

Greg's Chat

Sad News:

Parish council received the resignation of Ros Purnell as parish secretary. Ros has faithfully served in this position for about 20 years. She now feels that it is time to move on. Many thanks Ros! You have been a great blessing.

Parish Hall:

We need more tenants! Please pray for tenants for the parish hall at Kingscliff.

Pews and chairs at St. Marks Pottsville:

Parish Council resolved at the meeting on the 13 November 2019 to begin a process of consultation with a view to replacing the pews with chairs at St. Marks Pottsville. Parish Council is now seeking to comply with The Diocesan Governance Ordinance Section 101 (Faculties).

Parish council noted the advantages of chairs:

1. They will be more comfortable,
2. They will make flexible worship more possible,
3. They will make the church space more usable during the week,
4. Small group discussions will be easier and more conducive with chairs.
Chairs will make the running of seminars and outreach events in the church easier and better.
5. It is appropriate to make this change at this time of renovation.

The exact design of chairs is still being researched by The Churchwardens. Possible options will be on display on the notice boards of both churches.

The funding of this project will occur through the sale of existing chairs and reserves.

Parish Council is excited because it is hoped that this project will encourage fresh energy for mission and worship. It is also our prayer that it will be a catalyst for mission outreach activities.

I encourage discussion of this proposal. This matter will be raised in the notices portion of Sunday worship. You are welcome to raise issues at that time if you are comfortable doing that.

Parishioners have 28 days to lodge signed objections to The Parish Council. Once parish council has considered the comments and letters then it might proceed to the next step of applying for a Faculty for the sale and replacement of the pews with chairs.

2020 Budget:

Is in preparation. Please pray that this will be focused on God's mission.

At Parish Council

We:

- Are revising the signs for each property
- Noted that I have been appointed to Bishop In Council
- Noted that I'll be a spiritual advisor on the next Cursillo
- Decided that 7 December will be the consultation morning for the diocesan restructure
- Began to discuss the idea of a Spirituality Centre which would be one of our vehicles for our outreach. Do you have any ideas for a name?
i.e. The SEAK Centre (Spiritual Events At Kingscliff),
The Centre for Soul and Spirit ...
- A draft Spiritual Outreach Program is available.
- Decided that our parish would focus on 4 missions.
- Appointed teams of parish councillors to progress our strategic objectives of,
 1. Spirituality,
 2. Youth,
 3. Worship - Music,
 4. Worship - liturgy.
- Noted that parish finances are on track