

Vestrylink - Number 6 – August 2020

Business Meeting

The new vestry held its first business meeting on 19 August. Due to being in Covid 19 alert level 2, it was a zoom rather than a room meeting. This process while an acceptable alternative, takes a little getting used to. At the meeting, Vestry commenced the formalities required to finalise a number of appointments. These included selecting the parish nominators (Vestry positions required to work with the Diocese to appoint a new vicar whenever this is required), and confirming trustees for the Parish Trust Board. Letters will be going out to thank people standing down, to confirm existing positions, or to seek agreement from proposed new appointees. We can let you know the new and confirmed appointments when they have been finalised.

Proposed Roadmap and Objectives for 2020

The new Vestry is developing a work programme for the year, based on the objectives each regarded as significant following discussions at our recent training and planning day. At a very high level, the four key steps were identified as being:

- Identifying what might be the causes of St Alban's disunity
- Deciding how to address this
- Building the people of God
- Rebuilding the House of God

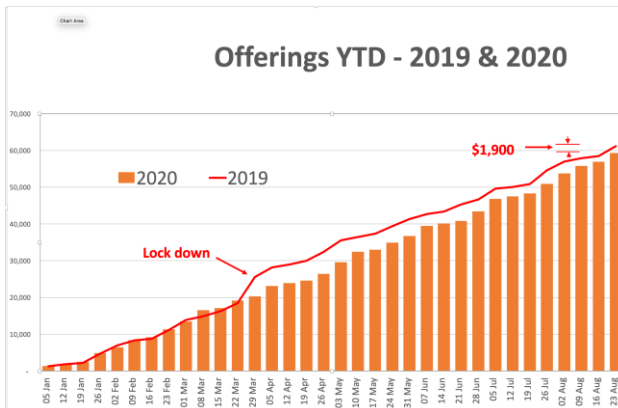
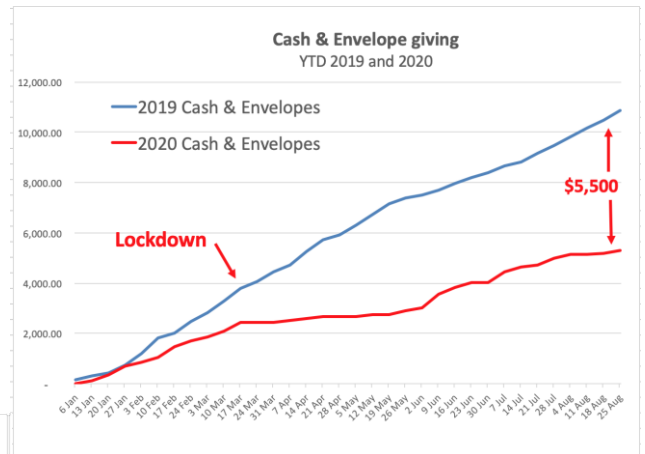
At the present time, Vestry is arranging a further meeting to put together an approach to the above tasks. This includes how we process this as a parish. We will keep you informed.

Parish Finances

The meeting discussed our financial situation and particularly the impact of Covid lockdowns on our in-ability to hold services on a Sunday. Parish treasurer Denis Packer has provided a detailed report and graphs which provides reliable up to date information on our financial position.

Bad News, Good News, Better News - Our offerings (year to date)

The bad news - year to date envelope and cash offerings are down on last year by \$5,500. There was a shift from envelopes to direct crediting early in the year but lockdown denied many people the opportunity of giving in his way.



Now for **some good news** – Despite this drop in cash and envelope giving, direct giving - automatic payments and internet banking - is up on the previous year by \$3,600. Overall then our total offerings are now only \$1,900 behind last year.

If you don't already you may like to

shift your cash envelope & giving to direct credit. Simply enter your name in the 'reference' field and we will continue to record your offerings for your tax credit.

Our bank details - Parish of Eastbourne 02 0500 0821577 00

And now some **even better news!** Since Reverend John talked about appointing a Children's Pastor, some serious deposits to pay for such an initiative have begun hitting our bank account. An initial target of \$20,000 was set and to date, donations totaling \$15,100 have been received, with more likely to be coming shortly. Should you feel like contributing, again use the same bank account number entering "Children's Pastor" in the reference field. And any such donations will of course add to your total offerings for tax credit purposes.

Offerings 2020 - regular and Children's Pastor



Joy Baird
 Denis Packer
 For St Alban's Vestry
 26 August 2020