

# PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

## All Souls Parish Council Meeting – June 2020

### Highlights from the June meeting (1<sup>st</sup> June 2020):

- The meeting was chaired by our vicar Jeremy Watson and was conducted via Zoom. There were 10 attendees and one apology.
- Council discussed how services would operate over the upcoming period when COVID-19 restrictions were being lifted in stages. Jeremy also reported that three COVID-19 Safe Officers had been appointed: Daryl Williams, Alissia Adam and Darryl Parkinson. They would operate under advice from both the Diocese and the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services.
- Jeremy reported on the request by Sparrows Bar (adjacent to the Op Shop) to be allowed to wheel their rubbish bins through the rear Op Shop yard – this had been rejected by the Op Shop Committee.
- Jeremy in his Vicar's Report reported that:
  - The Op Shop is planning to re-open on 1 July.
  - He and Georgina had discussed the Small Groups in the church and how they might develop as we grow.
  - He was planning to take study leave 22-26 June and annual leave 20-27 July.
- Council discussed the need for continued online coverage of our services after COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, and it was felt that this would be a good thing, especially for people in nursing homes or those who can't attend due to illness.
- Georgina Magill, Assistant Minister, presented her report for June, and said that she and Jeremy had been going through the church database and had identified the potential to connect with 46 individuals or groups in the database who were not attending services.
- Leonie Dekker, Churchwarden, presented a special report on the activities that have been occurring in children's and youth ministries during the COVID-19 situation. The report mentioned the Youth Alpha course being run by Jeremy and Louisa Bhanabhai, and the children's worksheets that are hand-delivered to each family's house with activities relating to the weekly sermons. Several members of Council said that they found the report very encouraging, and it was great to hear that this ministry was continuing during the COVID-19 restrictions.
- The Treasurer Peter Moran presented the financial report for May. Collections were above the budgeted figure for the month by \$2866 but overall income was down by \$18,715, primarily due to a delay in receiving a budgeted Op Shop distribution payment of \$20,000 (which we expect to be reduced due to the shop closure). Peter also said that our application for JobKeeper had been accepted and that payments were expected shortly.
- Bruce Peeler, Parish Council Member, had requested a leave of absence from Parish Council commencing 15 May, and Council agreed to this.
- Martyn Baker, Churchwarden, reported that the recent transfer of parishioner data to the church's Elvanto system was an opportunity to use the data for a Church Directory. To that end a survey would be conducted shortly to confirm with parishioners that their data held in the Elvanto database was correct.

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