



# 2020 Annual Report

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spreading substantive, maturing,  
expanding joy in God.





## 2020 in Hindsight

It is good to look back. It is healthy and wholesome. There is so much to thank God for. So much to enjoy about God in what he has shown us of himself. So much to celebrate. But there is also much to learn from the past. And much to grieve.

Thank God we believers do not live as prisoners of the past. We do not need to be afraid to face the past. Even when it is terrifying. And painful. And broken.

Why? Because the past is the history of our brokenness under the curse; but the curse does not have the final word in our story; God does. God reclaimed human history when he sent his son to enter human history to redeem it—and us—from the destruction of the curse. Through the lens of the cross, history with all its ups and downs is faceable. The ups are monuments to the grace of God. The downs are the scars of a conquered enemy; a death that has lost its sting; a grave that has lost its victory!

We do not—we *must* not—sorrow as those who have no hope. To do so, we would have to betray the truth, to forget the cross. And that is something God's people can never let happen. We must always keep a clear vision of the cross across the millennia until Jesus comes back the same way he left. This is our hope. We cling to the gospel.



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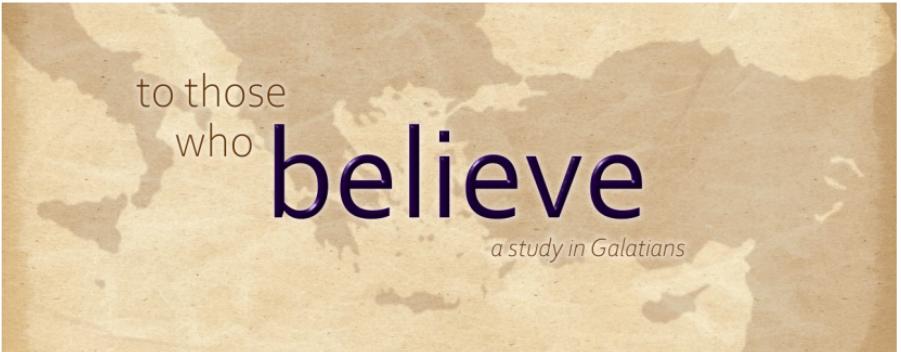


## Elder's Report

Jason Harris

Who would have imagined the challenges we would face this year? We have seen so clearly that we are not in control of our lives or our world. There are forces at work in this world that are so far greater than ourselves that we and our nation have been brought to our knees. We have seen God's creation groaning under the terrible weight of the curse of sin. It has been sobering; daunting. But we have not faced it alone. God has demonstrated again and again his kindness to us this year and his absolute sovereignty over all things. Satan's kingdom of death and evil will not go unchecked now or in the future. In fact, evil in all her terror is but a conquered enemy; she staggers in her death throes. God has dealt the decisive blow at the cross and we are safe! May we rejoice in Jesus' victory over every ultimate danger.





to those  
who

# believe

*a study in Galatians*

## Looking back

God has brought several new people to CrossPoint this year. It's been wonderful to see them settling in. It has also been wonderful to see the warm, friendly way in which new guests are welcomed at CrossPoint! This brings me joy as I see the assembly reaching out with open hearts to those God brings through our doors. May we continue to grow in being a safe, welcoming assembly where new people can feel heard, loved, accepted, and encouraged.

One of the beautiful things for me to see this year has been the way we've been able to steadily increase our giving to and through our care fund. Even as COVID-19 set in, we've seen steady giving to the care fund and been able to give more to help the struggling and poor than ever before! May we continue to demonstrate the genuineness of our faith in our loving generosity for the poor and struggling, especially those who are our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world.

Our times in the word this year have been good. We began the year by finishing up our series in Philippians called *Love, Paul*. In September we did a five-part series *Innocence Condemned: The Arrest and Trial of Jesus* from the gospels. Then in October we did an eight-part series through Job titled *When the Storm Comes*. We saw that God is absolutely sovereign in all things, that when the storm hits we must worship, and the profound place of lament in the Christian life. Then we looked at some questions Job wrestled with as he sought to understand the storm he faced. Finally, we saw the lesson Job learned through his most destructive storm: That when the storm has passed, though we may not understand, we always must trust and walk in awe of our great God.

Over Christmas, we turned to Colossians 1:16-20 in our brief series *Condescension: God Came Down*. This year, we have been working through



# *innocence* CONDEMNED

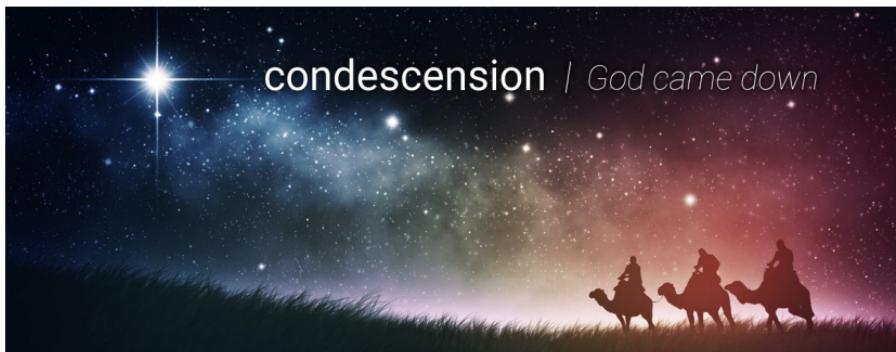
*the arrest and trial of Jesus*

Galatians in our series *To Those Who Believe*. It has been a rich study so far and I'm looking forward to continuing to work through this letter from Paul to a church in danger of giving up the one gospel that gets us to God. Finally, how could we forget that period of time in which we were unable to assemble due to the global COVID-19 pandemic? During these weeks, we may have stopped gathering as a church, but we didn't stop *being* the church. We missed eight Sunday's together when I shared my heart with you in eight videos looking at texts in 1 Samuel, Job, Psalms, Ecclesiastes, Hosea, Galatians, and 1 Peter.

Before moving on, I want to take a moment to thank each one of you who have invested your lives serving others here at CrossPoint this year. It has not been an easy year in some ways, but so many of you have served God from the heart by ministering to me and us this year. Thank you! May God be glorified in our joyful service for him.

## **Looking forward**

The pandemic is not over. We face the possibility of new restrictions in the months ahead. If God, in his wisdom, chooses to allow this, we will



condescension | God came down



# when the **STORM** comes

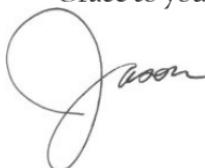
cooperate as much as we can with the governing authorities. We will bear up under the burden with God's help. And we will find creative ways to live out the powerful, transformative good news that Jesus has died to rescue us and reconcile us to God! We will pray for each other, love each other, and serve each other as best we can in whatever circumstances God allows so that God will be honoured in our assembly.

Please pray with me as I make decisions about how best to minister to you from the word of God. Pray with me that God would continue to build up his assembly here at CrossPoint. Pray with me about how we can best love and build up each person God has placed in our assembly.

And pray with me that God would work powerfully in our assembly and our community this year. I do not want us to be content with hearing accurate sermons. I want us to experience the gracious working of God in our hearts, shaping us and changing us into the image of our saviour, Jesus Christ.

May God grant us a hunger and thirst for himself this year. May we find such joy in him that we want him more.

Grace to you.



# Income Statement

CrossPoint Church  
for the financial year ended 30 June\*

|                            | 2020          | 2019          |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Income</b>              |               |               |
| Donations                  |               |               |
| Building                   | 345           | 295           |
| Care                       | 1,100         | 745           |
| Craft Night                | 135           | 310           |
| Designated                 | 873           | 671           |
| Domestic violence          | 491           | 209           |
| General                    | 14,189        | 14,487        |
| Mission                    | 490           | 360           |
| Fundraising                | -             | 322           |
|                            | <b>17,622</b> | <b>17,399</b> |
| <b>Expense</b>             |               |               |
| Advertising                | 10            | 41            |
| Building                   |               |               |
| Furnishings                | 91            | -             |
| Rent                       | 12,585        | 13,248        |
| Signage                    | -             | 161           |
| Utilities                  | 447           | 418           |
| Care                       | 1,040         | 700           |
| House keeping              |               |               |
| Supplies                   | -             | 34            |
| Ministry                   |               |               |
| Books                      | 16            | 49            |
| Carols at the Hospital     | 18            | 21            |
| Comfort                    | 45            | -             |
| Craft Night                | -             | 172           |
| Morning tea                | 140           | 64            |
| Mission                    | 60            | 350           |
| Multimedia                 |               |               |
| Equipment                  | 40            | 158           |
| Licences & permits         | 68            | 66            |
| Office supplies            | 35            | 123           |
| Organisational expenses    |               |               |
| Public liability insurance | 1,113         | 1,051         |
| Printing and reproduction  | 18            | 14            |
| Staff                      |               |               |
| Designated                 | 250           | -             |
| Guest speaker              | 100           | -             |
| Phone                      | 259           | -             |
| Website costs              | 65            | -             |
|                            | <b>16,402</b> | <b>16,670</b> |
| <b>Net income</b>          | <b>1,220</b>  | <b>729</b>    |

# Statement of Cash Flows

CrossPoint Church

for the financial year ended 30 June\*

|                                  | 2020          | 2019          |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Inflows</b>                   |               |               |
| Assets: GST paid                 | 1,548         | 1,629         |
| Expenses: Public liab. insurance | 106           | -             |
| Donations                        |               |               |
| Building                         | 345           | 295           |
| Care                             | 1,100         | 845           |
| Craft Night                      | 135           | 310           |
| Designated                       | 425           | 325           |
| Domestic Violence                | 511           | 209           |
| General                          | 14,189        | 14,167        |
| Mission                          | 490           | 360           |
| Fundraising                      | -             | 322           |
|                                  | <b>18,848</b> | <b>18,462</b> |
| <b>Outflows</b>                  |               |               |
| Assets: GST paid                 | 1,464         | 1,495         |
| Advertising                      | 10            | 28            |
| Building                         |               |               |
| Rent                             | 12,585        | 13,248        |
| Signage                          | -             | 155           |
| Utilities                        | 447           | 418           |
| Care                             | 1,040         | 700           |
| Ministry                         |               |               |
| Books                            | 16            | -             |
| Carols at the Hospital           | 18            |               |
| Mission                          | 60            | 350           |
| Multimedia                       |               |               |
| Equipment                        | 40            | 30            |
| Licences & permits               | -             | 66            |
| Office supplies                  | 30            | -             |
| Organisational Expenses          |               |               |
| Public Liability Insurance       | 1,219         | 1,051         |
| Printing and reproduction        | 18            | 14            |
| Staff                            |               |               |
| Designated                       | 250           | -             |
| Guest Speaker                    | 100           | -             |
| Phone                            | 259           | -             |
| Income: Christmas Offering       | -             | 100           |
| Income: Domestic violence        | 20            | -             |
|                                  | <b>17,578</b> | <b>17,655</b> |
| <b>Difference</b>                | <b>1,269</b>  | <b>807</b>    |
| Cash at beginning of period      | 2,524         | 1,717         |
| <b>Cash available</b>            | <b>3,793</b>  | <b>2,524</b>  |

# Balance Sheet

CrossPoint Church  
as at 30 June\*

|                           | 2020         | 2019         |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Assets</b>             |              |              |
| GST paid                  | 349          | 399          |
| Building                  | 1,147        | 802          |
| Care                      | 213          | 153          |
| Domestic Violence         | 1,416        | 925          |
| General                   | 211          | 267          |
| Mission                   | 806          | 376          |
|                           | <b>4,142</b> | <b>2,923</b> |
| <b>Liabilities/Equity</b> |              |              |
| Retained Earnings         | 4,142        | 2,923        |
|                           | <b>4,142</b> | <b>2,923</b> |

\*All figures are rounded to the nearest dollar.

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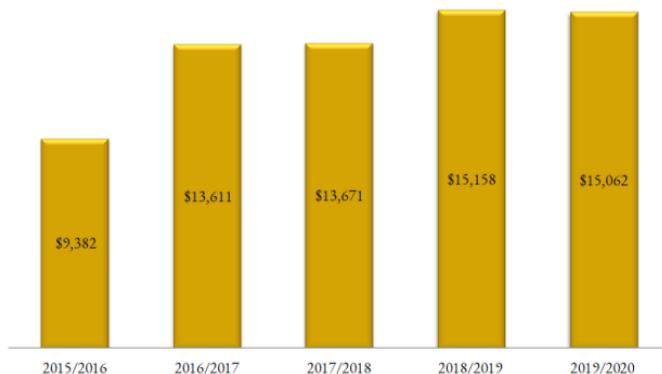
These financial reports were prepared by myself and represent to the best of my knowledge an accurate picture of the financial position of CrossPoint Church during the 2019/2020 financial year. The books from which these reports were compiled have not been audited or reviewed this year, as there is no legal or constitutional requirement to do so; however, the books are available for inspection by any member of CrossPoint Church by arrangement.



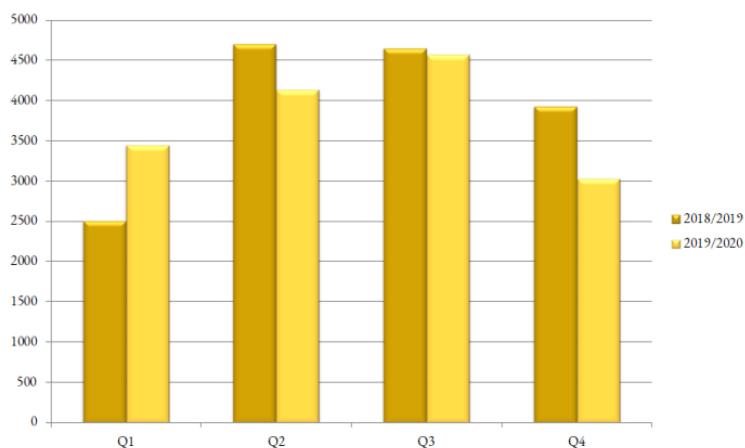
Jason Harris, MPA  
8 July, 2020

# Analysis

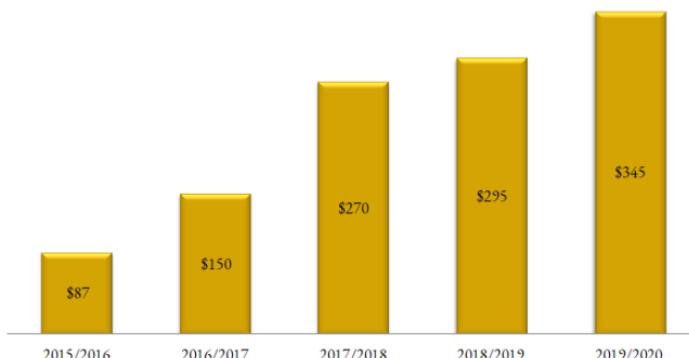
## Annual general giving



## Quarterly general income



## Annual building income



# Ministry Reports

Each year in our annual report we include ministry reports in order to share what God has been doing in each of CrossPoint's individual ministries as well as to encourage people to pray for where each ministry would like to be headed in the next year. These reports are prepared by the relevant ministry leaders during the year.

If you are interested in seeing a complete list of current ministry leaders, it is now available on our website: [About us » Leadership](#).

## Community Craft Night

*Mel Thornton*

Over the past year we have done some paid advertising on Facebook which has brought a few new visitors. We are currently averaging five attendees each session. There are currently forty members on our Facebook page.

We continue to meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month.

Looking forward, we are hoping to establish more contacts in the community and increase visitor numbers through Facebook marketing, letter boxing, and personal relationships.

Please pray that we will have more regular attendees join us and that we may have opportunities to share more of our joy in God with those who join us.



# Care

Jason Harris

This has been an amazing year for giving to those in need through our care fund. We've been able to help care for persecuted believers, fight human trafficking, meet the medical needs of the poor, and stand up for the struggling in Australia and around the world.

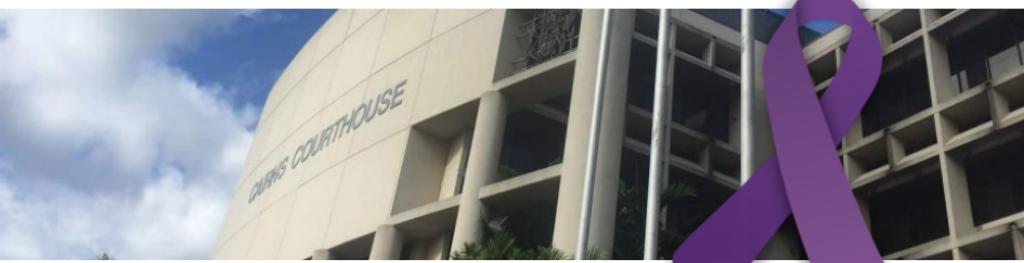
Historically, the Christian church has always sought to lend a hand before asking for a heart. It is a beautiful expression of God's grace at work in us when we reach out in joyful generosity to those in need around us. And while we rejoice in what we've been able to do this year, there is so much more to be done. May we become a church that systematically puts our money where our mouths are. May we be so grateful for the things God has given to us that we give gladly and generously to others.

Please be praying for those we are giving to help. As important as our gifts are in offering concrete help, our prayers are *more* important. God hears the cries of the needy and when we cry out on their behalf, we come immediately close to the heart of our good God.

Additional to praying, please consider what you can do to contribute to this vital ministry. If you can't afford to give otherwise, perhaps you could consider a fundraiser in the community.

|   | 2020         | 2019       |
|---|--------------|------------|
| <b>Care giving</b>                      |              |            |
| Barnabas Fund Australia                 | 150          | 75         |
| International Justice Mission Australia | 100          | 200        |
| Local community care                    | 35           | 200        |
| Open Doors Australia                    | 100          | 75         |
| Rachael Cochrane                        | 375          | 100        |
| World Vision Australia                  | 280          | 50         |
|   | <b>1,040</b> | <b>700</b> |

|                   | 2020       | 2019       |
|-------------------|------------|------------|
| <b>Cash flows</b> |            |            |
| Opening cash      | 153        | 108        |
| Inflows           | 1,100      | 745        |
| Outflows          | -1,040     | -700       |
| <b>Net cash</b>   | <b>213</b> | <b>153</b> |



## Domestic & family violence

Joy Harris

Even though my family's domestic violence story was aired on Nine Now's 60 Minutes back in July 2017, new Christian abuse victims in Australia and overseas are still contacting Jason and I! This has resulted in hours of crisis counselling, mainly on Jason's part, plus others in our church have provided lodging, transportation, and funds.

CrossPoint has a separate domestic violence fund to assist in aiding victims where needed (see our website for details). We have had generous donations from multiple sources, and the newest, simplest source is exchanging 10 cent cans/bottles for cash. We've collected \$132 this way to date. If you are happy to participate, there is a big plastic bin in the back room of the worship centre or I can pick them up at your home.

Volunteering in the Aggrieved Room at the Cairns Courthouse is on hold due to COVID-19, but should pick up soon. This is a service of mercy during the weekly Thursday morning DV court from 8:30am to 12:00pm. The Aggrieved Room is a closed-off safe room that enables a victim to be hidden from her abuser while she waits her turn before the judge. We offer these grieving, scared women a hot beverage and biscuits and provide magazines, educational pamphlets, tissues, toys for children, and a listening sympathetic ear. Qld DV organisation workers, Legal Aid solicitors and female police officers attend to each woman individually. This is a combined effort of churches in Cairns and volunteers serve on the roster once every 4-6 weeks. New volunteers are encouraged. Sitting with these victims will open your eyes and heart to a whole new world.

Each person is urged, even if you think you understand the unique dynamics of DV, to spend some time reading about and learning about domestic violence.

Future goals for this ministry are to pray for the alarming numbers of oppressed living right on your street, to seek out more volunteers, to be open to helping victims, and to donate to the over-crowded safe houses for oppressed women and children in our own city.

|                   | 2020         | 2019       |
|-------------------|--------------|------------|
| <b>Cash flows</b> |              |            |
| Opening cash      | 925          | 716        |
| Inflows           | 491          | 209        |
| Outflows          | -0           | -0         |
| <b>Net cash</b>   | <b>1,416</b> | <b>925</b> |

## Music

*Kezia Dennison*

Our music ministry remains one that we are often in prayer and deliberation about and we encourage you to join us in praying that we might continue to expand our understanding and undertaking of worship through music.

Our goal is that our time of singing each Sunday might not be performance or tradition, but that it might be deliberate turning to God in praise and worship and reflection as we see him and respond to him in joy and love.

We are constantly evaluating new music and reconsidering our older music as well as re-evaluating methods and ways of doing things to ensure it meets this goal and to avoid twisting these few moments each Sunday into a time of performance or mere tradition. Please be in prayer that God will lead us as we seek to undertake some changes in the year ahead.

A special thanks to our musicians for their use of their gifts for the glory of God in our music ministry. We look forward to seeing God grow and deepen our music ministry.



# Mission

Jason Harris

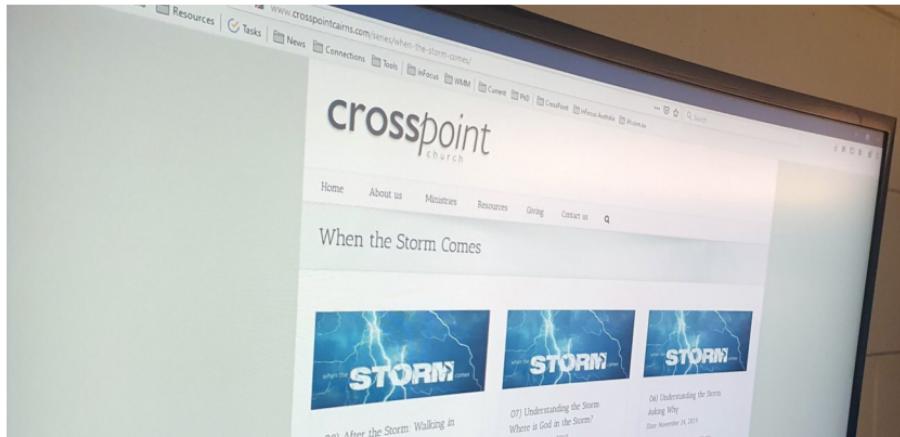
Every dollar donated to our mission fund goes toward the explicit proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ in Australia and around the world. Your giving to mission has, is, and will fund the sharing of the good news verbally. This is CrossPoint's commitment.

This year we have been saving toward a larger or more ongoing project so we haven't disbursed much. The only project we have supported this year is the ministry of Christian Religious Instruction in our local schools. This ministry is funded through the *Combined Christian Churches RI* which is run through the *Cairns Christian Ministers Network*. We plan to slowly increase our funding of this ministry as we grow until we are making a contribution proportionate to our share of the overall costs of the programme. This is a vital ministry through which thousands of local young people are introduced to the Christian faith each year by a friendly, qualified Christian instructor using a credible curriculum. Please pray for the many who will be influenced by local Religious Instruction this year.

It has been good to see increased giving to the mission fund this year. We are now in a strong position to commit small amounts to longer term, ongoing projects as they come up. Please pray that we will find good opportunities to invest this money in the proclamation of the gospel this year.

|                            | 2020      | 2019       |
|----------------------------|-----------|------------|
| <b>Mission giving</b>      |           |            |
| Beyond Egypt               | -         | 300        |
| CCMN Religious Instruction | 60        | 50         |
|                            | <b>60</b> | <b>350</b> |

|                   | 2020       | 2019       |
|-------------------|------------|------------|
| <b>Cash flows</b> |            |            |
| Opening cash      | 376        | 366        |
| Inflows           | 490        | 360        |
| Outflows          | -60        | -350       |
| <b>Net cash</b>   | <b>806</b> | <b>376</b> |



## Website

Kezia Dennison

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, CrossPoint was unable to meet together as we normally would during the months of March through to May. Because of this, Jason delivered short talks and sermons online via our Facebook page and CrossPoint website in order to connect us as a church family and encourage us in our own private times of worship. While this online endeavour came with its fair share of technical glitches and headaches to overcome, God was good and these videos were able to be released on time each week and were viewed regularly not only by our church family but by others around Australia and in other parts of the world. We rejoiced to hear quite a bit of positive feedback about how God used these videos to encourage, build up, and challenge both our church family and other Christians and non-believers during the pandemic lockdown. Since our return to gatherings in person, we have gone back to audio sermons online (these are available on our church website under resources) and we continue to receive feedback from people in various locations outside of Cairns who still listen to the sermons each week. This has been encouraging as we often do not necessarily know how much of the online content we put out is being accessed.

In the year ahead, we hope to continue to find ways to keep our church website up to date as well as look for new ways to improve the functionality and design of the site. One particular challenge we hope to fix is making our audio sermons available for free download so that people do not have to stream them. Please be in prayer for our IT and website ministry about how God might continue to use the technological advances of today for His glory in the year ahead.

## Morning tea

*Mel Thornton*

COVID-19 presented some challenges to our morning tea protocols and resulted in a temporary suspension of our morning tea but we are back up and running again. There are some new restrictions that apply but we are successfully implementing them. Our current roster has four individuals signed up.

Overall our morning tea time has been successful in allowing everyone the opportunity to spend some time together after the gathering.

Anyone wanting to be involved in the morning tea ministry is welcome to sign up on the date/s they would like to do when the “How can I help?” sheet comes out each quarter.

## Letterboxing

*Kezia Dennison*

Like many things, the restrictions for COVID-19 disallowed us to undertake one of our letterboxing outreaches this year, but an earlier one late last year and another just recently were able to go ahead. We had good turn up for both with volunteers covering a good portion of Mount Sheridan and Bentley Park with our current flyers. We received some feedback about this last letterboxing drop and were able to make some connections within the community because of it.

In the year ahead, we are hoping to do some more letterboxing drops and look forward to seeing how God uses this outreach method to build his church. We are always encouraged to see a spike in people searching for and accessing our online material immediately after we distribute flyers and wait eagerly with faith to see some of these seeds planted come to fruition in the year ahead.



## Cleaning

Joy Harris

On the foyer table, a “How can I help?” sheet is periodically made available for those interested in getting involved in the ministry of cleaning our worship centre. Once the roster is firmed up, it can be accessed on our website. We want people to feel free to work as often or as little as they want. If someone signs up for only one week during the whole year, that is appreciated. Men and women are both able to participate and all supplies are provided.

We aim to clean every three weeks and have split the roster into cleaning the inside and cleaning the outside of the centre. Outside cleaning involves the windows, sweeping the walk and steps, and pouring boiling water on the weeds along the curb. This takes roughly one half hour.

Inside cleaning involves the cleaning inside of the front windows, cleaning the toilet, sweeping, and dusting and can take one to one and a half hours for one person. A list of instructions is posted inside the Trinity Room.

Our aim is to make our worship centre inviting to show others that God matters to us and that they are welcome.

God is most glorified in me  
when I am most satisfied in him.

–John Piper

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