

Annual Meeting 2021 – St Michael’s North Carlton

The Minutes – 23 November 2021 Chair: Rev’d Steve Webster

Present in person: Anne West, John Sewell, Peter Summers, Kim Messieh

Present on Zoom:

Janette	Allen	Hany	Messieh
Andrew	Allen	David	Pierce
Peter	Burgess	Robyn	Pierce
Emilie	Franklin	Dianne	Shay
Christine	Hayward	Cindy	Shay
Noelene	Horton	Jack	Verdins
Ian	Jungwirth	Gill	Verdins
Liz	Jungwirth	Katja	Wagner
Su-Hsien	Kuan	Catherine	Ward
Bob	Lile	Barbara	Ward
Audrey	Lile	Chris	Ward
Mary Ann	Lyttle	Sharyn	Young
Leanne	McCoy	John	Young
Graham	McCoy		

Meeting commenced 7.30pm

1.	Meeting Commencement	An acknowledgement of Country was given to begin proceedings Welcome and overview of meeting explained	Steve
2.	Devotion/Worship	Scripture and Prayer – Colossians 3:12-17	Steve
3.	Testimonies	Comments, thanksgiving, testimonies, etc., - Thankfulness for the provision of livestream services and leadership of the church during the pandemic Various other comments of thanksgiving to God were offered.	Noelene Horton

4..	Minutes of the previous meeting	The minutes of the previous meeting were received as a true and accurate record of event	Moved: John Sewell Seconded: Anne West
5.	Electoral Roll	The parish electoral roll was received	Moved: John Sewell Seconded: Anne West
6.	Annual Reports	Annual Reports were published and distributed prior to the meeting. Members were invited to speak to the reports or to add another	
6A		<p>The Vicar's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Steve thanked especially two members of staff: Emma Sugars & Catherine Ward for their service to the congregation in light of them leaving for other work and for study respectively. - Emma worked as part-time office assistant for a collective 7 years. She reformed our communications and administration significantly such that staff and coordinators are able to utilize our website (which she newly developed) files, social media sites, and more. Emma was also the face of our church to many midweek enquirers and site visitors and always represented the church and the Gospel with great respect and grace. Emma has taken a new job with Prison Fellowship Victoria and sees this as a step into new areas of ministry and work. We pray many blessings from the Lord upon her new initiatives. Emma received a small gift from the staff on behalf of the congregation in July on her departure. - Catherine not only worked as our part-time Children's Ministry Assistant, but she also helped to develop our livestreaming of Sunday Services and to train our new tech teams. Her creative talents were on show in kids talks on video during lockdowns. Behind the scenes Catherine also carried many administrative and practical tasks shifting blithely between different areas of need to help us meet the challenges the pandemic posed to our operations day to day. Catherine has been accepted into the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts in London to take on a Masters Degree. She will be sorely missed, as she been a member of our church for her whole life and is a wonderful example of faith and service to us all. We pray God's many blessings on her travels, her studies, and her future on stage and screen. 	Steve W

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Catherine shared her thanks to her family and to the congregation for their support over the course of her life. She thanked the many members of the church who have encouraged and taught her. - Catherine will depart end of December 2021 	
6B		<p>The Finance Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Churchwardens reported that the independent financial review would take place in February 2022 as is allowed in the current legislation in light of the obstacles the pandemic has caused to access to professional services. - The fully reviewed financial report will then be made available on request to members of the congregation. - A motion was passed to receive the reports as presented 	<p>Anne West</p> <p>Moved: John Sewell Seconded: Anne West</p>
7.	Elections	<p>The following people were declared duly elected to the following offices:</p> <p>Parish Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anne West (churchwarden) - John Sewell (churchwarden) - Barbara Ward - Mary Ann Lyttle - Peter Summers - Jack Verdins <p>Parish Nominators (Incumbency)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chris Ward - Dianne Shay 	
8.	Appointment of Auditors	It was agreed that we will engage the services of Mr Shario Baghaei of Total Wise to do an independent financial review of our financial records for the year	Moved: John Sewell Seconded: Anne West
9.	Other questions or comments	None	
10.	Meeting closure	The meeting closed with prayer at 8.30pm	