

Vestry Snippets 12 August 2020

The announcement of moving back under Alert Level 3 for COVID-19 was discussed and we acknowledged the greater uncertainty of escalation. The Vestry agreed that services will continue at St Andrew's (St Alban's to be confirmed) with social distancing and cleaning, no singing and no morning tea. People would have a choice to go to church, to go online to the Diocesan Cathedral services (www.movementonline.org.nz) or to attend small home church. It is unlikely that the cluster combined service at St Mary's Whitby would now go ahead.

Our mission partners, Dean and Amanda, have now decided to stay in New Zealand and Vestry agreed to adopting Scott and Nicky Wheeler as our new partners. The Wheelers will be serving in Papua New Guinea and have three children, so they are seen as a good fit for us given our commitment to young people and families. We will be able to connect more with them as the work they do is less confidential than our previous partners. While the Wheelers are waiting on permission to go to Papua New Guinea, we will continue to raise funds for them.

Dean and Amanda will be coming to our Parish for a NZCMS meeting (scheduled 12 September) and Mim will organise a time for them to speak to the us. Please continue to pray for them and their family as they transition back to New Zealand life. We are currently planning a movie fundraiser for mission on 27 September.

We are seeing great progress on the St Alban's toilet, and people are appreciating the work to have a building that architecturally aligns with the church. Less so with the toilet, as we are waiting on the painter be advise us of when work will recommence.

The vicarage preparations are going well, with many thanks for the work of Barbara Dennison and Julia Stevens. We clarified that all donated items are for the family (they don't become the property of the parish) and that any surplus of items will go to the Salvation Army or to a similar body.

We noted that \$28,008,50 has now been raised for St Alban's as at 12 August, with some sizable cheques coming from non-parishioners. We still have a way to go to raise all the funds – a rural letter drop, concert at St Alban's and a old style church fair are proposed.

Our photocopier did not handle lockdown well, and is obsolete, with the service provider now cancelling the contract with us. We have agreed to replace it with an ink jet printer photocopier model. We will no longer offer photocopying services to the public. Thanks Ron S for organising the replacement.

The St Mark's building is getting a clean up with the clearing of rubbish and confirming of what is to be kept (used by us) and what would be available to donate or possibly sell. For example, the big bookcase that stood in the foyer will be on loan to the vicarage. Greedy & Co have started using the site for their coffee cart.

Elsie Joosten has been working as our Office Administrator and is busy working through refreshing our office systems and files. Outside of office hours (Tuesday and Wednesday 9:30am to 12:30 pm, Thursday 9:30am to 1:30pm, please contact Peter Dennison if there is anything urgent (an out of office notification will advise this). Elsie is also picking up much of the compilation of News 4 U working with Susan Worthington.

The Vestry have appointed Jenny Brash and Rosemary Paterson as Parish representatives on the Pauatahanui Public Burial Ground Committee of the Porirua City Council.

St Teresa's and our Parish will work together on a walk in the catholic church's "Season of Creation". This will also be on 12 September, with the walk starting from St Andrew's at 1:30 to 3:30pm. Anna Jackson and Marie Preston are our contacts with St Teresa's.

Susan Worthington

People's Warden

For Vestry.