

TRINITY NEWS

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ECHT AGM Rector's Report 2019

A short report can be more effective than a lengthy. So here goes:

Thank you to the congregations, Vestry, Staff, Clergy and all who make what we call 'church' happen. Amongst many other things to celebrate we have the growing French speaking congregation led by Fr. Bert. Genette and the children's ministry team have welcomed Kimberly and Denise with their enthusiasm and helpful ministry. Outreach with scholarships continues to provide new and growing opportunities for students and families.

Our lives are a series of hello's and goodbyes. Deacon Mary has lived between two countries in the tension of caring for the church family in Manila and our biological family in Adelaide. Amongst the delightful hellos of new births and parishioners we have said farewell to loved ones who have joined the Communion of Saints, may light perpetual shine upon them and I thank God for their lives. Holy Trinity is a diverseness of cultures and people as they come and go nationally and internationally. Along with others, we give thanks for 33 years of Bertie and

Ratna Ezra with their contribution to Holy Trinity and the wider Diocese and Philippines as they leave to retire in India.

Mission and Vision for the future. I guess it is more of a method and way of living I encourage. I'm not a fan of text's and butchers paper. Often what can happen is the effort of future planning can distract the ministry opportunities which are right in front of us in the present. So 4 points I stress:

Pray: To be in step with the Holy Spirit.

Look: Observe the wonders of God around us and within us...*in the present.*

Listen: To what God is saying through people and creation.

Act: Pray the prayer 'what then can I do'.

This is nothing new the prophet Micah urged Jerusalem to *"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."*

Maybe it's as simple and difficult as that.

Love and prayers.

Fr. Peter



The faith community of ECHT give grateful thanks to Bertie and Ratna Ezra for their thirty three years of presence, prayers and ministry in the life of the Parish. Our prayers extend to them both along with their friends and family in the transition back to Kolkata, India.

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

With our love,
Your brothers and sisters