

Church Council Update August 2024

Dear St Michael's Community,

At the monthly meeting of the Church Council held on August 15 we received reports from our Committees and Working Groups and discussed a number of governance matters that are important for our congregation.

Elections 2024

Council adopted November 17 as the date for Council Elections, and approved the schedule for the preparations needed from a variety of people to ensure the Election meeting is successful.

St Michael's Day 2024

St Michael's Day is scheduled to be celebrated on September 22.

On the following Wednesday, September 25, there will be a recital to celebrate St Michael's, entitled '*Songs of Peace and Belonging*'

In view of St Michael's commitment to supporting First Nations initiatives, such as Living the Covenant Locally, Margaret proposed that the proceeds from St Michael's Day celebrations and the recital go to the Koori Heritage Trust to support their public programs that bring Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people together in a spirit of reconciliation. Her proposal was adopted by Council.

Council Governance

Margaret raised the idea of Council engaging in a Governance self-review.

It was agreed that the Executive should develop a process for the self-review and report back to Council.

Committee Appointments

We are delighted to report that Anthony Bendall has been appointed a member of the Mission Coordinating Committee.

Minister's Leave

Margaret will be on annual leave from August 29 until September 16.

Brian Smith
Secretary, Church Council