



## Notes from Vestry Meeting held 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021

This Vestry meeting was a strategic visioning meeting.

Building re-development survey results were discussed. 67 people responded with thoughtful and useful feedback. Following from the survey the building committee presented a draft 'Funding Model'. In brief the model showed three stages: Stage 1 - Hall; Stage 2 – New Building; Stage 3 – Church, and the model also covered Estimates, Funding Sources, and Available Funds.

As the survey results were consistently in favour of the redevelopment plan (with some minor adjustments) the Vestry discussion was primarily focused on costs and funding. A motion was tabled and "Vestry approved the building committee to proceed with stage one through to completion".

The second part of the meeting was 'vision brainstorming' where Vestry identified three key focus areas; 'Internal Church ministry', 'Discipleship' and 'Outreach/Community Relevance'.

Future Vestry meetings will build on these, developing future direction for Nativity. The goal is to hold these strategic planning/visioning meetings every second or third Vestry meeting.



## Mission Report for May 2021

**Chris and Catherine** (Central Asia) still hoping to return to NZ for a lengthy visit need prayer and support with decisions on MIQ cost requirements. Catherine has decided this will be her last year teaching at Hope Academy and seeks prayer as she looks for a clear sense of future service. Josh finishes school this year and hopes to be studying at Bible College in Hungary next year. They also ask for guidance in their support of a family centre in a rural town (6 hours' drive away) and for the changes ahead for this centre.

**Wayne and Bronwyn in Asia:** are now enjoying the warmth of spring, cycling around, even having a chance to get out of the city. Outings include taking friends to a fish and chip dinner (the daughter enjoyed eating food she had read about in her English textbook!) They have resumed language classes which have been a bit neglected as most of their work and recreation is in English.

### Liz from South Asia

Liz still faces delays in getting her visa. It is possible that the type of visa she currently has may not be granted in future. She also asks for wisdom in dealing with a sensitive situation in relation to the hostels.

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