

# Reflection Questions

- What do you understand by the five-fold ministries?
- Do you see them operating now in our church, and if so how?
- What steps could we take to encourage people to move in these and other spiritual giftings?
- Do you think an understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of these giftings helps us to relate better to one another?



## Meeting and Decisions

We had a very positive and frank AGM last Sunday with 51 people attending. A minutes silence was held as we gave thanks for the lives of those who had died in the past year – 11 were regular worshippers here.

Nathan Hughes spoke to us about Youth and urged us to consider what our priorities are.

A slideshow of photos from activities over the previous year was shown. Thanks heaps David Cowdrey and photographers!

It was noted that Mission Giving has gone down massively since vestry decided to tithe offerings to mission. In effect, this means that we are giving to missions from the trust fund as our budget is not covering the tithe.

No election was needed for Vestry. Vestry now consists of Shiona Frengley, Kai Kruse, and Laurence Forsythe, Dave Pritchard (People's Warden), Marie Tilley (Vicar's Warden), and Synod reps - Anne Askin, John Palmer, Beverley Payne, along with Vicar Susan.

All reports were received including a Building Report from Robin Frengley. Robin gave a preliminary costing of \$1.65 million for stage one based on a square metre calculation. Pricing includes carpeting, toilets, kitchen units, tiles and such, but not furnishings. This is not likely to be very accurate. Robin will be able to give more detail in a few months after discussions with the contractor. There may be scope for reductions in that. Any problems are likely to be with the foundations which Robin will be keeping a careful eye on.

The original motion regarding building was amended to:

“That a two stage building programme be accepted. Stage one being a 28% reduction in floor area to reduce the first stage overall cost to \$1.5-\$1.8 million. This to include as much internal furnishing as possible.”

A show of hands determined the motion was carried; 31 in favour, 13 against, 4 abstentions.

The motion regarding tithing future donations to The new Lantern was not passed.

The motion authorising the withdraw funds from the building fund to finance commencement of construction of the two stage building programme was withdrawn with a decision to hold a Special General Meeting in approximately three months when we have accurate costings for the New Building.

I am delighted to be part of a leadership team of a church which wants to go ahead. I think we all realise that we are embarking on an ambitious building project. This project requires us stepping out in faith and looking to the Lord with expectation that he will provide, while we do what we can on the ground.

Remaining as we are is not an option. Our numbers are plateaued and will decline over time if we always do what we have always done.

God is good! Much love,

*Susan*