspired to hold out the word of life even more boldly to our decaying world.

Despite the challenge of trying to do mission in a global pandemic and the restrictions on our movements and gatherings, there were still many ways that God was at work amongst us in 2020. It was encouraging seeing our church's online presence and reach increase through the regular live-streaming of our Sunday morning service. I was so impressed by people's flexibility in adjusting to new expressions of church and learning new ways of doing ministry.

One of the great highlights for me as a pastor was seeing our staff and key leaders stepping up in the pastoral care of our members during the times of lockdown. I look forward to this being the new normal in our life together. I was also thankful for the opportunity to take some Long Service Leave in 2020 and for Rev. David Gilmour who faithfully led as acting rector during that time.

Enhancements continued to be made to our church property in 2020 with new fencing, blinds, locks, outside lighting, live-streaming equipment and a number of other projects. We look forward to further enhancements in 2021.

I am also thankful to God for bringing Matt & Ali Shannon to the ministry team in 2020. No doubt it was very different to what they first expected, but I think you will all agree it has been a delight and joy to have Matt and Ali sharing in ministry with us this year. We have already started to see the fruit of their ministry and I can't wait to see what God does through them in 2021.

Strategic Priorities for 2020

Our mission statement says that in everything we do we want to bring glory to God by Loving Jesus and Showing Jesus' Love so that all people in multicultural western Sydney, and beyond, might find renewal.

Last year we launched a leadership pipeline and this year we hope to build on that by providing a leadership training and development pathway for our key ministry teams.

We also hope to build upon the youth and children's ministries under the ongoing leadership of Matt. Recruitment and training in these important ministries will always be a strategic priority.

This year we are also excited to have Leon Turvey join the ministry team as a part-time indigenous pastoral worker. We are thankful to the diocese of Sydney for funding this position and look forward to continuing our partnership with the Mount Druitt Indigenous Church at Tregear and walking alongside Leon in this important ministry.

There is much more to report, as you'll see from the following pages. We thank God for the grace he has shown in the past year. May he answer our prayers and bless our efforts to his glory as many more people turn to his love and show that same love to others.

Serving Christ Together,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rev. Mike Smith





The Staff & Leadership Team

Your generous financial partnership allowed our local staff to continue their ministry in Minchinbury. During 2020, we welcomed Matt Shannon as a new full-time families pastor and Rose Hallam as a part-time administrator in the church office.

A newly ordained Chris Gray (Assistant Minister) continued in his role as the Nurture and Equip Pastor as well as the overseer of the Sunday Night Church congregation. Elizabeth Spencer (Engage Pastor) continued as a volunteer lay pastor and her commitment to the ministry of our church is greatly appreciated.

Kevin Vollmer (ESL Pastor) finished up at the end of 2020 and retired to the central coast. We are very thankful to God for Kevin's ministry at our church for over 20 years and pray for him as he settles into a new community and church family.



As mentioned before, we are also delighted to have Leon Turvey join the team as a part-time indigenous pastoral worker.

We also acknowledge the wisdom and commitment of our Wardens (Julius, Steve, and Gerry) and the members of the Parish Council (James, Kelly, and Lyndal). Together we have overseen some more property projects in the last 12 months as well as navigating the ever changing restrictions imposed upon us due to the global pandemic. Your commitment to ensuring the safety of our church in these times is greatly appreciated. This was seen most clearly in the releasing of funds to employ a cleaning crew to ensure a covid safe clean happened on our site each week.

*** Paid Part Time**

^ Unpaid Volunteer

Ministry Team	Rev. Mike Smith	Senior Minister
	Rev. Rick Manton	MDIC Minister
	Rev. Chris Gray	Associate Minister
	Elizabeth Spencer ^	Lay Pastor
	Leon Turvey *	Indigenous Pastoral Worker
	Matt Shannon	Families Minister
	Paul Hallam ^	Music Director
Admin Team	Rose Hallam *	Church Administrator
	Anthony Bishop (EMB)*	Accountant
	Malina Mumbi ^	Graphic Designer
	Steve Longley ^	Warden
	Julius Mumbi ^	Warden
	Gerry Hallam ^	Warden
	TBA	Grounds/Cleaner

Renew Focus		Community Focus																
Ministry Support												*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Mount Druitt Indigenous Church		*																
Youth										*								
Kids & Families									*									
Night Church				*	*	*												
Morning Church 10:45am		*			*													
Morning Church 9am		*		*														
Worship		*								*								
Equip				*	*													
Nurture				*														
Engage				*														
Reach		*																

Reach

We want to actively reach out to the different communities of Western Sydney, proclaiming the good news of the forgiveness of sins and eternal life through Jesus Christ alone.

Most of our regular “reach” focused ministries had to cease for a significant period of time in 2020 due to the covid pandemic. But we still had the opportunity to reach people in our community, and beyond, as follows:

Highlights



43 Compassion sponsor kids in Phillipines



Mission Partnerships with CMS and AFES



180 students reached through Special Religious Education



28 new young people reached through our Kids & Youth Ministries



3 people completed Christianity Explored



83 new contacts reached through Fresh Food Monday in 2020



8 new contacts through English Classes

28
new young people
reached through our
Kids & Youth Ministries

Priorities in 2021 & Beyond

The priorities we set for 2020 will continue in 2021. They are as follows:

- Seeing members grow in their willingness to talk intentionally about their faith.
- Encouraging members to have membership or connections with our local community.
- Continue reaching out to young families in our local community through PlayTime, Kids Club, and Youth Group.
- Continue to enhance our online presence through our social media platforms.
- Continue building upon our partnership with Mt Druitt Indigenous Church. We look forward to Leon Turvey joining the ministry team in 2021.
- Increase our support to our global mission partners.



Engage

We seek to engage people in the life and community of Minchinbury Anglican Church through loving welcome, hospitality, and practical care.

Highlights



511 people follow
Minchinbury Anglican Church



1 new weekly video
news update



145 members in MAC
Community Facebook Group



Zoom “virtual” morning
teas during lockdown



24 new adults in our church
community



8 people joined a new
Care Team

Priorities in 2021 & Beyond

The priorities we set for 2020 will continue in 2021. They are as follows:

- Continue to see an increase in newcomers to church, particularly from mid-week ministry programs.
- Adjusting our welcoming and hospitality in line with covid restrictions.
- Building and enhancing our new pastoral care team.
- Enhance pastoral care to single parent families and children with special needs.

8

**people joined a
new Care Team**



Nurture

We seek to nurture each person in their knowledge and love of Jesus through the prayerful proclamation of God's word.

Highlights



133 people in discipleship groups (50%)



1 Youth Camp



16 D-group leaders



90 kids and teenagers attended Kids Church and D-Teams



15 discipleship groups

Priorities in 2021 & Beyond

- During 2020 the number of people in D-Groups was lower than the previous year, down to approximately 50% of our church membership. Many of these had to move to zoom or other online platforms during 2020.
- We would love to see D-Group membership increase to 75% of church membership in the coming years.
- Establish discipling relationships in line with Titus 2 (older/younger. Moving towards 30% of our members in a 1-1 discipling relationship.
- Enhancing our Mens and Womens Ministry with the appointment of D-Group overseers and regular discipleship events for these demographics.
- The D-Group Challenge. We would like to challenge every D-Group to see at least one guest joining a Christianity Explored course in Term 3.
- Relaunching "Have-a-Chat" to have a more obvious mission and discipleship focus in its gatherings.

Equip

We seek to equip each person to joyfully use the gifts God has given them for the ministry of the church and the mission of Jesus.

Highlights



132 people serving in ministry
(60%)



6 members at
LiT Conference



1 new care team



1 new Video
Production Team



1 LAUNCH Leadership Day

Priorities in 2021 & Beyond

- Developing a training pathway for ministry team members and leaders and rolling it out during 2021.
- Seeing an increase in members taking up word-based ministries.
- Continue to encourage D-Group leaders as key pastoral care providers.
- Encouraging our children and youth to be disciple makers of younger children.

6
members attended
LiT Conference



Worship

We want to be people who worship Jesus, not just with our lips, but with our lives, so that Jesus is honoured wherever we are.

Sunday gatherings as traditionally understood changes dramatically in 2020 with the arrival of the covid global pandemic. For most of the year our services were online or restricted in the numbers that could attend.

Highlights



Launch of Church online (livestreaming church to FB, Youtube & Website)



1 Online Praise Night



Launch of Kids Online, Families Online, & Youth Online Ministries during lockdown



1 Combined Thanksgiving Sunday at Rooty Hill Leisure Centre



Multiple House Churches meeting during lockdown



1 Online Christmas Carols Event

Priorities in 2021 & Beyond

Many of the priorities we set for 2020 will continue in 2021. They are as follows:

- Enhancing worship outside the Sunday gatherings, by equipping families and individuals with devotional material and other aids.
- Gathering people to pray together is always a challenge. Please pray for a growing commitment in this area by all members of our church.
- Building a stronger connection between our youth ministry and the evening service.
- Review our Sunday gatherings as covid restrictions change.
- Continue to enhance our online church experience for those that cannot gather face-face.



MEET THE *Earnest Family*

We completed one year in Minchinbury Anglican Church in March 2021. God has blessed us wonderfully in this one year.

We migrated to Australia in August 2007. We lived in North Parramatta for about six years. We were regular members of All Saints Anglican Church, North Parramatta. Then we moved to Mount Druitt in 2013. We started looking for a church to go to and went to two churches. But somehow it didn't work for us. Last year one of our friends (Bobby & Family) moved to Minchinbury area and they said we should visit MAC.

So we came to MAC in Feb 2020, for the first time. It was an evening service. We were warmly welcomed at the entrance. The congregation was very welcoming and everyone came to talk to us. The music was excellent. Our children were very happy to sing and worship as we had missed that for some time. Chris and Matt's singing is the best. The messages by Mike, Chris and Matt are spot on. It is good that they give the word of God without any fear of being politically correct. The messages actually reflect the spirit of the Word focussed on our Lord Jesus Christ.

Since then we have made a point not to miss Sunday evening service. MAC has become a part of our family. Since the first day we felt connected to the church, to all brothers and sisters of the congregation. When we started at the church, it was the beginning of COVID 19. Eventually church became online. We tried our best not to miss the online services as well. It is good that we are going back to the normal services from this month. In this difficult year God had blessed us all.

All the members of the church are beautiful people. The vision of the church says, "We long to see all people in multicultural western Sydney, and beyond, renewed through the love of Jesus Christ". We see this clearly reflected in the church when we see the members of all different groups from different countries and ethnic groups worshipping together.

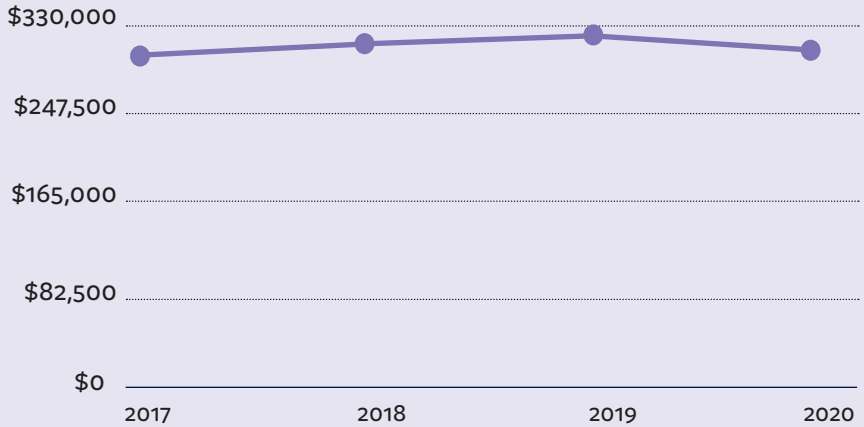
We would like to thank you all, for accepting us as family members of the church. May God bless the church and a day comes when we will see the all the seats in the service to be full. Amen.

With love

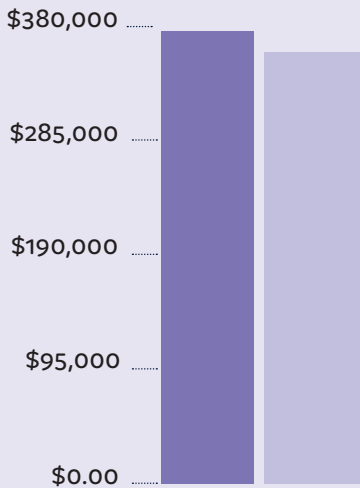
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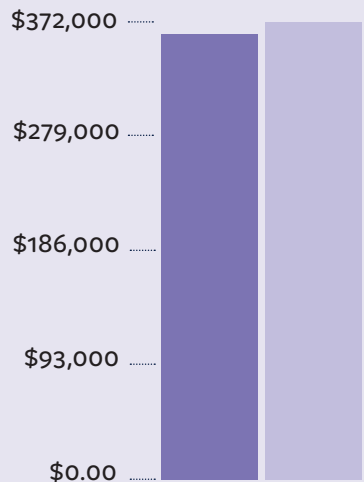
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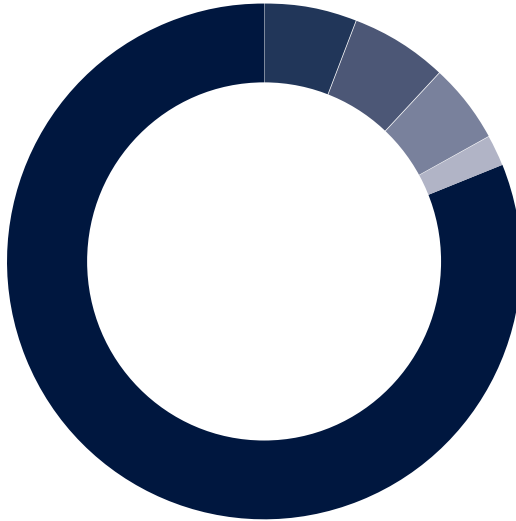
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Expenses 2020

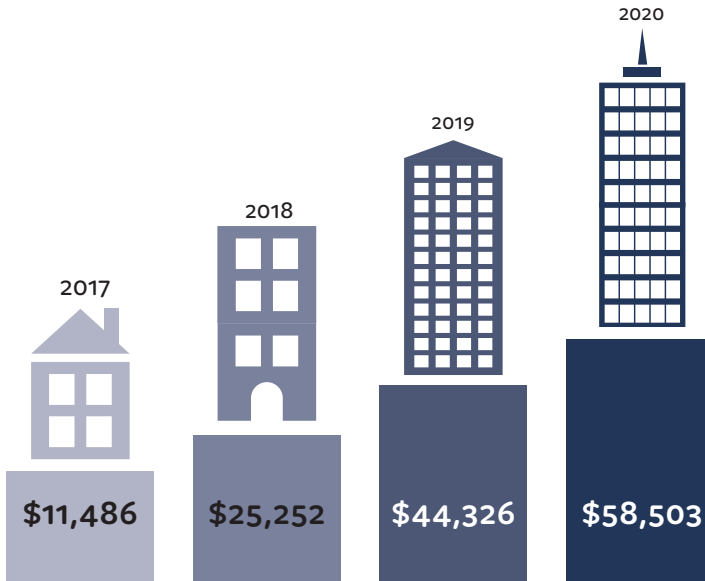


Expenses 2020



- Ministry Staffing **81%**
- Diocese Network (PCR) **6%**
- Property **6%**
- Office/Admin **5%**
- Ministry **2%**

Building Fund



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