

1st November 2023

Dear Parishioner/s,

Building Works Fundraising Campaign for 2023

“Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life..For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

Jesus, Matthew 6



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In the message of Jesus, concern for the kingdom of God is to come before every other concern. This is in fulfilment of the great and first commandment. When we follow it, God promises to meet our needs.

On behalf of Parish Council, we are delighted to extend this invitation to you to take part in the Parish Building Works Fundraising Campaign for 2023.

Held every two years, the Parish Building Works Campaign is an act of housekeeping. It invites a reassessment of our priorities, reflection on what is most important to us, an opportunity to put the most important things first in our lives.

As a Parish we have been blessed by God with land and buildings. Owned by the Anglican Diocese in Melbourne, it is the local Parish that has sole responsibility for the repair, maintenance and improvement of all land and buildings, ie church, grounds, hall, and vicarage. The Parish Building Works Fundraising Campaign (‘the Campaign’) is the fundraising mechanism which allows the Parish to complete essential and necessary repairs, maintenance and improvements within the Parish. Please note that donations to this Campaign are not subject to Diocesan assessment. This means that 100% of your donation is retained by the parish for use within the Parish on the repairs, maintenance and improvement of Parish land and buildings.

In recent years, thanks to the generosity of its parishioners, the Parish has successfully completed repairs, maintenance and improvements of land and buildings to the value of more than \$80,000. Successfully completed projects have included the installation of new and safe wiring and new lighting to the interior of the church, new lighting to the church and hall exterior, the painting of all of the exterior surfaces on the church, the renovation of the church tower, the creation of new church branding, website and signage to better connect us within the local community, and the installation of new audio and video systems in the church.

In 2023, the Campaign will seek to raise the funds necessary to complete further essential, priority building works within the

Parish. Parish Council has identified the priorities to be the completion of the painting of the exterior vicarage (rendering only), the upgrade of the parish office to better accommodate shared parish use, new seating and a table in the church gardens to better accommodate shared community use of the grounds, the installation of a heater in the church sanctuary, repair of the door from the sanctuary to the north vestry, the repair of damage to plasterwork in the vicarage due to past roof leaks, the repair and upgrade of light fittings in the vicarage, and the installation of a security key system.

To help us to fulfil our stewardship responsibility for the repair, maintenance and improvement of the Parish's land and buildings, please complete the attached 'Building Works Fundraising Campaign 2023 Return Form' and return this to the Parish either by return mail to Saint Peter's Brighton Beach, PO Box 9225, Brighton, 3186 (stamped return address envelopes have been donated to the parish for this purpose and are available at the rear of the church), or these may be placed into the offertory bowl in church on a Sunday morning, or, in the case of direct debit, via email attachment to any of the church wardens.

Please do not hesitate to contact a church warden or the vicar on the numbers provided below should you have any questions or clarifications in relation to the above, or if you require any further information at any time.

On behalf of Parish Council, and the Parish members, thank you for your ongoing faithfulness, generosity, sacrifice and service of God in and through the Anglican Parish of St Peter's in Brighton Beach. Your ongoing financial support of the Parish is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Simon Angus, Christine Fitzherbert, and Carol Hocken
Church wardens

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If you would like a Church Warden to arrange to pick up a cheque or payment directly from you, please contact Simon Angus (details above).

In LOVING RESPONSE to the goodness of God and the call of Christ, I/we will seek to serve St Peter's in this way:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

My/our donation in 2023 for building works is \$_____.

My preferred payment method is (please tick one box only):

Please find enclosed my cheque made out to 'St Peter's Brighton Beach - Building Works'

I have made a direct debit/transfer to the St Peter's bank account below. **(Please include your name and 'Building works' in the description).**

ST PETER'S BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

BSB 063 145
Account no 1004 2464



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