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RECTOR'S QUARTERLY LETTER May 2019

Dear Friends,

I hope that this letter finds you well. I am excited to bring you this letter with updates on the organ, Chinese Ministry, Warrior Welcome Home program and our Strategic Planning.

Strategic Planning

As you will know I have set aside Saturday 1st June from 10am to 3pm for our Healthy Churches Check. This is an important day in the life of our faith community. A number of people have asked why we are doing this. Put simply, I need some guidance. I am here to lead this parish as your rector, something I take great pride in doing. However, I welcome other ideas on how we might approach future planning.

There is an enormous amount of information on our website on our Strategic planning. The 2005 Strategic Plan, the Holy Daring of 2017 and the Future Directions Group Report. All these are excellent documents, importantly they challenge and encourage us to do more. The problem is there is now so much information it is hard to sift through it all. This is why Stephen Woodhill has been tasked by me to go through the material and distil it down to a few pages rather than the mountain of pages there are at the moment.

The plan timeline is this:

June 1:	Conduct Healthy Churches Check
Month of June:	Follow up within the parish (method to be determined) especially those unable to come on the day Conduct follow up Survey
Month of July:	Collate information
August 2:	Present to Wardens
August 12:	Present to Parish Council
August 18:	Release the findings to the Parish with a shorter plan for comment
September:	Adjust the plan taking feedback into account. Present to Wardens and Parish Council and release to the parish. It will then be implemented.

It is important that as many people as possible are involved in this process. It vital that you feel heard. I can't take advice from people I can't hear. I need your help in this matter.

Organ

The project continues apace, shortly we will see activity in the church. First will be the maintenance to the Hill Organ bringing it up to speed so that it can do its best for us when the main organ is out of action. Most of the disruption will be during the week, I ask you to please be patient if you are inconvenienced. 9th June will be the last time the Rendell is played. Please come along on that day to either the morning services or the Evensong as we say "Well done, good, and faithful servant" to a part of our church that has served us faithfully for so long.

Chinese Ministry

The Chinese Ministry continues to be a great success. ESL classes are well attended, a playgroup has been established, Wednesday Bible Study with Fr. Ernest is well attended, and the Thursday games night continues to attract good numbers. The Pre-Easter Evangelistic outreach attracted in excess of 60 people, very encouraging. Fr. Ernest, Iveng and I continue to think deeply on the next stage of this ministry and so we would covet your prayers. We also ask you to give thanks to God for the success we have had thus far.

Warrior Welcome Home

At this stage 16-19 September is Warrior Welcome Home. This year a number of community groups, including Roseville College have asked for a table at the Dinner, so our message is slowly getting out. While in Townsville for Fr. Keith's consecration, Fr. Rob and I took the opportunity to line up a parish to conduct WWH there. More information will be provided as it comes to hand. Please keep Fr. Rob in your prayers for this important ministry.

Bishop Michael

Bp Michael's mission will take place from 17th August to 1st of September. Please mark those dates in your diary. Please keep Michael and Bennita in your prayers. While the scans show no sign of cancer she is very weak and taking a long time to recover.

With every blessing to you all,
Fr. Keith