

# Anglican Food Ministry of Ipswich

## Mission and Governance Statement

### Introduction

*The Anglican Food Ministry of Ipswich (AFMI) was an initiative of Rev. Stephen Monseigneur. It began in August 2019 and has grown to include a light meal for the needy, hot and cold drinks with snacks, bakery supplies and a book exchange in a supportive environment. The AFMI operates outside the St Paul's church hall. Meals are served at 4pm on Sunday afternoons.*

### Vision Statement

*'Love one another as I have loved you, by this will they know that you are my disciples.'*  
*The sharing of a meal is more than attending to the nutritional need of the body, it is a communion of persons where difference has no place, where all are one in the growth of community. The Anglican Food Ministry of Ipswich is a ministry of the parishes of St Paul's Ipswich and St Thomas's North Ipswich. In accord with their respective mission statements to make Christ known to the community. The ministry, guided by the love exemplified by Jesus for others before himself, aims through the provision of no cost, nutritious meals in a supportive environment, to share the love of Jesus in a way that serves to develop community connection for stakeholders.*

### Stakeholders

*The AMFI has several key stakeholders:*

- *Ipswich Anglican community*
  - *Volunteers from St. Paul's Church and St Thomas' Church have described the experience of helping in the AFM as uplifting. Parents of the youth in the ministry have said it is good for their children to see others whose circumstances are usually very different to their own. Volunteers are encouraged to join the patrons if they feel comfortable doing so. The AFMI appeals to young and old people in our congregations. While people from St Paul's and St Thomas' form the majority of the volunteers in the kitchen others from the wider community also volunteer.*
- *Rosies:*
  - *An organisation consisting of people sharing the Oblate spirit of caring for the marginalised. Established by the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Rosies reaches out to those most abandoned, to be present with them, offering them the experience of community and belonging. It reaches out by providing drinks and snacks to those in need, people who are lonely or at risk and socially isolated within the community.*
  - *A member of Rosies, Ann Maria facilitates the delivery of bakery items which are donated daily by a local bakery.*
- *4 Voices:*
  - *An organisation that creates safe spaces where women can relax and start to trust again. Our vision is a world where any girl or woman who feels unsafe or alone can find her voice.*
- *Australian Red Cross*
  - *Coordinate a free community library/book exchange program which is very well utilised by patrons.*
- *FoodBank Queensland*

- *Foodbank Queensland has been providing bags of cooked food and fresh fruit and vegetables that we supplement as necessary. Sometimes we have donations of food from various sources, this is encouraged and appreciated.*
- **Recipients of the service**
  - *The patrons of the AFMI are usually members of the Ipswich community, although the service is open to all who attend. There tends to be a core of people who enjoy the company, food and outreach of people on a Sunday afternoon. Other patrons attend on a casual basis.*
  - *Approximately forty meals are served each week.*
  - *Patrons are encouraged to help and to maintain a clean and tidy venue. Some of the patrons help set up and clean up.*
  - *Two of the patrons help to bag the bakery items.*

#### **Governance Structure**

*The AFMI is a subcommittee of the St Paul's parish council. Members of the subcommittee are:*

- *Rev. Lorraine Lynch is the group leader and she invites and coordinates the stakeholders.*
- *Rev. Greg Jenks as locum rector of St Paul's is an ex officio member.*
- *Leeanne Fergusson is the wardens' representative.*
- *Annette Isager is the secretary. She organises the schedule and keeps the volunteer contact information up to date. She also writes and distributes an agenda for meetings and sends a summary of meetings to attendees.*
- *There are altogether six coordinators who organise teams of volunteers in the kitchen. Their tasks include sourcing food, sourcing takeaway containers, serviettes and cutlery, preparing the meals, reminding volunteers and cleaning.*
- *The six coordinators are: Leanne Fergusson, Annette Isager, Jenny and Lyn Smith, Camilla Neilsen, Christine Taylor and Liam Laidlaw.*

#### **Funding**

*The AFMI is funded by donations and has a budget provided by the St Paul's council. Expenses may be claimed on the presentation of receipts.*

#### **Subcommittee Meeting Cadence**

*The AFMI meets on a needs basis, usually two or three times a year.*

#### **Accountability**

*The AFMI reports to the St Paul's council meeting each month and presents an annual report.*

Annette Isager  
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