

VESTRY UPDATE

August 2021

Vestry held a meeting via zoom on 1st September. The purpose of this meeting was to conduct business necessary to keep our projects ticking over and to continue with Strategic Visioning for our Church.

NATIVITY CHURCH

UNITED IN CHRIST:
DRAWING IN, GROWING UP,
REACHING OUT

Business matters:

Asbestos testing has now been completed. The additional testing has shown negative results.

A proposal had been received from Abbeyfield Retirement Villages for us to consider the lease of the land behind the church for the establishment of an Abbeyfield complex. Vestry made a decision not to proceed further with considerations for this at this stage due to our current commitment for the hall re-development and the uncertainty around how we might wish to use that land in the future.

Building re-development.

A contract has been engaged which will look at ways to strengthen the transept and sanctuary in the Church.

Drawings for the re-development of the Hall and Centre have been progressed to the stage of being ready to apply for consents.

Contact has been made with a construction company regarding a tender for the work. The tender will provide costing options depending on our choices for materials on things like decking and ramps etc.

Our building team reminded us that they were aware of increasing difficulties associated with the pandemic which could include material delays and cost increases.

These will be given serious consideration prior to proceeding.

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New ministry position

A draft position description has been prepared for the role of Family Mission and Ministry Enabler. A number of aspects of this role were discussed including the title, hours, responsibilities and accountabilities. The position description will now undergo some revision before being reconsidered by Vestry. It is hoped to advertise this position as soon as possible.

Strategic Visioning

Vestry have been tasked to continue with developing the vision for our Church in preparation for the next time we can get together to discuss more fully.

Consideration is being given to Missional Projects, ie. our capacity for more projects; review/relevancy of our current projects; what missional projects could be suitable for us to take on. Vestry will be working on identifying key priorities for our next 6 – 12 months.

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

PLEASE PRAY

Please continue to pray for vestry and the decisions we make on behalf of the parish. We seek to be obedient to God in all we do, to be faithful stewards, and to always seek the ongoing worship and discipleship of our Community of Faith.

Vestry Members: Stephen Sheat (Bishops warden), Jennifer Bennett-Burrows (People's warden), Dion Mundy, Ellen Shaw, Conway Taylor, Hamish Harper, John Ealand, Kate Bristed, Konrad Cross, Pauline Tisch, Rachel Powell, with Rev. Glen Ashworth and secretary Jo Danks.