

# TREASURERS' NEWS

*The latest news for Presbyterian & Cooperating Venture parishes*

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## Treasurers' News

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## Welcome to the September edition

...and welcome to the start of spring! Although, as I look out my window at the rain and strong wind it doesn't feel too much like spring has arrived! I hope that the weather is more hospitable for you.

In this month's newsletter we provide some information to assist with filing your annual returns with Charities Services, an update on the consolidation process, and a refresh on common GST queries.



## Filing returns with Charities Services

Many parishes will currently be in the process of filing their annual returns with Charities Services. Please remember that for this year, all parishes need to continue to file their individual accounts with Charities Services as group reporting will not start until next year. Please [click here](#) for a link to Charities Services website. They provide a helpful "how to" guide.

Earlier this year we also put together a helpful Charities Office Resource Kit. Please [click here](#) for further information.

## GST treatment

We have had several questions over the last few months on GST and its treatment. Please [click here](#) for a summary of common GST questions and answers.



# Converting to



# A treasurer's feedback

Over the past year, we have been asking parishes to shift to Xero. There are many reasons for this, including ease of use for treasurers, but also advantages for us at National Office as it speeds up our work for the consolidation of our annual accounts. We know that for many, the idea of changing your accounting system is daunting - and we understand this, so wanted to share with you feedback we have received from one parish who are now converted Xero users.

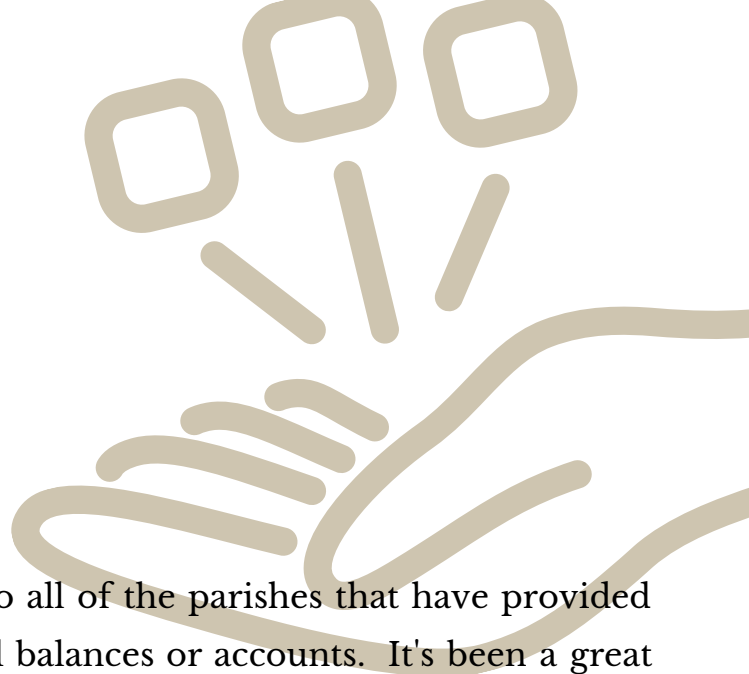
"For me, I thought it was going to be a nightmare changing over to Xero. Our treasurer had been doing the cashbook for quite a few years, so I had no idea of where to start. Unfortunately or fortunately for me we had to enter a years worth of transactions into Xero. It was a great learning experience and being able to learn it in a block like I did was more beneficial than doing bits over many weeks. I was very blessed to have great support and having someone I could go to for any questions I needed asking. As I am working more with Xero, I am finding it quite quick to reconcile each weeks transactions. I have done computer coding before (many years ago) and wow the paper work involved then in that was huge and hours of work each month having to print everything out. Xero cuts down a lot of the paperwork as you can go in and get just the dates needed for reports as to when they are needed. So quick :)"

Debra - Lighthouse Bay





# Consolidation update



We would like to pass on a huge thank you to all of the parishes that have provided access to Xero or have sent in their 2020 trial balances or accounts. It's been a great effort and we really appreciate your help. We have information from over 300 entities which is a great result. We are now in the process of pulling together all of your information into one set of financial statements.

If you have yet to send in your 2020 trial balances or accounts then PLEASE DO SO! We still need your 2020 trial balances and for some parishes 2019 as well. Although your parish may have missed the deadline for 2020, we will need this information for the 2021 consolidation. Please get these to us ASAP!

If at all possible, please send any information through in EXCEL or CSV format.

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