



Anglican Diocese of Auckland

DIOCESAN COUNCIL

Summary of Meeting

*held on Thursday 27th November 2025 at 4:00pm
Neligan House Boardroom, Parnell*

Chaired by The Right Reverend Ross Bay (Bishop of Auckland)

Membership

A quorum for all houses was present. The Diocesan Manager and Minute Secretary were also present. Members were asked to disclose any interests in relation to agenda items.

Opening

The meeting was opened with a devotion.

Minutes

Minutes of 30th October 2025 were adopted as a true and correct record.
The schedule of outstanding matters was discussed and updated.

Diocesan Reports

Bishop Ross's report on activities over the past month was received.
The Diocesan Manager's Report of Diocesan Office activities was received.

Health, Safety, and Wellbeing Advisory Committee

Diocesan Council received the report of the Health, Safety, and Wellbeing Advisory Committee.

Finance, Risk and Audit Committee

The report of the Finance Risk and Audit Committee was received.

Parish Matters

Co-operating Parish of Glen Innes – Lease of building to ATWC

A request was received from the Parish for Diocesan Council to support the lease agreement for part of the church building at Taniwha Street, Glen Innes, to the Anglican Trust for Women and Children, and refer the lease to the General Trust Board.

This request was approved.

Co-operating Parish of Glen Innes – Stipend Support

An application for stipend support was received from the Co-operating Parish of Glen Innes for relief ministry while the Rev'd Joel Carpenter is on leave during March – May 2026.

This request was approved.

Parish of Kaitaia – Scheme of Reconstruction

Diocesan Council received the Report of the Commission for the Scheme of Reconstruction for the Parish of Kaitaia.

Parish of Mangawhai – Vicarage

A request was received from the Parish of Mangawhai for the vicarage at Mangawhai to come under the full management and use of the Parish of Mangawhai.

This request was approved, with conditions.

Parish of Northern Wairoa – Access to Funds

A request was received from the Parish for access to funds held in their investments for the capital improvements to the property at 58 Hokianga Street, Dargaville.

This request was approved.

Parish of Russell – Christ Church Conservation

A request was received from the Parish of Russell in relation to a long-term planned agreed with Diocesan Council that they to assist with costs related to conservation of Christ Church, Russell.

This request was approved.

Parish of St Matthew Auckland Central – Office Lease

A request was received from the Parish for Diocesan Council to support the lease of office space at Federal Street, Auckland Central and refer the lease to the General Trust Board.

This request was approved.

Parish of St Matthew Auckland Central – Lease Wilsons Carpark

A request was received from the Parish for Diocesan Council to support the lease agreement of the carpark next to the church on Hobson Street, Auckland Central and refer the lease to the General Trust Board.

This request was approved, in principle.

Parish of St Matthew Auckland Central – Access to Funds

A request was received from the Parish for access to funds held in their investments for roof maintenance to the St Matthews Church building on Hobson Street, Auckland Central.

This request was approved.

Parish of Te Atatū – Closure of Parish

Diocesan Council assented to the decision of the Parish of Te Atatū to close on 1 March 2026.

Parish of Thames – Access to Funds

A request was received from the Parish for access to funds held in their investments for building maintenance to the St George's church building on Mackay Street, Thames.

This request was approved, in principle.

Parish of Torbay – Café Business Case

A request was received from the Parish of Torbay for Diocesan Council to approve the Parish's proposal for a Social Enterprise Café in Browns Bay.

This request was approved, in principle, and referred to the General Trust Board for approval.

Other Business

Anglican Trusts Board – Trustee Appointment

Mr David Belcher was re-appointed to the Anglican Trusts Board for a further term.

Auckland City Mission – Remuneration of Trustees

A request was received from the Auckland City Mission Trust Board for Diocesan Council to endorse and approve the remuneration of City Mission Trustees going forward.

This request was approved.

Diocesan Scholarships Committee

A recommendation to approve three grant applications for sabbaticals, to be funded by funding from the St John's College Trust Board, was received from the Diocesan Scholarships Committee.

This request was approved.

Merriman Trust – 2025 Distribution

Diocesan Council approved the recommendation of the Clergy Remuneration and Retirement Committee for a distribution from the trust to be made to all stipendiary clergy and to non-stipendiary clergy who are licensed to an "in charge" office in the Diocese of Auckland, including chaplains, prior to Christmas 2025.

Quota – 2026 Quota Relief Applications

Diocesan Council approved a late quota relief application for one further parish for 2026.

Trust Investments Management Ltd – Parish Accounting

Diocesan Council approved the Trust Management Proposal for Parish Accounting Transitional Support and Diocesan Council accounting services.

Diocesan Council delegated authority to the Diocesan Manager to be the owner of all diocesan parish IRD accounts as part of the Trust Management Transition for Parish Accounting.

Vaughan Park Governance Board – Trustee Appointments

Dr Paul Woodfield and Ms Anne Walsh were re-appointed to the Vaughan Park Governance Board for a further term.

Wellsford Church Site – Lease Negotiations

Diocesan Council agreed to enter into lease negotiations with the Northern Presbytery for the lease of the Wellsford Church site.

Information Papers and Correspondence

Information papers and correspondence were received.

The meeting closed at 7:06pm. The next meeting will be held on 29th January 2026.