

**CHRIST CHURCH LAVENDER BAY**  
**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**  
**Sunday 26 March 2023 at 11.30 am**

- Notice of Meeting:** This had been given for the preceding three Sundays.
- Opening and quorum:** The Rector opened the meeting with prayer. The document containing the declarations, signed by those persons present at the meeting was received. A quorum was noted as established. 47 persons attended.
- Chair:** Rev Greg Webster
- Minute Secretary:** RESOLVED that Leisa Davidson be appointed minute secretary.
- Apologies:** Jennifer Morgan-Nicholson, Keith and Anne Mason, Diana Robinson, John Armfield, Michael Morris
- Confirmation of AGM Minutes:**  
RESOLVED that the AGM Minutes be confirmed at a meeting of the Parish Council within three months.  
Moved Richard Neal, seconded David Robinson.
- Reports:** The full text of the following reports (previously advised via general e-mailout on 18<sup>th</sup> March) are available on the CCLB website.
- Rector's report (prepared by the then acting rector, Rev Peter Smart)
  - Children's Ministry report
  - Music reports
  - Wardens' report
  - Missions Committee Report
  - Pastoral Care Report
  - Safe Ministry report
  - 2022 Financial Report & 2023 Budget
- The Rector advised that the written reports should be taken as read but that questions on all reports were welcome.
- The Rector expressed his thanks for the warm welcome since his commencement and excellent improvements made in the rectory.
- Financial Statements:** The Churchwardens' financial statements for 2022 were prepared and approved by the auditor and signed off by

the Wardens. Thanks to Brian England for his work as Treasurer on the financial statements. Note that the financial statements for 2022 will be provided to the Diocese.

Copies of these financial statements were available to the congregation from the 18<sup>th</sup> March.

Brian England addressed the meeting with a summary of the Financial reports in the Annual Financial Review. Brian thanked everyone for continuing to support the ministry of the Church through difficult times.

RESOLVED that the financial statements including the budget for 2023 is to be received and accepted.  
Moved Ian Davidson, seconded Peter Moll.

**Wardens' Report:**

In addition to the written Wardens' Report, Rod Pearse addressed what has been occurring with moneys raised and spent, from the Rejuvenation Account, over the first four of the five years of funds raised for rejuvenation, including the outstanding planned rejuvenation work, with an anticipated cost of about \$170k.

- Church Stonework, roof leaks and other water ingress.
- Paths (especially between rectory and Church).
- Rectory upstairs front windows, painting, fans, lights, bathroom flue, gutters, kitchen wall.
- Hall kitchen upgrade and improved access.

RESOLVED that the Wardens' Report be accepted.  
Moved, Joc Ibels, Seconded Brian England

**Missions Committee:**

Philippa briefly addressed the written Mission Report. We currently support CMS, BCA and Anglicare, among others, but we would like to increase the Mission budget and consider new avenues for mission focus, including because current support for Christian Care Foundation for Children with Disabilities (CCD – Thailand) through Anglican Aid, as well as support for Edwin Thambyaiyah, will be finishing.

RESOLVED That all other reports also be accepted.  
Moved Rod Pearse, seconded Richard Neal

**Elections:**

Merryn Pearse acknowledged the contribution of the outgoing Councillors:

- Jurgen Joester
- James Flynn

**Rector's Warden:** The Rector reported that he appointed Rod Pearse to be his warden for the following year.

**Election of Wardens:** Nominations have been received as follows:

- Ian Davidson
- Philippa Armfield

As there was no requirement for carrying out a ballot the above-named were declared elected.

**Independent Assurance Practitioner (Auditor):**

RESOLVED. David Wood appointed as Auditor for 2023.

**Treasurer:** This is not an elected position but is appointed by the wardens. We do not yet have a treasurer for 2023.

**Parish Council:** RESOLVED that we do have a Parish Council. Moved Merryn Pearse, seconded Merle Lindstrom.

RESOLVED that there be six elected members on the Parish Council. Moved Ian Davidson, seconded Peter Moll.

Nominations for elected members have been received as follows:

- Helen Wheeler
- Christine Fulcher
- Michael Mata
- Penny Morris
- Peter Moll

As there was no requirement for carrying out a ballot the above-named were declared elected.

The Rector noted that he has the right to appoint a Parish Councillor for every three elected members.

**Parish Nominators:** Nominations have been received as follows:

- Richard Neal
- Anita Barnett

- Philippa Armfield
- Ann Kells
- Rod Pearse

As there was no requirement for carrying out a ballot the above-named were declared elected.

**Synod Representatives:** Nominations for Synod representatives for the next 3 years have been received as follows:

- Clarrie Stevens
- Richard Neal

As there was no requirement for carrying out a ballot the above-named were declared elected.

**Matters for the attention of the Parish Council raised during the meeting:**

- Richard Neal requested we move furniture back to its pre-covid positions including using pulpit for sermons and removing at least one of the TV screens.
- Rosie Neal suggested that we refer to the “Budget vs Actual” offertories on the back of the service sheet (as was our pre-covid custom for the Morning Service. The Evening Service then didn’t really exist.). This also suggests that we consider reinstating a weekly service sheet (at least for the morning).
- **[Post meeting note from Leisa:** we are currently short of welcomers. When welcomers greet those coming to attend a service, handing out service sheets provides an easy way to engage, especially with new people.]
- Rev Paul Barnett asked if the PC would consider reinstating the regular physical collection of offertory, ie passing the plate around. This was supported by members of the congregation.

**[Post meeting note from Leisa:**

Please ask the PC to formally write to thank those who

- have retired from volunteer roles,
  - James Flynn from Parish Council and Synod Rep,
  - Jurgen Joester from Parish Council
  - Diane Joester as Safe Ministry Rep
  - Brian England as Treasurer
- were not at the meeting to hear the thanks
  - Louie Chen, our fabulous young organist
- were **not mentioned** in the Expressed thanks (below)

- David Wood, who has been our Auditor for the past 7 years and who has agreed to another 12 months service.]

### **Expressed thanks:**

James Flynn and Philippa Armfield highlighted different aspects of the ministry of Peter and Elizabeth Smart during the last 12 months for which many are grateful.

Rev Ross McDonald thanked Rev Di Nicolios for her pastoral ministry in the Parish.

Helen thanked Brian England for his role as treasurer in the last 4 years.

Paul Barnett thanked the dedication of Louie Chen as our organist.

Caroline Thornton thanked Helen Wheeler for her dedicated work for, and with, the Choir.

Ros Wilson thanked Rev Ross McDonald for our monthly Prayer Notes.

Virginia thanked James Flynn, Chrissy Fulcher and Jo Kadlecek for their musicianship and leadership for The Gathering.

Each expression of thankfulness was followed by agreement by acclamation from the congregants.

The Meeting closed at 12.20 pm with The Grace.

**[Post meeting note from Leisa:** please remember that there are some members of our congregation who do not have a mobile phone, email or access to the internet, who may not have had the opportunity to read the Annual Reports. I appreciate that printed financial statements were available at the AGM and also that those without internet access may not actually see a lack of access to the reports as a problem.]