



Melbourne
Anglican
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2024 ANNUAL REPORT



Dixon House Ho

***"With man this is impossible,
but with God all things are possible."***

Matthew 19:26 (NIV)



*"There is no
one holy like
the Lord; there
is no one
besides you;
there is no
Rock like our
God."*

1 Samuel 2:2

Stained glass window at
St Columb's, Hawthorn

















Melbourne Anglican Foundation

VISION STATEMENT

The Melbourne Anglican Foundation began in 1987, inspired by the vision of Archbishop David Penman.

The Foundation seeks to raise funds to facilitate the mission and ministry of the Anglican Church in the Diocese of Melbourne, to enable the Church to think big and dream large about its future, and to maintain a Christian presence in the wider community.

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CHAIR'S REPORT

For the Melbourne Anglican Foundation, 2024 was a year of profound and meaningful community engagement and growth.

Our focus on building connections and supporting initiatives across the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne has resulted in positive impact and development.

A vision fulfilled

The Melbourne Anglican Foundation raises funds so that it may financially support the mission and ministry of the Anglican Church in the Diocese of Melbourne.

In 2024, this vision was fulfilled. In total, the Foundation distributed \$1,041,615 to the Diocese of Melbourne through 46 grants. In addition, we facilitated 53 parish led tax-deductible programs enabling \$809,068 to be dispersed to important community led projects. I am incredibly proud of this achievement.

End of Financial Year Campaign

Our end-of-year fundraising campaign in support of Anglican healthcare chaplaincy was the most successful campaign in our 37-year history.

Thank you to Rev'd Dawn Treloar and the AiC Healthcare Chaplaincy working group for their invaluable support. I would also like to acknowledge the work of the Foundation's Business Manager, Paul McDonald, who was a member of the working group. Paul embraced the vital work of the group and was responsible for encouraging the Board to launch this fundraising campaign.

Fundraising

The community's support of the Foundation's work continues to grow.

In 2024 we ran 3 successful public fundraising campaigns to support the work of the Diocese in relation to migrant and refugee settlement programs, hospital chaplaincy and church planting and revitalisation. In total, we raised \$147,372.

The Foundation also raised \$665,902 from grants received from our philanthropic partners.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Foundation in 2024. Your ongoing generosity has enabled the Foundation

to fulfill its vision and support the work of the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne.

New Ministry Presence, Church Planting, and Revitalisation

The success of our 2023 and 2024 Christmas campaigns, dedicated to church growth and revitalisation, stands as a testament to the community's commitment to church planting and revitalisation in the Diocese. By reaching out to the broader public for non-tax-deductible donations, we saw an overwhelming response, exceeding expectations and reinforcing the shared vision for a thriving church community.

In August of this year, we were delighted to show representatives of the Benefact Trust UK a number of the church planting and revitalisation initiatives that they have supported, through the Foundation, since 2020. On a day that took them across Melbourne, we were able to highlight the positive steps that the Diocese is making in this area as well as introducing our guests to the clergy involved in this important work at the EPIC conference and then at an event with the Archbishop at Bishops court. Thank you to Benefact Trust UK for your continued support and belief in the Diocese's vision and also to Archbishop Philip and Mrs Joy Freier for hosting the event at Bishops court with the Foundation.

Inaugural Grants Round

In July 2024, we launched our inaugural Youth Grants Round.

Over an eight-week period, we received countless applications from parishes that are eager to launch and develop innovative youth programs.

Our Development Manager, Nathan Oliver, connected with every Parish that submitted an enquiry, and, thanks to his hard work, the Foundation was able to approve \$104,023 in funding across 16 parishes.

I would also like to thank Brian Holden, Youth Ministry Consultant at the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne, for his invaluable input. Working closely with the Diocese means that we are able to fund and prioritise projects in accordance with its vision.





A new website

In September we were thrilled to launch our new Melbourne Anglican Foundation website – <https://melbourneanglicanfoundation.au/>. We hope that this, together with a tailored Customer Relationship Manager (CRM) system, will strengthen stakeholder relationships and communication. We also introduced regular newsletters and increased our social media presence to ensure that the exciting Diocesan projects that we support are highlighted and recognised.

Thank you, welcome and goodbye

In 2024 the Foundation team continued to grow.

In November we were delighted to welcome Rev'd Malcolm Woolrich to the Board. As an Anglican priest, chaplain, lawyer and recording artist, Malcolm brings invaluable insight and experience to Board and committee meetings.

2024 not only marked continued growth in community relationships; it also marked another year of robust decision making, new initiatives and mutual trust, respect and friendship for our Board. They say it takes a village – I am incredibly grateful to the village that is the Melbourne Anglican Foundation Board and thank each Board member for the countless hours spent attending Board and committee meetings, community events and participating in Diocesan committees and working groups.

Our staff team also grew. In January, we welcomed Lauren Partos as our Communications Officer; in June, Nathan Oliver joined us as Development Manager; in August Deb Cutts came on as Grants Consultant; and in September Linda Ng joined us as Office Coordinator. I am excited to work with our growing team and look forward to 2025. Each team member has embraced the vision of the Foundation and brings enormous enthusiasm, skill and initiative. Thank you so much.

But with hellos there are often goodbyes and in May we were sad to say goodbye to Nicola Templeton who had been with us for seven years as Development Director. We extend our deepest gratitude to Nicola for her remarkable contributions and wish her success in her future endeavours.

The year ahead

The success of 2024 has highlighted how strategic, focused initiatives can deepen relationships and unlock new potential for our impact across the Diocese. We're excited to see the projects that we supported in 2024 come to life in 2025 and are looking forward to fostering the connections and collaborations that we have developed.

Yours sincerely

Carolyn Clark OAM

PRIORITIES FOR 2025

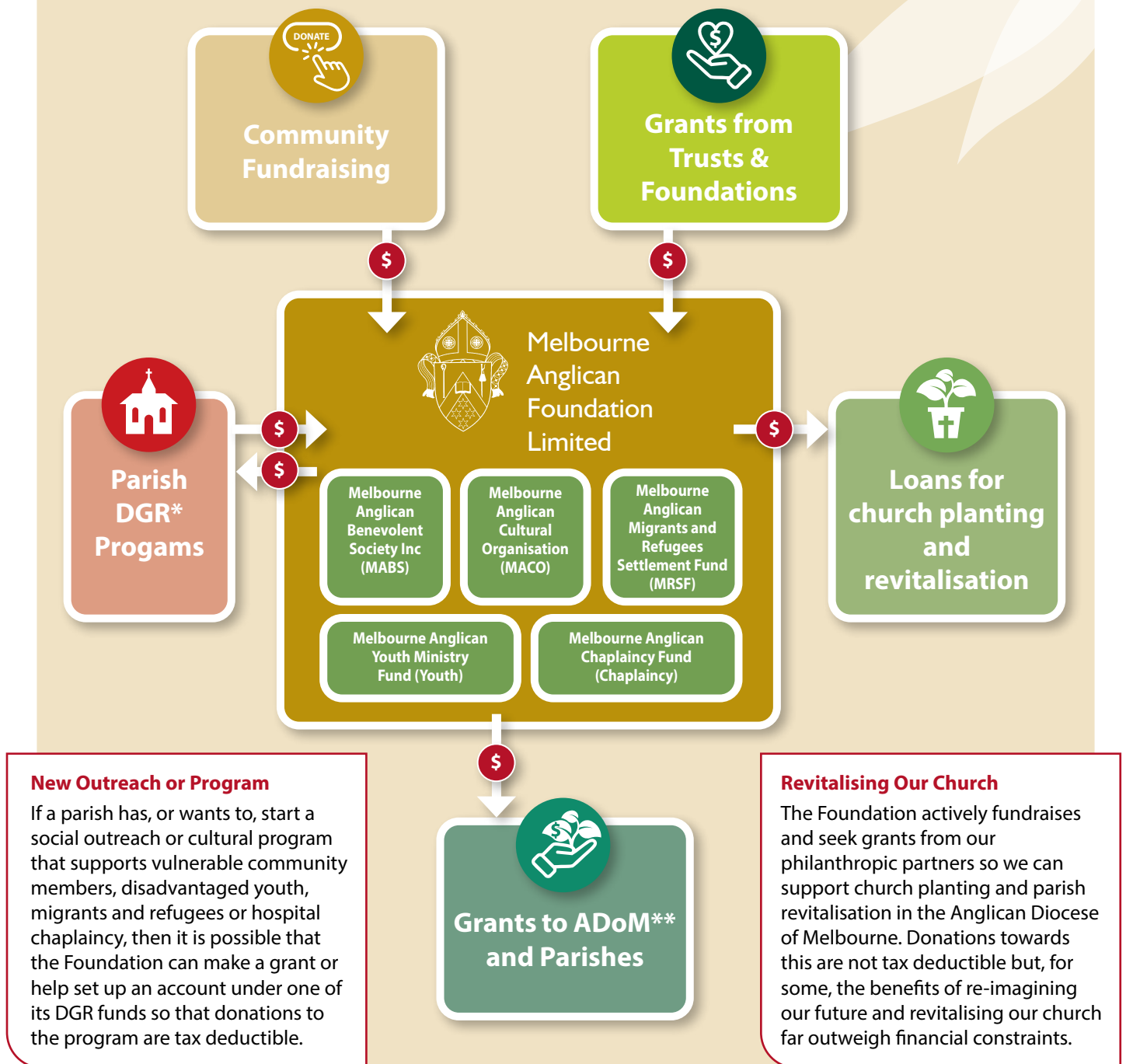
- Hope 25 Grants Round
- Melbourne Anglican Foundation Youth Walk
- Continued support for current and innovative new church planting and revitalisation projects
- Fundraising campaigns focusing on food distribution (Melbourne Anglican Benevolent Society)
- Expansion of options to source funds for parish and Diocese programs
- Improving administrative systems and donor interaction through the new CRM system



WHAT WE DO

The purpose of the Melbourne Anglican Foundation is to facilitate the mission and the ministry of the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne. We do this in 3 ways:

- by raising funds through community fundraising and grants from trusts and foundations and distributing them to parishes and the Diocese;
- by setting up accounts within our 5 deductible gift recipient entities to enable parishioners to make tax deductible donations to approved parish projects; and
- by giving loans to parishes for church planting.



*Deductible Gift Recipient

**Anglican Diocese of Melbourne



WHAT WE DID IN 2024



46 grants given totalling **\$1,041,615**



53 programs facilitated, dispersing **\$809,068**



3 fundraising campaigns raising **\$147,372**



13 grants received totalling **\$665,902**



66 parishes supported



9 ADoM* programs supported



5 church plants supported







*ISCAS^T – Institute for the Study of Christianity in an Age of Science and Technology



OUR TEAM



Mr Chris Arnold
AM BComm
MBA FCPA FAICD
AFACHSE (CHM)
- Board Deputy
Chair
Sub-committees:
Finance,
Administration,
Risk Management
(FARM) and Chair
of Governance

**Reverend
Malcolm
Woolrich**
MTeach
Secondary
(Melb), MDiv
(Ridley), GradDip
Div (Ridley), LLB
(Melb)
Sub-committee:
Finance,
Administration,
Risk Management

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Campbell
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Harvard
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Management
Program
Sub-committee:
Chair of
Investment

**Reverend
Elizabeth
Murray**
BASC, BA (Hons),
BTheol, MA
Sub-committee:
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Court**
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Sub-committees:
Finance,
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(FARM) and Chair
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**Mrs Carolyn
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Sub-committees:
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Fundraising

**Reverend
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Arnold-Moore**
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Fundraising

**Mr Andrew
James Porter**
FCA, MA (Hons),
St And, MAICD –
Treasurer
Sub-Committees:
Investment and
Chair of Finance,
Administration,
Risk Management
(FARM)

**Mr Malcolm
Tadgell**
BComm (Hons)
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**Mr Greg
Reinhardt**
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(Hons) - Company
Secretary
Sub-committee:
Governance



L-R:
Nathan Oliver, Development Manager
Deborah Cutts, Grants Consultant
Paul McDonald, Business Manager
Lauren Partos, Communications Officer
Linda Ng, Office Coordinator (not in photo)

MELBOURNE ANGLICAN FOUNDATION

The purpose for which Melbourne Anglican Foundation was established is to:

- Provide financial support to the Diocese of Melbourne of the Anglican Church of Australia (the Diocese) in its activities and in furtherance of its strategic plan and vision.



English Conversation Corner, St Paul's Cathedral.



The Archbishop Breakfast Conversation with Michael Leunig.

"I came to know Christ directly through Emmanuel at a time when I was full of anger and desperation. Rev'd Hoda invited me to join a gathering of believers just once, for my own well-being. That single visit became the moment Christ touched my heart. To me, God was present in that environment. The humility, kindness, and warmth of the believers encouraged me to continue exploring Christ.

Our weekly gatherings with fellow believers, a smaller community, teach us to truly love our brothers and sisters in faith, to be humble, not judge them, to be patient and kind, to help one another. If we hold a position in the church, it only increases our responsibility; we must be worthy of that role without developing arrogance. All of this is excellent practice for the larger society.

This journey has been the miraculous path of my life, a path God placed before me and guided me to walk. I had to endure eight years of the toughest hardships to once again find my way back to His guidance and be reborn. My true birth was the moment I entered the church, and a year later, I celebrate the rebirth of my spiritual life alongside fellow believers."

Anonymous

Parishioner,
Emmanuel Iranian Anglican Church

Program Grants in 2024 (including grants given as trustee of the Melbourne Anglican Foundation Trust)

Anglican Diocese of Melbourne, ADoM Faith and Work Conference
 Anglican Diocese of Melbourne, Archbishop Conversations
 Anglican Diocese of Melbourne, Children and Families Ministry Consultancy
 Anglican Diocese of Melbourne, Digital Support Services
 Anglican Diocese of Melbourne, PVAW Program
 Anglican Diocese of Melbourne, Youth Ministry Consultancy
 Bacchus Marsh Anglican Parish, Playground restoration
 Bannockburn / Inverleigh / Meredith Anglican,
 Meredith Youth and Family Outreach Cinema
 Emmanuel Iranian Anglican Church,
 Pastoral care for converted Farsi-speaking families
 Emmanuel Iranian Anglican Church, Youth Ministry & New Ministry Presence
 Holy Trinity Surrey Hills, Youth Ministry Program
 Mission to Seafarers Victoria, Seafarers Chaplaincy Program
 Plentylife Anglican Church, Mernda, Plentylife Youth
 REACH West Tarneit, Multicultural Youth Soccer Team
 Red Door Church Caroline Springs, Red Door Youth Program

Red Door Church Caroline Springs, 'Testify'
 Sojourners Church Werribee, Youth Drop-In Centre
 Sojourners Werribee, New Migrant Families Support Program
 Sojourners Werribee, New Ministry Presence
 St Alban's and St Augustine's Merri-bek, Youth Congregation
 St John's Cranbourne, Youth Ministry New Ministry Presence
 St Jude's Carlton – Camp for St Jude's Estates Residents
 St Mark's Spotswood, Youth Ministry Program
 St Paul's Cathedral, Bishop James Grant Memorial Plaque
 St Paul's Cathedral, UniChurch
 St Peter's Jieeng Congregation (Altona), Young People and Family Connections
 St Stephen's Werribee Karen Congregation, Youth Worker
 St Stephen's Werribee, Youth Camps
 The Institute for the Study of Christianity in an Age of Science and Technology (ISCAST), Science and Faith Kickstarter in Anglican schools and churches

Amount granted: **\$621,816**



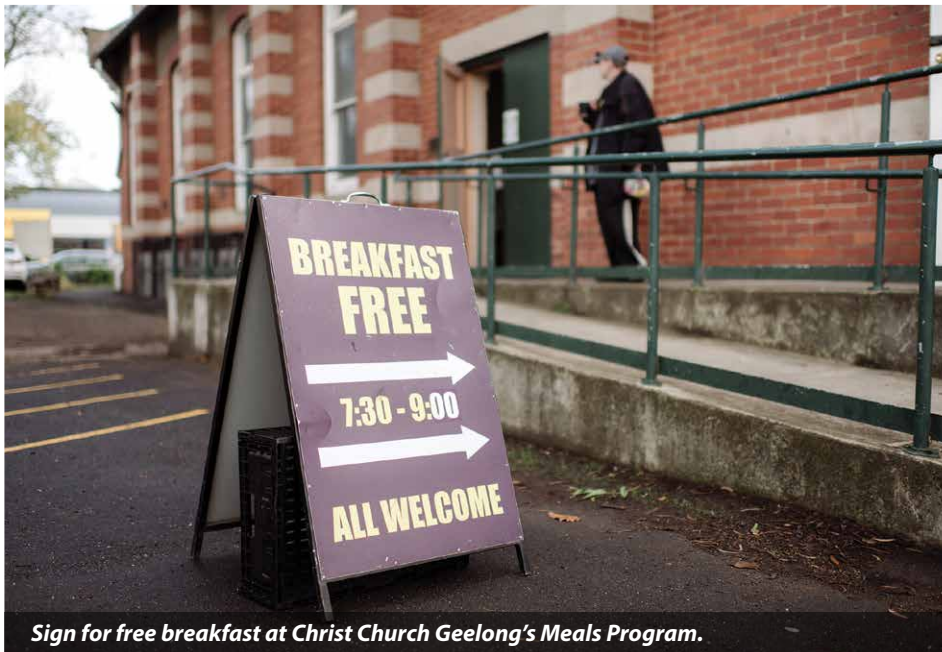


A volunteer at Christ Church Geelong's breakfast program.

MELBOURNE ANGLICAN BENEVOLENT SOCIETY INC. (MABS)

The purposes for which the association is established are:

- On a parish-by-parish basis within the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne, the direct relief of poverty, sickness, suffering, distress, misfortune, destitution or helplessness; and
- The provision on a parish-by-parish basis of financial and other assistance to unemployed youth, emergency accommodation for youth, crisis and other counselling for the needy and/or direct benevolent assistance.



Sign for free breakfast at Christ Church Geelong's Meals Program.

Enabled programs in 2024

Christ Church Geelong, *Meals Project*
 Emmanuel Iranian Church, *Asylum Seekers in Necessitous Need*
 Holy Trinity Kew, *Community Family*
 Longbeach Parish, *Food Distribution*
 Parish of the Parks, *Sunday Supper Welfare*
 Plentylife Mernda, *Love Thy Neighbour Project*
 St John's East Malvern, *Finch Street Community Fund*
 St Jude's Carlton, *Crisis Assistance Fund*
 St Jude's Carlton, *Estates Ministry*
 St Martin's Hawksburn, *Family Support*
 St Mary's North Melbourne, *Relief Project*
 St Mary's Sunbury, *Winter Shelter*
 St Matthew's Prahran, *Drop Inn*

Amount dispersed: **\$195,935**

Program grants in 2024

All Saints Clayton, *Dixon House*
 Anglican Diocese of Melbourne, *Disability and Inclusion Officer*
 St Luke's Cockatoo, *Food Pantry*

Amount granted: **\$78,875**



"Very early in the program we used the mantra 'it's not just about the food'; we even put it on our official stationery.

Along the way we've developed more non-negotiable 'rules' that we always follow:

- We never send anyone away empty-handed
- We never offer or serve anything we wouldn't eat ourselves
- Our guests should always feel happier/better when they leave than when they arrive
- Whenever possible, guests should be offered a choice

Many of our regular guests have been coming to the program for years and we feel privileged when they choose to share any good news they may have with us. On the other hand, hardly a day goes by when we don't see at least one new face.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, we were obliged to change to a take-away service and we have maintained this for a number of reasons, one being that we now serve up to 75 breakfasts in a day and could not manage a sit-down service for that number in the time and space available.

We are so grateful that the Melbourne Anglican Foundation offers our donors the use of the tax-deductible option to enable them to support us."

Ruth Christian OAM

*Program Director,
 Christ Church Geelong
 Meals Program*

Jan McGowan OAM

*Procurement Officer, Christ
 Church Geelong Meals Program*





*The organ at St John's
Anglican Church in
Toorak.*

MELBOURNE ANGLICAN CULTURAL ORGANISATION (MACO)



The purposes for which the association is established are:

- The promotion of literature, music, performing arts, visual arts, crafts, design, film, video, television, radio, community arts, Indigenous arts and moveable cultural heritage; and
- Participation in cultural projects including developing church choirs and ecclesiastical music; conducting art exhibitions, plays and performances; providing art, creative writing and poetry classes; and the study of storytelling through stained glass and the study of iconography and symbols associated with churches in the Melbourne Anglican Diocese.

"The organ is at the heart of worship at St John's Toorak, elevating our liturgy and deepening the spiritual experience of all who gather here. St John's has a rich tradition of making sacred music, and the organ serves as both a guide and a foundation for our choral heritage. Music uplifts the worship of the congregation and enhances the beauty of our liturgical celebrations, from solemn Masses to joyful feast days.

Beyond worship, the organ fosters community engagement, providing a platform for musical education, recitals, and outreach. It supports and inspires our musicians, nurtures emerging talent, and attracts visitors who experience firsthand the power of our music. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters through the Melbourne Anglican Cultural Organisation, St John's continues to uphold its commitment to excellence in music, ensuring that this cherished instrument remains a vital part of our parish life for generations to come."

Zac Hamilton-Russell

Director of Music, St John's Toorak

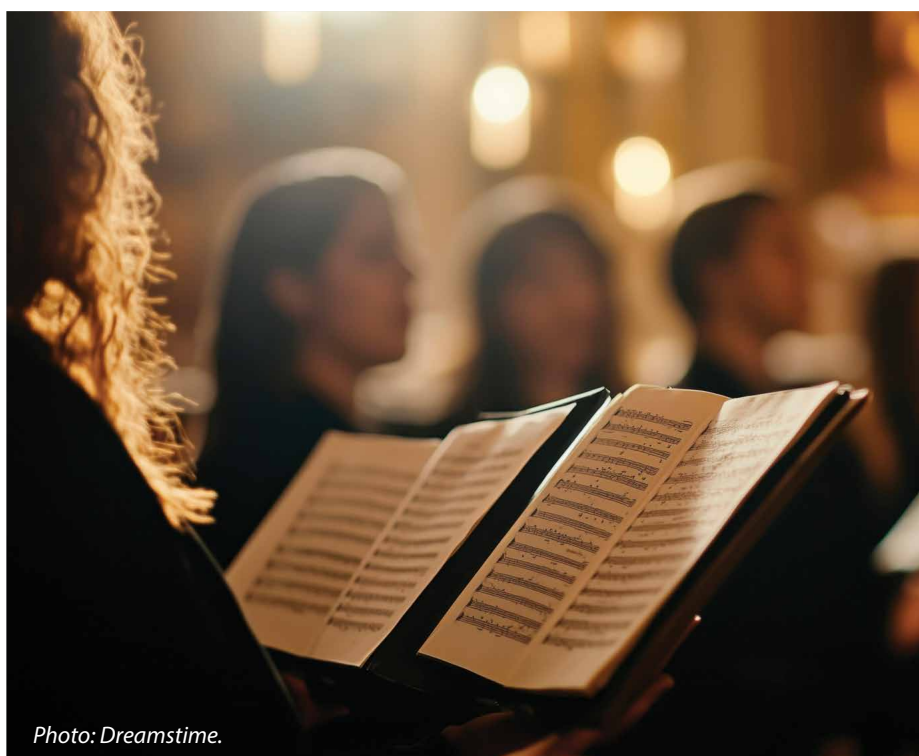


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Enabled programs in 2024

All Saints Northcote, *Organ Appeal*
 Holy Trinity East Melbourne, *Organ Restoration*
 Parish of the Parks, *Music Program*
 St Barnabas Balwyn, *Stained Glass Windows*
 St Columb's Hawthorn, *Organ Restoration*
 St Columb's, *Hawthorn Historical Glass*
 St George's East Ivanhoe, *Music Fund*
 St George's Malvern, *Windows Renovation*
 St George's, Malvern, *Music Fund*
 St James West Melbourne, *Music Program*
 St John's Camberwell, *Music Fund*
 St John's Flinders, *Glass Windows Project*
 St John's Toorak, *Cultural Program*
 St John's Camberwell, *Organ Fund*
 St John's East Malvern, *Finch Street Cultural Fund*
 St Jude's Carlton, *Music Program*

St Jude's Carlton, *Organ Appeal*
 St Margaret's Eltham, *Music Program*
 St Mark's Fitzroy, *Music Fund*
 St Martin's Hawksburn, *Music Fund*
 St Oswald's Glen Iris, *Aboriginal Creative Arts*
 St Paul's Canterbury, *Choir and Music*
 St Paul's Geelong, *Organ Renewal*
 St Peter's Brighton, *Beach Music Program*
 St Peter's Eastern Hill, *Choir and Music*

Amount dispersed: \$428,883

Program grants in 2024

St Paul's Cathedral, *All Saints Triptych*
 St Paul's Cathedral, *Bishop James Grant Memorial Plaque*

Amount granted: \$6,400





*Rev'ds Pedram and
Leili Shirmast sitting
on the steps of
St Paul's Cathedral.*

MELBOURNE ANGLICAN MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES SETTLEMENT FUND

The purposes for which the association is established are:

- To provide money for the sole purpose of providing help and financial assistance in the settlement of migrants and refugees within and through parishes of the Anglican Dioceses of Melbourne, either individually or in association with other churches or community organisations;
- To provide funds to enable such migrants and refugees to be integrated, housed, maintained, transported, counselled and generally assisted in any way required by their situation and status;
- To provide funds for the training and equipping of voluntary workers in pursuit of these objects together with the preparation and evaluation of settlement programs;
- To provide activities designed to assist the integration of individual migrants and refugees, migrant and refugee families, and migrant and refugee groups, within the Australian community;
- To provide materials, speakers and programs to heighten community awareness of migrants and refugees, their situation and their culture; and
- To solicit, collect, receive and take, by gifts, grants, devise or bequests, money, funds, and real or personal property and the income therefrom in and towards the settlement of migrants and refugees.



Quilts made at Dream Stitches in Box Hill.

Enabled programs in 2024

Geelong Refugees Assistance Program
St Peter's Box Hill, Dream Stitches
St Peter's Box Hill, Sudanese Settlement
St Philip's Deep Creek, Farsi-speaking Migrant & Refugee Settlement

Amount dispersed: **\$39,162**

Program grants in 2024

Sojourners Werribee, New Migrant Families Support Program
St Paul's Cathedral, English Conversation Corner

Amount granted: **\$57,875**

"When we look at what God is doing among Iranians, both inside Iran and across the world, we're filled with quiet awe. In hidden places and in the middle of pressure, people are coming to faith. Despite fear and risk, the underground church in Iran is growing, and outside, we're seeing leaders humbly come together for the sake of unity.

With the support of MRSF, Leili and I have continued serving Farsi-speaking migrants and refugees in Melbourne. We've completed four terms of English classes in 2024, with around 25 students each term. Most are new to Australia, and learning English is often their first step to finding stability.

Leili has continued her involvement in the Dream Stitches sewing program in Box Hill, offering care and support to Farsi-speaking women. She also hosted three women's gatherings during the year – small, warm spaces for refugee women to feel encouraged and connected. Together, we supported seven families through their refugee applications with both practical help and spiritual care.

Our Friday night Farsi Bible study continues to be a safe space for people to learn about God in their own language. And in February 2025, we held our first Farsi worship service, a simple but powerful moment for many to worship God in their mother tongue. Our next one is planned for May.

We both fully understand how it feels to live as refugees. The uncertainty, the waiting, the feeling of being in-between; those things stay with you. That shared experience has shaped how we walk with others now. We understand the quiet fears behind a question, the hesitation in asking for help, the ache for stability. And we've come to believe that God's heart is especially close to those who are in that space. It's not just something we've read about; it's something we've lived. And through it, we've seen how God meets people gently, patiently, right in the middle of the unknown.

May the Lord continue to guide our small steps and use whatever we offer for His good purposes.

With gratitude,"

Leili and Pedram Shirmast
*Sinners who have been forgiven
and held by God's grace*
Deep Creek Anglican Church,
St Paul's Cathedral Melbourne



MELBOURNE ANGLICAN YOUTH MINISTRY FUND (YOUTH)

The purposes for which the association is established are:

- To provide money to help young people within Victoria who are in necessitous circumstances, particularly those who require guidance and assistance in areas such as unemployment, family disturbance, drug abuse and rehabilitation.



Testify, Red Door Church, Caroline Springs.

Enabled programs in 2024

Anglican Parish of Ferntree Gully and Rowville, Youth Ministry
Inner North Youth Group Program
St Columb's Hawthorn, Outreach Hub
St John's Camberwell, Bubup & Eat/Read/Play Program
St John's East Malvern, Finch Street Youth Leadership and Development
St Philip's Deep Creek, Youth Ministry
St Stephen and St Mary Mount Waverley, Youth
St Stephen's Werribee, Outreach to Vulnerable Karen Youth

Amount dispersed: **\$180,062**

Program grants in 2024

ADoM Children and Families Ministry, Children and Families Consultant
All Saints Greensborough, Homework Club
Flinders with Balnarring, 'Belonging'
Holy Name Vermont South, Safe Space/Youth Mentorship Program
St Alfred's Blackburn, Drop In Blackburn
St John's Camberwell, Bubup & Eat/Read/Play
St John's Diamond Creek, Thank God It's Friday (TGIF)
St Paul's Cathedral, English Conversation Corner
St Thomas Burwood, Chinese/English Youth,
Children and Families Cross-Cultural Ministry

Amount granted: **\$112,042**

"The Safe Space Youth Mentoring Program is a group-based initiative designed to empower and support youth and young adults aged 15 to 25. This program specifically targets individuals from immigrant families who may face challenges related to language barriers, cultural understanding, and social skills. Many of these young people also experience mental health issues, such as depression and anxiety, which can contribute to social isolation and bullying, either at school or in online environments.

Our program aims to guide these young individuals through these pivotal years by providing a supportive and safe environment where they can form meaningful relationships, listen to others' stories, and share their own. We also facilitate connections with local communities through sports, activities, and group-based mentoring, designed to enhance social skills and provide practical life lessons.

Some of the young people we have encountered from these families have experienced bullying at school, leading to reluctance to attend school or an inability to fully integrate into their local school environment.

As a local church, we aim to provide a Safe Space where these young people can experience support from a group of compassionate and God-fearing individuals. Our goal is to journey with them, offering cultural intelligence, practical life experience, and a safe environment to thrive in their developmental years."

Ping Luo

Volunteer,
Holy Name of Jesus Anglican Parish Vermont South

We're starting to see early signs of growth from the programs running, designed with a focus on equipping ministers working with young people across the Diocese, our vision is on track to becoming a reality. I'm super excited to see the fruit we have already witnessed in many church contexts continue to grow over the next few years as learning sinks in and is accompanied by more hands-on experience in youth ministry.

The foresight of the Melbourne Anglican Foundation instigating a youth-focused grants round is such a welcome addition to the work we do. We have seen an amazing injection of new ideas that have already begun to show an impact on the lives of young people. Thank you for your partnership and we hope to benefit from your continued support well into the future.

Brian Holden,

Youth Ministry Consultant,
Anglican Diocese of Melbourne



YOUTH GRANTS ROUND

In 2024 we launched our inaugural **youth grants round**. The idea was to engage with parishes around youth and encourage them to start youth related programs. It was a huge success.

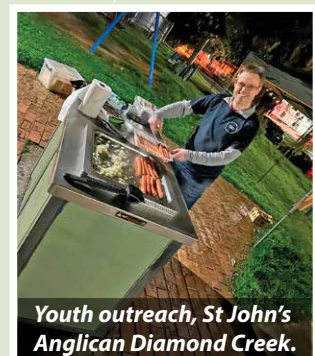
We met with over **40** parishes and were so proud to give out
16 grants totalling **\$104,023**



*Safe Space Youth Mentoring Program,
Holy Name Anglican Vermont Sth.*



*Art project,
St Mark's Blanarring.*



*Youth outreach, St John's
Anglican Diamond Creek.*



7 West Palliative & Supportive Care Unit

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MELBOURNE ANGLICAN CHAPLAINCY FUND (CHAPLAINCY)

The purpose of the Chaplaincy Fund is to provide money:

- To any public hospital or hospital which is carried on by a society of association otherwise than for the purpose of profit or gain to the individual members of that society or association within the Diocese of Melbourne;
- To any public benevolent institution which employs or shares in the employment of a chaplain licensed by the Archbishop of Melbourne or has committed itself to employ or to share in the employment of a chaplain licensed by the Archbishop of Melbourne.

"Eight Anglican chaplains are now imbedded within hospital Spiritual Care teams in major hospitals and others function with a license from the Archbishop and his blessing within residential care facilities and palliative care units. Those who are not employed by Spiritual Care Departments give thanks to the generosity of various grants.

The Melbourne Anglican Foundation coordinated a wonderful End of Financial Year Donation Program with a focus on Healthcare Chaplaincy and the chaplains are grateful for the generosity shown towards this ministry.

The healthcare chaplains network continues to grow and provides education, fellowship, support and collegiality for those who minister either as lay or clergy in our hospitals and residential care facilities. Some of the education topics this year covered living with dementia, ministry to the dying, and ministry to those in ICU.

The need to have people available to share God's love by listening, holding a hand or sharing time in prayer or sacrament continues. The chaplains are blessed to be part of God's ministry to those who are struggling both physically and spiritually. As we walk out of our hospitals each day, we give thanks for the fact that people are willing to share their stories and allow us to journey with them for a time on what may be the worst day of their life. We are blessed to have the opportunity of sharing God's love with them."

The Reverend Dawn Treloar
Coordinator Healthcare Chaplaincy, Anglican Diocese of Melbourne



Photo: iStock.

Enabled programs in 2024

Austin Health Hospital Chaplaincy
Barwon Health Geelong Hospital Chaplaincy
Monash Medical Centre Chaplaincy
Royal Children's Hospital Chaplaincy

Amount dispersed: **\$12,494**

Program grants in 2024

Anglican Diocese of Melbourne, Monash Health Chaplaincy
Anglican Diocese of Melbourne, Royal Children's Healthcare Chaplaincy

Amount granted: **\$84,750**





PVAW sign at Holy Trinity Anglican Church.



Hands holding the 2021 PVAW Evaluation Booklet.

PREVENTING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

The Anglican Diocese of Melbourne continues to lead the way in the area of preventing violence against women (PVAW) in faith settings. In 2024 we marked the end of another three-year phase of the PVAW Program, supported by our program partners Anglicare Vic, Brotherhood of St Laurence, and Relationship Matters. We are grateful for the ongoing support of the Melbourne Anglican Foundation in sourcing funding for the program.

We have continued to deliver the PVAW Response and Prevention Training reaching another 135 people in this phase of the program, which means that 383 people across the diocese have now attended the training. In response to feedback, we have also delivered a shorter 2-hour Introductory Family Violence training session to 175 people and Bystander training to 70 more. We currently have 11 churches signed onto the whole of church program, we reach many people both from our churches and family violence agencies with our monthly newsletter and social media, we held a successful Round Table event on International Women’s Day and we also extended our reach by delivering another successful 16 days of activism campaign.

Once again, we have engaged Melbourne University to conduct an evaluation of the PVAW program. They have collected insights into the work of the 2021-2024 period through focus groups, interviews, a Diocese-wide survey and document analysis. They are expected to deliver a draft evaluation report to us in March 2025 and we will use these new learnings and recommendations to plan for the next three-year phase of the program. We are very grateful that our program partners are joining us again in this next phase to provide us with continued support and funding.

The current reach of program activities is outlined in the table below:

	2018-2020	2021-2024	Total
Total number of churches reached through training	84	47	131
Total number of training attendees	248	135	383
Total number of PVAW newsletter recipients		698	698
Total number of participants in Bystander Training		70	70
Total number of participants in Intro to Family Violence Session		37	37
Whole of Churches signed on	5	6	11

Kerryn Lewis
Manager, Preventing Violence Against Women Program

Safe and Thriving CALD Anglicans project

One of the most encouraging developments in the PVAW Program has been through the implementation of the Safe and Thriving Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) Anglicans Project. This project continues to both strengthen the intersectional approach of the general program as well as provide separate culturally appropriate training and resources to our multicultural Anglicans. Building trust and building relationships with the community has been a crucial process for achieving this. It is important that the work is always community-led. We have identified 11 CALD champions to assist us with this. They regularly meet in a Community of Practice to enhance their skills in both responding to and preventing issues within the community and provide us with numerous insights. Using a co-design model, we have developed training materials with our project partner Anu Krishnan from Kulturbrille. These materials were created with cultural sensitivity and appropriateness. We have translated the materials into Farsi and simplified Chinese.

We now have PVAW program posters translated into seven community languages, including Mandarin, Arabic, Karen, Dinka, Dari, Tamil, and Farsi. We plan to deliver culturally appropriate and in-language training sessions for the Iranian, Chinese, and Indian communities this year, as well as a second Response and Prevention training day for CALD clergy and we have the Family Violence Policy flow chart translated into Farsi. We have been Government funded by Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) until mid-2025 to undertake this work. We look forward to the results of the evaluation from Melbourne University, which will help us understand the impact of our work and explore potential funding opportunities to continue this important initiative.

Sarah Aruliah
PVAW CALD Project Officer

Amount granted: **\$45,152**

NEW MINISTRY PRESENCE AND CHURCH REVITALISATION

The Melbourne Anglican Foundation is a vital partner in the mission of planting and growing churches across the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne. As the Canon of Church Planting, I have seen firsthand the profound impact of their generous support.

Church planting demands vision, leadership and resources – and the Melbourne Anglican Foundation ensures that financial barriers do not stand in the way of gospel growth. Their funding enables new church communities to take root by supporting ministry leadership, outreach initiatives, and spaces where people can encounter Christ in meaningful ways.

Thanks to their generosity, we planted eight new church communities in 2024 and are set to plant another eight in 2025! We are also developing a strong pipeline of future planters, hoping to have 15 potential planters training with us next year to establish future churches across Melbourne and Geelong in future years. I am thankful for the Melbourne Anglican Foundation's partnership and encourage others to support this vital work. Together, we are seeing the word of God made fully known across Melbourne and Geelong.

Rev'd Bree Mills

Canon for Church Planting, Anglican Diocese of Melbourne

Amount granted: **\$85,300**



Canon for Church Planting, Rev'd Bree Mills (centre in blue jumper) with church planting team from SENT Collective.





Reece Kelly (centre) and some of the church planting team at Proclaim Anglican, Clyde North.

Story Spotlight: Proclaim Anglican Church

In the midst of COVID lockdowns, the staff team at Berwick Anglican Church took part in an online conference, through which they were challenged by a speaker to find something good in a difficult season. “Wouldn’t it be amazing if your church planted a church out of this?”, the speaker then asked.

“When the three of us heard that line, we looked at each other and we just knew. That was going to be us”. This is how Reece Kelly, now Senior Pastor of Proclaim Anglican Church in Clyde North, remembers God leading him to launch a new church in the south-east growth corridor.

The Clyde and Clyde North area is home to around 70,000 people, and that’s a number that’s set to grow significantly in the coming years. Despite this, there are no church buildings in sight. That’s about to change, with the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne securing land this year for a new shared place of worship in Clyde North for Casey Dinka Church and Proclaim.

But for Reece and his team, the vision goes far beyond bricks and mortar – it’s about a legacy being created for the gospel to be lived out and shared for years to come. “Our area is unfortunately leading the country in some domestic violence measures as well as issues relating from mental

health... There’s a lot of work to be done, but we want to ultimately show people the hope that comes through Christ”.

From a small team of 20 gathered during the COVID lockdowns, Proclaim Anglican Church has grown into a thriving and burgeoning congregation ready to make a long-term impact in a developing area. They are looking forward to a permanent home in a new church building and establishing themselves as a lasting presence in the community.

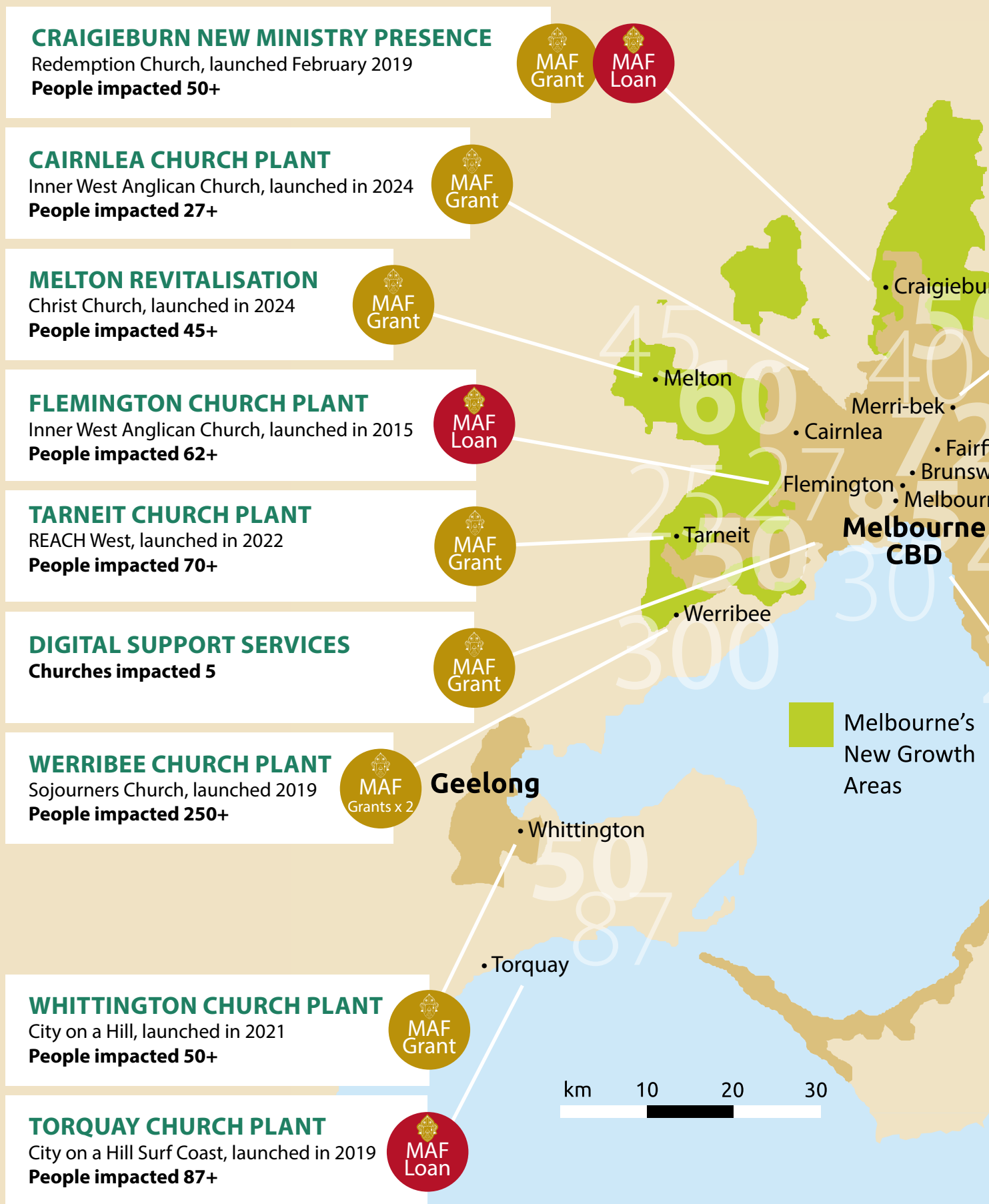
Church planting is hard, and you don’t always know how things are going to go. But for Reece, one thing is clear:

“God’s plans are much bigger than mine. He has provided so much more than I thought was possible, so now I am learning to pray, ‘God, help me to see the vision you see’”.

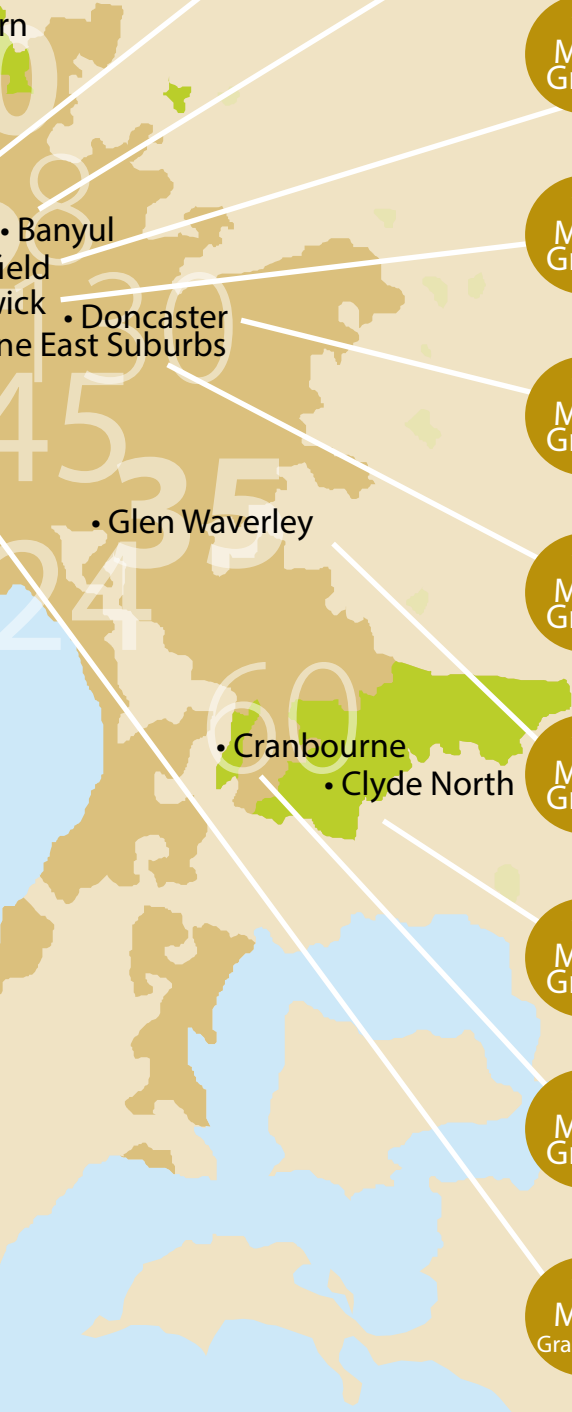
The Melbourne Anglican Foundation is proud to be supporting Proclaim Anglican Church in bringing hope and renewal to Clyde North. Our aim is to see flourishing churches sharing our hope in God throughout Melbourne and beyond. By working closely with the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne, we are helping our fast-growing, vibrant and multicultural community to share Christ’s love.



NEW MINISTRY PRESENCE/CHURCH PLANTING SUPPORT



SUPPORTED BY THE MELBOURNE ANGLICAN FOUNDATION



ST ALBAN'S AND ST AUGUSTINE'S MERRI-BEK

Youth Congregation, grant in 2024

People impacted 100+



BANYULE REVITALISATION

Anglican Parish of Banyule, launched in 2024

People impacted 8+



FAIRFIELD REVITALISATION

Merri Creek Anglican Fairfield, launched 2021

People impacted 150+



BRUNSWICK REVITALISATION

Launched The Lamb and Flag café 2021

People impacted 45+



EMMANUEL IRANIAN ANGLICAN CHURCH

Pastoral Care for Farsi-Speaking Families, grant in 2024

People impacted 150+



MELBOURNE EAST NEW MINISTRY PRESENCE

Launched the Francis Project 2023

People impacted 24+



GLEN WAVERLEY NEW MINISTRY PRESENCE

St Philips Glen Waverley Sent Collective, launched in 2021

People impacted 35+



CLYDE NORTH CHURCH PLANT

Proclaim Anglican Church, launched February 2023

People impacted 80+



ST JOHN'S CRANBOURNE

Youth Ministry, launched in 2024

People impacted 60+



MELBOURNE CBD CHURCH PLANT

St Paul's Cathedral, Uni Church launched in 2024

People impacted 30+



Message from our Development Manager

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him, all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

These words about Jesus in Colossians 1 remind us how great and vast the glory of God is, and how 'all things' are within his scope. If you think about it for any length of time, it is both uplifting and positively overwhelming all at once. The broadness of 'all things' reminds us that God is intimately concerned with more than what happens in the traditionally sacred spaces of church buildings on Sundays, but also our workplaces, classrooms, homes, neighbourhoods, and so on. And so, as God sees value in the array of all of life's happenings, The Melbourne Anglican Foundation aims to be invested in these areas throughout the Diocese of Melbourne.

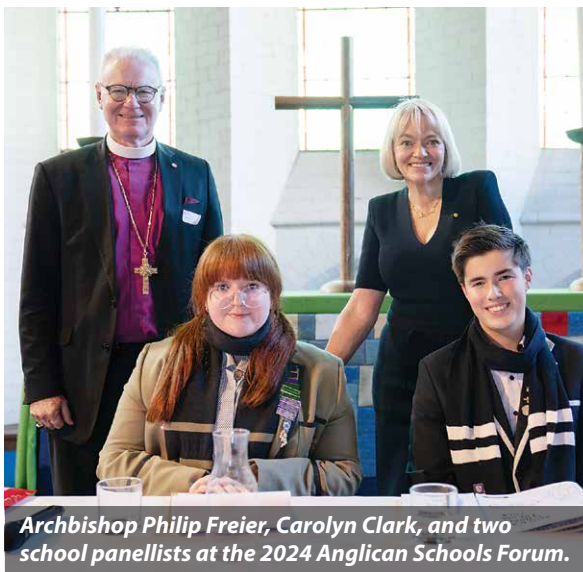
Behind all the special events and programs that we have had the privilege of being involved with during 2024, are people – ministers, volunteers, and congregations. Through the stories of these people, we are invited to listen and see how God is at work and the opportunities that are waiting to happen. The great privilege of working with the Melbourne Anglican Foundation is being welcomed into such rich stories in a way that we get to cheer these people on and become partners in offering the hope and love of Jesus in real ways that meet real needs.

I am grateful to God and everyone who represents one of these stories that we have been offered the chance of seeing 'all things' hold together in the name of Jesus.



Nathan Oliver,
Development
Manager

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Archbishop Philip Freier, Carolyn Clark, and two school panellists at the 2024 Anglican Schools Forum.



Chris Arnold and Rev'd Colleen Arnold-Moore at the Jumbunna Ministry Clergy Conference.

Partnering with the community is key to the work of the Melbourne Anglican Foundation. We have therefore made it a priority to increase awareness of the work and benefits of the Foundation for parishes. We have done this by visiting parishes, holding clergy information events and being actively present at Diocesan events.

Regional Conferences

In May, Directors and team members participated in the Regional Conferences of Marmingatha, Jumbunna, and Oodthenong. These gatherings provided valuable opportunities to engage with clergy across the Diocese and engage in meaningful conversations about how the Melbourne Anglican Foundation supports parishes and helps bring their visions to life. Many parishes had not worked with the Foundation previously, so we were thrilled to hear from them after the conferences seeking grants and requests to set up tax deductible funding programs.

Fundraising Campaigns

This year, the Foundation conducted three impactful fundraising campaigns, focusing on Anglican healthcare chaplaincy, migrants and refugees, and church planting. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our supporters, a total of \$153,802 was raised, helping to strengthen vital ministries and services across the Diocese.

Anglican Schools Forum

Our Chair, Carolyn Clark, was honoured to moderate a thought-provoking panel at the Anglican Schools Forum in June. The panel, which featured students and the Archbishop of Melbourne, fostered deep reflection on how faith intersects with students' daily lives. This unique event created a space for open dialogue, inspiring both participants and attendees with its heartfelt and insightful discussions.

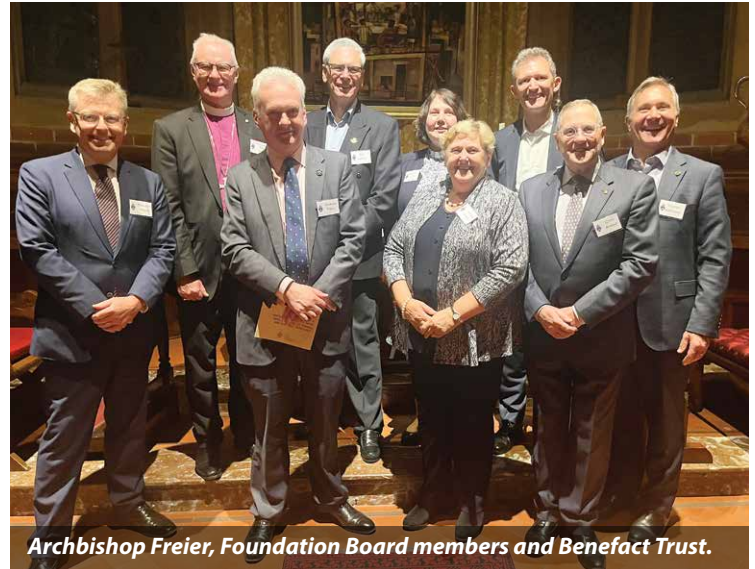


The MAF's 2024 Chaplaincy, Migrants and Refugees, and Church Planting Campaigns.





The Faith Communities and Preventing Violence Against Women's Round Table Event.



Archbishop Freier, Foundation Board members and Benefact Trust.

Archbishop Conversations

In October, Rev'd Elizabeth Murray represented the Foundation as MC at the Archbishop's conversation with Michael Leunig at The Edge in Federation Square.

Faith Communities and PVAW – Round Table Event

In May, the Melbourne Anglican Foundation participated in a powerful round table event, facilitated by the Preventing Violence Against Women Program team, addressing the role of faith communities in preventing violence against women. The event, which brought together diverse voices and perspectives, highlighted the critical need for collaboration and action.

ADoM Committees and Working Groups

In 2024, members of the Foundation team were actively involved in Diocesan committees and working groups to further our relationship with and understanding of Diocesan priorities. These include:

- AiC Healthcare Chaplaincy Working Group
- Interagency committee
- Church planting and revitalisation working group
- Diocesan and Parish Partnership Working Group
- ADoM Senior Staff and Officers

The Foundation has also engaged with other Anglican bodies, including Anglican schools and tertiary colleges.

EPIC (Equipping Priests in Charge) Conference

In August the Foundation hosted Mr Tim Carroll, the Chair of Benefact Trust, around Melbourne to visit some of the parishes that have received Benefact grant funds through the Foundation. At lunchtime we joined a group of clergy who were participating in the EPIC three day training conference on Conflict Management led by Rev'd Sandy Jones as part of clergy professional development in the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne. Those who met with Tim over lunch were some of the New Ministry Presence church planters from Melbourne. The Foundation was the major sponsor of the 2024 EPIC conference.



Tim Carroll (3rd from left) with Church Planters at the EPIC Conference.

Digital Revitalisation for Parishes

Thank you so much for the opportunity to be able to serve parishes in the innovation of the Digital Support Pilot Program for parishes. There are a lot of challenges to help churches navigate in this space, but the ability to be flexible and responsive to the needs in front of us is definitely a growing strength.

Through our program, churches are learning how to connect with their communities online by producing engaging social media content, redesigning websites that are relevant to their audience, and creating workflows that enable rapid ongoing production to maintain these developments.

Thank you to the Melbourne Anglican Foundation for seeing the value in equipping leaders with skills to lead their churches into the future and facilitating this important program.

Evan Englezos
Digital Team Coach



FINANCIALS

The Foundation recorded a 9.2% gain in the 2024 year, building on the 11.0% rise in 2023.

Despite multiple sources of geopolitical uncertainty, financial markets in 2024 demonstrated remarkable resilience. Asset prices remained buoyant, supported by declining inflation and interest rate cuts by central banks (Australia being the exception to these cuts).

Risk assets such as equities were boosted by fading recession fears, better-than-expected economic growth, optimism around the adoption of artificial intelligence, and a deceleration in inflation. At the same time, more risk-averse investors also saw solid returns from defensive asset classes like bonds, credit and cash thanks to restrictive (although easing) monetary policy settings and solid corporate fundamentals.

Markets through the year were volatile around macro data releases and changes to interest rate expectations. The Australian Equity market had a good year gaining 11.4%. The international index rose 29.9%, in Australian dollar terms, aided by the large 9.3% fall in the Australian dollar over the year.

Whilst both the Reserve Bank (RBA) and the Federal Reserve (Fed) started the year with interest rates on hold, as the year progressed the US economy strengthened but inflation came back within the Fed's target range, so they began cutting interest rates in September. By the end of December,

the USA had cut a full 1% off rates to bring them back into the 4.25%-4.50% range. In Australia however, due to our more entrenched services and wage inflation, the RBA held at 4.35% for the whole year.

The difference in market composition between Australia and the US was very apparent in their divergent performances over the year.

The Australian market is dominated by financial and resource companies. Over last year the banks held our market up rising 33.7%, whilst the resources fell 14.9%. The resources were affected by the weakness in the Chinese economy. Iron ore was at a high of \$145 per tonne in early January, by the end of March it had fallen 29.6% back to \$102. Chinese stimulus saw it rally back up to \$117 in May but then it fell away to \$94 at the end of September. The reduction in US interest rates saved it from further weakness and by the year's end it was at \$104 some 28.3% lower than where it started the year. As the main commodity produced by our two largest resource companies BHP and RIO is iron ore, it is no surprise the resources index fell over the year.

The Australian information technology sector rose a stellar 49.9% over the year, but in Australia it is only around 4% of the market, unlike the US where it represents 32% of their market. The Magnificent 7, being Nvidia, Tesla, Microsoft, Alphabet, Meta, Apple and Amazon, were up an average 61% in 2024 and contributed over half of the S&P500 total return

in 2024. This plus the strong US dollar saw the US market outperform all other developed markets globally, producing over 20% gains for the second year in a row.

Inflation and interest rates should be the factors driving markets' performance in 2025, but this year we have the added complication of the Trump effect. Volatility created by President Trump's policy initiatives is creating a new level of volatility for markets to contend with. If these policies prove to be inflationary, cause trade wars or impinge the independence of the Fed then this will put further positive performance in markets under threat. In Australia, we also have a federal election to contend with in the first half of the year. Given markets are starting the year at historically high levels, risk mitigation will be very important to portfolios this year.

As usual, we will concentrate our investments into quality companies that have pricing power and good balance sheets and provide the Foundation with a good sustainable income over the year.



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22 April 2025

Dear Directors,

Audit Findings Report for the year ended 31 December 2024

We have substantially completed our audit work on the following entities (collectively referred to as the "Anglican Foundations"):

- Melbourne Anglican Foundation Limited (MAF);
- Melbourne Anglican Chaplaincy Fund (CHAP);
- Melbourne Anglican Benevolent Society (MABS);
- Melbourne Anglican Cultural Organisation Inc. (MACO);
- Migrants and Refugees Settlement Fund (MRSF);
- Melbourne Anglican Foundation Trust (Trust); and
- Melbourne Anglican Youth Ministry (Youth);

The following matters are outstanding at the date of this report:

- Subsequent events review;
- Receipt of Management's representation letter; and
- Receipt of signed Directors' Declaration and Directors' Report.

We expect to sign an unqualified audit report after these matters are completed. We take this opportunity to extend our appreciation to the finance team for their assistance and cooperation during the course of the audit.

This report has been prepared for the Directors and Management of Anglican Foundations only. It should not be quoted or referred to, in whole or in part, without our prior written consent. No warranty is given to, and no liability will be accepted from, any party other than Anglican Foundations.

This report should be read in conjunction with our audit engagement letter and any other formal correspondence addressed to the Directors regarding this year's audit.

We strive for a high level of client satisfaction, and our business is built around the relationships we maintain with our clients. We want to hear feedback from our clients, both positive and negative, to ensure the services we provide exceed expectations.

If you receive our Client Voice Engagement Survey, we would greatly appreciate you taking the time to provide your feedback.

We trust that you find this report informative, and we appreciate the opportunity to be of service to you.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss any issues further, please do not hesitate to contact either Jack Tadiotto or me.

Yours faithfully
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Statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the year ended 31 December 2024

Melbourne Anglican Foundation Limited

Income	\$ 2024	\$ 2023
Donations and Grants	441,927	301,295
Interest – Short Term Deposits	10,148	6,483
Administration Fees	239,697	343,366
Dividends Received	97,685	88,879
Net Gain on Financial Assets held at Fair Value through Profit and Loss	104,886	102,190
Other Income	–	2,836
Total Revenue	894,343	845,049
Expenses		
Bank Charges	(354)	(328)
Portfolio Services	(14,088)	(11,903)
Computer Expenses	(36,375)	(6,417)
Accounting and Audit fees	(82,284)	(30,747)
Travel	(667)	(255)
Salaries	(253,602)	(297,142)
General Expenses	(78,428)	(48,465)
Allocations to Projects and Grants Made	(499,427)	(319,642)
Promotions and Functions	(14,395)	(44,210)
Total Expenses	(979,620)	(759,109)
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	(85,277)	85,940
Other Comprehensive Income for the Year	–	–
Total Comprehensive Income/(Loss) for the Year	(85,277)	85,940



Melbourne Anglican Benevolent Society Inc.

Income	\$ 2024	\$ 2023
Donations – Restricted	175,199	94,222
Donations – Unrestricted	12,123	11,711
Donations – Grants	96,000	50,792
Dividends	18,109	9,938
Interest Received	3,577	1,489
Net Gain on Financial Assets held at Fair Value through Profit and Loss	23,443	20,321
Administration Fees	9,982	8,795
Other Income	55	1,282
Total Revenue	338,488	198,550
Expenses		
Other Expenses	–	3
Administration Charge	(29,073)	(73,764)
Allocation to Projects	(175,033)	(93,695)
Bank and Compliance Fees	(517)	(477)
Grants Paid	(99,775)	(84,160)
Investment Cost	(2,886)	(1,410)
Other Expenses	–	(3,550)
Total Expenses	(307,284)	(257,053)
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	31,204	(58,503)
Other Comprehensive Income for the Year	–	–
Total Comprehensive Income/(Loss) for the Year	31,204	(58,503)

Melbourne Anglican Cultural Organisation Inc.

Income	\$ 2024	\$ 2023
Donations	434,750	362,101
Interest	11,433	3,402
Administration Fees	11,433	17,189
Other Income	8,487	6,005
Total Revenue	466,103	388,697
Expenses		
Allocations to Projects	(428,885)	(360,872)
Bank and Compliance Fees	(1,961)	(1,426)
Administration Expenses	(11,433)	(17,183)
Grants	(6,400)	(10,675)
Total Expenses	(448,679)	(390,156)
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	17,424	(1,459)
Other Comprehensive Income for the Year	–	–
Total Comprehensive Income/(Loss) for the Year	17,424	(1,459)

Melbourne Anglican Chaplaincy Fund

Income	\$ 2024	\$ 2023
Net Gain on Financial Assets held at Fair Value through Profit and Loss	15,248	6,646
Donations and Grants	201,392	77,256
Investment Income	12,715	8,139
Administration Fees	9,428	4,061
Interest Income	1,896	951
Other Income	–	3,672
Total Revenue	240,679	100,725
Expenses		
Investment Management Expense	(2,004)	(1,008)
Allocations to Projects	(12,493)	(39,707)
Bank Charges	(872)	(491)
Administration Expense	(25,579)	(26,422)
Grants Made	(84,750)	(42,500)
Other Expenses	–	5,893
Total Expenses	(125,698)	(104,235)
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	114,981	(3,510)
Other Comprehensive Income for the Year	–	–
Total Comprehensive Income/(Loss) for the Year	114,981	(3,510)



Melbourne Anglican Migrants and Refugees Settlement Fund

Income	\$ 2024	\$ 2023
Donations – Restricted	38,660	22,886
Donations – Unrestricted	18,376	8,161
Interest	3,848	909
Administration Fees	5,601	1,634
Interest Income	9,101	5,929
Grants Received	49,875	20,000
Net Gain on Financial Assets held at Fair Value through Profit and Loss	13,433	7,168
Total Revenue	138,894	66,687
Expenses		
Administration Expenses	(16,102)	(18,925)
Allocations to Parish Projects	(39,160)	(22,886)
Bank Service Charges	(464)	(324)
Grants Paid	(57,875)	(20,000)
Total Expenses	(113,601)	(62,135)
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	25,293	4,552
Other Comprehensive Income for the Year	–	–
Total Comprehensive Income/(Loss) for the Year	25,293	4,552

Melbourne Anglican Youth Ministry Fund

Income	\$ 2024	\$ 2023
Administration Fee	9,529	11,709
Investment Income	30,444	25,826
Donations and Grants	181,545	221,434
Interest Received	1,285	2,936
Net Gain on Financial Assets held at Fair Value through Profit and Loss	17,276	40,702
Other Income	–	13,829
Total Revenue	240,079	316,436
Expenses		
Administration Fees	(42,831)	(40,580)
Project Allocation	(180,062)	(154,516)
Professional Fees	–	(1,663)
Bank Charges	(349)	(355)
Grants Paid	(112,042)	–
Other Expenses	(4,650)	(3,780)
Total Expenses	(339,934)	(200,894)
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	(99,855)	115,542
Other Comprehensive Income for the Year	–	–
Total Comprehensive Income/(Loss) for the Year	(99,855)	115,542

Melbourne Anglican Foundation Trust

Income	\$ 2024	\$ 2023
Investment Income	128,488	144,721
Net Gain on Financial Assets held at Fair Value through Profit and Loss	118,573	157,641
Other Income	–	34,495
Total Income	247,061	336,857
Expenses		
Administration Expenses	(111,859)	(150,000)
Investment Fees	(18,307)	(9,063)
Grants Paid	(154,781)	–
Total Expenses	(284,947)	(159,063)
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	(37,886)	177,794
Other Comprehensive Income for the Year	–	–
Total Comprehensive Income/(Loss) for the Year	(37,886)	177,794

Full financial information is available on the website and on the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Website.



Treasurer's Report

The strong performance of the markets during the year ended 31 December 2024 enabled the Melbourne Anglican Foundation entities as a whole to continue to meet their various objectives.

During the current year, as well as a targeted grants round and continued work with the Benefact Trust, grants and donations received in prior years were distributed.

The market rise meant that these prior year grants were earning a return, enabling a greater value of distributions and grants to be made than would otherwise be the case. This is why over the medium term, going forward, the Foundation and the various entities will have a target of maintaining the corpus (or the value of the investments) and seeking to grow this by inflation over that period in order that we may continue to grow and provide increasing funds in accordance with our Mission.

During the last year, the Melbourne Anglican Foundation entities received

just under \$1.6 million in grants and donations, an extremely large increase (over 39%) on last year's income, which was itself an increase on the previous year's.

As noted, due to timing differences grants received in prior years were also paid out this year, meaning that the Foundation and related entities paid \$1.85 million to the programs that are supported, a massive increase of over 62% over last year, which itself was an increase on the previous year.

The financial aid and assistance that the Foundation gives to the Anglican Church and its constituents during the year in support of the Diocese and the wider Mission of the Church, would not have been possible without the generous support of so many donors.

It is also a tribute to the wider team now at the Foundation as it seeks to grow the help and support that we can give in living Christ's Message.

For the year ended 31 December 2024 the Foundation and related entities

together (due largely to the timing issues around paying out previously received grants) recorded an overall shortfall of \$34,000. However, when combined with the previous year's surplus of \$320,000 the combined two years have shown an increase in the corpus allowing the entities to continue to fulfill their objectives.

Assets across all of the entities, including assets under management, at the end of December 2024 were \$7.1 million. The Board will utilise these assets to meet the purposes of the Foundation and the related entities, and intend to grow these over time to enable the Foundation to continue as a visible presence of the work of the Diocese.



Andrew Porter
Treasurer

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*But the angel
said to them,
"Do not be
afraid. I bring
you good
news that
will cause
great joy
for all the
people."*

Luke 2:10 NIV



Stained glass window at
St Columb's, Hawthorn

Established in 1987, the Melbourne Anglican Foundation was the inspiration of Archbishop David Penman who thought it was critical that the Diocese look for new ways to raise funds for future ministries. An initial 75 members paid a joining fee which made up the corpus on which the Foundation was built.

The corpus continues to grow through donations, grants and investment to ultimately provide for the distribution of grants and allocations to projects to support and promote the mission of the Anglican Church in Melbourne.



The Melbourne Anglican Foundation Team 2024.






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