



Anglican Diocese of Auckland

DIOCESAN COUNCIL

Summary of Meeting

*held on Thursday 26th February 2026 at 4:00pm
via Neligan House Boardroom and Zoom*

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. The Ven. Liz Martin was also present for the agenda items pertaining to her remit.

Opening

The meeting was opened with in prayer.

Minutes

Minutes of 29th January 2026 were adopted as a true and correct record.
Minutes of 31st January 2026 special meeting 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.
The Diocesan Asbestos Management Policy was approved.

Finance, Risk and Audit Committee

Diocesan Council received the financial reports for December 2025.
The Diocesan Council budget for 2026 was approved.

Parish Matters

Parish of Torbay – Replant of St Mary's by the Sea

A request was received from the Parish of Torbay for Diocesan Council to appoint a Diocesan Council member as a liaison for the project.

This request was approved and Ms Anne Walsh was appointed.

Parish of Papanui – Insurance Claim Financial Assistance

A request was received from the Parish of Papanui to receive financial assistance from the Insurance Hardship Fund for the excess amount on a Public Liability claim.

This request was approved and Diocesan Council extended the rules of the fund to include public liability claims as well as material damage claims.

Parish of Whangaparāoa – Stipend Support

An application for stipend support was received from the Parish of Whangaparāoa for relief ministry while The Rev'd Ian Hardcastle is on sabbatical leave.

This request was approved.

Parish of Mt Eden – Stipend Support

An application for stipend support was received from the Parish of Mt Eden for relief ministry while The Rev'd Scott Malcolm is on sabbatical leave.

This request was approved.

Parish of St Paul Auckland Central – Stipend Support

An application for stipend support was received from the Parish of St Paul Auckland Central for relief ministry while The Rev'd Pete Watson is on sabbatical leave.

This request was approved.

Parish of Paihia – AGM date change

A request was received from the Parish of Paihia to change the date of their AGM in 2026.

This request was approved.

Parish of Te Atatū – Parish Closure

A request was received from the Parish of Te Atatū for Diocesan Council to approve the gifting of certain chattels to parties chosen by the Parish.

This request was approved.

Parish of St Johns Great Barrier Island – Medhaven Insurance

A request was received from St Johns Great Barrier for the Methodist Church to change the insurance coverage level on the Medhaven home.

Diocesan Council had no objections to this.

Other Business

Strategy – Working Groups

The Terms of Reference for each of the four strategic working groups (Resource Review, Parish Structure and Cooperation, Ministry Strategy, and Coordinating Group) arising out of a response to Synod 2024 motions 8, 9, and 10 were approved.

Diocesan Development Fund Policy

Minor updates were approved to the policy.

St Mary's Homes Trust - Distribution 2026

The annual distribution for 2026 from the St Mary's Home Trust was made in equal parts to Te Whare Ruruhou O Meri and Anglican Trust for Women and Children (ATWC).

Diocesan Scholarships Committee

A recommendation to approve one further grant application 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.

Quota – 2026 Quota Relief Applications

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

Waiuku Site – Roof Repair

Diocesan Council approved expenditure from the O’Hara Bequest to fund repairs and maintenance to the roof of the Holy Trinity Church, Waiuku.

Information Papers and Correspondence

Information papers and correspondence were received.

The meeting closed at 7:01pm. The next meeting will be held on 26th March 2026.