



Church Council Update January 2024

Greetings and good wishes for 2024 from Church Council. At our 18 January meeting, the following items were among those reported and discussed:

Council membership and roles

Newly elected councillor, Anthony Bendall was welcomed to the Council.

The following members were elected as office bearers for 2024:

- Laura Beckett – Chairperson
- Brian Smith – Secretary
- Ian Cox – Treasurer

The following members were appointed as Committee chairs:

- Lorraine Woolley – Church Services
- Lyndell O'Brien – Contact and Care
- Ann Kinnear – Mission Coordinating
- Peter Anderson – Property
- Laura Beckett – Mingary
- Ian Cox – Finance

Christmas Services

Margaret reported on the success of the Christmas services which included the Thursday evening 'Christmas Reimagined – Carols and Readings' which was attended by almost 180 people, including many who do not normally attend St Michael's. She acknowledged the collective efforts which were so vital to the success of the services.

Livestream Project

All internal preparation for the livestreaming of Sunday services is complete but initiation of the program has been delayed by failure of NBN equipment needed for it. As soon as this issue is resolved, Livestreaming of Sunday services will begin. Recordings of services will continue to be made available on social media and our website.

Disability Action Working Group

The working group to develop a Disability Action Plan for St Michael's will comprise Val Gill, Jason Ting, Chris Phillips and Catherine Jones. The Working Group intends to consult with the congregation as their work progresses during the year.

Offering Plates During the Services

The return to circulating offering plates during services has been well received and supported. The offering boxes that had been used for retiring offerings will be re-labelled 'Donations, Connecting Cards and Bright Ideas'. The leadership of Church Services in organising the roster for 'passing the plate' was noted with appreciation.

Council Commissioning Service

The 2024 Council will be commissioned during the service on Sunday 18 February.

Brian Smith
Secretary