

# **A History of the St David's Anglican Women's Guild**



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# **The following is a history of the St David's Anglican Women's Guild, compiled from the minute books and other memories.**

St David's Guild was formed on 15<sup>th</sup> October 1950, and the first meeting was held on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> November at 2:30 pm, the membership fee being 2/6d per year. The first president was Mrs B L Thomson, first secretary, Mrs C Thorne and first treasurer, Mrs F Mackey. Funds were raised by holding stalls, catering and donations.



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At the May 1951 meeting, it was agreed that a new picket fence at the front of the church would be a great improvement. Also, the

Beaconsfield Council were asked to put a drain in front of the church. At the September meeting, Mr Stewart gave an outline of details concerning the home bought by St Oswald's members for a resident minister. The Bishop was to visit on December 16<sup>th</sup>.

At the annual meeting in 1951, Mrs Hayes became president.

At the March 1952 meeting, it was decided to work for a new and larger vestry and Rev Stewart said a Lectern and a Credence Table were necessary for the church.

In March 1953, a dance was held to raise funds for "Home of Mercy".

At September annual meeting, Mrs Holmes became president. Members continued to provide furnishings for the church. Curtains were made to separate the Sanctuary from the church. Lady James was the guest speaker at the annual meeting.

St Oswald's Guild annually invited the ladies of St David's Guild to visit. An evening function was held to raise funds for Sunday School prizes. The Guild offered to pay for the Communion vessels and the box in which to

keep them. In November 1994, Mrs Kaye became president. Cruets for communion were purchased and a small table for communion. Burse and Vial were also purchased.

A function was held in July 1955, to support the Launceston Girls Home.

In October 1955, Mr Hughes informed the Guild that the Parochial District has now been made into a Parish. In this meeting, it was decided to draw up a roster for "Cleaning the Church and putting flowers in the Church."

In November 1955, owing to the size of the Sunday School, it was decided to hold the Annual Christmas Tree and Prize Giving function in the Recreation Hall.

In 1956, Mrs Hayes became president. A series of card evenings were held to raise money for Sunday School expenses. Kneelers were covered for the church.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> February 1957 Mr R J Brown was welcomed as new Rector of the Parish. Mr Brown had previously served at Bothwell. At the April 1957 meeting, Mrs Brown was welcomed to the Guild. It was decided that the Guild would pay for the timber to line the vestry and Mr Cosgrove would do the work.

On July 10<sup>th</sup>, 1957 it was suggested to conduct a house call on members of the Church of England to collect money, as funds were urgently needed. This was passed over to a future meeting. Gifts of ingredients were donated to St John's Guild to be used at the Synod tea in Launceston in September. At the November 1957 meeting, Mrs Holmes was appointed President.

In 1958 Mr Brown promised to look for the Church Notice Board, when it could be painted and gold lettering added to it, announcing services. A garden fete was held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 1958 at the home of Mrs Cosgrove. The Guild paid for the painting of the vestry and repair of the organ. A new organ had been recently acquired. It was a great achievement to have such a very good organ for the church. Mr Gee was thanked.

In April 1959, it was decided to purchase a new wine decanter for the church. It was also decided to hold a function every month to raise funds. A cake stall at the shopping centre was suggested. The work done in the Sunday School by Mrs Apted and her staff were appreciated by all. Mrs Cranswick reported that Christmas hostesses were required to house children from Clarendon Home, Hobart. Any offers would be appreciated. Members of the Guild were invited to an International Day of Prayer at St Andrews Church, Launceston. It was decided to buy two brass vases for the church from Jacksons Brass Works.

In November 1960 Mrs Cosgrove was appointed president. In February 1961 plans for the new church were ready and Mrs Cosgrove suggested the Guild pay for the cost of 20 pounds for the plans. A garden party held at the home of Mrs Cosgrove raised 50 pounds. A card evening was held at the home of Mrs Dodson. Each member supplied a card table and a plate of supper. It was decided to transfer 100 pounds from the Guild account to the Building Fund account. This account was set up for the new church building. It was decided to add clothing to the parcel being sent by the Young Wives to the Clarendon Home. Mrs McNee is starting a G.F.S. at her home and would welcome co-operation by Guild Members. The Guild advised the Superintendent of the Sunday School that they were willing to give three or four prizes to end of year activities. A cake stall was held Mrs Young's shop and it raised 9 pounds. Guild members were asked to provide fruit for the Old Folks Tea at St Johns Hall. At the annual meeting, Mrs Cosgrove was elected president. In 1961 a garden party was held at the home of Mrs W Curtis to raise funds for the new church. Members of the G.F.S. offered their support. 55 pounds was raised at Garden Party and new prayer books were to be purchased for the church. It was suggested that a practical way of carrying out the ideas of "Christian Family Year" would be for two members each month visit any sick parishioners or young mothers just home from hospital and offer any help they could. The Young Wives group are prepared to share with Guild members.

A flower show to be held at St Oswald's Hall in September 1962. The guild continued to raise funds for the font in the new church. The guild purchased a piano from Mrs M Elliot for 100 pounds. A musical afternoon was held to raise funds. The church linen worked by Friends of St David's, was put in the church and was much admired. It was hoped that the red Burse and Veil would be received soon. It was decided to knit 6" squares or donate any baby clothes for needy children in Hong Kong.

In March 1963, it was unanimously agreed to affiliate with the C of E Women's Guild.

The Guild decided to donate the font to the new church. Mrs Stanwick would arrange the font with the architect. It was to have a sandstone top and base and a wooden column with a lift out basin in the top. However, the architect's choice was for rough, black granite. Clarendon Home were appealing for eggs, so it was decided that the Sunday School children would be asked to bring an egg each and the Guild members would also contribute and pack the eggs and send them to the Home. The Vestry Committee asked for a nomination from the Guild to be on the committee. Mrs Cosgrove was nominated.

In 1965 the members knitted socks for the Roland Boys Home. There was a very good response and the socks were sent by train.

At the Annual meeting in 1965, Mrs Burgess became president. The 1965 annual Christmas Party was again held at the Basin Kiosk and it was suggested that members use their talents to raise funds. Samples of material for Alter Frontal were received from Myers in Melbourne. Mrs Holyman was asked for advice on improvements to the Frontal.

In 1966 Mrs Stanwix became president. The Guild continued to provide fruit for the Old People's tea. It was decided that for this year to work for Clarendon and Glenview Homes. A donation was sent to the Fire Victims in the South. Street Stalls continued to be held regularly at the Shopping Centre. It was also decided to send a beautiful wool rug, donated by Mrs Hayes, to Clarendon Home and that the Guild purchase a rug and send it at the same time. Final arrangements were made for the Luncheon and

Hat Parade at Beresford House. It was held on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September and was a great success.

In 1967, Mrs N Curtis became President. A sewing afternoon was held to make cub trousers for the Roland Boys Home.

In 1968 Mrs Cosgrove was elected president. Members were asked to attend the Women's World Day of Prayer held at the Presbyterian Church. A stall was held at the "Walkathon" held by St David's Church. A used clothing sale and a Bessemer morning tea were held to raise funds. Mrs Cosgrove asked members to contribute favourite recipes for a folder. Mrs Whiddon continued to give bible readings at each meeting. A dozen unbreakable glasses were purchased for the hall, as well as two 'Fold-a-bye' tables.

In 1969, Mrs Stanwix became president. The formation of a Bible Study Group was discussed and it was decided that those interested should join Dorothy Russell's group in the interim. A wool parcel was sent to St Francis Mission, Port Moresby. Members joined in a discussion, led by Mrs Whiddon, on an interpretation of the theme, 'God is Light'. The Christmas party was held at the Gorge Tearooms in the Cliff Grounds. It was resolved that a tea trolley be purchased from Farmers and Graziers.

In 1970, a Christmas card was sent to Sapper Cash, who was serving in Vietnam. In 1971, a gift of 3 purificators for the Guild, was received from Mrs K Sutton. It was suggested that a Harvest Festival be held in April. It was also suggested that a later Communion Service be held, at least once a month, to encourage young people and new members. Cake Stalls, a Tupperware Party and film evenings all contributed to fund raising. A parcel of toys and rattles and a personal gift were sent to Lyn Kirkman, a missionary in Dogwa. A Fancy Dress Ball was held in conjunction with St Oswald's and it proved quite a success. The guild assisted in supplying supper at the Anglican Rally to meet Primate De Woods. The Guild catered for afternoon tea at the clearing sale at Dyers, Muddy Creek. Each year food was supplied for catering to Synod representatives. The Guild's

21<sup>st</sup> Birthday Party was held in the Sunday School hall. 80 guests attended from local Guilds. The cake was made by Mrs Newman.

In 1971 Mrs Cosgrove became president again. A hand sewing machine was sent to Lyn Kirkman, in Dogwa.

In 1972 a progressive dinner was held in October and was very successful. In March 1973, Mrs N Curtis became president. Suggestions for fund raising were called for and many varied ideas were put forward – fancy dress night, one cent evening, cheese night, etc. These were acted on and were very successful. The Christmas meeting was held at the home of Mrs Cosgrove. As a church canvas was to be held, members were asked to give names and addresses of Anglican families in their area to the secretary. A fair was held in November and was considered an outstanding success; worth all the effort involved. The meeting day was changed to the first Wednesday of the month. It was suggested that a special function to raise funds for Beresford House repairs. An urn and seagrass matting had been purchased and were put to good use. A luncheon was arranged to be held at the home of Mrs N Smith. This function was very successful. The mission tea was considered a success. All were impressed with Sister Gibson's address and film. The proceeds of the evening were to go to Sudan Interior Mission.

Mrs Pidgeon became president in 1975. It was suggested that the hall be hired out to raise funds. A scarf demonstration and afternoon tea and enjoyed by all present. The annual fair was held in the hall. All worked hard for the fair and \$400.97 was raised. A new vacuum cleaner and Prayer Books were purchased and \$400 was donated to Vestry. An afternoon tea and Hobbytex demonstration was held and enjoyed by those attending. Mr Luck, from Parklands Garden Centre, attended the meeting and advised on plants, shrubs to be planted in the church grounds and quoted the cost of them. A beetle afternoon at the home of Mrs Cosgrove raised \$15.50. Mrs Cosgrove donated a stool to be used as a planter stand in the church. The alterations to the hall were completed. Mr Davey had been very helpful in supplying sliding door tracks. A fair



was held in September and the amount of \$504.63 was raised. A fashion parade in October raised \$97.50. The Guild agreed to cater for afternoon tea at the official opening of the Beaconsfield Council Chambers. A stainless, steel jug was purchased for filling the urn. The secretary was asked to purchase 6 Long Sewing and 6 Green Guild badges. Mrs Pidgeon purchased the material and had made and embroidered table cloths for the hall. A fire extinguisher is to be purchased for the hall. The Guild catered for the Riverside Elderly Citizens Club Christmas Dinner. Crockery and cutlery to complete 5 dozen sets has been purchased.

In 1979 Mrs A McCarron on became president. Cake stalls and catering remained the main source of income, as well as an annual fair. In December another \$800 was given to the vestry. Donations were given to Glenview, Eskleigh and Clarendon as well as the money to the vestry. Six table tops, a hose, tap and reel were purchased for the hall and Noel Curtis made and donated trestles for the hall.

The Christmas party was held at Riverside Motor inn. In 1981 Mrs McQuestion became president. It was decided to invest \$1000 in the Tasmanian Building Society at 12%. The Guild discussed the subject of having lead light windows in the church and Mrs Cosgrove was asked to draw up a plan. Mr Bartlett would be asked when he could install the windows. The cost for making and installing would be \$2080.

In 1982 Mr Brown advised the administrator, Rev H Jurim if he would dedicate the glass windows on April the 4<sup>th</sup> It was proposed that the vestry be asked if the Guild could lay carpet in the church foyer at a cost of \$498. In 1983 Mrs Cosgrove became president. The Columbarium was dedicated on the 19<sup>th</sup> June. Members considered it desirable to have a 9:30am monthly service reinstated. It was decided that the Guild project for 1983 be to pay off some of the capital still owing on the church and thus reduce the interest payments. A 'cooking with fish' evening and a crazy whist afternoon was held to raise funds.



In October 1983, it was decided to give \$1000 to the vestry to help pay off the capital owing on the church. The Christmas Party was held at the Gorge Restaurant. During the year the Guild paid for the tuning of the piano and organ at a cost of \$145.00.

During January 1984, sadly, the past president Mrs Vivienne McQuestion passed away. The Secretary was asked to write to the Vestry requesting permission to have a small shelf erected near the organ, so that a vase with an inscription to the memory of the late Mrs McQuestion could be placed on it. Permission was granted. Mrs Cosgrove resigned from the Guild as they had moved and was living at Shearwater. She was greatly missed. The Christmas Luncheon was held ay Blue Enzine Restaurant.

In 1985, Mrs N Curtis became president. A Harvest Festival was held in April. St David's Guild assisted in catering for the conference at St Johns. Money continued to be raised from cake stalls, catering for weddings and parties and the fair. The Christmas luncheon was held at the Wellington Tavern and was enjoyed by all. Two lots of catering were done in March and April. Mrs Hayes was presented with badges for 36 years of service to the guild. Mrs Cosgrove also received a badge and Mrs Curtis received one for 28 years of service.



The Guild catered for the afternoon tea on the day of the Consecration Service. St Oswald ladies also assisted. An old clothes sale, a film evening, catering and cake stalls continued to be held. The Guild purchased an urn for use in the hall at a cost of \$50.

The 1986 Christmas Luncheon was held at Gunners Arms. During the year the Guild has been able to help the Vestry clear the church debt.

In 1987, Mrs Wardlaw became President. Members started serving tea and coffee to Probus members at their meetings for 60 cents per head. Also, Guild members made 7 Christmas puddings for their Christmas Luncheon. A birthday party was catered for at Trevallyn Bowls Club. The Guild paid for the resetting of heaters in the church at cost of \$300.00. Together with St Oswald's Guild, the National Council of Women's luncheon was catered for. The Christmas Party was held at Burgundy Café.

Mrs Thow became President in 1988. It was decided to buy a new vacuum cleaner costing \$399 and a soup and sandwich Luncheon was held in the hall. Rev Canon Thomas was inducted at a service in July. \$1,000 was paid to Vestry for renovations to the Rectory. More Prayer Books were purchased to supply the increased congregation. In 1988 the Christmas Dinner was held at the Abel Tasman Motel. A carpet square was put into the Cry Room and a box of toys was provided. \$1358.53 was paid to the vestry to be paid off the loan in 1989. Wedding receptions, luncheons, dinners and cake stalls continued to raise funds. Canon Thomas spoke on Temple Day. The City Mission had an appeal for non-perishable groceries and the Guild catered for Men's Probus Club dinner at Max Fry Hall.

The 1989 Christmas dinner was held at St James Hotel. \$500 was paid to the Parish Council.

Members continued to take their turn in hosting 'World Day of Prayer'. In 1990 a combined cake stall was held in aid of flood victims and raised \$204.55. The 1990 Christmas Party was held at Abel Tasman Motel. Another donation of \$1000 was made to Parish Council.

The 40<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Guild was celebrated with a morning tea. Mrs Sutton donated purificators to the church and Mrs Walker donated a beautiful tapestry cushion. Canon Thomas retired because of ill health. A beautiful salad bowl and servers were donated to the guild by Mrs Lilian Bosrodale. The 1991 Christmas dinner was held at Villaret Gardens, Kimberly. A farewell service was held for Canon Ian and Mrs Pat Thomas on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 1991. An Induction Service for Rev Bob McKay was held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 1991. A small gift was given to organists Dick Janes and Margaret Laver, Margaret Spurio as secretary of the vestry and Rosemary Fawcett who did the pew sheets. It was suggested that the Guild might like to purchase wood chips for the garden behind the church. It was agreed and cost \$40. Teaspoons to the value of \$30 were purchased. Noeline Walker presented 2 Bookmarks to the church. The material was supplied by Eileen Sykes and Mrs M Brydon worked the crosses. The Guild had a long discussion as to whether to amalgamate with St Oswald's Guild, but decided against it. The members decided to continue to have social functions together.

In 1992 Margaret Thow was President and the guild donated \$1000 to the Vestry for urgent works around St David's. Jan Menzies donated a beautifully worked cloth for the Wine Table in the church. It was decided to put a box in the church to collect spectacles to be sent to missions in Africa. In conjunction with the C.B.M.I. it was decided to have postage stamp collection and another box was put in the church. Guilds were asked to send photos of members and activities to the 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration of the Church, held at the Silverdome on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. It was suggested that the Guild work towards purchasing a new stove, fridge and pie heater for the kitchen. Name tags were purchased for Church members with St David's Anglican Church, Riverside on them.

Connie Curtis

1990 by Jan Menzie

By the time I joined the Guild in 1990 the new church was mainly debt free, but the Guild continued to raise money for the extras needed and to support the Vestry with regular donations. The Guild also raised money to support many missions – local and overseas. One of their regular money raisers was catering to Men's and Women's Probus Clubs. (This is still done by other members of St David's to this day in 2017.)

In 1992 the office bearers were, Margaret Thow, President, Jan Menzie, Secretary, Eileen Sykes, Treasurer. Our members at the end of this year were Elizabeth White, Alma Holten, Ivy Henri, Eileen Sykes, Margaret Thow, Jan Menzie, Marie Igglesden, Hazel Holt, Noeleen Walker, Lil Kelly and Hester Calvert. So many have now gone to be with the Lord. The Guild continued, in much the same way as in previous years with many fundraisers and interesting Guest Speakers. Some of the various missions supported were Flying Doctors, Anglicare, BCA, Leprosy, Blind Mission, St Giles, City Mission and many more. Money was regularly given to the Vestry for church expenses.

The Guild continued to be responsible for church cleaning, flowers and for all necessities for the kitchen etc and the church linen. In December 1992, the donation to the Vestry was \$1000. Noeleen Walkers husband, Jeff made us a bookshelf for the Vestry so we could sell second-hand books.

In 1993 the World Day of Prayer was held at the Christian Fellowship in Pitt Avenue. Other churches taking part were St David's, St Oswald's, St Francis, Presbyterian Church and the Bible Chapel. Sadly, now in 2017, the only churches taking part are St David's, St Oswald's and St Francis. Really disappointing that the Presbyterian Church was closed and demolished and the other churches do not wish to take part.

In 1993, Marie Igglesden was President, Ivy Henri was Secretary, and Marie Garwood was Treasurer. A new cover for the altar was planned and made. It was decided to have name badges. Each year, a combined Christmas lunch was held, beginning with picnics at the Hoo Hoo Hut, but

gradually turned to catered meals at various establishments. It was in this year that our foundation member Lola Hayes passed away. It was sad to see the old faces disappearing.

In 1994 the World Day of Prayer was hosted by St David's Church. New members started to fill our ranks, including, Judy McGhee, Margot Sutton, Sheila Dyer, Laurice Whidden, Joan Joseph, Joan Jackson, Una Jenkins and Thelma Scott. New curtains were made for the Hall and the Vestry (which is now the Parish Office.)

Money was given to the Vestry for a new sound system in the church in 1995. Money for this came from a Morning Tea held at Hester Calvert's home and from Guild funds. Other church Guilds were periodically invited to our functions and we were invited to theirs. At the end of our meetings, we had a Bible reading, an interesting snippet from a member and a song or two. Posies were presented to the 'Birthday Girls'. Marg Spurio was the posy hostess for many years.

In 1996, Marie Igglesden was the President, Jan Menzie was Secretary and Margaret Thow was Treasurer. A Fashion Parade was held, as well as our usual fund raising. The Fashion Parade was most enjoyable and raised needed funds. The previous Fair brought in \$1054, which was given to the Parish Council to be used for kitchen renovations. Each year a member of our church was asked to enter the Floral Festival Display, the Guild finding an appropriate person. The World Day of Prayer in 1996 was held at St Oswald's. During the year new table cloths were made and squares knitted to be made into rugs for Cosgrove Park. Many fund raisers were held including sake stalls and morning and afternoon teas.

In 1997 the World Day of Prayer was held at the Gospel Chapel. Our group, including Alison Orr and Rebecca Jordan, sang. Unfortunately, this event fell on the day of the Funeral of our devoted church member, Frank Dyer and we had to leave early to attend the funeral. Sadly, the Gospel Chapel members were upset by our early departure. New altar cloths were donated by Una Jenkins. Christmas lunch was held at Tamar Court, Exeter. An Anglican Women's Fellowship day was held at St Oswald's and

we all assisted with the catering. The fair raised \$1280 and this was passed on to the Parish Council.

In 1998, Marie Igglesden was again President, Jan Menzie was again Secretary and Marg Spurio was the Treasurer. An afternoon tea was held at the home of Jan Menzie. More table cloths were made and some of them were donated. An outing to Liffey Falls was held together with those from St Oswald's and was much enjoyed. The fair raised \$1042 and it was again given to Parish Council. A garden party, a fashion parade and street stalls were held during the year. The World Day of Prayer was held at St Francis.

In 1999 Marie and Jan held the same positions and Margaret Thow became the Treasurer. Knee rugs, little teddies and Premature Babies vests were knitted. A Teddy Bear afternoon was organised with all teddies being displayed. Yvonne Harrison was the guest Speaker and Lucy Menzie was the guest singer. A new floral arrangement was purchased for the church Foyer at a cost of \$106. The Christmas Dinner was held at Rosevears Hotel. It was decided to get cushions made for the pews in the church to make seating more comfortable. \$85 was donated by the Thows towards the cost. A lamington drive was held for funds. During this year, we were informed that Hester Calvert would no longer be able to be part of the Guild as she was moving into Cosgrove Park. She was farewelled at an afternoon tea on December 8<sup>th</sup> and she was given a Guild spoon. At this time, it was decided that owing to the age and wellness of our members help was needed with the church cleaning and Mrs Thow approached Pat Chugg to do this for us. She accepted and continued in this position for many years. She was firstly paid from the Guild and later by the Parish Council.

In 2000 the World Day of Prayer was again held at St Oswald's. A new fridge was purchased for the kitchen and a parcel of Teddies was sent to Romania. An April Fool's Day dinner was held. During this year the Guild placed a basket for groceries for the City Mission in the church foyer. This has been continued each year and has been a wonderful way of helping a

wonderful organisation. A quilt exhibition was held and was most interesting. The Anglican Women's Fellowship was held in Georgetown's new Church and we were pleased to attend. Most Guild meetings were held at St David's but some were held in homes. The fair raised \$1319 for the church. St Oswald's held a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and St David's members attended.

In 2001 the same people continued as President and Secretary and Marg Spurio took on the task of Treasurer. The last lot of Teddies was sent to World Vision. This was the first year that church members began filling the Samaritan Christmas Child shoe boxes. This has become an event every year since then. In recent years, we have been spurred on by Connie Curtis. During this year Judy McGhie was having health problems and Ivy Henri passed away. Ivy had been a long time hard worker for the church and was sadly missed. This year saw the beginning of celebrating Senior's Week. There was a display of crafts and memorabilia with a communion service and afternoon tea. It was suggested that curtains to divide the hall would be a good idea, and members attended the Anglican Women's Fellowship day held at Westbury and had an enjoyable day. 20 shoe boxes were delivered for the Samaritan's Purse shoe box appeal and the fair raised \$1277. A farewell was held for Margaret and Cliff Thow as they were leaving Riverside to live further north in Tasmania. This couple were tireless workers for the church and will be missed by all. The Christmas lunch was held at Beauty Point in 2001.

In 2002 the office bearers remained the same as the previous year and an enjoyable day was spent at Scottsdale for the annual Anglican Women's Fellowship meeting. St David's again held the World Day of Prayer. As Una Jenkins moved to Hobart during this year a farewell was held for her. \$800 was given to the Parish Council for hall curtains and carpet cleaning. This year, the fair raised \$1042 and the Christmas lunch was held at the Abel Tasman Hotel.

In 2003 trade tables were held at morning tea after the church service to raise money and The World Day of Prayer was held at St Oswald's. The



Annual Meeting was held at North's home and was followed by entertainment and afternoon tea to celebrate Peter's birthday. The Guild continued with the same office bearers and sadly had to accept the resignation of Noelene Walker. She was farewelled at Joan North's home. Another sadly missed member. A soup and sandwich lunch was held on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April and more knitted garments were brought for missions. Some members attended the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Deloraine Guild. All were pleased with the look of the new kitchen bench fitted by Vince Spurio. A new member, Margaret Smith was welcomed at the August meeting. Material samples were taken to the meeting for the new Altar frontal. A loved member, Vera Flood passed away and her estate gifted some money which was used towards the new altar cover and many jumpers and caps had been knitted for missions. A fund- raising dinner was held and the money was donated to Tamara Henri for her ministry with Fusion.

In February 2004 the cushions were finally completed and placed on the pews. It was decided that members would save their five cent pieces in a bottle to help with fund raising. Jan and Elaine Anderson were asked to purchase flowers for Elaine to make flower arrangements for the altar vases. The office bearers remained the same again and the fair raised \$1500. The altar front was completed and put into place. It looked very good and was dedicated on October the 10<sup>th</sup> with Vera's family in attendance. A speaker from Samaritan's Purse visited and the boxes were to be completed before October the 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

In 2005 St Oswald's hosted the World Day of Prayer and at the October meeting two new members, Betty Percey and Rose French were welcomed. New curtains for the hall were kindly made up by Anne Doherty. The Guild continued to cater for functions including a dinner for Way FM. Office bearers did not change and the fair raised over \$2000 with many charities were given donations. We had special prayer in June for the health of June Joseph and Joan Jackson. In August, a further \$100 was sent to Tamara Henri. Members continued to fill the shoe boxes for

the Samaritan's Children Shoe box appeal. Seniors Day was celebrated with a display of memorabilia and Frank Turner was the guest speaker to make it an interesting day. The Christmas lunch was held at the Riverside Golf Club and was enjoyed by all. The Parish Council took over the payment of the church cleaning. Members attended the rostered days of the Anglican Women's Fellowship and enjoyed meeting with other Christians. Knitted garments were sent to an orphanage in Kazakhstan, where Joan North's daughter and family were serving the Lord. At the Carol service, Kay Bennet's dancers performed and Jo Janes recited.

In February 2006, it was reported that the hall carpets had been cleaned and the wall behind the Altar had been painted. People were pleased with the Carol Service. The World Day of Prayer was held at St Oswald's and a pancake night was well attended by all members. An Anglican Women's Fellowship day at Westbury was attended by over 80 people, and was an enjoyable day. Again, office bearers remained the same as previous years. 12 boxes were filled for Samaritan's Purse and \$80 was donated for freight. Donations were made to support Birget for Monkey Bay of \$100, \$81 for Christian Blind Mission, \$50 for Wycliffe and \$100 to Anglicare.

In 2007 the office bearers were re-elected and in March \$100 was donated to Clean water and \$50 to the Flying Doctors. We were informed that Joan Jackson was still in hospital and needed our prayers. Winter Relief and Leprosy Mission were given \$50 each and in June donations were made to Riverside Chaplaincy of \$100 and to CMS of \$50. 24 boxes were filled and sent together with \$120 for the cost of freight. In September, \$100 was donated to City Mission and St Giles and Wycliffe were given \$50 each. The Christmas lunch was held at Grindelwald and although it was well attended and the fellowship was good, the standard of the meal was not to the expected standard. In 2008, the office bearers remained the same. In February, \$160 was donated to our child in Malawi and \$50 each was given to CBMI and Leprosy Mission. This year at the World Day of Prayer held at St David's, we were pleased to have some

students from Riverside High School attending. March donations consisted of \$50 each to Flying Doctors and BCA. On April the 9<sup>th</sup>, a mini fellowship was held. 20 people attended the bring and share time and it was enjoyed by all and was an enormous success. Donations in May included \$100 to Winter Relief and Barnabas Fund and \$70 for Bibles for China and \$50 to Tamara. No formal meetings were held from May to September but informal gatherings were enjoyed at various homes.

In September, new tablecloths for the hall were purchased and altered to size. Donations of \$100 each were approved for Samaritan's Purse and St Giles. During the meeting, the St Oswald's ladies joined the St David's Guild ladies to discuss the Anglican Women's Fellowship to be held on November 12<sup>th</sup>. The AWF day went well with over 50 people attending. Donations were made of \$100 to Anglicare, \$50 to the Empty Stocking Fund and \$180 for the Malawi student. It was decided that in 2009, the Guild would continue meeting, but only 4 times a year. It was also decided that the Probus catering would continue as long as possible, with the money going to missions.

In 2009, the office bearers continued as before, and the World Day of Prayer was held at St Oswald's. Connie Curtis and Key Bennett agreed to assist with Probus catering until Jan Menzies's arm was healed. At the May meeting, donations were approved for Winter Relief Fund, St Giles, BCA and Malawi Building Fund. In October, 23 shoe boxes were sent with a donation of \$176. Donations of \$100 each were also sent to Flying Doctors, Bible Society, BCA and Samaritans on Tap. The Christmas dinner was held at the Legana Tavern. The Parish was asked for Mrs Chugg to do extra cleaning as members were no longer able to carry on with cleaning. At the November meeting, the Guild was informed that Mrs Chugg was willing to take on the extra cleaning, with Connie and Norma looking after the brass and Jan looking after the linen. Donations of \$50 each were given to the City Mission and the Empty Stocking Fund.

In February 2010 City Mission and CBM were given \$100 each. It was decided that the same office bearers would continue but that this would

be the last year. In May the donations were, \$Leprosy Mission, \$100, Mission Without Borders, \$40, Malawi, \$180, Winter Relief Appeal, \$100 and BCA, \$100. At the meeting held on November the 2<sup>nd</sup>, it was decided that the St David's Guild should close, because so many of the dear old members had passed away or were not well and all were aging. It was proposed that the Probus catering be handed over to the members of the congregation and the money should go to the New Youth Ministry.

It was resolved that the Bank Account be closed at the end of December and the money be distributed as follows.

BCA \$100	Anglicare \$70
Wycliffe \$70	Leprosy \$70
Ex Relief \$25CBM \$100	St Giles \$100
Bible Society \$100	City Mission \$50
Malawi Student \$180	Royal Flying Doctors \$100
Mission Without Borders \$25	

Any money left over was to go into the BCA box in the Hall. With a sense of deep sadness the members joined hands for the Grace and said farewell to the St David's Guild.

On January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011, Margaret Spurio, Jan Menzie and Marie Igglesden met at Marie's home to finalise finances.

"And so, came to an end, something that had afforded me and many, many others with wonderful friendships and a real purpose to work together for our church." Jan Menzie.













