

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS TO THESE APPEALS - JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER 2017

As well as the amounts listed here, we know that many of our Church family send direct gifts to UCA Agencies and other Community Appeals (Red Cross, Cancer Council etc.).

4Cs Crisis Centre \$ 408.50
Plus many gifts of nonperishable food (always needed).

Access Ministries (From Beehive Group)	300.00
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Asylum Seeker Project	592.00
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Somers Camp Fees	846.00
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Act for Peace (Christmas Bowl 2016)	1568.00
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Least Coin Fellowship	53.00
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Lenten Offering	425.00
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Lexie Waters Support	118.00
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Connections (Pancake Day)	128.00
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Share Appeal	130.00
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South Sudan Famine Appeal	880.00
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Mission Liaison Group (MLG) – 20 Backpacks containing: exercise books, pens and pencils, other stationery, tennis ball / skipping rope, soap and hand towel, lunch box and drink bottle.’ The Backpacks are sent to Pacific Islands to equip a child to attend Primary School. MLG has sent many thousands of these invaluable gifts during the last ten years.

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY. YOU HAVE HELPED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE'S LIFE.

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**Uniting** (formerly Share) Christmas cards are now available.

There are sample cards and order forms in the green folder in the foyer.

If you wish to take part in a bulk order and save on postage,

please give your order to Wendy.

## OFFERINGS RECEIVED - JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER 2017

|                                                         | Jan – March         | April – June     | July – Sept      |                           |
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| Planned Giving,<br>Direct Debit and<br>Donated Interest | 8,844.25            | 13,195.00        | 8,230.28         |                           |
| Open Plate:<br>Pakenham & Officer                       | <u>4,007.00</u>     | <u>4,932.50</u>  | <u>4,272.00</u>  |                           |
|                                                         | <u>\$ 12,851.25</u> | <u>18,127.50</u> | <u>12,502.28</u> | <u>Total \$ 43,481.03</u> |

Our Budget from all offerings for the first nine months was \$41,775.00  
We have exceeded our budget for the this period by \$ 1,706.03.

This is very pleasing, but as everyone knows running costs are rising steadily all the time. If you haven't increased your giving recently and could give a small amount extra, the Mission Area Council would be very grateful. We have spare sets of Planned Giving envelopes on hand, if you would like to become part of this system.

Thank you, Wendy Rouse

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BOOK EXCHANGE COMING SOON!

We are planning to set up a BOOK EXCHANGE in the Church foyer.
You will be welcome to borrow, to swap, to take a book and enjoy.
There will be NO CHARGE or RECORDKEEPING.

We will be pleased to receive donations of books and magazines.

Books: General interest, poetry, fiction and children's books.

Magazines: House/garden, hobby craft, travel and Australiana etc.

~~~~~ CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Sunday, November 26
in the Church Lounge

Hot roast meat, vegetables & gravy

Christmas pudding or fruit salad. Tea & coffee

\$20 per adult, \$7 per child (6-16 years)

(Profit for the Christmas Bowl)

There will be more details and a sign on list in the foyer soon.

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