



From Rev Paul Robertson

† **Holy Communion:** No home communion will be given until further notice.

Also this Week:

Wednesday	No morning prayers or playgroup until further notice
Thursday	SRE in schools cancelled until further notice

Readings for 29 th March and 5 th April (Palm Sunday)	Ezekiel 37, 1-14	Psalm 130
	Romans 8, 6-11	John 11, 1-45
	Isaiah 50, 4-9a	Psalm 31, 9-18
	Philippians 2, 5-11	Matthew 27, 11-54

Lambton Parish Executive Minutes 19/3/2020

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Meeting of the Lambton Parish Executive, held in the Church at 10am 19/3/2020
Attendance: Paul Robertson Locum, Daphney Whelan Rector's Warden, Bob Whelan and Gina Parslow, Peoples Wardens.

That at the Bishop's Direction, the Locum and Wardens now constitute an Executive administering the Parish during the coronavirus pandemic. All church services and parish group meetings have been cancelled.

The plan is for the Executive to meet at 10am in the Church each Thursday.

Organisation:

1. That the Parish Treasurer Jim Parslow and Secretary Christine Walker be included as advisors without attending Executive meetings.
2. That the Diocesan Office is open online, and relevant personnel can be contacted. The Treasurer can contact the Diocesan Accountant directly regarding financial matters.

Property:

Bob Whelan reported.

Finance:

Daphney Whelan reported.

Worship:

Agreed it was vital to maintain a worshipping contact with all parishioners while public worship has been cancelled. 50% of parishioners on the Roll have email. 50% can be contacted by phone and/or letterbox drop, to provide material helpful for worship.

1. Pewslip to continue fortnightly. To be sent online and delivered in a letterbox drop to those who are offline. Direct enquiries to Christine Walker.

2. Sunday Worship Service. The Sunday Holy Communion text to go online as per the Lectionary and include the hymns provided by Christine Lewis.

3. Sermon written by the Locum to go online.

4. Prayers written by Locum Les Forester for use on previous Sundays, to go online. Parishioners are encouraged to use them as part of their prayer time.

5. Part of our worship is our weekly financial commitment. Giving needs to continue. Our banking details are on the front page – BSB 705-007 and Account Number 40391. You can set up an online weekly, fortnightly or monthly transfer to the Parish account, or go to the Bank, or go with a family member, to set up a transfer transaction, taking the BSB details with them. Regular ongoing bills such as insurance still need to be paid, along with the monthly remittance to the Diocese. There is now no income from the Hall, so the Parish is totally reliant on the free will offerings of the people.

Hall:

The hall has been closed until further notice as directed by the Bishop.

Signs:

Signs have been placed on the door of the Church and Hall indicating, by order of the Bishop "... closed until further notice" A similar sign on the Parish Notice Board at the entrance to the Church grounds now reads "Closed Till Further Notice. Be Open To God".

Cleaning:

Both Church and Hall will continue to be kept clean by those on the roster. This is essential even when not in use. The grounds will continue to be mowed.

Pastoral Care:

All parishioners on the Roll can be contacted by phone and letterbox drop. Half can be contacted online. The four Pastoral Care teams will deliver the fortnightly pewslip to the letterboxes of those not online. A follow-up phone call may alert those to the pewslip in the letterbox.

Home visiting and visits to nursing homes have been suspended till further notice. If urgent calls are necessary, the social distancing protocols must be observed. Some families will be observing social isolation.

It is important that parishioners keep in touch with one another and give mutual support.

General Business:

The Parish understands and regrets Les' resignation as Locum due to his ill health, and ongoing treatment for cancer. A letter of thanks and appreciation will be sent on behalf of the Parish. The Parish will continue to pray for them. Stamped letters and cards can be sent through the Parish Secretary and posted on.

The meeting closed at 11am.
Reverend Paul Robertson



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Today's Scripture Readings – 4th Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16, 1-13	Psalm 23
Ephesians 5, 8-14	John 9, 1-41