

Proposal to change the status of the provisional parish of Glenhaven to a parish

(A report of the Western Sydney Regional Council.)

Proposal

1. A proposal is being made to the Archbishop by the Minister and Churchwardens of the Provisional Parish of Glenhaven (Emmanuel Anglican Church, Glenhaven), under clause 4(1)(b) of the *Parishes Ordinance 1979*.

Details of meeting

2. The Western Sydney Regional Council met on 19 May 2016 to consider the proposal under clause 4 of the ordinance. Council certified that all requirements under clauses 4 and 6 have been complied with and recommends that the Provisional Parish of Glenhaven becomes a Parish from 1 January 2017.

Parish information

3. For more than 130 years, Emmanuel Anglican Church, Glenhaven has provided a Christian witness in the Glenhaven community and continues to do so through three vibrant worshipping communities and a growing range of ministry programmes and activities for all ages. The average weekly service numbers including children is now 208.

4. Initially, Emmanuel Church was a Mission Church. Subsequently it became a branch church of the Anglican Parish of Castle Hill and then a provisional parish on 1 October 2010.

5. Up until 2001, retired clergy supported the ministry at Glenhaven which included one morning service of approximately 20 adults and children and one small group. Over the next few years, John Hooton (who was on staff at St. Paul's, Castle Hill) was asked to help the church re-think and re-shape its ministry so as to increase its effectiveness in the Glenhaven community. With John spending more time each week in preaching and leading at Glenhaven and with the energetic support of the members, the church slowly grew. A second service was planted in 2005, with the help of the former Oakhill Family Church which concluded its ministry in the Oakhill Drive community in July 2005. About 40 adults and children transferred from Oakhill to Glenhaven providing a solid start to the new 10.30am family-oriented contemporary service.

6. As numbers grew, the church buildings were expanded. Significant extensions were built in 2007 costing \$515,000. The Westpac bank loan was repaid in 3 years. As children's and youth ministry grew, it became clear that the present site (0.2ha) was inadequate for the numbers involved in weekly services and other associated ministries.

7. In the goodness of God, and with the generous support of his people, the church was able to purchase the property next door (2ha) which included a substantial house and a former dance studio. These facilities soon became the venue for children's and youth ministry, small groups, craft groups, a residence for the Assistant Minister and a Church Office. The property cost \$1.8m and was funded by member donations (\$1.1m) and two Diocesan loans (one for \$200k repaid within a year and the other loan for \$500k – 10 years which we hope to discharge in the coming year).

8. For the past 7 years, Emmanuel Church has had a parish partnership with the Anglican Retirement Village's Glenhaven Green ILU Village.

9. The church is located on Glenhaven Road opposite the Glenhaven Public School where the church has a significant SRE ministry. Staff presently include three full-time ministers (Senior Minister, Assistant Minister – Youth and Young Adults, Assistant Minister – Children), a part-time Chaplain at Glenhaven Green (funded by ARV) and a part-time Office Administrator.

Future plans

10. We are presently developing a site master plan which will include a new multi-purpose worship and education centre and associated facilities to meet the growing needs of the ministry to our four demographics – children, youth, adults and retired adults. With an historic church building and some very sympathetic developments in recent years, "the little church with the white picket fence" continues to have a significant presence in the community.

Size of congregations

11. Average attendances are currently –

8.30am	71
10.30am adults	71
10.30am children	36
6.00pm	30

Particulars of all Church Trust property

12. Details of property held by the Anglican Church Property Trust upon trust for the provisional parish are as follows –

	Value of Land	Value of Buildings and Contents
31 Glenhaven Road	\$1,160,000	\$813,408
Church and Hall		\$1,375,472
Other (Demountable)		\$52,208

Summary of consolidated receipts and payments

13. A summary of the financial position over the past three years is set out below –

	2013	2014	2015
Receipts			
Offerories	\$400,483	\$422,729	\$455,821
Donations	\$209,879	\$51,315	\$47,821
Grants	\$ Nil	\$ Nil	\$ Nil
Rental income	\$ Nil	\$1,200	\$2,520
Other Income	\$5,381	\$1,287	\$6,030
Total Income	\$615,743	\$476,531	\$512,912
Expenses			
Ministry staff and admin staff	\$226,790	\$265,352	\$279,859
Ministry housing	\$ Nil	\$ Nil	\$ Nil
Parish cost recoveries	\$42,697	\$59,349	\$67,370
Resources for ministry	\$12,299	\$14,631	\$10,952
Parish donations	\$ Nil	\$ Nil	\$ Nil
Parish administration/ general expenses	\$23,399	\$17,527	\$19,058
Parish property expenses	\$106,498	\$99,990	\$108,598
Other expenses	\$3,917	\$1,410	\$3,372
Total Expenses	\$415,600	\$458,259	\$489,210

14. The Western Sydney Regional Council recommends that the provisional parish of Glenhaven be reclassified as a parish with effect from 1 January 2017.

For and on behalf of the Western Sydney Regional Council.

IVAN LEE
Bishop of Western Sydney

19 May 2016