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## RE: Proposed changes to timing of the election of elders and annual general meeting

Dear friends

For many years it has been our practice to hold the following two meetings of the congregation:

- Congregational meeting (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in November) for the Election of Elders and Council updates
- Annual General meeting (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in February) for presentation of Annual Reports and Budget and Election of Congregation Office Bearers

Following a recommendation put to Church Council Helen, James, Kate, Shawn and Saide met to discuss how best and when to carry out these tasks when we are unable to meet in person.

We have consulted with Synod. Taking the advice offered and, with the support of the full Church Council, the Election of Elders will be delayed until 2021. All of the Elders whose terms were due to conclude have generously agreed to extend their terms to accommodate this change. Further the AGM will be delayed until later in the year. We hope this will provide time for deeper reflection on the experiences of 2020 and an opportunity to develop goals that respond to all that we have learnt, lost and gained through the experience.

The Congregational Meeting and Annual General meeting will be combined and held on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2021** with the reporting period for annual reports to be extended to include January 2020 - April 2021. The agenda for the meeting will include

- Election of Elders
- Election of Congregation Office Bearers
- Presentation of 2020 Annual Reports
- Presentation of the 2021 Budget

Please contact us if you have any questions

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Congregation Chair

**Helen Rowe**

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Treasurer

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