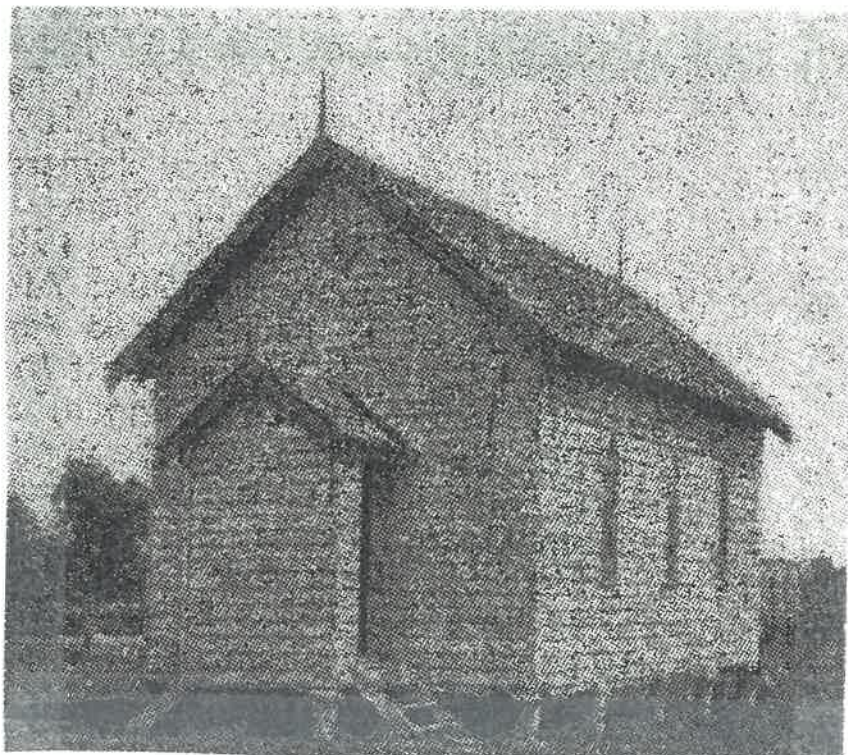




REDCLIFFE UNITING CHURCH



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Summaries of Minutes of Meetings:

Council of Elders (Southern Area) 1977, 1978 & 1979

Combined Elders Council 1989 & 1990

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If we understand the past we can go confidently into the future.

Trust God with our Future

Rev Paul Clark (14. 10. 2018)

Title Page:

The church pictured on the Title Page is the first Christian Church built on the Redcliffe Peninsula.

On 29th May 1878, the Warf St Congregational Church (Brisbane City) bought land adjoining the northern boundary of the Redcliffe Cemetery. Later a small church building was erected on that site. The first congregation was formed on 28th July 1880, thus making the Congregational Church, the first church in Redcliffe.

In 1883, the little church was completely demolished and re-erected on a site on Oxley Ave (near the Redcliffe Fire Station). Then, in 1896, the church was physically moved to the site on Anzac Ave (near where Bluewater Shopping Complex now stands). It remained in use until 1980.

Notes:

1. The Congregational Church is one of the churches that contributed to the formation of the Uniting Church of Australia in 1977
2. Members of the Anzac Ave Congregation (Redcliffe Uniting Church) celebrated the Centenary of the formation of the Redcliffe Congregational Church in July 1880.
3. Church St, Redcliffe ... at the northern end of the Redcliffe Cemetery ... today, is a reminder that once, a church building stood on / near this site.
4. References:
 - a. Slaughter, LE (1959) Redcliffe's 160 Years. Redcliffe Town Council.
 - b. Redcliffe Uniting Church (1980) Redcliffe Uniting Church Parish Council Minutes.

REDCLIFFE PENINSULA UNITING CHURCH

COUNCIL OF ELDERS

SUMMARY OF MINUTES (1977)

Southern Area Elders Council (15th June 1977)

Notes:

- Following Church Union, for administrative purposes, the Redcliffe Peninsula Parish has been divided into three areas:
 - Southern Area
 - Central Area
 - Northern Area
- The Southern Area comprises:
 - Ernest St Congregation
 - Chatham St Congregation
 - Gerald Ave Congregation

Members (Southern Area Elders Council):

- Rev JD Robinson (Chair)
- Mr J Day
- Mr Hedley
- Mrs K Robinson
- Mrs O Day
- Mrs B Miller
- Miss D Chambers (Secretary)

Business of Meeting:

- **Appointment of Secretary for Southern Area Elders Council:**
 - Miss D Chambers was elected
- **Membership of Southern Area Elders Council:**
 - one representative / 25 members of each congregation
- **Congregational Meeting (Sunday 19th June)**
 - Nomination of Elders for the Southern Area Elders Council
 - Nomination of representatives to Parish Council
- **Membership of the Uniting Church of Australia:**
 - Following the Inauguration of the Uniting Church of Australia (Sunday) Church Elders will distribute:
 - Tickets of Membership of the Uniting Church of Australia
 - A Pastoral Letter from the Ministerial Team of the Redcliffe Uniting Church
 - NB: Communicant Members of the previous three denominations (Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian) are automatically eligible to become Members of the Uniting Church of Australia (as below)

- Definition of Membership (Church Records):
 - Baptised Members: Date of birth + date of Baptism
 - Confirmed Members: Date of admission, transfer, etc
 - Adherents / Members in Association: transfer from another church but not confirmed members
- Confirmed members seeking to transfer their membership to / from another congregation should request a certificate of transfer from the relevant congregation
- Those seeking to become church members should make representation to the Parish Council
- A Membership Roll for the Redcliffe Uniting Church is to be compiled and reviewed annually:
 - Mrs K Robinson (Parish Roll)
 - Mrs J Silver (Chatham St)
 - Mrs O Day (Ernest St)
 - Mrs P Spillman (Gerald Ave)
- **Implementation following Union:**
 - A Parish Meeting will be held on 10th July at Griffiths Road Church
 - An Elders Briefing Meeting will be held during the first week of July
 - Congregational Meetings will be held in local churches on 17th and 24th July 1977
 - First Parish Council Meeting of the Redcliffe Uniting Church will be held on 29th July 1977
- **Inaugural Meeting of the Redcliffe Uniting Church:**
 - Date: 26th June 1977
 - Program: Being organized separately
 - Record of attendance: five boards at the entrance of the building for signature as people enter
 - Flowers to be made available on Saturday prior to the service (25th June)

Southern Area Elders Council (3rd August 1977)

Members Present:

- Rev JD Robinson (Chair)
- Mr and Mrs J Day
- Mr H Hanley
- Mrs J Silver
- Mrs J Miller
- Mr H Hedley
- Mrs A Buckley
- Mrs P Spillman
- Miss D Chambers

Business of Meeting:

- **Dedication of Elders:**
 - A Service of Dedication of newly elected Elders (Southern Area, Redcliffe Uniting Church) will be held as follows:
 - Ernest St Congregation (first Sunday in August)
 - Chatham St Congregation (first Sunday in September)
 - Gerald Ave Congregation (first Sunday in September)
- **Duties of Elders:**
 - Assistance at weekly church services (Roster)
 - Assistance with Monthly Communion Service
 - Assistance with Baptismal Services (as required)
 - To maintain contact with new church members
 - Visitation of the sick and aged in their homes

- **Church Organist at Ernest St:**
 - Mrs J Willett, church organist at Ernest St for many years, has tendered her resignation
- **Benevolent Fund:**
 - One central Benevolent Fund will continue to operate in the Southern Area
 - The cheque account currently held by Gerald Ave will continue
 - Treasurer: Mrs O Day;
 - Signatories to the account: Rev JD Robinson, Mrs O Day, Mrs J Silver
- **Preaching Plan:**
 - A Parish Preaching Plan to be issued in the near future

Southern Area Elders Council (4th September 1977)

Members Present:

- Rev JD Robinson (Chair)
- Mr H Hanley
- Mrs J Silver
- Mrs J Miller
- Mrs A Buckley
- Miss D Chambers

Business of Meeting:

- **Roster for Church Notices:**
 - Nomination of congregational representatives to prepare Church Notices:
 - Ernest St: Mr J Day
 - Chatham St: Mrs J Silver
 - Gerald Ave: Miss D Chambers
- **Membership Rolls** (See Minutes 15th June 1977):
 - Elders at each congregation responsible to update Membership Rolls:
 - Addition of names of new members
 - Removal of names of members no longer attending
 - Rev Robinson to meet with Elders of each congregation re above
 - Names for removal from Membership Rolls to be submitted to the next meeting of Elders Council
- **Visitation:**
 - One of the roles of Church Elders is to visit members of the congregation who, for one reason or another are unable to attend church regularly (the aged, infirm, etc)
 - Church Elders have requested assistance from other members of the congregation
 - Decision to endeavor to visit those who are unable to attend church ('shut-ins') on a regular basis
- **Bible Study Groups:**
 - Clontarf Group continues to meet on Monday evenings
 - A new Study Group to meet at the Parsonage on Wednesday
- **Special Family Services:**
 - Special Family Church Services are to be conducted once every 3 months
 - Sunday School children to be involved; parents invited to attend
 - A combined Service for Ernest St and Chatham St
 - A separate Service for Gerald Ave

Southern Area Elders Council (13th November 1977)

Members Present:

- Rev JD Robinson (Chair)
- Mr and Mrs J Day
- Mr H Henley
- Mrs J Silver
- Mrs J Miller
- Mrs A Buckley
- Mrs P Spilman
- Miss D Chambers

Business of Meeting:

- **Visitation:**
 - Discussion re arrangements for home visits
 - Elders to organize a roster of those who have offered to assist
 - Proposed allocation: 10 members / Elder
 - Priority to be given to `shut-ins` (people who are unable to attend church for physical or health reasons)
 - Additional people to be visited (those who have not attended church for a while) also to be included and encouraged to attend church more regularly (**Note:** Following `Union` some previous members / adherents ... irregular church attenders ... may have been confused by the anticipated changes)
- **Evening Church Services:**
 - Discussion re poor attendance at evening church services
 - Proposal:
 - A combined Fellowship Tea once / month for the Southern Area
 - Followed by an informal evening service
 - Venue: On a rotating basis: Ernest St, Chatham St and Gerald Ave
- **Youth Club:**
 - Parish Council is considering:
 - establishing Youth Clubs in the Parish
 - training suitable leaders to organize and run these programs
 - Rev J Robinson requests names of potential leaders for the Southern Area
- **Stewardship:**
 - Preliminary inquiries re existing Stewardship (Planned Giving) programs
 - Further inquiries to be made re this

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COUNCIL OF ELDERS

SUMMARY OF MINUTES (1978)

Southern Area Elders Council Minutes (22nd January 1978)

Members Present:

- Rev JD Robinson (Chair)
- Mrs K Robinson
- Mr and Mrs J Miller
- Mr and Mrs Henley
- Mrs A Davies
- Mrs G Brooks
- Mr and Mrs Hedley
- Mrs A Buckley
- Mrs P Spillman
- Miss D Chambers (Secretary)

Business of Meeting:

- **Visitation:**
 - Rev JD Robinson reported that Elders have examined the Rolls and selected members for visitation
 - Letters of introduction for the first visit have been distributed
 - Records to be kept of pastoral visits
 - Members ('shut-ins') to be visited atleast once per quarter
 - Adherents / irregular attenders might be visited if time permits
- **Welcoming Committee:**
 - The role of a welcoming committee for church services is under consideration
- **Easter Services:**
 - Tenebrae:
 - Thursday evening
 - Good Friday:
 - Ernest St @ 7.00 am: A combined service (Ernest St + Chatham St Congregations)
 - Gerald Ave @ 8.30 am
 - Easter Sunday:
 - Dawn Service, as usual
- **Evening Service:**
 - See Minutes 13th November 1977
 - Next Fellowship Tea + combined evening service
 - Date: Sunday 13th March
 - Venue: Chatham St

- **Youth Clubs:**
 - Rev JD Robinson reported on the leadership of the following groups in the Southern Area):
 - Rays: Mrs F O'Malley
 - OKs: Mr M Gibbins; possible assistance by Mr J Maskelyne

Southern Area Elders Council Minutes (2nd April 1978)

Members Present:

- Rev JD Robinson (Chair)
- Mrs K Robinson
- Mr and Mrs J Day
- Mr and Mrs J Miller
- Mr and Mrs Henley
- Mr and Mrs Hedley
- Mrs A Davies
- Mrs G Brooks
- Mrs A Buckley
- Mrs P Spillman
- Miss D Chambers (Secretary)

Business of Meeting:

- **Visitation:**
 - A report from Elders that Visitation was under way and well received from members
 - A request for greater assistance from other members of the congregation so that more visits can be made to include adherents
- **Area Fellowship Tea:**
 - A report re most recent Fellowship Tea and Evening Service held at Chatham St:
 - well attended
 - a successful evening
 - Next Fellowship Tea:
 - Date: Sunday 9th April @ 5.30 pm
 - Venue: Gerald Av
 - Followed by an informal evening service
- **Youth Groups:**
 - Leaders:
 - **OKs:** Mr M Gibbins
 - **Rays:** Mrs O'Malley (assisted by Miss J Schloss)
 - Both groups are functioning successfully
- **Sunday School:**
 - A combined Sunday School Picnic is planned for the near future (details to follow)
- **Baptisms:**
 - Four names submitted requesting Baptism
 - Rev JD Robinson to interview parents
- **Benevolent Fund:**
 - Resignation of Mrs Silver as Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund
 - Mrs A Davies nominated as her successor
 - Present accounts to be closed and opened in the name of the Southern Area Benevolent Fund
 - Authority given to Rev JD Robinsons to arrange this transfer

- **Preaching Plan:**
 - A Preaching Plan (Southern Area) for next three months is currently being prepared
- **Australian Hymn Book:**
 - A music Edition of the new Australian Hymn Book is to be presented to each of the Church Organists in the area
 - Matter referred to Property Committee

Southern Area Elders Council Minutes (4th June 1978)

Members Present:

- Rev JD Robinson (Chair)
- Mrs K Robinson
- Mr and Mrs J Day
- Mr and Mrs Henley
- Mr and Mrs Hedley
- Mrs A Buckley
- Mrs J Miller
- Mrs G Brooks
- Miss A Rickwood
- Miss D Chambers (Secretary)

Business of Meeting:

- **Visitations:**
 - Elders reported that visits have been well received
 - Special mention was made of some of the people who had been visited
 - The length of visits was discussed
 - Members of the Ladies Fellowship were asked to assist with visitations
- **Congregational Meetings**
 - Rev JD Robinson reported from Parish Council
 - Three Congregational meetings are to be conducted each year
 - Annual Meetings:
 - To be held in November of each year
 - Reports from each organization to be presented
 - Nomination of Elders (to be forwarded to Parish Council and Presbytry)
- **Celebration Day (Southern Area):**
 - First Anniversary of the inauguration of the Uniting Church of Australia
 - Date: 25th June @ 9.00 am
 - Venue: Ernest St
 - Special family Service
 - No Sunday School on that day
 - Fellowship Tea at night (commencing sat 5.00pm)
 - Venue: Ernest St
- **Youth Work (Southern Area):**
 - A new Youth Group to form
 - Date: Friday 9th June @ 4.00pm
 - Venue: Gerald Av
 - Leader: Mrs A Davies
 - Age group:

- Program:
 - Devotions
 - Activities
 - Handwork
 - OKs and Rays not functioning well at present; decision to continue if suitable Leaders can be found
 - A Parish Youth Group (High School age) is functioning well at present
- **Baptisms:**
 - Two families have requested Baptism for their children
- **Koolkuna:**
 - A refuge for women suffering from domestic violence has been set up in Redcliffe
 - The refuge contains 3 self-contained units; weekly rent is charged
 - Redcliffe Uniting Church to assist with maintenance of the property / service
- **Fund-raising Committee:**
 - Parish Council is setting up a Fund-raising Committee
 - Names of those interested in serving on this committee to be forwarded to Parish Council
- **Market Day:**
 - Request from Parish Council: Assistance required
 - Date: 8th July
 - Venue: Margate Youth Centre
 - Purpose: to raise funds for the Parish Property Committee (Maintenance of church properties)

Southern Area Elders Council Minutes (27th August 1978)

Members Present:

- Rev JD Robinson (Chair)
- Mr and Mrs J Day
- Mr and Mrs Hedley
- Mrs A Buckley
- Mrs J Miller
- Mrs G Brooks
- Mrs A Davies
- Mrs P Spillman
- Miss A Rickwood
- Miss D Chambers (Secretary)

Business of Meeting:

- **The Role of Elders:**
 - Rev JD Robinson spoke about the role of Elders in the Uniting Church
 - The Elders Handbook is to be used as a focus of Study for future Elders Meetings
 - Fellowship and unity within and between congregations stressed
 - The link between Parish Council and local Elders Councils was also stressed; particularly in the passing on of information
- **Membership Rolls:**
 - Membership Rolls for the Southern Area have now been compiled
 - Names of members on transfer from other congregations have now been included
 - Preparation for Stewardship Campaign planned for 1979

- **Bible Study Groups:**
 - Preparation for Leighton Ford Crusade (May 1979)
 - Study Book: In the Spirit of Love to be used by study groups in the period leading up to Easter and the Leighton Ford Crusade next year
- **Coming Events:**
 - Fellowship Tea and combined Evening Service:
 - Date: 10th September @ 5.00pm
 - Venue: Gerald Ave
 - Family Service:
 - Date: 17th September
 - Venue: Chatham St
 - Sunday School Anniversary:
 - Date: 24th September
 - Venue: Gerald Ave
 - Combined area Family Service:
 - Date: 15th October
 - Venue: Ernest St
 - Fellowship Tea and Evening Carol Service:
 - Date: 10th December
 - Venue: Gerald Ave

Southern Area Elders Council Minutes (27th August 1978)

Members Present:

- Rev JD Robinson (Chair)
- Mr and Mrs J Day
- Mr and Mrs Hedley
- Mr G Maskelyne
- Mrs A Buckley
- Mrs J Miller
- Mrs G Brooks
- Mrs P Spillman
- Miss A Rickwood
- Miss D Chambers (Secretary)

Business of Meeting:

- **Annual Report for 1978:**
 - The main purpose of this meeting was to prepare the Annual Report
 - Items included:
 - Regular meetings of Southern Area Elders Council have been conducted throughout the year
 - Regular Visitation to members and those with special needs
 - Spiritual renewal of the lives of members of the congregation
 - Combined Fellowship Teas, followed by an informal evening service have been a great success

- Statistics:
 - No of confirmed members in the area: 57
 - No of baptised members:
 - No of adherents:
 - No of baptisms during the year: 4
 - No of young people received into the membership of the church:
 - Gerald Ave: 4
 - No of young people attending confirmation classes:
 - Gerald Ave: 4
 - Chatham St: 5
- **Bible Study Groups:**
 - 3 Bible Study Groups currently running
 - The Leighton Ford Reachout Booklet In the Spirit of Love will be the Study Guide for 1979
- **Elders for 1979:**
 - Rev JD Robinson reported that Mr Alton Nicholls who has recently moved to the area wishes to continue as an Elder (as in his previous church)

REDCLIFFE PENINSULA UNITING CHURCH

COUNCIL OF ELDERS

SUMMARY OF MINUTES (1979)

Southern Area Elders Council (4th March 1979)

Members Present:

- Rev JD Robinson (Chair)
- Mr and Mrs Day
- Mr and Mrs Hanley
- Mrs A Davies
- Mrs J Miller
- Mrs A Buckley
- Mrs P Spillman
- Mrs G Brooks
- Mrs M Maskelyne
- Miss A Rickwood
- Miss D Chambers (Secretary)

Business of Meeting:

- **Bible Study Groups:**
 - Three groups operating in the Southern Area
 - Study Guide: Leighton Ford's Reachout Book
- **Baptisms:**
 - Two baptisms in Ernest St church plus two more to come
 - Discussion re Preparation Course for those seeking Baptism
 - Discussion re the role of the Cradle Roll (ie follow-up following Baptism)
 - Discussion re the roles in preparation and follow-up of Baptisms
- **Sunday School:**
 - Discussion re a weekend teacher training workshop to be conducted during the year
 - Rev Bob Warwick (Synod Rep) to be invited to run the workshop
- **Family Camp:**
 - Arrangements are in hand for Family Camp:
 - Date: 25th – 27th May 1979
 - Venue: Caloundra (details incomplete)
- **Membership Roll:**
 - Report the Membership Roll for Southern Area is now complete
- **Leighton Ford Crusade:**
 - Date: 6th – 13th May 1979
 - Venue:
 - Choir:
 - A combined Churches Choir to sing at the Crusade
 - Weekly choir practice: 13th March – 1st May
 - Choir practice to be held at the Wesley Centre in the City

- **Fellowship Tea:**
 - Date: 18th or 25th march
 - Venue: Chatham St
 - Arrangements:
 - Evening church service to follow
 - Parish Youth Group to conduct the evening service

Southern Area Elders Council (20th May 1979)

Members Present:

- Rev JD Robinson (Chair)
- Mrs K Robinson
- Mr and Mrs Day
- Mr and Mrs Henley
- Mr A Nichols
- Mr G Maskelyne
- Mrs L Henley
- Mrs J Miller
- Miss A Rickwood

Business of Meeting:

- **Parish Council Planning Committee:**
 - Mr R Lister (from the Parish Council Planning Committee) addressed the meeting re:
 - Possible future plans for the Redcliffe Parish
 - Suggestions for future use of church properties in the Parish
 - Suggestions for the role of various church organization in the future
 - Amalgamation within the Redcliffe Uniting Church
 - Mr Lister also sought the opinions of the members of the Southern Area Elders Council re their vision of the future for the Redcliffe Uniting Church and the Southern Area in particular
- **Visitation:**
 - Elders were asked to report on home visits to members of the congregation who were unable to attend church
 - Elders were asked to identify those who were sick or had special needs
- **Baptisms:**
 - The role of Elders is visiting the homes of those parents who were requesting Baptism of their children was discussed at length
 - On the day of Baptism, that the Elder (above) introduce the family to the congregation
- **New Australian Hymn Book:**
 - The new Australian Hymn Book has been released
 - Discussion re its use in Church Services
 - An Organists Copy (Musical Edition) to be purchased for each congregation (See Minutes 2nd April 1978)
 - An Organist's Copy of the Australian Hymn Book is to be presented to the Ernest St congregation by Mrs B Hunt in memory of her late husband, Mr J Hunt

Southern Area Elders Council (15th July 1979)

Members Present:

- Rev JD Robinson (Chair)
- Mrs K Robinson
- Mr and Mrs Day
- Mr and Mrs Hanley
- Mr A Nichols
- Mrs M Maskelyne
- Mrs A Hedley
- Mrs J Miller
- Mrs A Buckley
- Mrs P Spillman
- Miss A Rickwood
- Miss D Chambers (Secretary)

Business of Meeting:

- **Pastoral Care:**
 - The Elders Handbook was distributed amongst members
 - Discussion focused on Chapter 3 of the Handbook: Pastoral Care
- **Visitation:**
 - Continuing discussion re visitation of members of the congregation
 - Special attention given to `Adherents` (irregular church attenders) and parents of children in the Cradle Roll (See Minutes 4th March 1979)
 - Visitors to provide information re activities of the Redcliffe Uniting Church (see below)
 - Assistance continues to be requested from members of the congregation re this
- **Church Attendance:**
 - Concern expressed re poor church attendance since `Union`
 - Discussion re how to attract better church attendance
 - Some suggestions included:
 - A range of informal social activities
 - Printed leaflets to distribute informing people of the various activities of the Redcliffe Uniting Church
- **Definition of Terms:**
 - Associate Members: Those members who wish to retain membership in their former church, but worship with us whilst living / working in our area
- **Focus:**
 - Focus is the Newsletter of the Redcliffe Uniting Church
 - Disappointment expressed at the poor quality of recent editions
 - Suggestions for improvement:
 - publish more frequently (ie monthly, if possible)
 - include a greater variety of articles of interest to members of the various congregations and organisations (Sunday School, Youth Groups, etc)
 - include photographs and other graphics to make more visually appealing
 - provide an up-to-date calendar of forthcoming events
 - employ a (lay) `editor` to oversee the publication
- **Bible Study:**
 - Rev JD Robinson reported: Study Guide Mission to the Eighties not available til October
 - As an interim measure, he recommended two possible alternatives:
 - The Gospel for our Day
 - The Teaching of Jesus for Today

- **Baptisms:**
 - See Minutes 20th May 1979
 - Further suggestions re the role of Elders:
 - An Elder should attend the interview between the Minister and the couple seeking Baptism for their infant / child
 - That Elder (above) to introduce the family to the congregation at the beginning of the Baptismal Service
 - That Elder also to stand with the couple during the Baptism and to present the Baptismal Certificate to the parents at the end of the Baptismal Service
- **Radio Broadcast of Church Service:**
 - A request from Parish Council
 - Radio Broadcast of Redcliffe Uniting Church
 - Date: 19th August
 - Venue:
 - Arrangements: A combined Parish Church Service
 - Further details to be advised

Southern Area Elders Council (14th October 1979)

Members Present:

- Rev JD Robinson (Chair)
- Mr and Mrs Day
- Mr and Mrs Hanley
- Mr and Mrs Maskelyne
- Mr A Nichols
- Mrs A Hedley
- Mrs G Brooks
- Mrs J Miller
- Mrs A Buckley
- Mrs P Spillman
- Miss A Rickwood
- Miss D Chambers (Secretary)

Business of Meeting:

- **Main focus of this meeting:**
 - To listen to the recording of an address given by Rev Alan Walker
 - To discuss issues arising out of Alan Walker's presentation (re future action by Elders)
- **Main points raised by Rev Alan Walker:**
 - The Commission given by Jesus: Go and Teach ...
 - What is the real goal?
 - The role of the Christian Church
 - The Church needs to become a 'Movement' again (Evangelism)
 - Our goal: to work and pray for ... and change the world (cf Wesley)

Southern Area Elders Council (18th November 1979)

Members Present:

- Rev JD Robinson (Chair)
- Mrs K Robinson
- Mr and Mrs Day
- Mr and Mrs Hanley
- Mr and Mrs Hedley
- Mrs J Miller
- Mrs J Silver
- Mrs G Brooks
- Miss A Rickwood
- Miss D Chambers (Secretary)

Business of Meeting:

- **Presentation of Annual Report for 1979**
- **Youth Groups:**
 - Attendance at both OKs and Rays has been poor during the year
 - Decision to close both groups at the end of 1979
 - Decision to start a new group in the new year; details yet to be determined
 - Leaders of both OKs and Rays indicated their willingness to assist with the new group in the new year
 - Rev JD Robinson agreed to pursue that matter further and to contact Rev E McChesney Clark (Minister at Queens Beach Church Uniting Church) re plans for Youth Groups in 1980
- **Nominations for Office Bearers of the Southern Area Elders Council for 1980:**
 - Secretary: Miss D Chambers
 - Treasurer: Mrs J Silver
 - Roll Book: Mr H Hanley
- **Elders for 1980:**
 - A number of resignations of Elders in the Southern Area from the end of 1979
 - The Election of new Elders for 1980 will occur at the Annual Congregational Meeting
 - Discussion re the role of Elders / Elders Duties:
 - Welcoming people to church services
 - Distribution of Church Notices
 - Assisting with Communion and Baptisms
 - Visitation of members and Adherents (See Note below)

Note: Some Elders are finding Visitation difficult because of lack of transport, people not at home, too long a list of names to be contacted. The involvement of other lay members and concentrating more on adherents (rather than members) has been suggested (See Annual Report for Southern Area Elders Council, 1979)

REDCLIFFE PENINSULA UNITING CHURCH

COMBINED ELDERS COUNCIL

SUMMARY OF MINUTES (1986)

Combined Elders Council (12th February 1986):

NOTE: *This was the first of monthly Parish Elders Council Meetings. Prior to this, members of the Combined Elders Councils had met 3 or 4 times per year, Elders normally meeting in local area (Southern Area Elders Council, Central Area Elders Council, Northern Area Elders Council) every 4 – 6 weeks. From now on, local Elders Council meetings would be abolished and would be replaced by monthly Parish Elders Council Meetings*

Business of Meeting:

- **Opening:**
 - Rev Margaret Cayzer and Rev Robert Morgan co-chaired the meeting
 - 26 members were present; 4 apologies
 - Introductory Prayer and Bible Reading
 - Small Group Discussion based on Ray Thompson's book: Battling with Belief
- **Welcome of newly appointed Elders:**
 - Gerald Ave: Mr and Mrs J Robinson
 - Griffiths Rd: Mr G Gray
- **Election of Secretary:**
 - Mrs Marion Maskelyne was elected as Secretary of the Combined Elders Council
- **Street Signs for Churches:**
 - Discussion re erecting street signs identifying location of various churches on Peninsula
 - Matter to be referred to Parish Property Committee and then Redcliffe City Council
- **Church Services:**
 - Evening Church Services:
 - Discussion re only one evening service in the Parish
 - Recommendation to Parish Council re a trial period of 6 months
 - Evening Service to be conducted at Ernest St church
 - Annual Parish Service:
 - Date: 9th March 1986
 - Venue: Assembly Hall, Redcliffe State High School
 - Guest Speaker: Rev R McIntyre
 - Service of Confirmation:
 - Rev M Cayzer reported: 7 young people had been attending Confirmation Classes and ready for Confirmation (6 from Josephine St and 1 from Gerald Ave)
 - Elders asked to assist with the Service
 - Tenebrae:
 - Tenebrae: a service of reflection held on Maundy Thursday
 - For many years this has been held at Griffiths Rd
 - Discussion re moving to a more central venue
 - Decision to remain at Griffiths Rd
 - Josephine St Congregation to be responsible for Communion

- **Sunday School:**
 - Report on a combined meeting of Sunday School Teachers (December 1985):
 - Discussion re visiting families of children in the Sunday School
 - Elders encouraged to support this venture
 - Discussion re Worship Service of Sunday School children
- **Easter Brochures:**
 - 3,000 Easter Pamphlets (Bible Society) to be ordered
 - Pamphlets to be 'over-printed' with details of Easter Services for Redcliffe Parish
 - Pamphlets to be distributed:
 - to neighbours and friends (letter box drop)
 - RE classes at school
- **Luncheons of Eight:**
 - Luncheons of Eight ... a means of getting to know members of the congregation
 - Suggestion to try this for three months this year: April – June
 - Discussion re how to organise this / groupings etc
- **Parish Camp:**
 - Date: Late February 1985
 - Cancelled due to lack of numbers
- **Cell groups:**
 - A number of Bible Study Groups are meeting throughout the Parish
- **Agendas for future meetings:**
 - Prior to each meeting, Secretaries of local area Elders Councils to meet with the Ministers to plan the agenda for the meeting
 - Combined Elders Council Meetings would be divided into two sections:
 - Total Group discussion on issues of importance to the Parish as a whole
 - Local Area Elders Councils to discuss issues of specific importance to their area (small groups discussion)

Combined Elders Council (12th March 1986):

Business of Meeting:

- **Opening:**
 - Rev Robert Morgan (Chair)
 - 28 members were present
 - Introductory Prayer and Bible Reading
 - Small Group Discussion based on Ray Thompson's book: Battling with Belief
- **Luncheons of Eight:**
 - Ongoing discussion
 - Information will be available for distribution on Sunday 16th March
- **Parish Meeting (1987):**
 - Alternative ideas will be discussed at a meeting later in the year
- **Easter Brochures:**
 - These are now available
 - 1,000 for each area
- **Presbytry Evangelism Coordinator**
 - No other details
- **Assembly Report on Homosexuality:**
 - A group of Elders to form to consider the issue
 - Once a date has been decided interested members of the congregation would be invited to attend

- **Ministerial Supply:**
 - Ernest St and Gerald Ave:
 - Rev Noel Davis
 - 23rd March 1986
 - 30th March 1986
 - Rev Joe Evans:
 - Good Friday
 - Griffith Rd:
 - Rev Ray Thompson
 - Good Friday
 - Easter Sunday
 - Rev Arthur Gray
 - 6th April 1986
- **Easter Services:**
 - Good Friday Offerings:
 - These are to be given to the Lenten Appeal
 - Tenebrae:
 - Five representatives (one from each congregation) to assist in arranging and leading this service
- **Farewell to Rev R and Mrs Painton:**
 - Rev R Painton now on Sick Leave
 - Expected to retire or resign soon
 - Farewell to Rev and Mrs Painton to be arranged when details are clear
- **Item for Agenda of next Meeting:**
 - Defining the Roles of:
 - Parish Council
 - Elders Council
 - Correspondence from Col Ray on Regulations re Formation of Combined Elders Council

Combined Elders Council (19th April 1986):

Business of Meeting:

- **Opening:**
 - Rev Robert Morgan (Chair)
 - 21 members were present; 10 apologies
 - Introductory Prayer and Bible Reading
 - Small Group Discussion based on Ray Thompson's book: Battling with Belief
- **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**
 - Decision: Minutes be forwarded to members and read prior to meeting (to save time)
- **Easter Services:**
 - Attendance at Easter Services was poor, this year
 - Easter Brochures: Some questions re their effectiveness
 - Tenebrae Service: Some positive comments
- **Farewell to Rev R and Mrs Painton:**
 - Rev R Painton now on Sick Leave
 - Expected to retire / resign soon
 - See Minutes 12th March
 - Decision that gift of money be given to Rev and Mrs Painton from the congregation in acknowledgement and appreciation of their ministry; donations from members of the congregation are requested
 - Final arrangements in the hands of Parish Council

- **Ministerial Supply:**
 - Appreciation extended to Rev Arthur Gray who had filled the vacancy at Griffiths Rd for several weeks
 - Rev Stan Schloss (Mission Strategy and Planning Committee Presbyty / Synod????) had visited the Redcliffe Parish re Ministerial Supply during the vacancy created by resignation of Rev R Painton
 - Rev Joyce Anderson may be able to assist for a limited time
- **Luncheons of Eight:**
 - 140 members (from all areas) had indicated their wish to be involved in this function
 - Groupings yet to be determined
 - Should be available on Sunday
- **Assembly Report on Homosexuality:**
 - Report from a group of Elders who had read and given the matter serious consideration
 - Interested members of the congregation had been invited to participate
 - Response to be forwarded to Parish Council
 - Response also to be forwarded to the author of the Report (as requested)
- **Item for Agenda of Next Meeting:**
 - See Minutes 12th March
 - Defining the Roles of:
 - Parish Council
 - Elders Council
 - See Correspondence from Rev Col Ray on Regulations regarding the Formation of Combined Elders Council
 - This matter to be held over till next meeting
- **Proposed Parish Evangelism Program:**
 - Suggestion from a Parish Prayer Group that the Parish undertake an Evangelism program
 - A sub-committee of Elders to investigate this further
 - Contact Mr Clive Ayr, Presbytry Evangelism Co-ordinator
 - Suggestion that Elders Council write to the Parish Council supporting this proposal
- **Training Course for Lay Visitation:**
 - Blue Nursing Services, Brisbane is organising a training course for lay visitors
 - Interest expressed by some members

Combined Elders Council (14th May 1986):

Business of Meeting:

- **Opening:**
 - Rev Robert Morgan (Chair)
 - 23 members were present; 7 apologies
 - Introductory Prayer and Bible Reading
 - Small Group Discussion based on Ray Thompson's book: Battling with Belief
- **Proposed Parish Evangelism Program:**
 - This proposal has been referred Parish Council
 - Mission Action Committee also be involved in the planning of this program
- **Farewell to Rev R and Mrs Painton:**
 - Report that Rev and Mrs Painton had appreciated the generous gift from the congregation and messages from individuals
- **Ministerial Staffing:**
 - A Selection Committee has been formed to investigate filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Rev R Painton

- **Elders Reports to Parish Council:**
 - From now on, Reports to Parish Council come from the Combined Elders Council
 - If a local congregation / area has a particular item of interest, the matter to be referred to Combined Elders Council
- **Defining the Roles of Parish Council and Elders Council:**
 - Some ambiguity re this
 - Elders Council to approach Parish Council Executive re a meeting with them to discuss this issue
 - Three members of Combined Elders Council elected for this task:
 - Rev J Robinson
 - Mr J Wallace
 - Mrs M Maskelyne
- **Evening Church Service:**
 - Three-month trial period of one evening church service has now passed
 - Review of situation: General agreement with this plan
 - Decision to continue with one evening service in the Parish
- **Luncheons of Eight:**
 - See Minutes 19th April
 - 140 members (from all areas) participated
 - A great success
 - Thanks to the Secretary who organised groupings
- **Minister`s Holidays:**
 - Rev R Morgan will be on holidays: 30th June – 19th July

Combined Elders Council (11th June 1986):

Business of Meeting:

- **Opening:**
 - Rev Robert Morgan (Chair)
 - 27 members were present; 9 apologies
 - Introductory Prayer and Bible Reading
 - Small Group Discussion based on Ray Thompson`s book: Battling with Belief
- **Defining the Roles of Parish Council and Elders Council:**
 - Report to Combined Elders Council re meeting with Parish Council Executive
 - Combined Elders Council is responsible for:
 - Broad areas of Christian Education, Evangelism and Worship
 - Two existing committees to be disbanded:
 - Christian Education Committee
 - Mission Action Committee
- **Disseminating Information to Parishioners:**
 - Information from Parish Council and Combined Elders Council to be made available to all members of the Parish
 - A church newsletter / magazine (Focus) to be produced after each Parish Council Meeting
 - Editor: Mrs C Kroll ???
 - Other details????? Prior existence?????
- **Future of Redcliffe Parish:**
 - Correspondence from Pastoral Relations Committee (Presbytry)
 - Reference to visit of Pastoral Relations Committee in 1985
 - Considerable discussion re the future of the Redcliffe Parish ... particularly in relation to the Call of another Ordained Minister

- **Harvest Festival:**
 - Date: 24th August 1986
- **Parish Picnic:**
 - Date: 30th August 1986
 - Venue: to be determined
 - Planning: Camp Committee to be asked to organise this

NOTE: At close of meeting Elders from Josephine St requested a short meeting with Elders from Griffith Rd

Combined Elders Council (9th July 1986):

Business of Meeting:

- **Opening:**
 - Rev Margaret Cayzer (Chair)
 - 19 members were present; 10 apologies
 - Introductory Prayer and Bible Reading
 - Small Group Discussion based on Ray Thompson's book: Battling with Belief
- **Parish Picnic:**
 - Planning Meeting: 21st July 1986
 - Venue: to be decided; consideration to be given to costs of transport
- **Sunday Schools:**
 - Report on Children's Missionary Training Day
 - Good representation from 3 of the 4 Sunday Schools
 - Josephine St Sunday School:
 - Welcome to 4 new teachers (young people)
- **Girls Club:**
 - Girls Club in abeyance due to lack of numbers

Combined Elders Council (6th August 1986):

Business of Meeting:

- **Opening:**
 - Rev Bob Morgan (Chair)
 - 20 members were present; 13 apologies
 - Introductory Prayer and Bible Reading
 - Small Group Discussion based on Ray Thompson's book: Battling with Belief
- **Parish Picnic:**
 - Planning Meeting: 21st July 1986
 - Details to be available in weekly church bulletin
- **Josephine St Jubilee Celebrations:**
 - Date: 23rd November 1986
 - Request from Josephine St Congregation for evening service to be held at Josephine St
- **North Brisbane Presbytry Elders Seminar:**
 - Date: 5th September 1986
 - Venue:
 - Names of those wishing to attend be given to the Secretary by 27th August
- **New Elders Study Book: Elders 86**
 - Produced by Mission and Parish Services (Synod?)
 - Multiple copies to be ordered for Elders use

- **Ministerial Call:**
 - Communication from Parish Council to Presbytry Pastoral Relations Committee
 - A request that Rev Michael Smith be offered a Call to Redcliffe Parish
 - An undertaking from Presbytry Pastoral Relations Committee to approach Joint Presbyteries Settlements Advisory Committee supporting the Call of Rev Michael Smith
 - Presbytry Pastoral Relations Committee also advise that a third member of the Ministerial Team (someone with Administrative Skills) is required by Redcliffe Parish

Combined Elders Council (10th September 1986):

Business of Meeting:

- **Opening:**
 - Rev Bob Morgan (Chair)
 - Mis Doris Chambers (Acting Secretary)
 - 22 members were present; 8 apologies
 - Introductory Prayer and Bible Reading
 - Small Group Discussion based on Ray Thompson's book: Battling with Belief
- **Parish Picnic:**
 - Planning Meeting: 21st July 1986
 - Details to be available in weekly church bulletin
- **New Elders Study Book: Elders 86**
 - Produced by Mission and Parish Services (Synod?)
 - Now available
- **Ministerial Call:**
 - Settlements Committee recommends the Call of Rev Noel Kidd to Redcliffe Parish
 - Congregational Meeting to consider the Call of Rev Noel Kidd
 - Date: 21st September
 - Venue: Chatham St Church
- **Focus:**
 - Editor: Mrs C Kroll
 - The Secretary agreed to write a report from the Combined Elders Council for inclusion in the magazine
 - Elders encouraged to pass local items of interest on to the Secretary
- **Synod Services:**
 - Date: 6th October
 - Venue: Festival Hall, Brisbane
 - Arrangements:
 - Coach leaves from Griffith Rd Church Hall at 5.15 pm
 - Local Elders to collect names of those who wish to go by coach
 - No evening service at Redcliffe
- **Neighbourhood Centre:**
 - Neighbourhood Centre previously under Mission Action Committee
 - Mission Action Committee discontinued (See Minutes 11th June 1986)
 - Neighbourhood Centre now under Combined Elders Council
 - Betty Johnson (Coordinator) reporting:
 - Inviting two Elders to join Neighbourhood Centre Committee
 - Neighbourhood Centre now using Buckingham St premises
- **Campaigners for Christ:**
 - 'This is Life' Rally
 - Date: 30th August
 - Venue: Assembly Hall, Redcliffe State High School

- Training of Counsellors for the Rally:
 - A number of RUC Young People had trained as counsellors to assist with Rally
- **Farewells to Rev Margaret Cayzer and Rev Joyce Anderson:**
 - Rev Margaret Cayzer and Rev Joyce Anderson to finish their appointments to Redcliffe Parish at the end of the year
 - Josephine St Congregation to organise Farewell for both Ministers (one function)
- **Membership Cards:**
 - Previous discussion re `Membership Cards` for new members, visitors etc as a means of keeping Membership Rolls up-to-date
 - Decision to produce a Parish Membership Card for all congregations to use

Combined Elders Council (8th October 1986):

Business of Meeting:

- **Opening:**
 - Rev Bob Morgan (Chair)
 - Mis Doris Chambers (Acting Secretary)
 - 22 members were present; 7 apologies
 - Introductory Prayer and Bible Reading
 - Small Group Discussion based on Ray Thompson`s book: Battling with Belief
- **Farewells to Rev Margaret Cayzer and Rev Joyce Anderson:**
 - See Minutes 10th September 1986
 - Farwell function:
 - Date: 7th December @ 4.30pm
 - Venue: Griffiths Rd Church Hall
 - Afternoon musical program (to be organised by Mr and Mrs Taudevin)
 - Fellowship Tea to follow
- **Ministerial Appointments:**
 - Parish has received written acceptances from:
 - Rev Noel Kidd
 - Rev M Smith
 - Joint Presbyteries Settlements Advisory Committee to confirm the appointments
- **Home Fellowship Groups:**
 - To be introduced across the Parish in 1987
 - To include `mixed` aged groups
 - Current `Cell Groups` may need to be restructured
 - See Minutes 12th November 1986
- **Youth Groups:**
 - Concern expressed that Elders do not know many of the young people in the Parish
 - Suggested a `Getting to know you` Evening
 - Date: 29th November @ 6.30pm
 - Arrangements:
 - Meal to be provided by Elders and their spouses
 - Invite young people of the Parish (Year 10 upwards)
 - Purpose: a social evening to allow Elders and young people to get to know each other
 - Organisers:
 - Joy Schloss
 - Gem Jewell
 - Ed Johnson
 - Jim Day

- **Evening Church Services:**
 - Date: 12th October
 - Venue: Josephine St
 - Lawnton Uniting Church Presentation: Musical (no other details)
 - Date: 19th October
 - Venue: Josephine St
 - Freemansons Service
 - Rev D McLennan
 - Date: 19th October:
 - Venue: Ernest St
 - Regular Evening Service
- **Carols by Candlelight:**
 - Date: 13th December 1986
 - Venue: Redcliffe Sound Shell
- **Pleasant Sunday Afternoon:**
 - Date: 14th December 1986
 - Venue: Gिरraween

Combined Elders Council (8th October 1986):

Business of Meeting:

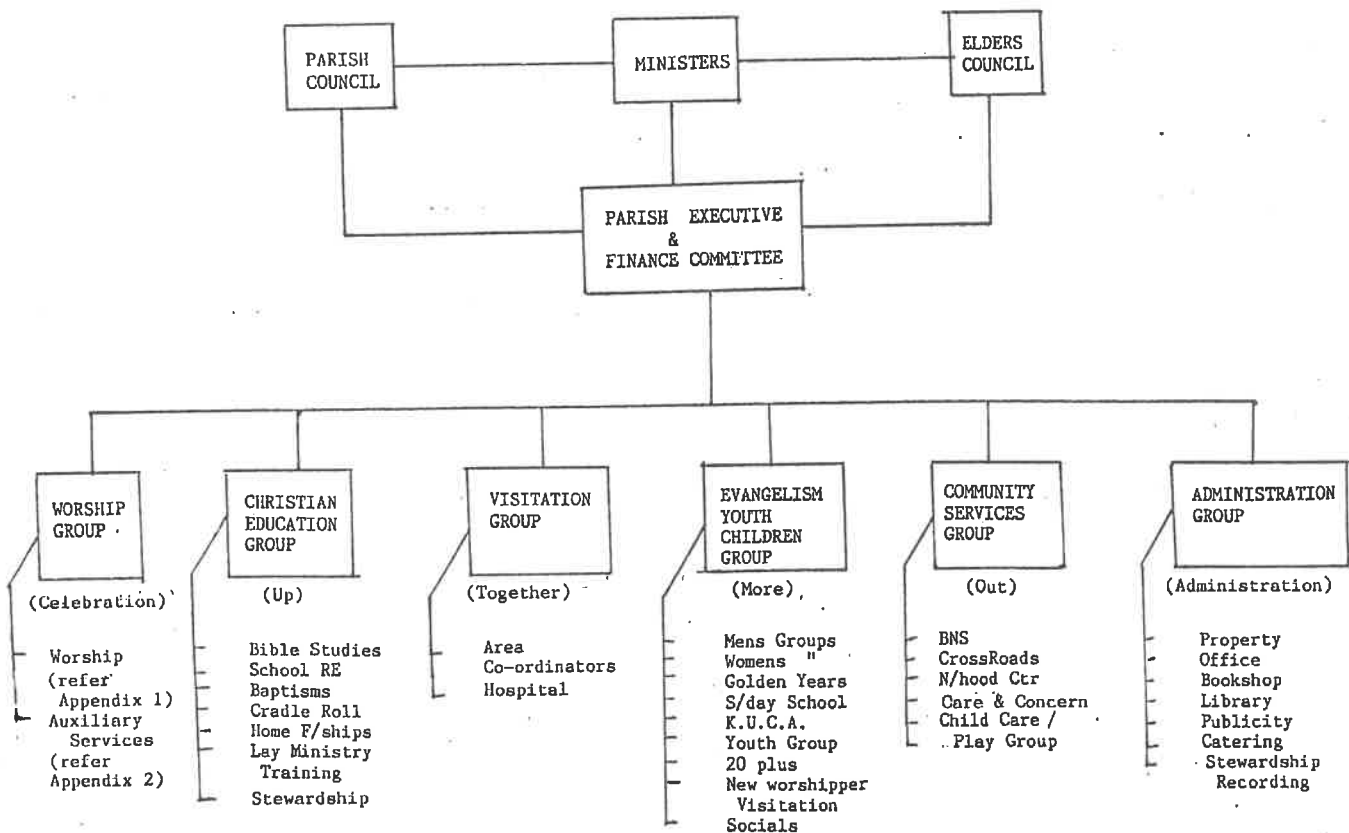
- **Opening:**
 - Rev Bob Morgan (Chair)
 - 26 members were present; 5 apologies
 - Guest Speaker: Rev Col Ray spoke on the topic: Home Fellowship Groups
- **Ministerial Appointments:**
 - Rev Michael Smith will be available to take up his duties on 11th January 1987
 - Rev Noel Kidd will be available to take up his duties on 25th January 1987
- **Induction of Rev M Smith and Rev N Kidd:**
 - Date: 25th January 1987 @ 7.30 pm
 - Venue: Ernest St Church
 - Arrangements: Rev Stan Schloss (Chairman of Presbytry)
- **State Wide Elders Weekend Away:**
 - Date: 12 – 14 June 1987
- **Formation of Task Group:**
 - Purpose: Planning details of training and implementation of Pastoral Care Program within the Parish
 - Due to start in the new year
 - Invitation from Parish Council for 2 – 3 representatives from Combined Elders Council
 - Two volunteers: M Maskelyne and R Lister
- **Christmas Services:**
 - Chatham St: No Service on Christmas Day
 - No other information
- **Christmas Carols:**
 - Date: 22nd December 1986
 - Carollers would meet at private homes @ 5.00pm
 - Moving from there to Nazarene and Ozanam Villa
- **Next Meeting:**
 - Date: 28th January 1987
 - Venue:
 - Agenda: to discuss setting up Home Fellowship Groups

- **Annual General Meeting:**
 - Date: 11th February @ 7.30 pm
 - Venue: Chatham St
- **Annual Parish Service:**
 - Date: 15th March 1987 @ 8.45am
 - Venue: Assembly Hall Redcliffe State High School
 - Guest Speaker: Rev Ces Schloss
 - Arrangements:
 - A Family Service
 - No Sunday School

PROPOSED ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

REDCLIFFE UNITING CHURCH

Source: Redcliffe Uniting Church Parish Council Records (1989)



REDCLIFFE PENINSULA UNITING CHURCH

COMBINED ELDERS COUNCIL

SUMMARY OF MINUTES (1989)

Combined Elders Council (8th February 1989):

Business of Meeting:

- **Opening:**
 - Rev K Kidd (Chair)
 - Mr A Evans (Acting Secretary)
 - 22 members were present; 3 apologies
- **Introductory Prayer and Bible Reading**
- **Election of Office Bearers:**
 - Chairman: Rev Noel Kidd
 - Secretary: Mr Allen Evans
 - Representatives of Elders Council to Parish Council:
 - Mr Maurice Wildish
 - Mr David Brown
 - Mr David Skells
 - Mr Neil Grant
 - Mrs Margaret Evans
 - Mrs Gwen Moon
- **Frequency of Elders Council meetings:**
 - See Minutes November 1988
 - Meetings till June 1989:
 - Monthly (every 4 weeks)
 - 2nd Wednesday of the month
- **Membership:**
 - Transfer of members to / from Redcliffe Parish
 - Removal of names from Membership Roll
- **Services at Ozanam Villa:**
 - See Minutes November 1988
 - Uniting Church to continue holding church services at Ozanam Villa (2nd Monday of the month)
- **Easter Services:**
 - Good Friday:
 - Griffith Rd: 7.00 am
 - Ernest St: 7.00 am
 - Josephine St: 8.30 am
 - Giraween: 9.30 am
 - Easter Day:
 - Normal Church Service times at each Centre
 - Maundy Thursday:
 - Tenebrae:
 - Griffiths Rd

- **Parish Education Program:**
 - Brief Report of the meeting held on the 9th November 1988
 - See Minutes November 1988
- **Christian Concert:**
 - **Date:** April 1989
 - **Details:**
 - Being arranged by Christian Outreach Centre
 - RUC asked to contribute
 - Inquiry to Mr Keith Lawson (re presentation of the Musical **First Love**)
 - Matter referred to Ministers
- **Baptism Course:**
 - See previous Minutes re this
 - Report by Rev N Kidd
 - Next three-week Baptism Course commences:
 - **Date:** 9th February 1989
 - Elders asked to support this program
- **Copyright:**
 - Ongoing discussion re this
 - Need to discuss this issue
 - Agenda Item for next meeting
- **Election of Elders:**
 - Ernest St:
 - New Elders to be elected
 - **Date:** 19th February 1989
- **Sale of Church Properties:**
 - With the sale of all church properties imminent, questions were raised as to how special church functions (ie weddings) will be catered for
 - Ministers advised that negotiations would be made with other denominations for use of their buildings if necessary
- **Parish Visitation Program:**
 - Reports to be presented at next meeting
- **Christian Blind Mission International:**
 - Mr Maurie Pipier is available as a Guest Speaker for church services
 - Ministers to investigate this further

Combined Elders Council (8th March 1989):

Business of Meeting:

- **Opening:**
 - Rev K Kidd (Chair)
 - 19 members were present; 6 apologies
- **Introductory Prayer and Bible Reading**
- **Easter Services:**
 - See Minutes 8th February 1989
 - Tenebrae:
 - Maundy Thursday
 - Time: 6.30pm
 - Venue: Griffith Rd
 - Conducted by Rev R Morgan

- Easter Day:
 - Dawn Service
 - Venue: Scotts Point
 - Conducted by Rev A Risson, Church of Christ
 - Easter Literature:
 - To be distributed by Elders
- **Christian Concert:**
 - **Date:** 15th April 1989 @ 6.00 pm
 - **Details:**
 - Being arranged by Christian Outreach Centre
 - RUC asked to contribute
 - Other Churches involved:
 - Church on the Bay
 - Church of Christ
 - Salvation Army
 - Next Planning Meeting: 10th March 1989
- **Sale of Church Properties:**
 - See Minutes 8th February 1989
 - Sale of all church properties imminent ... arrangements for weddings etc
 - Negotiations are being made with other denominations for use of their buildings
- **Membership:**
 - Transfer of members to / from Redcliffe Parish
 - Removal of names from Membership Roll
- **Copyright:**
 - See Minutes 8th February 1989
 - See publication by Presbytry of Canberra, UCA
 - Need to be mindful of legal implications of:
 - Making cassettes
 - Reproduction of music
 - Use of transparencies
 - Photocopying
- **Parish Visitation Program:**
 - Reports from Area Coordinators were presented
 - Difficulty for some visitors to find time this, especially if they are working full-time
 - See previous Minutes (November 1988) re this
 - Elders were encouraged to ensure that people who are 'house-bound' are not overlooked
- **Appointment of Third Minister:**
 - Report from Parish Council
 - Recommendation to Parish Annual Congregational Meeting (12th March 1989) re necessity to employ a third Minister in the Parish
 - The need for a Minister with expertise in Youth Work and Evangelism was discussed
- **Appointment of Mr Gary Camplin:**
 - Mr Gary Camplin has been appointed to the Redcliffe Youth Council
 - Mr Camplin is the representative of 'Christian Youth' on the Council
 - Mr Camplin is one of 11 members of the Youth Council
 - The work of Mr Gary Camplin in the Redcliffe Parish was acknowledged
- **Church Services at Redcliffe Hospital:**
 - Parish Council has decided to discontinue these services due to poor attendance
 - Board of Redcliffe Hospital to be advised of this decision

- **Christian Broadcasting:**
 - Report from Mr Robert Way
 - Elders are encouraged to support / listen to / watch TV and radio programs produced by the Christian Broadcasting Association
 - Annual Subscription of \$ 50.00

Combined Elders Council (12th April 1989):

Business of Meeting:

- **Opening:**
 - Rev K Kidd (Chair)
 - 18 members were present; 7 apologies
- **Introductory Prayer and Bible Reading**
- **Christian Concert:**
 - See Minutes 8th March 1989
 - Report by Mrs Margaret Hurt
 - RUC Combined Choir will present segments of **First Love**
 - RUC Youth Group to be responsible for a 'Hot Dog' stands
- **Appointment of Third Minister:**
 - Report from Parish Council
 - Recommendation to Parish Annual Congregational Meeting (12th March 1989) re necessity to employ a third Minister in the Parish
 - Rev Bruce Ross to chair a meeting of the Parish Settlements Committee:
 - Date: 17th April 1989
 - Venue:
- **Membership:**
 - Transfer of members to / from Redcliffe Parish
 - Removal of names from Membership Roll
- **Dinners of Eight:**
 - Dates: 4th June; 9th July; 13th August 1989
 - Parish Coordinators: Allen and Margaret Evans
 - Area Coordinators:
 - Josephine St: Margaret Evans
 - Ernest St: Sue Ramm and Margaret Hurt
 - Griffith Rd: Hilary Sullivan
 - Giraween: Estelle Evans
 - Arrangements:
 - Flexibility in terms of numbers and types of meal
 - Try to involve more young people + older members of the congregation
- **Religious Education in Schools:**
 - Concern re 'RE' in schools
 - Discussion re the possibility of employing Chaplains in schools
 - This matter tabled for next meeting
- **Prayer Time in Elders Meetings:**
 - Discussion re increased 'prayer time' in Elders Council Meetings
- **Boys Brigade:**
 - Concern re the appointment of a 'confirmed atheist' as Patron of the Boys Brigade
 - Decision to write to National Officers Boys Brigade seeking explanation re appointment
- **Parish Visitation Program:**
 - Discussion re accuracy of Membership Rolls
 - These need to be updated

Combined Elders Council (10th May 1989):

Business of Meeting:

- **Opening:**
 - Rev K Kidd (Chair)
 - 19 members were present; 5 apologies
- **Introductory Prayer and Bible Reading**
- **Prayer Time:**
 - See Minutes 12th April 1989
 - A time of prayer was set aside for Ministers and Elders
- **Appointment of Third Minister:**
 - Report from Parish Council
 - A further a meeting of the Parish Settlements Committee:
 - Date: 25th May 1989
 - Venue:
- **Dinners of Eight:**
 - See Minutes 12th April 1989
 - Dates: 4th June; 9th July; 13th August 1989
 - Parish Coordinators: Allen and Margaret Evans
 - Report from Margaret Evans
 - Notices and response slips had been prepared / distributed
 - Elders encouraged to support this
- **Religious Education in Schools:**
 - Ongoing concern re `RE` in State Schools
 - Little interest; some say RE is a `waste of time` (sic)
 - The issue of `discipline` in schools was raised
 - The question of Christian Literature in School Libraries was addressed
 - Provision of Christian books for the library of Humpybong State School was considered
 - The provision of Christian Literature for our own youth (RUC) was also addressed
- **Homelessness:**
 - There is a real need for support of homeless people / youth on the Redcliffe Peninsula
 - Projects already in place:
 - Women`s Refuge/s
 - Teen Challenge
 - YAF Rallies
 - UCA Child and Family Welfare Support / counsellors
 - What else can be done?
- **Parish Visitation Program:**
 - Discussion re accuracy of Membership Rolls
 - The use of computers in assisting with the process was explored
 - Further discussion re the need to update church records
- **Transport to Worship:**
 - Concern re transport of older members of the congregation to church services ... especially once local churches have been disbanded
 - Members in the Southern Area are particularly disadvantaged
 - Hiring Costs for RSL Bus Service had been investigated
 - An undertaking that this issue will be resolved before termination of Church Services at existing Worship Centres

- **Final Services / Finishing Up:**
 - Josephine St:
 - Date:
 - Mrs Evans had completed a history of the Josephine St Church which was presented at the last church service held at the Josephine St Church
 - Mrs Evans expressed her thanks to members of the Elders Council for their support of the final church service at the Josephine St Church
 - Ernest St:
 - Discontinuation of the afternoon / evening service at Ernest St
 - One (traditional) morning service continues
 - How to cater for young families?
 - Issues re Sunday School times ... and participation of children in morning church service
 - Consideration of the formation of a 20s Plus group (catering for young adults 25 – 35 yrs of age)
 - Further discussion re this at next meeting
- **Appointment of Third Minister:**
 - Report from Parish Council
 - Settlements Committee is aware that the needs of people in the 30 -50 age group must be taken into consideration in appointment of the third Minister
- **Christian Broadcasting:**
 - See Minutes 8th March 1989
 - Report from Mr Robert Way
 - Elders are encouraged to support / listen to / watch TV and radio programs produced by the Christian Broadcasting Association
 - Annual Subscription of \$ 50.00

Combined Elders Council (14th June 1989):

Business of Meeting:

- **Opening:**
 - Rev K Kidd (Chair)
 - 16 members were present; 8 apologies
- **Introductory Prayer and Bible Reading**
- **Prayer Time:**
 - See Minutes 12th April 1989
 - A time of prayer was set aside for Ministers and Elders
- **Appointment of Third Minister:**
 - Report from Parish Council
 - Settlements Committee advise:
 - This position may not be filled until the new year
 - Rev Margaret Cayzer is prepared to provide assistance for 4 days / week for the remainder of this year (1989)
- **Visit of Presbytry Mission Task Group:**
 - See Report from Parish Council
 - Proposed Date: 12th July
- **Amalgamation of 3 congregations:**
 - Josephine St:
 - Last Church Service:
 - Date:

- Ernest St:
 - Discontinuation of the afternoon / evening service at Ernest St
 - Changes to the morning service to allow participation by children from Sunday School
- Griffith Rd:
 -
- **After amalgamation:**
 - Proposed only one central congregation
 - Until completion of new church complex, church services to be held in Assembly Hall, Redcliffe State High School
 - Only one Sunday School in the Parish
 - Discussion re `All Age` Sunday School
 - Investigation re other forms of Sunday Schools / KUCA Clubs
- **Transport to Worship:**
 - See Minutes 10th May 1989
 - Report from Parish Council:
 - Planning and Development Committee to investigate this
- **Christian Literature for Young People:**
 - See Minutes 10th May 1989
 - Christian Books for Library at Humpybong State School
 - Christian Books for young people at RUC
 - This matter has been referred to Parish Council
 - \$250.00 has been put aside for this purpose
- **Parish Rolls:**
 - See Minutes 12th April and 10th May 1989
 - Work is progressing on updating Parish Rolls
 - The Computer print-out produced by Mr Ian Brown is proving to be very useful
- **Dinners of Eight:**
 - Dates: 4th June; 9th July; 13th August 1989
 - Parish Coordinators: Allen and Margaret Evans
 - Mrs Margaret Evans reported a good response for this year
- **Candidate for Ministry:**
 - Mr Maurice Wildish spoke of his Call to the Ministry
 - He spoke of his current commitments to RUC
 - Mr Wildish's application was unanimously supported by Elders Council and will now be forwarded to Parish Council
 - Mr Wildish to begin full-time study for the Ministry in 1990
- **Day of Prayer and Fasting:**
 - See previous Minutes re this
 - Rev M Smith spoke of the benefits of this practice
 - Elders Council were asked to support this activity
- **Various:**
 - Reports from Mrs Sue Ramm:
 - Serendipity Bibles:
 - An example of these were made available for perusal by Elders
 - Cost: \$15.00 each
 - Visit of `Dolos`, an interdenominational missionary organisation from USA
 - Support from Elders Council requested
 - M A P S Conference:
 - A report from this conference was tabled
 - Mrs Ramm spoke briefly on a Paper presented by David Merritt

- **Care and Concern:**
 - Mrs Ramm spoke of the need to form a committee to investigate provision of meals for families in crisis
 - Suggestions of frozen prepared meals (Casseroles, etc) to be kept in reserve for such occasions
 - Mrs Christin Finch (Margate Youth Centre) has agreed to coordinate this
 - The Elders Council endorses her suggestion

Combined Elders Council (12th July 1989):

Business of Meeting:

- **Opening:**
 - Rev K Kidd (Chair)
 - 22 members were present; 2 apologies
- **Introductory Prayer and Bible Reading**
- **Prayer Time**
- **Dinners of Eight:**
 - Dates: 4th June; 9th July; 13th August 1989
 - Parish Coordinators: Allen and Margaret Evans
 - Mrs Margaret Evans reported a good response for this year
- **Parish Rolls:**
 - See Minutes 12th April and 10th May 1989
 - Work is now completed on updating Parish Rolls
 - The Computer print-out produced by Mr Ian Brown is almost completed, too
- **Day of Prayer and Fasting:**
 - See previous Minutes re this
 - Rev M Smith reported that there had been a good attendance
 - Date:
 - Communion Service was held at 6.30 pm
- **Candidate for Ministry:**
 - Mr Maurice Wildish papers for Candidature for the Ministry have been forwarded to Parish Council
 - They are now in the hands of Rev Bruce Ross
 - Mr Wildish to begin full-time study for the Ministry in 1990
- **Membership:**
 - Transfer of members to / from Redcliffe Parish
 - Removal of names from Roll
- **Mission and Pastoral Care Charter:**
 - Rev Jim Tame and Dr Graham Bryant of the Presbytry Mission Strategy Task Group addressed the meeting
 - Rev Mike Smith presented a statement: **Mission and Pastoral Care Church Charter** which had been prepared by the Planning and Development Committee
 - Parish Council has recommended that this statement be adopted by RUC
 - This was supported by Elders Council
- **Work with RUC Youth:**
 - Two groups being considered:
 - Young Adults
 - High School Students
 - Young Adult group (already exists) will meet at the home of Rev M Smith

- A new group (to be formed) for High School Students:
 - Leaders:
 - Michael Burke
 - Helen Fairley
- Elders Council in agreement with this
- **Composition of Parish Council Executive:**
 - Parish Council Executive is currently composed of all males
 - Parish Council needs to be made aware of this (ie greater representation of women)
- **Parish Directory:**
 - A new updated parish Directory was presented
 - Preparation of Directory by Mrs Marion Maskelyne
- **Visit of Rev M Smith to Sydney:**
 - Rev M Smith has been invited to Newton Parish as Guest Preacher
 - Newton Parish is undertaking an evangelism outreach program
 - Discussion re the `timing` of this (bearing in mind current activity in RUC Parish)
 - Suggestion that visit be deferred to a later time
- **Bible Study Groups:**
 - Listed on the Agenda for the next meeting:
 - Cell groups
 - Men`s Study Group
- **Elders Weekend:**
 - Date:
 - Venue: Margaret Conference Centre
 - No other details

Combined Elders Council (9th August 1989):

Business of Meeting:

- **Opening:**
 - Rev M Smith (Acting Chair)
 - 15 members were present; 9 apologies
- **Introductory Prayer and Bible Reading**
- **Prayer Time**
- **Mission and Pastoral Care Charter:**
 - Rev Mike Smith presented a statement: **Mission and Pastoral Care Church Charter** which had been prepared by the Planning and Development Committee
 - Parish Council has recommended that this statement be adopted by RUC
 - Rev Mike Smith presented a paper regarding the establishment of `Departments` and the appointment of `Department Heads`
 - Considerable discussion followed; no decisions were made
 - Request that the Parish Planning and Development Committee be asked to provide further details
- **Proposed Visit of Rev Ray Redcliffe (Dept of Mission and Parish Services):**
 - Date: 24th September 1989
 - Venue:
 - Details:
 - Guest Preacher at Annual Blue Nursing Service
 - Following the service, Rev Ray Raddcliffe will conduct a session on Lay Visitation to Hospitals and to the Sick

- **Report on Youth Congress at Cool Waters:**
 - Report delivered by Jenni Maskelyne
 - Recommendations from the Congress to follow
 - Jenni invited to Elders Council when the recommendations are being considered
- **Report on Elders Weekend:**
 - Date:
 - Venue: Margate Conference Centre
 - Leaders:
 - Rev Gregor Henderson
 - Mr Col Ray
 - Recommendations:
 - Further training for Elders to help them fulfil their role
 - Make use of specialised resource people to help with this
 - A video **The Greening of the Church** was recommended viewing by all Elders
 - A Day Retreat for all Elders in the Redcliffe Parish to be considered
 - A Course for Elders on Visitation (**Calling and Caring**) is recommended
- **Membership:**
 - Transfer of members to / from Redcliffe Parish
 - Removal of names from Roll
- **Small Groups Seminar:**
 - Dept of Mission and Parish Services:
 - Seminar Topic: Growing the Church through Small Groups
 - Date: 26th August 1989
 - Venue: Logan Uniting Church
 - All Elders and Leaders of small groups encouraged to attend
- **Freedom from Hunger Appeal:**
 - Dates: 4th – 10th September 1989
 - A request for assistance in `door knock` appeal
 - Supported by Elders Council

Combined Elders Council (13th September 1989):

Business of Meeting:

- **Opening:**
 - Rev N Kidd (Chair)
 - 19 members were present; 4 apologies
 - Rev Margaret Cayzer welcomed to Elders Council
 - **Introductory Prayer and Bible Reading**
 - **Prayer Time**
 - **Mission and Pastoral Care Charter:**
 - See Minutes 12th July and 9th August 1989
 - Report from Parish Planning and Development Committee
 - Decision to establish a sub-committee:
 - to explore the structure and organisation of this approach
 - to consider people who could be approached as possible `Department Heads`
- Membership of Sub-committee:
- Rev N Kidd
 - Rev M Smith
 - Mrs Sue Ramm
 - Secretaries of:
 - Parish Council
 - Elders Council

- **Cradle Roll:**
 - See previous Minutes (re Cradle Roll)
 - See Minutes re re-structuring of the RUC Church organisation
 - Suggestion from Mrs Lois Millward
 - Cradle Roll is currently under the umbrella of the Christian Education Dept
 - Suggestion: Cradle Roll activities be moved to the Evangelism, Youth and Children's Dept
- **Small Groups Seminar:**
 - Dept of Mission and Parish Services:
 - Seminar Topic: Growing the Church through Small Groups
 - Date: 26th August 1989
 - Report from Rev M Smith
 - 3 members of the 20s Plus (Young Adult) group had attended and found it beneficial
 - As a result, the 20s Plus group will be re-shaped
- **Update on New Church Complex:**
 - Mr Maurice Wildish reporting
 - Work on the new church complex is well under way
 - One-third of the footings have been poured
 - The slab will be poured in the next 3 weeks
 - The wooden beams have been dispatched from New Zealand
- **Arrangements for Worship Services:**
 - Service of Relinquishment:
 - Each congregation is responsible for organising their own Service of Relinquishment
 - Josephine St has already conducted their own Service of Relinquishment (Date?)
 - Final church services in current locations:
 - Sunday 24th December 1989
 - Christmas Day 1989
 - Two services on Christmas Day:
 - Griffith Rd
 - Ernest St
 - Times of services on Christmas Day to be determined by Planning and Development Committee
 - Thereafter, (combined) church services will be held in a hired hall
 - Mr Maurice Wildish to investigate hiring of a suitable hall and to report to next meeting
- **Membership:**
 - Transfer of members to / from Redcliffe Parish
 - Removal of names from Roll
- **Stewardship Program Review:**
 - Stewardship program to be reviewed later in the year
 - Dr Ron Ramm has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Stewardship Committee
 - Support of Elders is requested
- **Confirmation Classes:**
 - Rev M Smith reporting
 - Planning is under way for the next series of Confirmation Classes
 - To date 9 people have indicated their interest
- **Ladies Fellowship:**
 - Suggestion from Josephine St Ladies Fellowship:
 - with the amalgamation of the Redcliffe Parish into one congregation, imminent, that one Ladies Fellowship be formed
 - No action taken

- **`Calling and Caring` Course:**
 - See Minutes 9th August 1989
 - Dr Ron Ramm is preparing this program
 - The course will run for 40 hours and will cost \$35.00 for the Manual
 - A minimum of 12 participants will be necessary to make it viable
 - Elders Council are in agreement re this
- **Continuity of Ministerial Appointments:**
 - The issue of continuity of Ministry in the Redcliffe Parish was raised
 - Rev Lew Born (appointment date ????) and Rev Mike Smith are due to finish their appointments at about the same time (Date????) See Minutes 8th November 1989
 - Rev N Kidd advised that Presbytry will review the Parish situation when Ministers are in their fifth year
- **Bus Trips:**
 - Mrs Denton to be acknowledged for her work in organising bus trips (a money-raising venture?) **Check this!**
 - These have been very popular and well- supported
- **Format of Elders Meetings:**
 - Some discussion re format of Elders Council meetings
 - Suggestion that more time be given to `small group` discussions + `reporting back` to whole group on important issues (greater involvement in decision-making ?)

Combined Elders Council (18th October 1989):

Business of Meeting:

- **Opening:**
 - Rev N Kidd (Chair)
 - 16 members were present; 5 apologies
- **Introductory Prayer and Bible Reading**
- **Prayer Time**
- **`Calling and Caring` Course:**
 - See Minutes 9th August and 13th September 1989
 - Dr Ron Ramm is preparing this program
 - The course will run for 40 hours and will cost \$35.00 for the Manual
 - 6 people have indicated an interest in the program
 - Suggestion to offer the course to participants from Sandgate and Pine Rivers
 - Suggestion that course be offered early in 1990
- **Stewardship Program Review:**
 - Report from Dr Ramm re 1989 Stewardship program
 - Mr Jim Smallbone to provide assistance with the program
 - Meeting of the Stewardship Team:
 - 21st October 1989
 - Planning for Church Service on `Stewardship Sunday`
 - Mail-out to members of the congregation has been done
- **Arrangements for Worship Services:**
 - Mr Maurice Wildish reporting on arrangements for Church Services after the closure of Griffith Rd and Ernest St Churches
 - Christmas Day Service (See Minutes 13th September 1989):
 - Venue: Assembly Hall, Redcliffe State High School
 - Time: 7.30 am

- As from 31st December (and for the following 2 months):
 - Venue: Grace Lutheran Chapel
 - Morning Services:
 - 8.00am
 - 9.45 am
 - Evening Service:
 - 6.30 pm
 - Arrangements for Sunday School deferred for the time being
- **Update on New Church Complex:**
 - Mr Maurice Wildish reporting
 - Good progress is being made with the new building
 - The large timber beam (main structure of church) is being manufactured in New Zealand
 - First `Progress Payment` of \$ 60,000 has been made
 - Cost of new amplification system: \$14,500
- **Confirmation Classes:**
 - Rev M Smith reporting
 - Confirmation Classes are under way
 - **The Basis of Union** is being studied
- **Combined Ladies Fellowship:**
 - Suggestion from Josephine St Ladies Fellowship that, with the amalgamation of the Redcliffe Parish into one congregation, a Combined Ladies Fellowship be formed
 - Rev N Kidd reported that there is already a movement towards this end
- **Evangelism, Youth and Children`s Ministry:**
 - Rev M Smith tabled a comprehensive report on this issue
 - Suggested groups include:
 - Positive Singles Movement
 - High School Youth Group
 - Twenties Plus
 - Sunday School
 - Cradle Roll
 - The report made recommendations to the Elders Council re:
 - Roles and functions of each group
 - Organisational details
 - Possible Leadership
 - This is part of the re-organising and re-structuring of the Redcliffe Uniting Church (see Minutes 9th August and 12th September)
- **Christian Education:**
 - Rev M Smith tabled a report addressing this issue
 - Items addressed:
 - 1989 review of training and education events
 - 1990 Christian Education Calendar
 - RE in State High Schools on the Redcliffe Peninsula
 - One Day Seminar: **Alter Rail Counselling**
 - Date: 26th November 1989 (10.00 am – 4.00 pm)
 - Venue:
 - Facilitators: Graham and Marion Scott
- **Membership:**
 - Transfer of members to / from Redcliffe Parish
 - Removal of names from Roll

Combined Elders Council (8th November 1989):

Business of Meeting:

- **Opening:**
 - Rev N Kidd (Chair)
 - 20 members were present; 3 apologies
- **Introductory Prayer and Bible Reading**
- **Prayer Time**
- **Evangelism, Youth and Children's Ministry:**
 - Rev M Kidd reporting
 - See Minutes 18th October 1989
 - Forthcoming Meeting of Dept of Evangelism, Youth and Children's Ministry
 - Date: 12th November
 - Report from Mr Gordon Best
 - 'Positive Singles' Group has been formed
 - Aims and achievements of the group have been identified
 - Mrs N Richards has been contacted re this group
 - See Minutes 18th October 1989
 - 'Twenties Plus' Group
 - Mr David Nichols has been contacted re this group
 - 'High School Youth' Group:
 - Mr and Mrs Michael Burke have been contacted re this group
- **Confirmation Classes:**
 - Rev M Smith reporting
 - 4 new members to be received into membership of the church
- **Membership:**
 - Transfer of members to / from Redcliffe Parish
 - Removal of names from Roll
- **Continuity of Ministerial Appointments:**
 - See Minutes 18th October
 - Rev Dr Lew Born has accepted appointment as Minister in Redcliffe Parish (for 1990?)
- **Care and Concern:**
 - See Minutes 14th June and 18th October 1989
 - Redcliffe City Parish Council of the Roman Catholic Church seeking to coordinate 'Care and Concern' Ministries of the various Christian Churches
 - Representatives from RUC:
 - Rev Margaret Cayzer
 - Mrs Sue Ramm
 - Mr Robert Way
- **Update on New Church Complex:**
 - Mr Maurice Wildish reporting
 - New complex is progressing satisfactorily
- **Arrangements for Worship Services:**
 - Mr Maurice Wildish reporting on arrangements for Church Services after the closure of Griffith Rd and Ernest St Churches
 - Arrangements being made to keep a photographic record of the final 3 weeks of each congregation (Griffith Rd, Josephine St and Ernest St)
 - Christmas Day Service (See Minutes 13th September 1989):
 - Venue: Assembly Hall, Redcliffe State High School
 - Time: 7.30 am

- As from 31st December (and for the following 2 months):
 - Venue: Grace Lutheran Chapel
 - Morning Services:
 - 8.00am
 - 9.45 am
 - Evening Service:
 - 6.30 pm
- Arrangements for Sunday School deferred for the time being
- No decision re times of Church Services in the new church complex
- **Stewardship Program Review:**
 - Report from Dr Ramm re 1989 Stewardship program
 - Positive results from the recent Stewardship Drive
 - An increase of \$400.00 per week (See Minutes 13th December 1989)
 - Mr Jim Smallbone was thanked for his assistance with the program
- **Congregational Meetings:**
 - Each congregation to hold their final Congregational Meeting before the end of the year
 - Date of amalgamation of the three congregations: As from Christmas Day 1989
 - Approval from Prebytry to be sought re:
 - closure of exiting churches
 - amalgamation to form one congregation
 - As from 25th December 1989:
 - One congregation only
 - There may be several church services that meet at different times
- **Worship Committee:**
 - See Minutes 9th August 1989
 - An initial meeting of this committee:
 - Date: 10th December (2.00 pm – 3.30 pm)
 - Purpose of meeting:
 - Arrangements for the opening of the new church complex:
 - Car parking
 - Welcoming
 - Ushers
 - Worship Leadership
 - All Elders are asked to attend
- **Transport:**
 - Transport is being arranged for:
 - Christmas Day Service (Assembly Hall, Redcliffe State High School)
 - Church services at Grace Lutheran Chapel
- **Agenda of next meeting:**
 - Covering and repair of Hymn Books and Pew Bibles to be organised

Combined Elders Council (13th December 1989):

Business of Meeting:

- **Opening:**
 - Rev N Kidd (Chair)
 - 24 members were present; 3 apologies
- **Introductory Prayer and Bible Reading**
- **Prayer Time**

- **Mr Michael Wildish:**
 - Rev N Kidd acknowledged the work of Mr Michael Wildish during the past year, especially while working for the Order of St Stephen
 - Mr Wildish has been accepted as a Candidate for the Ministry
 - He will attend Trinity College, commencing in 1990
- **Worship Committee:**
 - See Minutes 9th August and 8th November 1989
 - Report on initial meeting of this committee on 10th December 1989
 - Purpose of meeting: Planning for the opening of the new church complex
 - Issues discussed:
 - Car parking
 - Welcoming
 - Ushers
 - Worship Leadership
 - Altogether 30 people attended
 - Next meeting: 7th January 1990
- **Update on New Church Complex:**
 - Mr Maurice Wildish reporting
 - New complex is progressing satisfactorily
 - New wooden beams have arrived from New Zealand and have now been erected
 - Christmas Break: 22nd December 1989 – 10th January 1990
 - Negotiations with Redcliffe Council re road works (Anzac Ave, Richens St and Farm St)
 - Negotiations re purchase of sound equipment for the new church complex
- **Membership:**
 - Transfer of members to / from Redcliffe Parish
 - Removal of names from Roll
- **Baptism:**
 - Rev M Smith reported on 3 Baptisms
 - Date: Christmas Eve 1989 (2.30 pm)
 - Venue: Ernest St Church
- **Care and Concern:**
 - See Minutes 14th June, 18th October and 8th November 1989
 - Rev Margaret Cayzer and Mr Robert Way reported on meeting with members of the Parish Council, Redcliffe Roman Catholic Church
 - A further meeting will be held in the new year
- **Repair and re-covering of Hymn Books and Pew Bibles:**
 - Door Stewards to put aside books that need repair
 - New plastic covers for Hymn Books have been ordered
 - Decision need to be made re which translation of the Bible will be used in the new church complex; not all previous congregations used the same translation
- **Church Services at Grace Lutheran Chapel:**
 - Worship Committee organising format of church services at Grace Lutheran Chapel
 - Rev Margaret Cayzer has prepared Duty Rosters for services at Grace Chapel
 - Stewards etc to be notified
 - Transport arrangements are in hand
 - Moring Tea to be arranged for after the first church service at Grace Lutheran Chapel
- **Stewardship Program Review:**
 - See Minutes 8th November 1989
 - Report from Dr Ramm re 1989 Stewardship program
 - Parish income should be in excess of \$3,000.00 per week
 - Follow-up visits recommended to ensure pledges are honoured

- **Pastoral Care Committee:**
 - See Minutes 9th August 1989
 - Report by Mrs Sue Ramm (Convenor)
 - Various groups are operating in the Parish
 - Rev Margaret Cayzer will liaise with these various groups during this time of transition
 - The wearing of Name Badges is being encouraged to help people get to know each other
 - Two social functions being organised for the new year:
 - May Fair
 - Organ and Choral Recital
 - The use of 'Care' Cards is to be encouraged (sickness, births, deaths, birthdays, etc)
- **Christian Education:**
 - Rev M Smith tabled a report addressing this issue
 - Sunday School:
 - Eleven people have indicated that they are willing to be Sunday School Teachers; others have also shown an interest
 - Mr Mark Wharton has been appointed as Sunday School Superintendent
 - Choice of suitable literature / resources was also discussed; no decisions made
 - RE in Schools:
 - The crisis in RE in schools was addressed
 - Clontarf State High School is showing some interest in having RE in the school; Principal is sympathetic to the idea
- **Combined Ladies Fellowship:**
 - See Minutes 13th September 1989
 - A Combined Ladies Fellowship has been formed (See Minutes 18th October 1989)
 - Rev Margaret Cayzer has been appointed as President of this organisation
- **Opening of New Church:**
 - Mr Robert Way suggested that it might be possible to have a handwritten Bible on display at the opening of the new church
 - He was authorised to investigate this further
- **Christmas Day Service:**
 - See Minutes 13th September 1989
 - Venue: Assembly Hall, Redcliffe State High School
 - Time: 7.30 am

REDCLIFFE PENINSULA UNITING CHURCH

COMBINED ELDERS COUNCIL

SUMMARY OF MINUTES (1990)

Combined Elders Council (14th February 1990):

Business of Meeting:

- **Opening:**
 - Rev K Kidd (Chair)
 - 19 members were present; 2 apologies
- **Introductory Prayer and Bible Reading**
- **Election of Office Bearers:**
 - Chairman: Rev N Kidd
 - Secretary: Mr Ian Brown
 - Nominations from Elders Committee to Parish Council:
 - Mr Neil Grant
 - Mr Jim Taylor
 - Mrs Sue Ramm
 - Mr Allen Evans
 - Mrs Jean Taylor
 - Mr David brown
- **Membership:**
 - Transfers to / from Redcliffe Parish
 - Removal of names from Membership Roll
- **Elders Council:**
 - Report read by the Mr A Evans (retiring Secretary)
- **Pastoral Care Committee:**
 - Mrs Sue Ramm (Convenor) read the report
 - Program for 1990:
 - More Pastoral Visitation
 - Follow-up on Stewardship program (1989)
 - Report on the 'Calling and Caring' Course:
 - See Minutes December 1989
 - minimum of twelve participants required to make the course viable
 - one-day seminar is being considered
 - Proposed amalgamation of:
 - Friendship Hour
 - Social Club
- **Evangelism, Youth and Children's Department:**
 - Report by Rev M Smith
 - Program for 1990
 - A commitment to bring 52 new Christians into the church
 - A Christian Concert and dinner, targeting specific groups in the community

- Focus on developing:
 - Junior Youth Group
 - Peninsular Youth Group
 - Positive Singles Movement
 - RE In schools:
 - Progress at Clontarf State High School
 - Potential at Redcliffe State High School
 - Satisfactory level of staffing for RE in Primary Schools
 - Work of the Christian Assembly (Brethren) in schools was noted
 - Sunday School:
 - Sunday School re-commenced on 4th February 1990
 - 50 children on roll
 - See Minutes December 1989
 - Rev M Smith to attend NCYC Conference in 1991
- **Worship Committee:**
 - Rev M Smith reporting
 - Times of Church Services:
 - One morning service only (@ 8.45 am)
 - One evening service only (@ 6.30 pm)
 - Venue: Assembly Hall Redcliffe State High School (See Minutes 1989)
 - Sunday School to meet at the same time as morning church service
 - No morning tea following morning church service (See Minutes 1989)
 - Good News Singers (newly formed combined choir) to sing at morning church services on alternate Sundays
 - Suggestion that Elders Committee prepare a survey of congregation re preferred times for church services in the new church complex
 - Annual Congregational Meeting:
 - Date:
 - Venue: Assembly Hall Redcliffe State High School
 - Rev Graham Hine to be Guest Speaker
 - Annual Meeting to follow directly after morning church service; no break for morning tea
 - Details of Annual Meeting to be advertised in local paper
- **Communion Services at Girraween and Nazarene:**
 - Rev J Evans has requested assistance from Elders in the conduct of Communion Services at both Girraween and Nazarene
 - Dates and Times of Services:
 - Girraween: First of the month @ 11.00am
 - Nazarene: First Monday of the month @ 10.15 am
 - Offers of Assistance:
 - Girraween:
 - Mrs Val Painton
 - Mrs Hilary Sullivan
 - Mr Gary Camplin
 - Nazarene:
 - Mrs Sue Ramm
 - Mrs Val Painton
- **Celebration Sub-Committee:**
 - Report from Rev N Kidd
 - Parish Council Executive has requested that a sub-committee be formed to begin planning for the Official Opening of the new church complex

- Suggestion for two representatives of each of the following groups:
 - Various Departments within the church
 - Elders Council
 - Parish Council
 - Ladies Fellowship
- Rev M Smith is the Convenor
- First meeting: 4th March 1990
- Representatives of Elders Council:
 - Mr Jim Wallace
 - Mrs Hilary Sullivan
- A suggestion box to be available on Sundays; members of congregation encouraged to make suggestions

Combined Elders Council (14th March 1990):

Business of Meeting:

- **Opening:**
 - Rev K Kidd (Chair)
 - 15 members were present; 3 apologies
- **Introductory Prayer and Bible Reading**
- **Elders Council:**
 - Concern expressed re the number of resignations from the Elders Council in recent months
 - Discussion re possible causes:
 - Increasing work load
 - Increasing responsibility
 - Suggest Pastoral Visits to Elders by Ministers to discuss this
 - No action taken
 - Resignation of Mr Michael Wildish as he commences his studies for the Ministry; the Mr and Mrs Wildish will continue to worship at RUC as often as possible
- **Pastoral Care Committee:**
 - Report by Mrs Sue Ramm (Convenor)
 - Concern the inadequacy of the current Pastoral Visitation System
 - Given the uncertainty re times and places of worship:
 - the role of the `Welcoming` Team at church services is very important
 - this seems to be working well
 - important to identify and keep track of new worshippers
 - A New Members Information Booklet is being prepared
 - A `pew form` to be introduced to keep track of attendances
 - Box for `prayer requests` to be provided; matter referred to Worship Committee
 - `Care and Concern` Seminar:
 - Date: 7th April 1990
 - Venue:
 - Guest Speaker: Rev Delbridge
 - Dr R Ramm is organising this
 - See Minutes 1989
- **Evangelism, Youth and Children's Ministry:**
 - Report from Rev M Smith
 - Encouraging developments in this area
 - No other details

- **Stewardship Program:**
 - Report by Dr R Ramm (Convenor)
 - Follow-up Visitation is necessary
 - Suggestion that the Convenor of the Stewardship Committee should also be on the Pastoral Care Committee
 - Decision:
 - In matters of a 'pastoral' nature, the Convenor of the Stewardship Committee report to the Pastoral Care Committee
 - In matters referring to church finances the Stewardship Committee reports, via the Treasurer, to the Parish Council Executive
- **Worship Committee:**
 - Rev N Kidd reported
 - Questionnaire on Times for Worship (See Minutes 14th February 1990):
 - Questionnaire to be distributed 18th March 1990
 - Responses to be returned by 1st April 1990
 - Worship Committee will then decide on:
 - No of church services
 - Times of church services
- **Proposed Tenebrae Service:**
 - Rev N Kidd reporting
 - Date: Maundy Thursday (12th April)
 - Venue: In the grounds of the new church site; adjacent to the new building
 - Details: A torch/candle – light service
 - Agreement that plans proceed
- **Elders Representative to Presbytry:**
 - Dr R Ramm was nominated as the representative of the Elders Council to Presbytry
- **Celebration Committee:**
 - See Minutes 14th February 1990
 - Rev M Smith reporting
 - Plans well in hand for the Official Opening of the new church complex
 - Full program not yet finalised
 - The first function in the new church complex will be an act of worship
 - Mr Jim Wallace gave a progress report on the new building
 - Suggestion that there be a 'Countdown Corner' in the weekly church notices re progress of the building; Mrs Margaret Evans to organise this
 - Suggestion that the **Redcliffe Herald** be advised that a giant Cross is to be erected in the grounds of the new church complex within the next few days (Publicity?)
- **Parish Celebration Dinner:**
 - Dr Ram proposed scheduling a Parish Dinner to celebrate the coming together of the Parish in the new centre
 - Matter to be referred to Celebration Committee
- **Dinners of Eight:**
 - Mrs Hilary Sullivan volunteered to coordinate the program for this year
 - Date: Later in the year (after the opening of the new church?)
 - Suggestions include:
 - A mid-day / evening meal
 - Moring / Afternoon Tea

Combined Elders Council (11th April 1990):

Business of Meeting:

- **Opening:**
 - Rev K Kidd (Chair)
 - 15 members were present; 6 apologies
- **Introductory Prayer and Bible Reading**
- **Official Opening of New Church Complex:**
 - Rev M Smith reporting
 - Plans are in place for the Official Opening of the new church complex
 - Date: 6th May 1990
 - Times of worship:
 - 10.00am
 - 2.30 pm
 - 6.00pm
 - Invitations have been sent to guests to join in the celebrations
 - Advertisements re the Opening to be placed in local papers
 - 500 Orders of Service will be printed
- **Membership:**
 - Transfers to / from Redcliffe Parish
 - Removal of names from Membership Roll
- **Pastoral Care Committee:**
 - Report by Mrs Sue Ramm (Convenor)
 - New Members Information Booklet:
 - A draft of this booklet is available for perusal
- **Tenebrae Service:**
 - Date: 12th April 1990
 - Venue: William St end of Richens St church property
- **Church Services 29th April 1990:**
 - Assembly Hall, Redcliffe State High School not available
 - Alternative venues considered:
 - Hall in the new church complex ?
 - Is this safe? (Building still in progress)
 - Parking?
 - Margate Conference Centre ?
 - To be investigated
 - Times for church services on 29th April:
 - 8.45 am
 - 6.30 pm
- **Meeting Times Questionnaire:**
 - Rev N Kidd reporting
 - 200 Questionnaires had been distributed to members of the Parish re times for church services in the new church complex
 - Responses:
 - One morning service: 182
 - Two morning services: 28
 - No preference: 3
 - Elders Council to make final decision
 - After lengthy discussion, it was decided:
 - One main service @ 8.45 am
 - A second service @ 10.30 am
 - Review again in 6 months time

- **Workshop on the 250 Church:**
 - Date: 21st – 25th May
 - Venue:
 - Live-in Costs: \$130.00
 - Organised by: National Mission and Evangelism (Mr John Mavor)
- **Care Cards:**
 - Parish Council agreement
 - Directions to proceed with having these printed

Combined Elders Council (9th May 1990):

Business of Meeting:

- **Opening:**
 - Rev K Kidd (Chair)
 - 15 members were present; 4 apologies
- **Introductory Prayer and Bible Reading**
- **Membership:**
 - Transfers to / from Redcliffe Parish
 - Removal of names from Membership Roll
- **Worship Committee:**
 - Praise-singing before the morning service:
 - Rev N Kidd recommended:
 - 8.30 - 8.40 am ... Praise singing
 - 8.40 – 8.45 am ... A period of silence:
 - meditation
 - preparation for Worship
 - 8.45 am Commencement of Church Service
 - The Leader for Worship to be present (on the dais) throughout (8.30 – 8.45 am)
 - Choir:
 - Good News Singers will participate in the 8.45 am church service every alternate Sunday
 - On other Sundays, soloists and other items may be presented
 - The Lord's Prayer:
 - Modern version of the Lord's Prayer will be used
 - Copies to be included in the Hymn Books
 - Doxology:
 - This may be sung when the Offering is brought forward
 - Congregation to stand and sing as Offering is brought forward for dedication
- **Additional Arrangements:**
 - Offering:
 - A suggestion from Mr Jim Wallace:
 - After the Offering is dedicated, it should be placed in an appropriate place:
 - Acknowledging that the Offering is a significant part of Worship
 - Issues of security (Some Sundays, quite large sums of money)
 - Welcoming Teams:
 - A suggestion from Rev N Kidd:
 - Welcoming Teams are responsible for the 8.45 church service
 - What arrangements are in place for the 10.30 service?

- Mr Jim Wallace suggested that:
 - Some Elders, who remain behind after the 8.30am service, could perform this role
 - He believes that this situation will resolve itself, in time
 - The Role of Elders:
 - Rev Margaret Cayzer suggested that:
 - Some Elders should be present before the commencement of Church Service:
 - To assist the Minister in last-minute arrangements
 - A time of prayer and dedication before the Church Service begins
 - Agreement with this suggestion
 - The Secretary to prepare a Roster re this
 - Communion Services:
 - Rev M Smith:
 - Roster for Morning Communion Services (1st Sunday each month)
 - Twelve Elders required for this role
 - Suggestion that communicant members (who are not Elders) might assist in this role
 - Evening Communion Service (3rd Sunday of each month)
 - Morning Tea:
 - Arrangements for morning tea after morning church services
 - General agreement
 - Mrs Sue Ramm to draw up a roster re this
 - Flowers:
 - Discussion re the placement of flowers in the church:
 - On the Communion Table or not; decision not to place flowers on the Communion Table
 - Mrs Gwen Moon accepted responsibility for organising a 'Flower Roster'
 - Security of the Building:
 - Concern re number of external doors / windows in new complex
 - Who is to be responsible for ensuring that the building is secure?
 - This needs further clarification and decision-making
- **Opening Day Celebration:**
 - Rev M Smith reporting:
 - Attendance:
 - 10.00am service: 500
 - 2.30 pm service: 1100
 - 6.00pm service: 200
 - Special thanks to:
 - Betty Harris + Drama Team
 - Youth Group
 - 20s Plus Group
 - Ladies Fellowships (both Morning and Evening Groups)
 - Moderator
 - Mal Boal and Nev Jay
 - Worship Committee
 - Recommendation to Parish Council:
 - Letters of thanks to be sent to each off the above

- **Pastoral Care Committee:**
 - Mrs Sue Ramm reporting
 - Care Cards:
 - See Minutes 11th April 1990
 - Pew Cards:
 - See Minutes (previous)
 - These were in use during the Opening Day Services
 - These seem to have been successful
 - Information Booklets:
 - See Minutes (previous)
 - These are in process and will be available shortly
- **Church Growth Seminar:**
 - Date: 31st May (7.30 – 9.30 pm)
 - Venue: Aspley Uniting Church
 - Topic: Church Growth through Small Groups
 - Presenter: Mr Ken Anderson
 - Cost: \$5.00

Combined Elders Council (13th June 1990):

Business of Meeting:

- **Opening:**
 - Rev M Smith (Chair)
 - 14 members were present; 4 apologies
- **Introductory Prayer and Bible Reading**
- **Membership:**
 - Transfers to / from Redcliffe Parish
 - Removal of names from Membership Roll
- **Communion Services:**
 - Rev M Smith reporting
 - Elders assisting with Communion Services
 - Roster has been prepared for the 8.45 am service
 - A second list had been prepared for the 10.30 am service
- **Security:**
 - The question regarding locking up of buildings was raised again
 - This matter still to be addressed
 - Referred to Property Committee
- **Notification of forthcoming functions:**
 - Psalmody International's First Worship Symposium
 - Date: 22nd – 23rd June
 - Venue: Garden City
 - Synod's **Light on the Hill** Parish -based mission and evangelism program
 - Date:
 - National Child Protection Week
 - Date: 19th - 25th August
 - Leprosy Awareness Week
 - Date: 9th 16th September
- **Pastoral Care Committee:**
 - Mrs Sue Ramm reporting
 - Attendance Sheets: many of the congregation are not using these making it difficult to determine who are the new-comers and visitors

- **Worship Committee:**
 - Welcoming Committee / Team:
 - Worship Committee has agreed to take responsibility for this
 - Team members to be invited to next meeting to discuss issues arising
 - Cantata: **Calvary's Love**
 - Date: to be advised (late August / early September)
 - Venue: Redcliffe Uniting Church
 - Produced by Michelton Presbyterian Church Choir
- **Nomination and Election of Elders:**
 - Notice from Parish Council
 - Prior to nomination of new Elders, the congregation needs to be made aware of the duties and responsibilities of Elders
- **Attendance at Elders Council Meetings:**
 - Concern was raised at the irregular attendance of some Elders at Elders Council Meetings
 - No further comments
- **Evangelism, Youth and Children's Ministry:**
 - Program of Sacred Music
 - Date: 28th July 1990
 - Venue: Redcliffe Uniting Church
 - Program:
 - Good News Singers
 - Uniting Church Instrumental Group
 - Counterpoint of Redcliffe
 - Instrumental and Vocal Soloists
 - Sacred music of various styles and historical periods
- **250 Plus Church Conference:**
 - See Minutes 11th April 1990
 - Presentation by Rev M Smith, Mrs Margaret Hurt and Mrs Marion Maskelyne re 250 Plus Church Conference
 - Date: 21st – 25th May 1990

Combined Elders Council (11th July 1990):

Business of Meeting:

- **Opening:**
 - Rev N Kidd (Chair)
 - 18 members were present; 2 apologies
- **Introductory Prayer and Bible Reading**
- **Ministerial Team:**
 - Rev M Smith spoke of:
 - The approaching retirement of Rev N Kidd (30th September 1990)
 - The imminent arrival of two new members of the Ministerial Team:
 - Mr John Allison
 - Rev Dr Lew Born
 - Mr John Allison:
 - Address: 169 Prince Edward Pde
 - Official Staring Date: 12th August 1990
 - John Allison's official designation: yet to be determined; awaiting advice from Presbytry (16th July 1990)

- Service of Induction:
 - Mr John Allison: Sunday 12th August
 - Rev Dr Lew Born: Sunday 14th October @ 2.00pm
- **Farewell to Rev N Kidd:**
 - A small group formed to organise a farewell for Rev N Kidd
- **Communion Service:**
 - Revised Communion Roster has been prepared
 - 8.45 am
 - 10.30 am
 - Discussion re conduct of Communion Service
 - May need to streamline the 'distribution' process:
 - Number of Elders
 - Size of congregation
- **Membership:**
 - Transfers to / from Redcliffe Parish
 - Removal of names from Membership Roll
- **Parish Council Executive:**
 - Sunday School:
 - A new Sunday School Superintendent (to replace Mr Mark Wharton)
 - Community Service Dept:
 - Appointment of Suzanne Nikles
- **Evangelism, Youth and Children's Ministry:**
 - Rev M Smith reported on the following:
 - New members joining the evening service
 - Good progress in Junior Youth Group and Peninsular Youth groups
 - 'New Christians' Group meets Mike Smith's home:
 - Regular trickles of new members
 - Some are becoming assimilated into the church community
 - RE in schools:
 - New program at Clontarf State High School is being well received
 - Introduction of RE at Redcliffe State High to begin in 1991
 - Proposed Social functions in near future:
 - Music in the Church (Concert)
 - Bush Dance
 - 'Return to the 60s' Night
- **250 Plus Church Conference:**
 - See Minutes 11th April and 11th July 1990
 - Mrs Margaret Hurt reporting further on the '250 Plus Church' Conference
- **Conduct of Church Services:**
 - Two issues were raised re recent church services:
 - Lack of support for leaders at the 10.30am service
 - Matter referred to Worship Committee
 - Format / Style of the evening service; specific reference to a more 'informal' / creative style of worship
 - Matter referred to Worship Committee

Combined Elders Council (8th August 1990):

Business of Meeting:

- **Opening:**
 - Rev N Kidd (Chair)
 - 13 members were present; 7 apologies
- **Introductory Prayer and Bible Reading**
- **Sunday School Superintendent:**
 - Barbara Jordan has agreed to take on this role till the end of 1990
- **Membership:**
 - Transfers to / from Redcliffe Parish
 - Removal of names from Membership Roll
- **Homosexual Law Reform:**
 - Rev N Kidd reporting
 - Moderators Statement on 'De-criminalising Homosexuality' was discussed
 - Copies of the Moderator's Statement to be made available to any member of the congregation who wishes to peruse it
- **Fourteenth Anniversary of Inauguration of the Uniting Church of Australia:**
 - Synod Service of Celebration
 - Date:
 - Venue: Festival Hall
- **Security Doors for Church:**
 - Purchased and installed by Community Services Dept
 - Paid from Benevolent Fund
 - Some question re the appropriateness of this
- **Worship Committee:**
 - Rev N Kidd reporting
 - Welcoming Team (See Minutes 13th June 1990)
 - The need for additional members on the team was discussed
 - An advertisement to be placed in weekly news notes re this
 - New members need to be 'briefed' on their role
 - Praise Leadership:
 - Val Wakeling and Joy Calder normally lead the Praise segment each week
 - Suggestion that, once per month Sunday School children lead the worship
 - Suggestion to appoint a full-time Director of Music
 - These issues referred to the Worship Committee for consideration
 - Pew Bibles:
 - See previous Minutes re this
 - Two versions of the Bible are in use:
 - Revised Standard Version
 - Good News Bible
 - Suggestion that 'Good News Bible' only be in use
 - Benediction:
 - Suggestion that alternative forms of the Benediction be used at the conclusion of church services
 - Decision left to the discretion of the Minister
- **Evangelism, Youth and Children's Ministry:**
 - Note from NCYC
 - Request for names of potential chaplains for next year's Convention
 - Date: 6th – 12th January 1991
 - Venue:
 - Mr Geoff Maskelyne indicated his availability on a part-time basis

- **Creche:**
 - Mrs Maskelyne raised the question of providing a creche for families (enabling parents to attend church)
 - Preparation of a Roster was considered
 - Decision to continue using the present Parent's Room as is

Combined Elders Council (12th September 1990):

Business of Meeting:

- **Opening:**
 - Rev M Smith (Chair)
 - 15 members were present; 5 apologies
- **Introductory Prayer and Bible Reading**
- **Farewell to Rev N Kidd:**
 - Rev Mike Smith reporting
 - Date: 30th September 1990
 - A small group is organizing a farewell for Rev N Kidd
- **Request from Rev N Kidd:**
 - Preparation for morning service on 16th September 1990
 - Assistance from Elders would be appreciated
- **Membership:**
 - Transfers to / from Redcliffe Parish
 - Removal of names from Membership Roll
- **Pastoral Care Committee:**
 - Mrs Sue Ramm reporting
 - See Minutes 13th June 1990
 - Concern expressed re accuracy of attendance records and Membership Rolls
 - Visitation of members who are not regular attenders
- **Subscription to 'The Christian News':**
 - A Christian Newspaper being produced in Brisbane
 - An order has been placed for 50 copies on a 6-month trial basis
 - Review at the end of this period
 - Copies to be made available to members of the congregation
- **Evangelism, Youth and Children's Ministry:**
 - A report from Mr Ern Camplin
 - Youth Groups are progressing well

Combined Elders Council (18th October 1990):

Business of Meeting:

- **Opening:**
 - Rev DR L Born (Chair)
 - ? ... members were present; ? ... apologies
- **Introductory Prayer and Bible Reading**
- **Minister in Association:**
 - Rev Margaret Cayzer to be recognised as Minister in Association:
 - Prebytry to be advised

- **Stewardship program:**
 - Report from Dr R Ramm (Convenor)
 - Current Stewardship program is under way
 - Letters to members of the congregation and `envelopes` are ready for distribution
 - Follow-up visitation will be required
- **Financial Report:**
 - Mr David Brown presented the Financial Report
 - A very favourable level of weekly offerings
 - Final figures on the loan for the new church complex not yet available
- **Flower Roster:**
 - Mrs Gwen Moon thanked for her work in organising flowers for the church
 - Mrs Moon nominated as Convenor of the Flower Roster for 1991
- **Maintenance of New Church Complex:**
 - Signage:
 - Mr Geoff Maskelyne to investigate this
 - Plumbing in the Vestry:
 - Plumbing necessary in the Vestry to enable flower arrangement for the church
- **Church Office:**
 - Marion Maskelyne and David Brown reporting
 - A new photocopier to be purchased for church office
 - Cost \$ 8,750.00
- **Copyright:**
 - See previous Minutes
 - Qld Synod recommends the adoption of:
 - CAL copyright scheme (Cost: \$160.00 per annum)
 - APRA (Performing Rights) (Cost \$41.50 per annum)

Combined Elders Council (14th November 1990):

Business of Meeting:

- **Opening:**
 - Rev Dr L Born (Chair)
 - 16 members were present; 2 apologies
- **Introductory Prayer and Bible Reading**
- **Elders Council:**
 - Mr John Allison to be invited to join the Elders Council
- **Membership:**
 - Transfers to / from Redcliffe Parish
 - Removal of names from Membership Roll
- **Harvest Festival:**
 - Harvest Festival has been a popular service in the past
 - Discussion re re-introducing the practice
 - Suggestion that Harvest Festival include:
 - not only the harvest of products of the land
 - but products of our labours, too
 - Allen Evans and Jim Taylor to prepare a rationale and format for such a service
 - This to be considered by Elders Council

- **Parent's Room:**
 - See Minutes 8th August 1990
 - Supervision of Creche
 - Decision: this is not the responsibility of the Elders
 - Margaret Evans to pursue the matter further
- **Adult Ministry:**
 - Specific reference to 20s Plus group
 - Discussion whether this group should disband; they can be integrated into the current 'small group' system
 - No decision made
- **Right to Life:**
 - The question on where the Uniting Church stands in relation to abortion was discussed
 - Decision that this is matter of individual's conscience
 - Dr L Born to prepare a statement which can be given out to those who are interested in this question
- **Music Workshop:**
 - Dr L Born reported that a small group is being formed to consider the format of music in the morning church service
 - Members:
 - Rev Dr L Born
 - Mrs V Painton
 - Mr K Lawson
 - Dr I Brown
- **Report from Parish Council Executive:**
 - Reports of all organisations / committees to be submitted in writing prior to Parish Council meetings
 - Committees / Departments responsible to the Elders Council are:
 - Worship
 - Christian Education and Evangelism
 - Pastoral Care
 - Community Care
 - Job descriptions are currently being prepared
- **Pastoral Care:**
 - Mrs Sue Ramm reporting
 - Letters to be sent to people who have moved out of the Parish to determine their intentions re membership
 - Suggestion that:
 - issues of membership should come from the Elders Council
 - letters should be sent only after Membership Rolls have been updated
 - Some question as to the accuracy of information on membership Rolls
- **Baptism:**
 - In preparation for the Thanksgiving Service (Date.....?) a register of children who have been recently baptized is being drawn up
 - Names of babies baptized are then passed on to the Cradle Roll for follow-up (ie birthday cards etc until age of 3 - 5 ???)
 - What role do the Elders play in Baptism?
 - Dr L Born to explore this and report back at next meeting
- **Subscription to 'The Christian News':**
 - See Minutes 12th September 1990
 - An order has been placed for 50 copies on a 6-month trial basis
 - Due out in December

- **Christmas Services:**
 - Christmas Eve Service:
 - Date: Monday 24th December 1990
 - Time: 11.30pm
 - New Year`s Eve Watchnight Service:
 - Date: Monday 31st December 1990
 - Time: 11.15pm
 - Christmas Carols:
 - A service for `shut-ins` and Nursing Homes
 - Mrs Val Painton agreed to take responsibility for this
 - Rev Margaret Cayzer offered to assist

END OF STUDY

PARISH COUNCIL FOR 1990

Ministers:

- Rev L Born
- Rev M Smith
- Rev M Cayzer
- Rev D McLennan

Members of Parish Council:

- Mrs B Collins
- Miss P Higgins
- Mrs M Maskelyne
- Mrs L Millward
- Mrs S Pordage
- Mrs M Morgenstern
- Mrs J Taylor
- Mrs S Ramm
- Mr G Best
- Mr D Brown
- Dr I Brown
- Mr G Camplin
- Mr S Cole
- Mr A Evans
- Mr N Grant
- Mr M Hoare
- Mr K Lawson
- Mr B Koshemakin
- Mr G Maskelyne
- Dr R Ramm
- Mr T Le Roux
- Mr R Rode
- Mr J Taylor
- Mr R Way

Parish Council Executive:

- Chairman: Rev L Born
- Secretary: Mrs M Morgenstern (Parish Council)
- Treasurer: Mr D Brown
- Members: Dr I Brown (Elders Council)
 - Mr R Way (Property Committee)
 - Mrs S Nichols (Community Service)
 - Mrs S Ramm (Pastoral Care Committee)
 - Rev M Smith (Evangelism Youth and Children)
 - Mr J Allison (Christian Education and Small Groups)

Elders Council:

- Ministers:
 - Rev L Born
 - Rev M Smith
- Elders:
 - D Brown
 - I Brown
 - E & G Camplin
 - J Carter
 - A & M Evans
 - M Hurt
 - G Maskelyne
 - V Painton
 - R & S Ramm
 - F Reid
 - R Rode
 - D Solomon
 - H Sullivan
 - J & J Taylor
 - J Wallace
 - R Way

Property Committee:

- Chairman: R Way
- Secretary: J Taylor
- Members:
 - N Jay
 - A Maskelyne
 - R Rode
 - R Lister
 - C Morgenstern
 - K Walker

Finance Committee:

- Treasurer: D Brown
- Members:
 - G Taylor
 - R Collins
 - D Fletcher
 - J Allison



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