

Themes emerging from St Nicholas' PMC Timeline Event 17 January 2016

19 members of St Nicholas' Church attended the breakfast and timeline event before the Eucharist on Sunday 16th January. We shared our memories of red letter days (days we were proud of), blue days (days, events or people we were not proud of) and then thought about green days, days, events or people that give us hope for the future.

Most responses for red letter days were about people, priests and the twenty fifth anniversary mission and other special events. Blue days included many comments about the loss of people, the loss of a community priest and the demise of the Sunday School. Green days were often about the arrival of people and priests. The LYCIG (leading your church into growth) events and the anticipation of new housing also gave us hope for the future.

What does this mean for St Nicholas'?

Our strengths:

- We care for and support each other pastorally.
- We are also committed to the mission of St Nicholas as can be seen by the recent success of the LYCIG events.

There seem to be some questions that need our prayerful consideration:

- Spiritual journeys were not mentioned. How can we encourage each other on our spiritual journeys?
- There are many mentions of priests and the loss of a community priest. Why does this matter so much?
- Why do we find managing criticism and change so difficult?