



DIOCESE OF BRISBANE

2021

ANNUAL REPORT

GFS – AN ANGLICAN MINISTRY

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GFS/Kids Plus+ ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY 19TH MARCH 2022

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MINUTES OF 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting to be held on 27th March, 2021 having been approved at a meeting of the Executive Council on 17th April, 2021 will now be confirmed.

REPORTS:

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ELECTION OF DIOCESAN GFS EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR 2022

Reading of nominations received.

Nominations for unfilled positions taken from the floor.

ELECTION OF AUDITOR

ADDRESS

VOTE OF THANKS

BURSARY AWARDS PRESENTED TO: Mrs Lavinia (Nia) Viviani – Formation Student St Francis College

Mr Justen Nasona - Formation Student St Francis College

COMMISSIONING & REDEDICATION OF NEW COUNCIL

CLOSING PRAYERS

Thank you for being with us today.



Diocese of Brisbane

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2021

It gives me great pleasure to present my report for 2021.

We began our GFS year with our first meeting in February. It was wonderful that with Covid -19 restrictions eased we were able to hold all of our meetings in 2021 face to face. What a contrast to 2020!

Our AGM was held on March 27th, the first under our new Constitution. We presented a cheque for \$5000 to Zephyr Education, which was our Diocesan Project for 2021. Zephyr Education is an organization that supplies school essentials, including uniforms, to children from low income families, many of whom have escaped family violence situations. It was so interesting to hear about their project, and that there is some help out there which allows children to fit more easily into a new environment. We also presented a Bursary cheque to Steven Parker a Formation Student at St. Francis College. We usually give two Bursaries to students at the College but the second student that was offered a Bursary pulled out of his course so instead we used the money from his Bursary to support four Interns from The Community of the Way, David Vidya Sayar, Emma Williams, Eleanor Reid and Jack Venables.

We were also able to hold our two Outreach Events, the first in May where we visited the Army Museum Southern Queensland, and the second on 29th September, where we celebrated our GFS World Day of Prayer, which was written by Sierra Leone. We held our service in St. Augustine's Anglican Church at Hamilton on St. Michael's and All Angels Day. Rev'd Kaye Pitman officiated at this service, and we all enjoyed a time of fellowship and fun later when we went for lunch after the service to the Hamilton Hotel. Both of our Outreach Events were well attended and enjoyed by all who participated in them.



We continued to provide parishes with grants throughout 2021. Group Grants of up to \$500 and One Off (Special Event) Grants of up to \$1500. Our Grant Coordinator, Cheryl Russell will tell you in more detail about the grants given out in 2021 in her report. My sincere thanks go to Cheryl for the superb job she is doing in this role. We provide MEC with grants of \$2000 for each of the Ichthus camps they run each year, for the various age groups within the Diocese. We also support the Chaplaincy work at the Children's Hospital by paying the wage for a Chaplain for 1 day a week.

In mid-2021 our concern for Rev'd Kaye's health, coupled with the long distance she has to travel to attend our GFS Events, made us ask her the question as to whether she wanted to continue in the role of Brisbane GFS Chaplain. While she didn't want to sever ties with us completely she came up with a brilliant idea to ask the Archbishop to appoint the Rev'd Canon Cheryl Selva to the role of Brisbane GFS Chaplain and to appoint Kaye as Chaplain Emeritus. As Cheryl works full-time this arrangement would allow Kaye to officiate at GFS events that Cheryl couldn't attend, such as our World Day of Prayer Service. Archbishop Philip readily agreed to this proposal and so made those appointments. We are now in the enviable position of actually having two Chaplains, two wonderful women sharing the role of Brisbane GFS Chaplain as the situation requires, and who are both here with us today. Please join me in congratulating them on their appointments.

From October 8th - 10th many of us travelled up to Toowoomba for a reunion weekend with our GFS friends from the Downs District. People travelled up as they were able to on Friday and we all met up for dinner that evening. On Saturday morning we went to St. James' Anglican Church for a Personal Development morning which Chris Rooney, our Leader/Personal Development Officer, had arranged, she presented two sessions and I did one. We had a wonderful Guest Speaker, Bishop



Daniel Abot's wife, Rachel, who shared her story with us, which was quite harrowing and very moving. A beautiful, brave woman who has endured so much, but never lost her faith in God, truly inspirational. A delicious lunch was then served, which had been made by some of the parishioners from St. James'. It was lovely to meet up with our GFS friends from the Downs and share a great morning with many interesting presentations. Then there was time to visit some of the Toowoomba City's gardens before meeting again at St. James' Church to end the afternoon with a Liturgy that I had prepared. That evening we all went out to dinner for fun and fellowship together. On Sunday morning most of us attended the service at St. James' Church, at which our dear friend Jeannie Cameron did her first service performing the duties of the Liturgical Assistant. A very special occasion that we were able to share with her.

Our two Townsend Groups continued to meet throughout 2021. The Headquarters group is becoming smaller as members age and enter nursing homes or go home to be with our Lord, so it is difficult for them to get together like they used to, and can present some logistic problems. They made the decision during the year to meet at the North Shore Restaurant as it was easier to access for everyone and parking wasn't such a problem. The Southside Townsend Group continues to meet bi-monthly, mainly in member's homes, but have changed from evening dinner meetings to lunchtime meetings. Many of us do not like driving at night, as we too are ageing. We sometimes go out to lunch at a different venue, as the host for that month decides. It is great to have these times of fellowship together.



We have begun working on some Policies and Procedure documents to compliment, and be used alongside our new Constitution. Policies and Procedures are things that we can change as necessary without having them embedded within the Constitution. For example a Policy as to how a new Chaplain is appointed needs to be documented as this is an appointed position by the Archbishop and GFS Brisbane can't just decide to change the Chaplain if/when they want to, so a Policy is needed to explain the steps necessary to approach the Archbishop for

this to happen. Also the ability for the Executive to co-opt people onto Executive who have areas of expertise that we feel are necessary, but aren't set out in the Constitution. A helpful Policy which enables us to have a richness, and wide range of abilities, using the gifts of our members, to compliment those of the people already on our Executive.

We were approached by the Executive of GFS Australia during the year to be guarantors, along with the Diocese of Perth, of up to \$10,000 in order for them to be able to be a part of the National Redress Scheme. We agreed to this proposal and wrote a letter of support setting out these conditions for them to present to the National Redress Body. We later learned that Perth Diocese went a step further and consulted a Solicitor and had a legal document drawn up in order to protect the assets of the organization in case of a claim being made against GFS and the Redress Committee trying to get more than the \$10,000 pledged by them. We too are now in the process of obtaining legal advice as to whether our letter would suffice, or whether it would be better for us also to have a legal document drawn up to protect our assets from further claims on our money. Paul Paxton-Hall is assisting us with this issue.

Our GFS year ended with our final meeting in December, after which our 'Buddies' were revealed. Thank you to Sandy Smedley for coordinating our Buddy Scheme for us and allocating Buddies to those who wish to be a part of this. It is always nice to know that there is someone out there in GFS who is remembering you in their prayers and supporting you with cards and/or small gifts throughout the year. Everyone who could then went out to dinner together for a Christmas break-up until we could meet again in 2022.

There are so many people who keep GFS Brisbane working to fulfil our purpose to support Children's and Youth Ministry in our Diocese. I thank all of these wonderful women (and Ian) who make this possible because of their commitment to this mission. My special thanks must go to Margaret Humphries who works tirelessly in our Office and puts in many more hours than she is paid for. Thank you Margaret for your dedication, commitment and support, they are greatly appreciated. I'd also like to thank Lesley Gee, our Minutes Secretary for the meticulous records she keeps when writing up the Minutes of each of our meetings. Thank you for your friendship, love and support. I treasure them. There are so many people that I could thank who keep our organization running smoothly, please take this as my personal thanks to all of you. My love also goes to all of you. It is a privilege to work alongside you. Thank you and God bless.

Yours in His Service

Lesley Briggs

Chairman of GFS Brisbane



OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

It is with great pleasure I present my report for 2021. GFS – An Anglican Ministry Brisbane Diocese has had another year with much planning in their 139th year on Diocesan, National and World levels.

<u>Number of Members</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Leaders (Commissioned)	3	4	3
Leaders (Non Commissioned)	2	1	4
Townsend Members	32	30	40
Associate Members	1	1	1
Life Members	4	4	4
Youth Leaders	7	4	NIL
Members	24	21	29
Teddy Bears	3	6	3
Teeny Teddies	NIL	2	NIL
Helpers	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>
	81	80	89

Adult Members \$30, Adult Members (Concession) \$20, Associate Members \$10
Helpers \$5 Members (under 18) NIL

The Annual General Meeting on the 29th March, 2021 was held in the Darnell Room at St John's Cathedral. After the meeting an extraordinary meeting took place to discuss the Redress Scheme. All six GFS Diocesan Executive meetings were held in person at St Francis College, Milton and another extraordinary meeting was held at the Reunion weekend in October. Two of the ordinary meetings members attended via Zoom during the year. At the end of the December meeting the Buddy unveiling took place and later members and spouses attended Cedars Restaurant, Milton for the Christmas Break up dinner.

Leaders from six parishes who applied for the \$500 grants registered with GFS Australia and GFS Brisbane. More details on the Grant Applications can be found in the Grant Co-ordinators Report.

I would like to congratulate Mrs Cheryl Russell for administering the grant applications during 2021 and to acknowledge Miss Erica Skerman, Director of Youth, Children and Families Ministry and Camps Co-ordinator in the promotion of the availability of GFS grants to parishes in the Diocese of Southern Queensland.

ACTIVITIES

Activities for 2021 have been detailed in the Chairman's Report. .

Fourteen Brisbane members attended Australia National Council meeting at St Francis College, Brisbane via Zoom. Members also attended Symposiums via Zoom throughout the latter part of the year.

Thank you Jennifer Tutin for suggestions and venues the Outreach Group could attend.

There were 13 Brisbane members and 3 Toowoomba current and former members who attended the Reunion and Personal Development October weekend in Toowoomba.

PROJECTS

Our Diocesan Projects for 2021: Zephyr Education Inc.

Carol O'Ryan and Alexandra Chuc Pastoral Carers, Queensland
Children's Hospital

The training of GFS Leaders in Papua New Guinea did not happen again in 2021 as a result of Covid-19 travel restrictions. Please refer to The National Council Annual General Meeting held on 9th January 2022 for information on PNG in the report book.

World Project: 2021: GFS Skills Acquisition For Disadvantaged Young Women In Cameroon

World Travel Fund: To support and encourage GFS Leaders from third world countries to attend GFS World Council's.

There have been no contributions to the above projects by GFS/Kids Plus+ Branches in 2021



NEWS LETTER

"Bris Biz" was produced 6 times during 2021 containing news from our Chairman, date claimers, photographs of activities in the Diocese. Due to Covid-19 few photographs were taken as a result of distance restrictions at diocesan events. A group photo was taken of the Outreach Group at the Army Museum Southern Queensland.

PRAYER DIARY

A big shout out to Clare Reed for her time and commitment in producing the bi-monthly Diocesan Prayer Diary. Clare's prayerful insights help us all to keep focused on the need for prayer for one another and the world each and every day. The Prayer Diary is your diary and Clare will be happy to put in requests. The details to contact Clare are at the end of the prayer diary or contact the office.

BUDDIES:

We thank Sandy Smedley for continuing to coordinate this program and to encourage Leaders to support each other in their Christian journey. This program is open to all GFS/Kids Plus+ Adult members and if you wish to join next year please fill in the Buddy Form issued in December and return to the Buddy Coordinator.



We give thanks and praise for God's many blessings during 2021 and also to clergy, partners, parents and friends who have supported and encouraged members of GFS – An Anglican Ministry. A special thank you to GFS branch leaders for your dedication because without your commitment there would be no GFS.

My special thanks to the Brisbane GFS Executive and Members who have supported me throughout 2021.

Yours in His Service, Margaret Humphries (GFS Office Administrator)

GRANT CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT FOR 2021

It gives me much pleasure to present my Annual Report.

GFS Brisbane makes available to Parishes and Agencies within the Brisbane Anglican Diocese, annual Grants of \$500 to help with expenses with the running of their regular Children's & Youth activities.

During 2021, 10 Grants were given for various Children's and Youth Groups, with ages ranging from toddlers through to senior high school years. Most groups have continued to 'meet' in some form during the Covid Pandemic.

Total Group Grants given this year = \$4,900

GFS Brisbane also offers Grants of 'up to' \$1500 to assist Parishes with the expense of holding a One-Off Special Event, the focus of which must be to children and youth. Various amounts were given for various Events, as follows.

4 x \$1500 for 2 Camps, Messy Advent, and Christmas on the Lawn

1 x \$1500 has asked for an extension of their 2021 Grant to the end of 2022

1 x \$1500 held over from 2020, and subsequently refunded to GFS

1 x \$1500 held over from 2020, and has again asked for an extension of their 2020/2021 Grant to the end of 2022

1 x \$1000 Camp

1 x \$350 Teddy Bears Picnic

Total One-Off Grants given this year = \$8,850



Obviously Covid restrictions have played havoc with some of the planned Events, and GFS Brisbane has tried to help the Applicants to meet their goals by allowing them to carry over their Grant/s to the following year.

The 3 Ichthus Camps, for which GFS Brisbane provides a Grant of \$2000 for each camp, were able to be held, although both Primary and Senior had to be shortened due to sudden lockdowns. Junior Ichthus did manage to run its full course, but the number of registrations were down on previous years.

Total Ichthus Grants given this year = \$6,000

So far we have been able to maintain the number of Grants we allocate each year, and the amounts that we budget in spite of the shrinking amount of Interest Income earned. As to whether we can continue to offer these current amounts may need to be considered.

Let us all pray that we have seen the worst of the Covid19 Pandemic, and that Parishes and Groups are able to get back to ministering to their Youth and Children, and that GFS Brisbane is able to continue to support them financially with the Grants, as best we can.

Yours in Christ,

Cheryl Russell
Grants Co-ordinator

An Anglican Ministry

GFS Personal Development Weekend

In 2021, it was wonderful to be able for many of us to be able to join our GFS sisters and brothers in Toowoomba on the weekend of 8 – 10 October 2021.

The weekend provided some much-appreciated time of fellowship. Those present were able to join together for worship, for personal development and even managed to fit in some time to visit the Carnival of Flowers.



Our personal development component focussed on women of faith. We examined the stories of the Widow of Zeraphath, Salome, the mother of James and John and Tabitha (also known as Dorcas),

Together, we reflected on their examples of faithfulness and considered how these stories might speak personally to each of us.

The group did a wonderful job of decorating three banners with images from our three Bible stories. It was great to be able to use these banners in our service that afternoon.

Our second session was Circles of Life, which was ably led by Lesley Briggs. Lesley's session provided us with the space to quietly consider the various relationships in our lives, the role these people play in our lives and the role we in turn play in the lives of others.



Finally, we were blessed to be able to have Rachel Jimma, wife of Bishop Daniel Abot speak to us. Rachel graciously shared with us, her story of life in Sudan, her time in a refugee camp, life's challenges and opportunities, meeting and marrying Bishop Daniel and raising together seven children.



Rachel spoke of her journey to Australia, settling in Toowoomba and of her faith in God, who has guided her walk through life.

Special thanks to Jeanie Cameron for helping with much of the logistics of our weekend together, including the hospitality we enjoyed at St James Anglican Church. It was lovely to see Jeanie, Amanda and Rose and to spend quality time together.



Thank you also to Lesley Briggs and Margaret Humphries for all their help organising the weekend.



GFS - AN ANGLICAN MINISTRY
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
FOR THE YEAR 1 JANUARY 2021 TO 31 DECEMBER 2021

INCOME	2021	2020
General:		
Registrations	\$ 1,460.00	\$ 1,325.00
Donations	\$ 10.00	\$ 30.00
Grants returned	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,581.21
World Council subsidy returned	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
Leader development	\$ 235.00	\$ -
Outreach program	\$ 330.00	\$ -
Projects:		
World Project	\$ 261.00	\$ -
Interest:		
Interest Income	\$ 47,157.69	\$ 95,881.44
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 51,453.69	\$ 103,317.65
EXPENSES		
Administration:		
Wages & Superannuation	\$ 14,028.29	\$ 14,288.84
Insurance	\$ -	\$ 1,061.11
Projects:		
Diocesan Project	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
World Project	\$ 5,261.00	\$ 5,000.00
World Emergency	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
World Travel	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
World Council	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
Grants	\$ 36,250.00	\$ 20,000.00
Other:		
Legals	\$ -	\$ 3,197.70
Activities	\$ -	\$ -
Registration	\$ 1,460.00	\$ 1,110.00
Resources	\$ 3,222.16	\$ 229.50
Gifts/bursaries	\$ 10,122.78	\$ 23,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 75,344.23	\$ 84,887.15
NET INCOME	-\$ 23,890.54	\$ 18,430.50

**GFS - AN ANGLICAN MINISTRY
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021**

ASSETS	2021	2020
ANFIN Savings Account	\$ 53,833.09	\$ 82,679.12
ANFIN Investment Account	\$ 645,880.24	\$ 641,072.20
ANFIN Investment Account	\$ -	\$ -
Term deposit (Westpac)	\$ -	\$ 3,371,795.82
Term deposit (BOQ)	\$ 3,371,943.27	\$ -
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 4,071,656.60	\$ 4,095,547.14
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ -	\$ -
NET ASSETS	\$ 4,071,656.60	\$ 4,095,547.14
EQUITY		
Opening balance	\$ 4,095,547.14	\$ 4,077,116.64
Net Income for year	-\$ 23,890.54	\$ 18,430.50
ACCUMULATED FUNDS	\$ 4,071,656.60	\$ 4,095,547.14



**GFS – AN ANGLICAN MINISTRY
DIOCESE OF BRISBANE
AUDIT REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

I certify that I have examined the books of account and vouchers of the GFS – An Anglican Ministry – Diocese of Brisbane and that I have found the attached Statement of Income & Expenditure and Balance Sheet to be in accordance therewith and that they show a full and fair representation of the financial affairs of the organization as at 31 December 2021.

QUALIFICATION

As is common for organisations of this type, it is not practicable for the organization to maintain an effective system of internal control over cash receipts until their entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, our audit in relation to cash receipting was limited to amounts recorded.

QUALIFIED AUDIT OPINION

In our opinion, except for the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had the limitation of scope of our work as discussed in the qualification paragraph not existed, the financial report presents fairly in accordance with the cash basis of accounting, as described above, the income and expenditure of the GFS – An Anglican Ministry – Diocese of Brisbane for the year ended 31 December 2021.

SOUTHERN CROSS ACCOUNTING BRISBANE SOUTH PTY LTD
Certified Practising Accountants

T McGuinness

T J McGuinness
Partner

17 March 2022

We celebrate and share together



We learn about Jesus

We try to make the right choices

BRANCH REPORTS

2021



We care for others

We belong to God's Family



We have fun together at GFS/Kids Plus+



Kidsplus+ Bundaberg

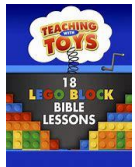
2021 Annual Report

2021 was an exciting year watching the Members grow in their faith. Our numbers were down – 3 boys and 4 girls. We welcomed Tony Barrow as a leader this year. Peta Ward was unable to be a leader for most of the year as her employment had her working out of town on Fridays. She was able to re-join in the middle of the last term. Melissa Hodgetts was faithful in attending each week when her work didn't have her working late. Melissa did a lot of organising of craft for the lessons. Cristeen Morton was and is a great help to the group. She came fortnightly and she gets in and does the cleaning up wherever it is needed.

A number of programs were bought this year. These programs were a one-off lesson and they were purchased from 'Teach Sunday School' America. They were a download program.

Escape Room Programs - Palm Sunday, Valentine's Day, Nativity, New Year, Father's and Mother's Day. These were in the line of a lot of quizzes on the subjects and references are taken from the Bible. These programs were mainly for the older children.

Mighty Message Programs- Palm Sunday, Last Supper, Easter Sunday, Mother's Day, Valentine's Day mainly for the younger children. These are like most lesson plans, Songs, Teaching, Craft, Memory Verse and Games.



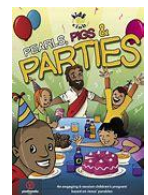
Also Teaching with Toys – Lego Block Bible – 18 Lessons – the children did enjoy these lessons. The lessons were either taught as a block or interspersed amongst the term program.

Another was Prayer Station - 32 Lessons. This program was used for the first term. This is an excellent program in getting the children to think of other ways to pray and just not just pray for themselves plus there was a craft involved.

The Programs for the year by terms.

Term 1 – The Lego Bible program- Jesus' Parables - was the overall program. With the celebration of Valentine's Day, Pancake Day (beginning of Lent), Palm Sunday, The Last Supper and Easter Sunday. There was a competition for the child/ren who could remember the different Memory Verses each week. The winners were Nash (11years) and his sister Ella (9yrs) Carroll. In Term 1, we attended 3 Kids in Church Services and due to low numbers, this Service was cancelled for the rest of the year.

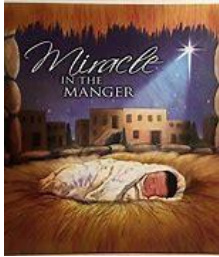
Term 2 – We use a program called 'Pearl, Pigs & Party' (*interesting name*). This is another program that is about Jesus' Parables, it is a 6-week program and we finished off with a party inviting the families along. Also celebrating Mother's Day along with lessons from the Lego Bible. We reintroduced Church Parade on Pentecost Sunday. Very similar to Kids in Church but only once a term. All members were there. On the 14th May, Jenny Tutin (GFS Brisbane Diocese Member and ex leader of Bundaberg) came and visited us. She talked about GFS- An Anglican Ministry and the wider community that we all belong to and its history.



Term 3 - As this was the year of the Olympic- we re-did our program Mini Olympic. The children enjoyed all the modified Olympic events. They were even in teams of '2' The Bible teaching was on Hebrews 12:1-2,

Subjects were: Join the Winning team, Heroes of Faith, get rid of everything sinful, Determined to run the race, Keep our eyes on the prize. Two Fridays we were unable to have the Hall and therefore we did a lesson in the Church. This lesson consisted of a drawing of the Church and the children were sent on a Treasure Hunt to find where different items are in the Church. This is always a good exercise as the children do not normally walk around and explore. Feedback from the children was that they enjoyed it and they learnt a lot. Then we went on a scavenger around town and ended at McDonalds.

Term 4 – This term saw a number of different programs. For the first 3 weeks we made up the lessons- The Nativity told in a different way using tales from the Donkey & the Spider Web. The Wordless book was used for re-affirming the Gospel. This is a book without words but does have 5 colours. 4 weeks was spent on an Advent program. We also attended Church Parade on the 28th November, 1st Sunday in Advent where Kidsplus+ children and 9.30 children/teenagers received their end of year book.



The Christmas Musical was in the form of a book reading by 4 members of Kidsplus+ and 3 members from the 9.30 Service. The book is called Miracle in the Manger.

Donations were received from AMS and this went toward purchasing a bulb for the Projector and also members of the congregation.

Reports were sent to Parish Council each month. Along to GFS- An Anglican Ministry for their meetings.

I wish to thank Melissa, Peta, Cristeen and Tony (who did a lot of the teaching this year especially the Lego programs). Fr Keith popped in most Fridays and had a word of encouragement to the children. Also the parent and grandparents for bringing their child/ren each week. Without your faithfulness we wouldn't have Kidsplus+. Thank you.

Many blessing

Kathleen (Kathy) Brecknell

Branch Leader



ST MARK'S CLAYFIELD

Report 2021

I am pleased to report on the children's ministries at St Mark's in 2021.

KidsPlus+ has continued to be held on 4th Sunday each month in term time. Early in the year our numbers were quite low but this improved when an invitation to KidsPlus+ was sent to the children every month by Rev Nicki.

We enjoyed celebrating St Mark's Day in April joining with the parish for morning tea and lion themed crafts.

For Advent we travelled around the world learning about how Christmas is celebrated in other countries.

GFS has continued meeting on 2nd and 4th Fridays and on 5th Fridays we have been enjoying our Mother and Daughter dinners at local restaurants.

Our usual Friday nights we like to do a variety of crafts and cooking of course drinking tea and lots of lively conversations. We enjoyed making earrings to sell at the Village Fair and Christmas cards and gift boxes for the Christmas markets.

The GFS girls helped with preparing the backpacks for Anglicare as well as serving the High Tea in May. We have also cooked meals for the Parish Meal Bank.

In January I was elected to the National Executive for GFS and I also attend the council meetings for GFS Brisbane. In 2020 GFS World council was to be held in South Africa, but of course it was postponed. In July World Council was held via Zoom and I attended all 3 sessions.

Thank you to a great team of helpers and parents who have supported our ministries. Thanks to Petrea, Elly and Amy who have been so supportive.

Thanks also to GFS Brisbane for the grant to assist in running GFS and KidsPlus.

Bronwyn Barber



GFS Brisbane Homeless Toiletry Report for women, men, and youth for 2021 in the Parish of Kenmore-Brookfield.

In January 2021, I had the honour and responsibility of becoming the GFS Australia President and so my ministry has taken on a national context. Several parishioners have joined GFS on my invitation, and I welcome them and all parishioners to be members! I have had the pleasure of meeting and promoting GFS to Bishop John Roundhill and Bishop Jeremy Greaves. This year GFS Brisbane (previously the Girls' Friendly Society) celebrates its 140th Anniversary. Thank you to Reverends Jan, Jonathan, and Sandra (GFS Australia Chaplain) for their unfailing support for our ministries.

With my wonderful helpers; particularly Mrs Sonja Shipard and Ms Celia Claire and others; we have packed many toiletries for homeless people in the Home Away from Homelessness (for women); St John's (for men) and in backpacks for homeless girls and boys (from 12 years of age). Handbags are used for women to package the toiletries, suitable shopping bags for men and backpacks for our youth packs. The bags are all kindly donated. We also had great assistance from Parishioners to pack our September packs, who wonderfully came on Father's Day!!! Thank you so much.



Previously, my garage was the best smelling garage in Brisbane! But now we have our toiletries stored and accessible on our wonderful church grounds, so this enables parishioners and GFS Members to participate in this great ministry. Ms Tiffany Berg, of Anglicare collects our Toiletry Packs and distributes them as appropriate. The Christmas packs for women and girls were given out on the day they were collected (6th December!).

Thanks so much for ALL the wonderful DONATIONS during the year from our parishioners, the donation box is constantly re-filled! Parishioners have noted that we prefer regular sized toiletries and in pairs, when possible, e.g., toothpaste and toothbrush, shampoo and conditioner. Travel sized toiletries are also used. Celia Claire sources donations from the local community on Facebook, so thanks for those donations that included useful toiletries, and lovely handbags. Also, thank you to Susan Lawrence and her band of wonderful knitters and craftswomen who donated the beautiful hand knitted and crochet rugs and teddy bears. In addition, thank you for the valuable donations from Brisbane West Dental Group including toothpastes and toiletry bags. We look forward to your continuing support for the toiletries.

TOTAL OF DONATIONS 2021 by GFS in Kenmore Brookfield.	
Toiletry packs for women (about 13 items)	34
Toiletry packs for men (about 13 items)	13
Toiletry packs for boys in backpacks	8
Toiletry packs for girls in backpacks	11
Overnight toiletry packs	10
Gorgeous Teddy Bears and dolls	11
Hand-made rugs	17
Large hand made rugs (for a bed)	13
Handmade scarves	2
Picnic set in backpack	1
TOTAL FOR TOILETRY PACKS	76



LIGHTNING RIDGE

2021 – Report on Ministry to Children and Youth

It is my pleasure as the new-ish Minister of Lightning Ridge (as of January 2020) to express my gratitude to GFS for their long-term support of ministry to Children and Youth here in Lightning Ridge. It's been a joy for me and my family – wife Rebecca, children June (8), Arthur (6), Lydia (4) and Jeremiah (1), plus one on the way (due August) – to live and serve here in the Ridge for over a year.

The last report from our church was submitted in 2019 by the late Mrs Josephine Mihalic, our former Kid's Church Team Member and Parish Secretary. Tragically, Jo died in a house fire in May 2020, and we miss her deeply. Her love for children and faithful gospel service here in Lightning Ridge and surrounding communities will long be remembered. Jo was a great supporter of the GFS/Lightning Ridge partnership. We thank God for her, even as we continue to grieve.

As usual, our parish applied for two GFS grants in 2021:

- (i) \$500 to groups who provide a Christian ministry to children/youth.
- (ii) \$1,500 'one-off' (special) event for children in their parish or beyond.

The former was successful, with the money being used primarily to cover the costs of updating our SRE manuals and workbooks to the current CEP B-cycle curriculum.

The latter was applied for in connection with our annual West Pymble Mission Week for children and youth. However, since the mission had not gone ahead in 2020 due to COVID-19, the amount was simply 'rolled-over' from the previous year (i.e. a further \$1,500) was not awarded. Since the 2021 Mission Week has again been postponed until next year, it is hoped that a similar arrangement might be able to be reached for 2020.

COVID-19 has obviously impacted our ministry to children and youth. We returned to teaching SRE in term 3 last year, and face-to-face gatherings (with children's program) in term four.

However, an exciting development in 2021 has seen the appointment of Heather Robinson, our new part-time children's ministry team leader, with the financial support of BCA and the Anglican Diocese of Armidale, as well as her 'sending' church (NorthLight Anglican, formerly St Matt's West Pymble – see Mission Week above). Heather's arrival has been a great blessing to us personally, as well as our church family. Her focus is on our Sunday morning children's ministry (now called 'Rock Garden') and coordinating and teaching SRE in Lightning Ridge and Goodooga Central Schools. It's our prayerful hope that heather will help our little ones build their lives on the solid Rock of Christ.

In Him,

Rev Kurt Langmead

Minister / BCA Field Staff, Lightning Ridge Community Church

Anglican Diocese of Armidale.

Images:

- (i) The Langmead family (Kurt, Bec and the kids)*
- (ii) Heather Robinson, our new children's worker*





GFS SOUTHSIDE TOWNSEND

ANNUAL REPORT 2021

2021 was a different year for everyone. The Southside Townsend Group were to gather together six times but due to Covid-19 gathered formally in January and December at 2 member's homes with a shared meal and two "Happy Hour" gatherings via zoom.

Some of us are transient and often on the road when we meet but we do manage to all get to the January Australia Day evening at the Bells home and the end of year one at the Wellings.

Thank you to those who offered to open their homes and welcome us in 2020. Dianne & Louis Bocquee and Di & Kevin Bell, Lesley Gee, Nancy Norwood, Lesley Briggs and Marj & Rhys Wellings. Thanks to everyone for bringing a variety of foods to share. We never go hungry.

Thanks to Cheryl Russell and Kevin Bell who often provide us with some competitions to broaden our knowledge and provide some interaction and fun at our Australia Day gathering. This year Cheryl had us making something iconic to Australia from an egg carton, 2 elastic bands and some sticky tape. The creations were a wonder to see!!!! Later in the evening Di and Kevin Bell had us doing an Australian Trivia Quiz. A lot of fun had by all.

We continue to all be part of the Brisbane Diocesan Council and support GFS as much as we can.

God Bless

Marj Wellings



Marj & Rhys Wellings for Christmas Breakup Lunch 2021



GFS TOWNSEND FELLOWSHIP HEADQUARTERS GROUP

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2021

The year started out well and we rejoiced that some of us were able to meet informally again in February at the Coffee Club at Indooroopilly. Positions remain the same, Iris Dean Chairman, Margaret Smith Treasurer and Lesley Gee Vice Chairman and Secretary.

The March meeting had to be cancelled, due to COVID again, however some of us managed to attend the GFS Diocesan A.G.M. and heard about the Zephyr Education Inc. program helping children with uniforms and supplies when they had to move to new schools after suffering domestic violence.

In April and May we met for informal meetings at “Chatters” restaurant, run by the Uniting Church Chermside, and it was decided that this would be a good location for further meetings. We are so pleased that Margaret Humphries has joined our group and that she provides transport for Iris, while Lesley Gee is chauffeur for the other members. Public transport has become a problem for some of us and particularly with COVID hovering around we prefer not to travel that way if possible.

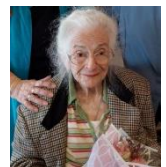
We had to miss the June meeting as both chauffeurs were not available and then COVID hit again cancelling the July meeting. A couple of us did, however, attend the GFS Diocesan Outreach Group visit to The Army Museum Southern Queensland on 26th May and thoroughly enjoyed seeing and hearing about our history and also partaking in a delicious Devonshire tea.

COVID was still around when the first Tuesday in August arrived so we again cancelled but we did get together again at “Chatters” on 31st August instead of the Tuesday at the beginning of September.

We try to keep up with what is happening on a Diocesan level and most of us attended the inspiring World Day of Prayer Service at Hamilton on 29th September when Margaret Smith and Nancye Embry were



presented with their 50 year badges. It was a special day for Iris Dean as well as she was presented with an 80 year Service Certificate and flowers. We carried on the celebrations over lunch at the Hamilton Hotel.



Our November meeting day, the 1st Tuesday, is also Melbourne Cup Day and in previous years we haven't met on that day but this year we decided to make an exception, especially as we had cancelled several other meetings. We met for lunch again at “Chatters” and while the meeting was informal we were able to discuss how we would distribute moneys which we had collected during the year. We had in previous years donated to the ‘Fellowship of the Least Coin’, promoted by Australian Church Women, however Ailsa Skippen had advised that she, as the last remaining National Life Member of that organization, had been asked to sign the final paperwork to close the Australian Church Women Nationally. This being the case we decided to send money this year to Zephyr Education Inc., our Diocesan Project, also the usual donations would be sent to Bush Church Aid and Bush Ministry.

We booked a Christmas Lunch at “Chatters” Restaurant, for 21st December, however at the last moment we were advised that “Chatters” had closed early for the year and were not open that day. What to do? Where to go? Cancel again? No! We managed to get a booking at the North Shore Harbour Cafe and our chauffeurs drove us there instead. A good decision as it was lovely looking out over the river as we enjoyed our meals and company and exchanging small Christmas gifts.



And so ended another strange year. We thank God for keeping us mostly well and safe and pray that He will continue to do so in 2022.

Lesley Gee, Secretary.



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Acquittal Report of Zephyr Education Inc on expenditure of donation from GFS – An Anglican Ministry

Thank you for GFS' generous donation of \$5,000 presented to Kelsey Powell, one of our volunteers, at the luncheon on 27 March 2021. I thought your members may like to know how the donation was used to help children whose education had been affected by domestic violence.

Your donation helped us to ensure that these children were able to restart school in the appropriate school uniform and with the same books, stationery and other equipment as their classmates. This gives them the best chance of fitting in and reduces the risk that they will be bullied.

The domestic violence shelters and other family support organisations registered with Zephyr for support are not funded to meet the school-related expenses of the children. 111 of these organisations are now registered with Zephyr in Queensland alone. They are located throughout the State from the Gold Coast to Weipa and west to Mt Isa. We also support all 7 shelters operating in Tasmania and 16 shelters in Western Australia.

Your donation was disbursed in the following way:

- \$3746 - school stationery packs for 85 children
- \$ 754 - school uniforms for 7 children
- \$ 500 - school bags for 20 children.

The positive impact of Zephyr's support on the lives of these children is confirmed by regular feedback we receive from the DV shelters and other organisations we help. Here are some recent examples:

- *We could not support our children by reconnecting them to an education in this positive way without your amazing work.
All your efforts have put a big smile on our children and their families' faces.*
- *The young person felt confident starting senior school ready with all his necessary school items. When he put on his formal uniform, he was smiling which he hadn't done for some time.*
- *The child was ecstatic to have a new backpack, uniform, hat, shoes, and school items to start school with as she experienced bullying the previous year because her school clothes did not fit.*
- *Thank you for Zephyr's support of our clients again this year. We are so grateful to have partners such as yourselves in the fight to see women and children living the safe and fulfilled lives they deserve.*

In the 2020-2021 financial year, for Queensland and Tasmania, Zephyr Education paid for:

- uniforms for 1180 children, and
- resource fees for 145 children.

We also supplied:

- 135 computers
- 1688 school bags
- 1140 pairs of school shoes
- 1295 primary school packs
- 400 high school packs.

In WA, in the same period, we paid for:

- uniforms for 239 children, and
- resource fees for 27 children.

We also supplied:

- 20 computers
- 88 school bags
- 98 pairs of school shoes.

In all, our work helped more than **3000** children start or restart their education last financial year.

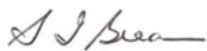
Our funding needs have grown every year in line with our expanding work. On average, it costs over \$4000 to support the educational needs of children in one shelter over the course of a year. In the 2020-2021 financial year, the total cost of all items of expenditure was **\$467,956**, an increase of **19.2%** from the previous year. Administration costs remained negligible.

We do not register a new organisation for support unless we know we have the resources to continue supporting those already registered with us. The success of this approach is illustrated by the fact that, since we commenced operations in 2013, we have approved all reasonable requests for help. However, as more and more organisations have become aware of Zephyr's work and asked for assistance, we have had to introduce a waiting list.

In 2021 our operations continued to be impacted by COVID-19 as hands-on volunteering at Zephyr's headquarters remained restricted. We still managed to deal with all requests for assistance in a timely way by training 8 additional volunteers to work from their homes monitoring and responding to requests from shelters for assistance. Our new stock management system (implemented in 2020) facilitated this arrangement and streamlined our business processes.

Thank you once again for your support and best wishes for a safe 2022.

Kind regards



Isabella Bevan
President
Zephyr Education Inc

Queensland Children's Hospital (QCH) Chaplaincy in 2021

Alexandra Chuc

I am most grateful to the GFS and Anglican Diocese for the opportunity to offer Pastoral Care at QCH this past year. It has been personally and professionally fulfilling to be of service to families and staff, particularly at this time of significant uncertainty and increased stress loads for staff with new and complex challenges.

It has been a complex year of service in pastoral caring to those in need at QCH. With the diverse and complex needs of families as they endeavour to navigate the increased isolation due to visitor restrictions while bearing witness to their children's suffering has caused an incredible stress on families. This past 2 years will certainly stand out in my mind as being quite remarkable with witnessing what the human spirit can endure.

One particular family, who I had the privilege to visit, touched my heart deeply as I bore witness to their incredible enduring spirit and deep faith. They were from Rockhampton and arrived via emergency flight just before the birth of their third child. Leaving the younger children at home with grandparents the parents arrived with an overnight bag for themselves, a photo of their children and nothing for the arrival of their third child.

After sometime in PICU (Paediatric Intensive Care Unit) they arrived at QCH with their baby son who was born with a heart complication, and we met when he was 10 weeks old. Dad had gone back to Rockhampton to be with the other children and return to work. The family had only met their new sibling via face time.

After a few months of visiting mum was eagerly awaiting the arrival of her older children and her husband so they could finally meet their brother and all be together again after 4 months. All systems were 'go' with a unit at Ronald Mac Donald house ready for them just across the road. They arrived on the Monday morning only to hear that the Hospital went into lock down by the time they arrived at Ronald Mac Donald house so they were unable to enter the hospital to see their mother and new baby brother. The children were of course devastated and the older one quite angry and confused being just across the road. I sat with the mum for a couple of hours as she expressed her deep sadness, though how her unwavering faith enabled her to keep going. Her concern was for her older children and their mental health.

At the time the hospital had been the recipients of several hand made creative children's journals featuring 3D art work. I inquired what the siblings favourite animals were and was able to find 2 journals for the children to keep. The mother reported the children having more open conversations with their dad while writing and drawing in these journals and they believed this made a significant difference to their ability to make sense of their experience. The family were so grateful for the companionship through this isolating and impossible time. The journals came from my colleagues church and after sharing the complexity of the situation with my colleague she offered the journals for the children.



It has never been more important for the Chaplaincy team to work together this last year supporting each other during this significantly complex time. I have really benefited from this and enjoyed the team interaction at QCH and especially with members of the Anglican Chaplaincy team at the PA and RBWH.

Due to the nature of Chaplaincy at the Children's Hospital where families are often experiencing extreme distress witnessing the suffering of their young children, and now combined with the significant uncertainty of these times, a new dynamic not yet experienced in health care is arising. So it seems more integral than ever before for Chaplains to be available to support families, staff and especially important for team collaboration and professional supervision. This has supported me to be compassionately present with families during the huge interruptions from Covid with restrictions on visiting resulting in increased isolation. With some visits via phone and sometimes quite significant, spontaneous visits in the hallways of the hospital with both families and staff.

GFS Bursary Recipient Steven Parker

Firstly, I would like to sincerely thank GFS for awarding me this generous bursary, it has helped me with my continued study and formation journey. Not only has it taken away some of the financial concerns I would have normally faced this year, but I have also been able to focus on my placement and ministry with young people.

As the unpredictability and challenges we have all faced again this year, it has been exciting to develop a young adult's group. It has been a challenge; I have had to adapt to holding these online via Zoom which throws up all kinds of issues. Some of which has been on what night is suitable for all to join, internet connections and of course fitting study around that as well.

The most challenging but also the most rewarding part of this year has been working with not only the youth but also with their families. Covid-19 and the lockdowns have had a major impact on families, and in particular youth mental health.

Not only do I see this from a parish viewpoint, but also as a school chaplain I am faced with this every day. Statistics now show that the children as young as 10 & 11 are having suicidal thoughts, 57% had diagnosed or possible mental health issues. This is an increasing problem that effects not just the young persons family but also the wider community.

It has been my goal this year to put some positivity back into some of the lives of young people I work with. So I wanted to explain what I have done with your generous gift, as I stated above the financial assistance helped to me purchase some of my text book required for study. With the remainder I have been able (with the help of Scripture Union Australia) to send 40 year 5&6 students to their first camp. And all going well I will be sending 25 young people to a alcohol and drug free schoolies this year.

So as you can see that is 65 young people lives that have or will be impacted by your generous gift, I have attached some photo's (with permission) of some of the young people at camp. On their behalf I again thank you for making a difference in a young persons life.



Blessings

Steve Parker

GFS Bursary Recipient Eleanor Reid
(AYCF Intern - Focused on Social Justice)

This year I have worked in Community of the Way as the Community Engagement intern, focusing on how the Community can engage with the Brisbane diocese more broadly, and others in our surrounding area. The highlight of my internship has been doing service activities with fellow Community of the Way members, especially Thread Together and the On Earth Festival. Thread Together, run by St Andrews Indooroopilly, gave Community members a chance to step outside their comfort zone to provide clothing to underprivileged youth and refugees, and it was rewarding to see members' confidence and compassion grow through this activity. Volunteering at On Earth was also a wonderful opportunity for Community members to engage in discussions about protecting the environment and contribute to the running of an exciting and meaningful event.

Along with coordinating the Community's involvement in Thread Together and On Earth, another project I undertook was organising and running community engagement learning opportunities, such as facilitating bible studies from A Voice in the Wilderness, through which Community members explored the Uluru Statement from the Heart and learnt about First Nations Christians' perspectives and experiences. Following the On Earth Festival, I have also begun research to produce a 'Festival Manual' for future events at St Francis College, with a view to holding youth events on site in 2022, and a Youth Festival on site in 2023.

Through this internship, I have gained significant experience in leadership and coordinating volunteers, as well as general organisational skills. The GFS grant was very valuable as it meant I could devote more time to organising and facilitating opportunities for service and learning for Community of the Way that would otherwise be spent working a casual job.

GFS Bursary Recipient Aaron Vidya Sagar

(AYCF Intern - Focused on Youth and Ichthus Ministry Projects)

As an introduction, my name is Aaron Vidya Sagar, and this year I took on the AYCF internship under Erica Skerman. This report will elaborate on the immense personal and professional growth that I experienced as intern, focusing on projects, highlights, and the effect of GFS' financial support.

My main projects this year have been in parish youth and children ministry engagement and the creation of an Ichthus camp's video. My project of parish engagement has had many different components. The first component was online research of all the parishes in our diocese and the second involved contacting these parishes. This project allowed me to learn key professional communication and research skills, while allowing me to further train the skill I possessed.

My second project was the creation of the AYCF Video. This was quite a daunting process for me as I had never filmed videos in a work context. Further, there were many obstacles that seemed to pop up all throughout the filming and editing processes. Although there seemed to be many obstacles, this project was the most rewarding for me. I got to see the joy the children and the leaders had in and around the camp environments and compile it in a video.

My highlight of this internship has been the meetings I've had the privilege to sit in on. The ability to glean wisdom and knowledge from people with many different walks of life really bolstered my own growth and caused me to consider many perspectives I didn't know existed. The meetings truly were eye opening experiences that I will take with me, in my further participation in ministry.

The financial support from GFS has greatly aided my ability to have access to the basics while participating in ichthus camps and doing my internship. I truly would not have been able to afford leading on ichthus camps or leading youth in other areas without the support. It allowed me to drop shifts from other jobs to be able to make my participation in youth ministry possible.

In conclusion, this internship has been an amazing experience to both my professional and personal lives. The knowledge and experience I have learned from this internship has been priceless and I have been truly blessed to be a part of this programme.

GFS Bursary Recipient Emma Williams

(AYCF Intern – Focused on Young Adults and Youth Ministry)

Being able to see the behind the scenes of the AYCF ministry, has been a real highlight of being an AYCF intern this year. I really enjoyed doing the odd jobs like mail out, lanyards, emails, and social media scheduling etc. Being kept on my toes while also learning new things has been very valuable and interesting. The major projects I worked on this year were the Young Adults Worship Night, Young Adults Council, looking at starting the AYCF/Ichthus merchandise line and planning Young Adult events e.g. beach and craft days to happen in 2022. On October 30th alongside the Worship Team, I helped run the first Worship Night of 2021, it was successful and had an awesome turnout. We also gained some great feedback which is exciting and will be changed for next years Worship Nights.

Through the internship program I have grown in many ways, in confidence, knowledge, spiritually and mentally. Spiritually this year I was challenged as I was involved in a number of different ministries, Erica encouraged and supported me, giving me a different perspective and pointing things back to God. I've grown in confidence steadily this year in my abilities and speaking up about my opinion or feedback I may have. This year has also helped me realise what I'm looking for in a future career, having a variety of tasks to do.

I am currently the Children and Youth Ministry Coordinator out at St Andrew's Springfield and the skills I learnt through the internship, I've been able to transfer across to the ministry I lead there. I also gained exposure to different ministries happening in our diocese, which has broadened my knowledge and helped give direction to YCF activities and focus in Springfield.

The financial support I received was extremely helpful as I was able to fix my car (finally), the money assisted in replaced the gear box and clutch. It is now sounding a lot better and is smooth to drive.

GFS – AN ANGLICAN MINISTRY

Kids Plus+

MOTTO:

"Bear one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ."

DEFINITION:

Members of GFS/Kids Plus+ accept the Christian faith and seek in the fellowship of worship, study, work and play to serve God and extend His Kingdom.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Society is to give glory to God by bringing children, youth and families into the full life and fellowship of the Church and by helping them to know, love and serve our Lord Jesus Christ.

TEDDY BEAR PRAYER:

Dear Jesus
Thank you for being my friend.
Please help me to be a good friend to others.
Amen.

GFS/Kids Plus+ PRAYER:

God our Father, we thank You for your goodness and love to us and to all who belong to GFS/Kids Plus+.
Help us to bear one another's burdens as members of one family in Jesus Christ.
May we grow in grace through your Spirit who lives in us, and to know in our lives the joy of your eternal kingdom;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

OUR VISION STATEMENT:

Our vision is to provide a vital ministry which will empower People to build a continuing relationship with Christ, to value themselves and one another to experience life within a faith community.