

Notes from Parish Council ***Sunday 22 September, 2016.***

1. Funding for the construction of the new church doors has now been obtained. ACT Heritage has contributed \$5,000. Sandy White has donated his payment of \$1,500 for his professional services. Peter and Heather McDermott have donated the remaining \$3,500 making a total of \$10,000 for the supply and fitting of the doors. Many thanks to all who have made this happen.
2. Conservation management strategies continue with the surveying of movement in the walls of the church. A baseline is being established by the engineers. The cost of these services has been supplied by ACT Heritage and the Parish.
3. The development of sites around the Diocese, including St Paul's site, continues to be one of the Bishop's 3D Visions. No further details of the development are available at this stage but an update on progress should be available shortly.
4. A follow-up with families who have had children baptised at St Paul's is being considered.
5. Finances are being watched closely. It was noted that giving is declining at present. Parishioners are encouraged to contribute regularly and sacrificially to the work of the parish.
6. St David's is planning a Spring Garden Party on 16 October to which all parishioners are invited. The Spring Garden Party will be held after the 8.30 am service on that day.
7. The Rector reported on Synod. The Synod has changed the way the Diocesan Bishop is elected. In future nominations will be gathered by a committee. The committee will do due diligence on the nominations and then present all qualified candidates to the Synod. Synod will continue to elect the new Bishop from the list of candidates. It was also noted that the Diocese is dealing with substantial debts (most arising from some of the schools in the Diocese). The Bishop is keen for the development of diocesan resources in order to deal with this debt. The Bishop also informed the Synod that substantial funds have been paid to victims of sexual abuse.
8. Helen Raymond and Christine May have served the parish well as Synod Representatives but have decided to step down from this role next year. We will need to elect new Synod Representatives at our annual general meeting in 2017.
9. The Rev'd Canon John Campbell has stepped down from his role as Warden of St David's Close. He will however remain as the priest at St David's, taking the Thursday and Sunday services and attending to other pastoral needs at St David's. The Rev'd Peter Malone has been appointed by Anglicare as the new Warden of St David's Close.
10. Several security incidents have occurred recently at St David's. Damage and car break-ins have increased. CCTV options are being explored with Anglicare.

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