



St Luke's in the City

150 years - 2009

Celebrating at the Crossroads

3rd Sunday of Easter

6 April 2008

Dear Friends,

For about a year we have been working on our Mission & Ministry Review. The stimulus for this arose out of Open Forum discussions and feedback to Vestry more than a year ago, prompting Vestry to put before last year's Annual Meeting of Parishioners the Review proposal.

I want to acknowledge the efforts of the steering committee which was elected/appointed a year ago and which set the Review process on its way: Barbara McCartney, Winifred Scown, The Reverend Francie Conolly, Ian Lothian, Valerie Osborn and Jenny Drury. They worked with the consultant appointed by Vestry, The Reverend Graeme Nicholas, who led us through two whole-of-parish meetings, several small group meetings, and gathered feedback from individuals and groups, within and beyond the parish family, resulting in the 'Consultant Report'. A number of you took up the invitation to make specific proposals arising from the Consultant's report, and your Vestry has formed those into the '13 Motions' (in the bright pink leaflet, and as appended below) to be put to this year's Annual Meeting of Parishioners.

The distillation of a year's listening, discussion, thought and prayer is contained in that bright pink leaflet. In two Sunday's time we all have a chance to complete the Review process, setting the parish direction for the next several years. I'm sure that we will all want to contribute to this next step in the life of the parish. Please do discuss these things and reflect on our calling as the local Anglican community of faith at these crossroads, and pray the St Luke's Mission Prayer daily.

At times I have wondered whether we might have been overdoing the consultation, concerned that we might come down with an attack of 'consultation burnout'. Certainly, a process taking a year to complete cannot be described as rushing things! On the other hand, communities readily fracture when there is a feeling that not enough time has been allowed for listening, questioning and reflection in processes of development and change.

This aspect of communal life is always bound to be something of a delicate balancing act – waiting upon each other and the Spirit's promptings; deciding and acting when we can be confident that such acting is authentic and organic. All things organic take time. And things organic do not come as bolts out of the blue, but strike us as 'natural developments'. That is what we are called to discern at our Annual Meeting.

With my love,
David



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Mission & Ministry Review 2007-8

Motions to be put to the Annual Meeting of Parishioners Sunday 20 April 2008

resolved by Vestry 10 March 2008

This Annual Meeting of Parishioners resolves that:

LITURGY

1. the one Sunday liturgy time of 9.30am be adopted throughout the year, commencing on Sunday 1 June 2008.
Moved/Seconded: Tim Hitchings / Ian Lothian
2. Vestry be authorised to establish and appoint a new part-time paid 'Director of Music' position.
Moved/Seconded: Alan Robb / Jenny Drury
3. an additional regular liturgy (not on Sunday morning) be developed as a new mission initiative during the next 2-5 years.
Moved/Seconded: Valerie Osborn / Jenny Drury

BUILDING & GROUNDS

4. the entrance porch project be completed in time for the 150th anniversary celebrations on St Luke's Day 2009, and the landscaping & memorial garden follow completion of the porch.
Moved/Seconded: Jenny Drury / Jim McKenna
5. the works as set out in the conservation plan be continued and undertaken in the next 2 – 5 years, according to priority and availability of funds.
Moved/Seconded: Jenny Drury / Ian Lothian
6. the Vestry investigate the feasibility, including financial implications, of reclaiming the vicarage for parish use within the next 2 – 5 years.
Moved/Seconded: Jim McKenna / Valerie Osborn
7. the sound system be upgraded to cover the west and east ends of the church.
Moved/Seconded: Valerie Osborn / Tim Hitchings

PEOPLE

8. regular music events be hosted in the church as a means of serving the wider community.
Moved/Seconded: Alan Robb / Valerie Osborn
9. regular neighbourhood events, including one high-profile annual event, be held on the church grounds
Moved/Seconded: Jenny Drury / Jim McKenna
10. parish leadership and relationships be broadened and strengthened
Moved/Seconded: Tim Hitchings / Ian Lothian
11. the open hours of the church be extended, according to personnel and practical considerations.
Moved/Seconded: Jim McKenna / Jenny Drury

SYSTEMS

12. signage be updated, and publicity and promotion be reviewed.
Moved/Seconded: Ian Lothian / Tim Hitchings
13. the parish website continue to be developed and new opportunities explored
Moved/Seconded: Heather Pearce / Ian Lothian