

## Minutes of the All Saints Annual General Meeting

Held on Sunday 27 November 2022 at 1.00pm at All Saints Community Centre Hall

- Present:** 94 parishioners and staff, as recorded in the attendance sheet
- Apologies:** Ken Benn, Cherie Cliff, John Hornblow, Lesley Mitchell, Alan Parkes, Stephanie Parsons, Evelyn Paterson, Yvonne Pincott, Renee Sione, John and Yvonne Trewavas, Gaye Philpott, Lynda Whitwell
- Gallery:** Pixie Rowe

The meeting was chaired by Dan Pitchforth (Vicar's Warden)

### 1. Opening prayer | David Rowe

### 2. Parish vision | David Rowe and Andrew Carson

- a. Review of Parish vision statement: (1) We are disciples following Jesus; (2) We are community forming communities; (3) We are on a mission transforming cities.
- b. David shared two visions concerning where we are heading in the next year: The experience of kayaking toward a sea loch, suggesting not to fight the tide, but wait until it turns; The image of a pop-up book, suggesting the need to bring life and community back.
- c. Three key initiatives linked to Parish vision: (1) Sermon series focusing on grand narrative, and prayer triplets; (2) Growing leaders course; (3) Alpha course, and beginning to think about church planting.

*Prayer for the Parish*

### 3. Minutes of previous meeting

- a. No questions about AGM minutes
- b. **Moved:** That the minutes of the AGM of 21 November 2021 be confirmed.
  - i. Movers: Karen Lyons, Dot Costley
  - ii. Motion carried (unanimous)
- c. No questions about SGM minutes
- d. **Moved:** That the minutes of the SGM of 27 March 2022 be confirmed.
  - i. Movers: Robert Gibb, Vince Neale
  - ii. Motion carried (unanimous)

#### 4. Budget for 2023 | Vicki Unwin (Treasurer)

- a. Budget is developed over several months, with budget holders submitting detailed spending proposals, which are reviewed and amended by senior management and wardens, before review by Vestry and submission to the AGM. A thorough process with prayerful consideration.
- b. Acknowledgement of the huge amount of work that Carl Kelly contributes to the Parish accounts.
- c. Acknowledgement of the Parish's generosity over the last year, notably the Nelson flood appeal.
- d. Reduction in budgeted giving for 2023, due to several factors, including generous donors moving away, and ageing Parish population.
- e. General operations deficit that was budgeted for 2022 is tracking better than budgeted.
- f. Deficit of \$92,000 from all operations is an accounting deficit, i.e., includes non-cash items such as depreciation. Budgeted cash deficit is much smaller figure of \$11,000, or 2% of total giving, and the hope is that Parish generosity will meet that deficit rather than erode our reserves.
- g. Budgeted stipend is reduced for 2023, because of number of non-stipended clergy serving the Parish.
- h. **Moved:** That the Budget for 2023 be received.
  - i. Movers: Duncan Hedderley, Paul Toulson
  - ii. Motion carried (unanimous)
- i. **Moved:** That Cotton Kelly be appointed as Auditors for All Saints Parish.
  - i. Movers: Prue Drake, Kirsten Holst
  - ii. Motion carried (unanimous)

#### 5. Vestry Appointments

- a. Vestry candidates
  - i. Vestry: BJ Craig, David Everett, Robert Gibb, Karen Hankin, Kalym Smith, Vicki Unwin, Jess Walker, and Darlene Westrupp
  - ii. St Oswald's representative: Duncan Hedderley
  - iii. St Columba's representative: Carol Irvine
  - iv. People's Warden: Karen Lyons
- b. Dan Pitchforth has been reappointed by the Bishop as Vicar's Warden
- c. We are allowed from six to twelve on Vestry, and we have eleven candidates. Process requires a vote to ensure there is confidence in each candidate.
- d. Discussion around the process of voting. Key point is that each candidate must receive 50% of votes cast to be elected. Seventy people are in attendance who are on electoral roll.
- e. Discussion about whether a larger Vestry might impede decision making, but Dan supported value of wide range of views from Parish communities.
- f. Comment that it would help if candidates were made known to the Parish a week in advance of the AGM.

*Votes counted by Barbara Arnold and Pixie Rowe*

**6. General Business | Dan Pitchforth (Vicar's Warden)**

- a. Annual reports (tabled as read)
- b. Dan spoke about the encouragement of reading about the diversity of Parish life
- c. **Moved:** That the Annual Report for 2022 be accepted.
  - i. Movers: Karen Hankin, Paul Toulson
  - ii. Motion carried (unanimous)

**7. Personnel/staff | David Rowe (Priest in Charge)**

- a. We have had departures of several ordained clergy (Tim Bustin, Bek and Andy Hickman), and these gaps have been met with contributions from other clergy and non-ordained clergy.
- b. Davis Sione is now undertaking a discernment process for ordination.
- c. Lynda Whitwell now ordained as a deacon, and working both with All Saints (rest home ministry) and St Peter's.
- d. Julia Budd's contributions with 5pm and St Oswald's has led us to request a licence for All Saints, and she also works in the Diocese.

*Prayer for Julia and Davis*

**8. Closing Prayer | Andrew Carson (Parish Manager/ Co Leader)**

**9.** *Meeting concluded at 1.45pm.*