

Mittagong Anglican Church Senior Minister's Report to AGM 2016

I give praise to God for his work amongst us here at Mittagong over the past year. Our motto is Knowing Christ, Growing in Christ and Showing Christ to the World.

It has been exciting to see a number of people come to know Jesus over the past year. God has been using the ministries of our church to draw people into an active personal relationship with His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

People have been growing in their faith through the various ministries of our church. Our goal is to present people mature in their faith. I take my responsibility of being in overall charge of the teaching and preaching in our church very seriously and I it is great to see so many people involved in the various teaching ministries of our church.

I am often encouraged by the growth in faith of people in our church. For example last Monday I conducted the funeral of Linda Iverson who is Ida Regan's daughter. Ida is a long term member of our church and she had 7 children. She is now in her 80s and sadly Linda was the fourth of Ida's children to die as an adult. When I went to visit Ida, I was unsure of what to say in this very sad situation. But Ida's strong faith enabled her to have God's peace about the death of her daughter. She shared with me 1 Thessalonians 3:16 which says:

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.

We encourage people to take opportunities to share their faith in Jesus and this is part of showing Christ to the world. Over the past year, people from outside our church have heard the gospel proclaimed at Sunday church services, Baptisms, Weddings and funerals, and events such as Walk through Bethlehem. The Light Party, Anzac Day services and morning teas and many other events. We rejoice that God has given us so many opportunities to speak about the gospel to others.

It is a privilege to minister in our church and after 11 and a half years here I continue to find it a blessing and challenge to serve God at Mittagong Anglican Church. Thanks to all who have given me personal encouragement and positive feedback over the past year. I really appreciate it. Often it will come at just the right time.

I would like to especially thank my family, Marge, Jono, Sam and Lucy for their wonderful support and encouragement. Marge was ordained recently. This is for her teaching ministry through Mary Andrews College. She is also very involved in a number of ministries in our church.

I would like to thank all who contribute to the various ministries in our church. Today you will have received a bundle of reports. I encourage you to read them and to use them as a basis to inform your prayers about the diverse ministries of our church. You will be able to get an idea of just how many people are involved in

ministries in our church. Thanks to everyone who serves the Lord through being involved in the ministries of our church.

Thanks to our three Church wardens, Sam Caltabiano, Bill Crawshaw and Rodney Wilson for their ongoing friendship, loyalty and service over the past year. They give a great deal of their time to helping the church run smoothly.

The churchwardens are part of Parish Council which meets every month. Other members of Parish council were: Chris Jones, Michelle Lindau, Kathryn McIntosh, Lynda Parry, Shane Smiltneiks, Richard Stone and Don Taylor. Over the past year I feel the council has worked well and a great deal of discussion was about the appointment of a third full time minister to focus on working with youth and young adults. We also discussed at length how to fund this new position and the success of our generous giving program in November which raised over \$72,000 is a credit to the hard work of members of Parish Council.

Richard Stone puts in many, many hours of work as our Treasurer and Parish Council secretary. I thank him for his great service over the past year.

Our Ministry Staff team has increased in size over the past year. I thank Matthew, Steven, Dina, Kathryn and Julie for their support and for their work for the Lord. I look forward to continuing to lead our gifted and talented ministry team over the next year.

I have been working with them in working out their areas of responsibility. These are listed on the next page. This coming year at Parish Council we will be looking at developing detailed job descriptions for each member of the Ministry Staff.

Grace and Peace

Richard Mills

Mittagong Anglican Church
Ministry Staff Areas of Responsibility

Richard Mills

Main Areas of Responsibility

Leadership of church, ministry staff development,
Working with the Wardens and Parish Council
Overseeing Teaching and Preaching
Weddings
Pastoral Care

Matthew Brooks-Lloyd

Main Areas of Responsibility

Home Groups
Baptisms
Funerals
Welcoming and Integration
Men's Ministry

Steven Mackenzie

Main Areas of Responsibility

Youth and Young Adults
Youth Groups
5pm Service

Dina Roki

Main Areas of Responsibility

Cubby Clubs
Sunday Kids

Kathryn McIntosh

Main Areas of Responsibility

Friday Drop in Centre
Church Cleaning

Julie Marks

Main Areas of Responsibility

Church Office Administration