



## Notes from Vestry Meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021

The company who did the asbestos survey have been asked to survey another area (previously missed). Asbestos was identified in some contained areas. It is hoped these areas will remain undisturbed during the building re-development; however, proper precautions will be put in place if necessary.

Building re-development.

The Building team has sought a proposal for proceeding with planning for Stage 2 (Church). Starting this process at the same time as working on Stage 1 (Hall) has several advantages including having the whole work done within two or three years, avoiding escalating costs associated with delays, keeping our people safe in an emergency, and of course meeting legal requirements which are mandatory in due course. A bonus is encouragement to people who are keen to see work on Church strengthening commence.

Rod Tyney has been appointed as Privacy Officer for Nativity.

Health and Safety updates are completed, including the Risk Register, Roles and Responsibilities and Nativities H&S Positions.

Vestry is continuing with Strategic Visioning meetings to develop future direction for Nativity.

Full copy of the Vestry meeting minutes is available in the Church foyer.

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## Mission Report for July 2021

**Chris and Catherine (Central Asia)** were released from MIQ in time for the funeral for Catherine's Dad. After spending some time with Catherine's mum they will get on the road and focus on some of the deputation and support-raising that is needed. They plan to base in Blenheim and travel from here, so are looking forward to catching up with folk here for a bit longer than usual.

Their family are adjusting to new stages of life. Reuben and Sasha are studying in Palmerston North and Dunedin respectively. Joshua will attend Bible College in Hungary. His longer term plan includes a degree in Mechanical Engineering, focusing on aviation.

**Wayne and Bronwyn in Asia** have real concerns for students they've been mentoring (some of whom have returned home) and many in complex, difficult situations. Their family, Yvonne, Miriam and Malcolm have all found work here in their fields of interest and are actively involved in their local churches. Luke is studying a BSc in chemistry and computer science, and has joined an Anglican church near the university.

**Liz from South Asia** still faces delays in obtaining her visa and says trying to make the most of being "where I am today" is not always easy. Prayers for the visa, a flight out and space in MIQ, especially in time for her father's birthday in September, would be appreciated.

### "Get one, give one"

The Diocese and mission organisations, are encouraging people to donate a vaccine to help the most vulnerable overseas. This is tax deductible and can be done through <https://www.corecommitments.unicef.org/kp/covax-delivery-cost.pdf>.

OR <https://givealittle.co.nz/fundraiser/get-one-give-one>