

2024 Annual Report



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spreading substantive, maturing,
expanding joy in God.



place

We might like to think that the more spiritual we are, the less we will think about place. Place is, after all, physical; this-worldly. But even a cursory look at Scripture shows us that God is not indifferent to place. Again and again throughout Scripture we see a strong and God-initiated connection to place. Abraham leaves one place and moves to another. His ancestors follow Moses from one place to another. Monuments and memorials are set up in key places to remind and to teach. And when Israel breaks God's covenant, they are exiled from the place God has given them. In all this, we see that place matters. It can be a powerful physical link to spiritual events; to a spiritual heritage.

It is possible for churches to overemphasise place. Ostentatious facilities can give the wrong impression about our values. Veneration of places can send a confusing message about our theology. But it is also possible to underemphasise place. Though we seek to minister spiritual realities, we have physical bodies which operate in a physical world. Physical realities must be navigated and physical needs met in order to minister in the spiritual realm.

Meals and money, meetings and management all have their crucial roles in the effective operation of a healthy church. We seek to steward well what God has entrusted to us. And we recognise a link between our management in the physical realm and our mission in the spiritual realm. It is, therefore, appropriate to pursue a permanent place for assembly and worship. As we pray and plan to this end, may God find us faithful stewards in both the physical and the spiritual realms.

I will joy in God my saviour.

—Habakkuk 3:18 BST



elders' report

Douglas Corin

As I reflect on the past year at CrossPoint, I am filled with gratitude for the countless ways God has worked in and through our church community. From the tangible support of members stepping in to serve one another to the divine protection that kept us safe through the cyclone and during our travels, we at CrossPoint have experienced the Lord's faithful care in every aspect of our lives. Sermons, giving, and community life have all been shaped by a deepening desire to learn together and grow in our understanding and application of God's word. Guests have been warmly welcomed and appreciated, and we have been blessed by their presence among us.

As we look back on the past year, I invite you to join me in praising God for his goodness and provision. All that we have, we have received. And all because of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.



GOD our ROCK



looking back

We start with the word of God. We had several speakers throughout the year: Jason, Douglas, and Tim. Jason brought us some major sermon series, beginning with *Ultimate Questions*. He also had series on *God Our Rock*, *The Long Night: Waiting for His Coming*, and *Written in Stone: The Ten Commands*. Jason also gave a significant number of stand-alone sermons. Douglas spoke on *The Gospel from the Four Gospels and Acts* and *Come Bless the Lord: Living as the Workmanship of God* (Ephesians). In January, Tim spoke on *Hope for Exiles*, a study from 1 Peter. These sermon series functioned as key inputs into our communal growth in God's word over the past year. For these sermons to be impactful, to honour God as they should, we ask that you continue to join us in seeking the power and wisdom of the Holy Spirit for preachers and for listeners.

We also appreciate the other ministries that we all benefit from in our Sunday gatherings. The music ministry has again been an increasing blessing this past year. Musicians encourage us not only in our shared worship and enjoyment of God, but also remind us of the transforming truths of God's word. We have gratitude towards God for Kez, Joy, and Jack who share in this ministry.

The people who gather together with us changed from time to time. Some familiar faces, well-loved, departed for other places. We look forward to meeting them again. Different faces, also well-loved, appeared. What a pleasure to get to know them and the grace of the gospel in their lives! From time to time, intermingled with the regulars, faithful Christians from other parts of Australia and from overseas join with us on a Sunday. Many of these visitors have already researched us online before coming to Cairns, even from overseas. Afterwards, they

give us kind feedback. This confirms to Jason and I that there is a desire among Christians for churches like CrossPoint.

This past year we have faced various challenges. A number of our people continued to get COVID-19. And God continues to repeatedly heal. The Harris family had the long-term extreme stress of their court trial. We thank God for the legal results and continue to pray for full recovery of physical and mental health. In April, Jason conducted the funeral for Dianne Murdoch, Judith's friend, which was a wonderful opportunity to support her relatives and friends through a difficult time. Some months earlier, Douglas and Satomi lost a brother from each of their families. Someone else suffered the shock of a burglary. And then, who can forget the cyclone before Christmas! But what a blessing to see people care by checking up on each other and praying for each other. In spite of all the challenges, we experienced the words of Psalm 121: "He who keeps you will not slumber." How thankful we can be as we look back.

Moreover, we have also rejoiced with those who rejoice. After many years of toil and study, with faithful support from those around him, Jason graduated with his PhD. How exciting it was to watch him receive it, the first one up on stage! Others among us have also been blessed with good study results. Congratulations to Tim for his business degree. Others have had safe and happy travels, both within Australia and overseas. And have had the pleasure of visits from friends and family. One day, many of us even enjoyed a games afternoon at the Harris' home.

On a different topic, you'll be delighted to know that our giving at CrossPoint has also continued to increase so that we are not only able to pay our regular church bills but are also able to be generous to more and more people. We give thanks to God who provides seed for the sower to the increase of God's glory.



written in stone

the ten commands

looking forward

On Sundays, a number of people continue to share in the ministry of providing morning tea following worship. Thank you. We are blessed to see the interaction and relationship-building that goes on during these times. Please do so more and more. Much that happens among the people of CrossPoint does not happen during the formal assembling. For example, people receive training or counselling in an atmosphere of respectful privacy during the week. Ongoing administrative tasks and cleaning also occur unobtrusively during the week. These ministries and the following more visible ones will continue into the year ahead.

Jason has recently started a small group Friday night study with people who are pleased to gather, share, and to learn in a homely and friendly atmosphere. More spontaneously, and continuing into the future, people can also keep in touch by social media. This is a great way to share love and prayer, encouragement and hope, sorrow and joy, as members of the one body. We urge you to continue mutually building each other. We need one another. All of us. We encourage you to offer your God-given gifts to serve one another.

Let's give thanks to God for each other, taking no one for granted, but receiving the fruit that comes from each one's life by the grace of Christ. "Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

Douglas *Jason*

income statement

for the financial year ended 30 June*

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Income | | |
| Building | 1,444 | 826 |
| Care | 1,752 | 681 |
| Designated | 420 | 1,113 |
| Domestic Violence | 239 | 222 |
| General | 16,116 | 15,636 |
| Mission | 1,504 | 686 |
| | 21,474 | 19,163 |
| Expense | | |
| Care | 1,700 | 600 |
| Ministry | | |
| Books | 18 | 135 |
| Camp | - | 79 |
| Carols @ the hospital | - | 78 |
| Comfort | - | 45 |
| Family lunch | - | 107 |
| Jr. Church | 24 | - |
| Lord's table | 21 | 8 |
| Meeting | 4 | - |
| Morning tea | 125 | 58 |
| Multimedia | 138 | 149 |
| Music | 131 | 140 |
| Mission | 1,300 | 1,290 |
| Organisational expenses | | |
| Administration | 31 | 210 |
| Public liability insurance | 1,153 | 1,177 |
| Summit | - | 74 |
| Staff | | |
| Books | - | 62 |
| Venue | | |
| Cleaning supplies | 10 | 16 |
| Equipment | - | 10 |
| Furnishings | 34 | 153 |
| Maintenance | 120 | 114 |
| Rent | 14,020 | 13,579 |
| Signage | - | -17 |
| Utilities | 64 | 743 |
| | 18,893 | 18,810 |
| Net income | 2,581 | 353 |

statement of cash flows

for the financial year ended 30 June*

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Inflows | | |
| Assets: GST collected | - | 11 |
| Assets: GST paid | 1,598 | 1,623 |
| Expenses: Ministry: Books | 8 | 34 |
| Expenses: Ministry: Camp | - | 249 |
| Expenses: Mission: CCMN RI | - | 90 |
| Expenses: Org. Exp.: PLI | - | 91 |
| Expenses: Signage | - | 17 |
| Donations | | |
| Building | 1,444 | 826 |
| Care | 1,752 | 1,061 |
| Domestic Violence | 239 | 222 |
| General | 16,116 | 15,496 |
| Mission | 1,504 | 686 |
| | 22,661 | 20,405 |
| Outflows | | |
| Assets: GST collected | - | 12 |
| Assets: GST paid | 1,545 | 1,576 |
| Care | 1,700 | 600 |
| Ministry | 153 | 290 |
| Mission | 1,300 | 1,380 |
| Organisational expenses | 1,153 | 1,295 |
| Staff | - | 62 |
| Venue | | |
| Rent | 14,020 | 13,579 |
| Utilities | 64 | 743 |
| Other | 120 | 160 |
| Income: Care | - | 380 |
| | 20,055 | 20,077 |
| Difference | 2,606 | 328 |
| Cash at beginning of period | 6,742 | 6,414 |
| Cash available | 9,348 | 6,742 |

balance sheet

as at 30 June*

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Assets | | |
| GST Paid | 412 | 437 |
| Building | 4,592 | 3,148 |
| Care | 291 | 239 |
| Domestic Violence | 2,428 | 2,189 |
| General | 1,265 | 598 |
| Mission | 772 | 568 |
| | 9,761 | 7,180 |
| Liabilities/Equity | | |
| Retained Donations | 9,761 | 7,180 |
| | 9,761 | 7,180 |

*All figures are rounded to the nearest dollar.

statement

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 for the 2023/2024 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

25 July, 2024

prayer is our way of entering into
the happiness of God himself.

–Timothy Keller

ministry reports

Each year in our annual report we include ministry reports to share what God has been doing in some of our ministries. We hope these will be an encouragement and facilitate awareness and prayer.

If you are interested in seeing a list of current ministry leaders, it is available on our website (home » about » our leadership).

venue

Jason Harris

It has been great to see a 55% acceleration in the pace of our saving for a building this year. Combined with interest starting to come in, we ended up saving 75% more this year! Thank God and thank you for sacrificially contributing toward this vision.

We’re more convinced than ever that getting set up in a more suitable venue will be a key milestone in our ability to serve the community both inside and outside our walls. That’s why we set a goal two years ago of getting our building fund up to \$10,000. This year has brought us almost halfway to that goal. Could the next twelve months be the year we achieve this milestone?

Since we moved into our current venue in 2016, we have paid almost \$110,000 in rent. The sooner we purchase a property, the sooner we can start putting that money into our own building!

If you believe in what God is doing in his assembly here at CrossPoint, please consider whether you could make a weekly contribution towards making this vision a reality.

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Cash flow | | |
| Opening cash | 3,148 | 2,322 |
| Inflows | | |
| Donations | 1302 | 826 |
| Interest | 142 | - |
| Outflows | -0 | -0 |
| Net cash | 4,592 | 3,148 |



care

Jason Harris

What a pleasure to see our care giving up by 157% this year. Because of your gifts, we’ve been able to make some substantial contributions toward helping the vulnerable and oppressed this year. What a powerful way to express the grace that God has shown to us in the cross.

Again this year, our Christmas offering went toward the care fund. This fund is distributed in three categories: assisting persecuted believers, fighting human trafficking, and providing medical and practical support to those in need. Every dollar given to our care fund goes directly to supporting such beneficiaries.

Our goal is to keep our working balance in this fund around \$200. This allows a buffer for meeting any needs that come up suddenly. Please see our website for more details on how these funds are distributed. May God enable us to do more this year.

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|---|-------|------|
| Care spending | | |
| International Justice Mission Australia | 650 | 200 |
| Open Doors Australia | 200 | 100 |
| Rachael Liu, RN | 650 | 200 |
| World Vision Australia | 200 | 100 |
| | 1,700 | 600 |

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|--------------|--------|------|
| Cash flow | | |
| Opening cash | 239 | 158 |
| Inflows | 1,752 | 681 |
| Outflows | -1,700 | -600 |
| Net cash | 291 | 239 |

website

Kezia Dennison

The CrossPoint website continues to be a useful tool in reaching people in our community and beyond. More than 1,700 people visited the website in the past year which is an average of 140 visitors a month. This is up from last year.

Our sermons are also being accessed regularly with many listeners from both Australia and around the world throughout the past year. Several in-person guests were also able to find our information and come and worship with us through finding the website on Google. Almost half of all our online visitors find us through a google search which is also quite exciting.

Please be in prayer for this important medium for our church that people will continue to find it, listen to our sermons, and come and worship with us in person.

morning tea

Mel Thornton

Our Morning Tea continues to be successful in encouraging our members and guests to connect following our gathering.

Participation this year has been similar to last year. I remain grateful to all those who participate and share in this ministry.





domestic & family violence

Joy Harris

CrossPoint seeks to imitate God's heart for the oppressed and vulnerable, so we have a fund to help victims of family and domestic violence and we also offer counselling, follow-up, and help in practical ways. Additionally, we are engaged in various projects aimed at increasing awareness and understanding of domestic violence, especially in the Christian church.

This year we continue with the DV Safe Phone organisation, which has expanded rapidly since it started in 2022. They collect, repair, and wipe the data off donated phones so they are untraceable. These are posted, along with a charger and new SIM card, to DV and law enforcement agencies, safe houses, and hospitals Australia-wide... and to CrossPoint. We just got in ten new phones and are keeping our eyes open for women and children in need of help. These phones save lives because abusers often stalk, spy on, and isolate their victims.

Donations to CrossPoint's domestic violence fund can be given online at the CrossPoint website or by bringing in your metal and glass cans and bottles so we can get the cash from recycling them. There is a large plastic bin with a purple lid in the back room for this purpose. Thank you to those who have contributed this past year.

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Cash flow | | |
| Opening cash | 2,189 | 1,968 |
| Inflows | | |
| Donations | 157 | 222 |
| Interest | 82 | - |
| Outflows | -0 | -0 |
| Net cash | 2,428 | 2,189 |

social media

Tim Corin

Our social media platforms have been mostly neglected this past year, although on Facebook, our reach is only down 8.6%, and visits still up 36.8%, year on year. Even a few additional posts per year can boost these figures, so I aim to post more regularly this coming year.

Our current content still isn't geared towards Instagram, but with the ease of cross-posting between Instagram and Facebook, I think we can begin to establish an Instagram presence and continue to grow our reach on Threads and X too.

Publishing our sermons to YouTube is still an objective, as an alternative location for people to access, save or download sermons.

cleaning

Joy Harris

Having a clean and inviting meeting place makes people feel welcome and safe. Usually, everything except windows can be completed in thirty minutes. Supplies and a checklist are in the back room. Volunteers can ask for a copy of the key and come in at your convenience. Even volunteering for just one part of the cleaning (i.e. just vacuuming or just windows) would be very helpful.

If you would like to be part of this ministry, you can sign up on the “How Can I Help?” form found on the information table each quarter.





mission

Jason Harris

In 2018, we made the commitment that every dollar contributed to the mission fund will go toward the explicit proclamation of the gospel of Jesus. This commitment remains central to every decision we make about this fund.

When I wrote this report last year, we were sending out almost twice as much as we were getting in. It’s delightful to report that because of your sacrificial gifts, we are now getting in more than we’re sending out! Even in a time of financial difficulty for many, God has enabled us to continue our regular support for Andrew Walkington and the important work of gospel proclamation that he leads. Indeed, as things stand, we are in a position to reach out and do more. Thanks to God!

Sharing the good news of reconciliation to God through the cross of Jesus is urgent work. The opportunities are many. Please pray about what you can do to help us build strategic partnership for the gospel.

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|
| Mission spending | | |
| CCMN Religious Instruction | 100 | 90 |
| OAC Ministries | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| | 1,300 | 1,290 |

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|--------------|--------|--------|
| Cash flow | | |
| Opening cash | 568 | 1,172 |
| Inflows | 1,504 | 686 |
| Outflows | -1,300 | -1,290 |
| Net cash | 772 | 568 |



music

Kezia Dennison

It's been a good year for our music ministry here at CrossPoint. To begin with, we now have enough musicians to be able to phase Jason out of the music roster rotation to lighten his load a little and allow him to focus on his role as an elder. We are grateful for the work and time he dedicated to our music ministry over the last several years. Jack and Joy are also both a great blessing to the church with their continued enthusiasm and the time and energy they put into preparing and playing the music and I am very grateful for both of them.

We as a church have also been able to purchase a couple of new instruments for the music ministry and it has been exciting to see God provide both the money and the right instruments. We are excited to see where these new instruments take our music ministry.

Last but not least by a long shot, I am personally very encouraged to see Jack start to take some leadership in playing music in our worship gatherings. It has been exciting to see his confidence grow and we look forward to how God will use him in the future.





carols at the hospital

Mel Thornton

We think it's important around Christmas to bring a little of God's love to those who need it and are often forgotten. We made our annual trip to the Mental Health Ward at Cairns Hospital to sing carols with the patients and staff and to pass out chocolates. These visits seem to be appreciated by the patients and staff alike and are designed to be a fun time for them to be able to sing along.

We were blessed to have a similar attendance as previous years. We would love for even more carolers to join us, but if it's not your thing we would appreciate your prayers on the day.

my spirit rejoices

in God my saviour.

– Mary (Luke 1:47)

