

SEPTEMBER 2020

VESTRY UPDATE

August & September

Vestry has been spending time at the beginning of our recent meetings exploring the culture and values of our parish and seeking to articulate something of who God is calling Nativity to be.

One of the themes emerging strongly is the priority of Fellowship and how we value our welcoming and relationships with each other.

How do you think the value of Fellowship is shown at Nativity?

What else comes to mind as you think of what we value at Nativity?

If you have any thoughts please share them with someone from vestry.



NATIVITY CHURCH

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

HIGHLIGHTS

New vestry portfolios including a role to connect vestry with ministries.

Work on a long term finance plan begun

Purchase of a Nativity Court unit

Church heating options being investigated

Computer and network upgrades authorised

New security window for reception office ordered

Keith Buck appointed acting treasurer while we look for a replacement

Hall Upgrade Update

On Sunday 13th September vestry met with the building committee to discuss and decide on the direction of the Nativity Hall upgrade. A significant amount of time has been taken this year working through the complexities and determining the priorities for this project, while keeping in mind and exploring how this project relates to the future mission and vision of the church. This has not been an easy process, however the meeting on Sunday was beneficial with vestry praying and working together with the building committee to move this vital project ahead.

The outcome is the decision to renovate the hall and connected areas within the current footprint (without a building extension), with the expectation that the hall will be opened up on the north wall to flow onto a deck and down into a childrens play area. The building committee has been tasked to engage and work with professional services to produce construction drawings to be approved by vestry. Our united desire is to progress this project as quickly as possible to bring the benefits of this upgrade to the parish and all those who use our facilities.

Please continue to pray that God's blessing and direction remain with us as we continue forward.

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, yet like all of us, we can also find it difficult to hear God clearly at times.

Vestry Members: Stephen Sheet(Bishops warden), Jennifer Bennett-Burrows(People's warden), Alison Brice, Dion Mundy, Ellen Shaw, Gerrie Mead, Hamish Harper, John Ealand, Kate Bristed, Konrad Cross, Pauline Tisch, Rachel Powell, with Rev. Sue Howarth and Rev. Joe Keighley