

## Office Report 2022

As we emerged late last year from lockdown it took me a little while to get used to being back in the office full time, and there were various new and untested 'hoops we had to jump through' as we slowly opened back up. Thankfully things remained moderately quiet for a change in the lead up to Christmas, so we were able to work our way through the issues of restarting church services and allowing our regular hirers to come back gradually under the 'Red traffic light' setting.

After a short break I returned early in the new year to get some 'back office' jobs done before the office officially reopened. Among other things this included learning to use vMix and the cameras in the Church so we could go back to live streaming our Sunday services properly. Pete Macaulay, David Cotton and Simon Hackett Pain had invested countless hours and expertise to get things in place, but with Pete no longer available to operate the system I had a baptism of fire learning the program and getting things back up and running. Thankfully, once I learned the ropes and was able to show a couple of others, this has been working successfully with only minor glitches since. We have also been able to introduce video recording of funeral and wedding services this year as a small additional revenue stream.

Kerry joined the team in March, which has taken a huge burden from Louise's shoulders. We have a great rapport and I feel our whole staff team is working exceptionally well together with a common focus. The extra 'hands' have also allowed lots of new things to start and grow. Isobell and I have again collaborated on 'The Apostle' Magazines, and I thank her sincerely for her amazing eye for design and attention to detail which I feel has made the magazine better and better with every edition. Of course, that is still dependant on having great content, so thank you to all who contribute and please keep it up.

As always, the general business of the office runs in cycles of week to week and month to month with most of the same issues –newsletters, phone calls, visitors and emails keep coming, rosters, accounts, etc. all keeping me busy. Venue hire also takes up a considerable chunk of my time. Once we came through from 'Red' to 'Orange' levels most of our regular hirers were able to return and resume, however we did permanently lose a couple of groups. We have since had other groups take up much of these empty times, and SpacetoCo has continued to expand our revenue. Several weddings have been booked from couples who have found St Aidan's through this site, and some individuals now regularly use St Aidan's for dance practice at times which would be unworkable for regular groups.

This year I have done some work as a Verger for both funerals and weddings. While I am happy to step up when needed, I would be much happier still handing this responsibility (and associated income) to someone else, so if you are interested in training to be a Verger I would love to hear from you.

Thank you everyone for your continued support and trust as we radiate God's love out from St Aidan's Remuera.

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