

PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

All Souls Parish Council Meetings – July 2020

Highlights from the July meeting (13th July 2020):

- The meeting was chaired by our vicar Jeremy Watson and was conducted via Zoom. There were 8 attendees and two apologies.
- Jeremy gave a short presentation on the features of the Elvanto church management system, which is now in use by the parish. One of its key features is a database of church membership.
- Jeremy described the duties of the proposed position Director of Administration and Communication. Council was in agreement with proceeding to fill this position, but not until the current Stage 3 restrictions in Victoria were eased. Jeremy also mentioned that the creation of the new position would not preclude having an office worker later as well.
- Parish Electoral Committee: Council appointed Andrew Wilson to the Parish Electoral Committee. He will serve alongside Jeremy, the other member.
- Jeremy presented his Vicar's Report, which included a tentative list of 10 goals contributing to our overall goal of equipping and building up the church. The goals covered many areas including small groups, worship services, a church directory, ministry to children and youth, mission activities, church administration, Alpha and live streaming of church services.
- Georgina Magill, Assistant Minister, presented her report for July. Georgina particularly mentioned the frustrations parishioners are having with the re-introduced Stage 3 restrictions. She said she would be checking again with the Pastoral Care Carers to refresh the call for them to contact (remotely) their chosen parishioners.
- Leonie Dekker, Churchwarden, reported on Children's and Youth Ministry. Leonie particularly mentioned that the Youth Alpha course has been completed and that Young Souls families have continued to receive their activity packs except over the school holidays. She also said that Playgroup was set to return on 14 July but this has now been delayed due to the return to Stage 3 restrictions.
- The Treasurer Peter Moran presented the financial report for June: Key points:
 - Collections were above the budgeted figure for the month and we had received a \$10,000 Victorian Business Support Grant, but overall income was down against budget due to significantly lower Op Shop payments.
 - This was balanced by expenses for the month being significantly lower than budgeted, primarily due to not currently having a family minister or office worker.
- Leonie presented the report of the wardens meeting on 12 July. She mentioned that the wardens and treasurer are looking at ways to streamline the receipt, payment and storing of bills, that Daryl Williams will be the contact warden for minor property issues, the maintenance work on the phone tower has been completed, and that Lachlan Middleditch has retired from the contemporary band after 10 years' service – a card and gift will be arranged.

Peter Coburn
Parish Secretary
27 July 2020