



Proposal to Change the Provisional Parish of Georges Hall to a Parish

(A report from the Georges River Regional Council.)

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Introduction

1. A proposal was made to the Archbishop by the churchwardens of the provisional parish of Georges Hall under clause 4 (1)(b) of the Parishes Ordinance 1979.

Details of Meeting

2. A meeting of the Georges River Regional Council was held on 27 June 2000 to consider the proposal under clause 5 of the Ordinance.

3. Georges River Regional Council certified that all procedural requirements under clause 4 and 6 have been complied with.

Proposal

4. The proposal is to change the Provisional Parish to a Parish.

5. The provisional parish has been growing steadily for some time and in 1996 a Diocesan standard rectory was provided.

Parish Information

6. There has been sustained steady growth in the parish for the last five years and plans for children's and youth work and evangelism and discipleship have resulted in effective outreach.

7. In a total population of 12,610 some 2,635 claim affiliation with the Anglican church. The area consists of people who are above average income, home owning, education and of married status. It has double the national average of those born in the non-English speaking countries.

8. The parish employs a catechist and anticipates employing a full-time assistant minister in the near future. There is a full range of parish activity from Children's Church (Sunday School - 25 attend), youth groups (52 attend), 5 Bible study groups (40 attend), over 55s Friendship Club (15 attend) and 20 teachers and helpers covering 12 RE classes in local schools. In addition two Alpha courses were conducted in 1999.

9. The provisional parish's Sunday average attendances in 1999 were 126 as follows -

9.00 am 69 (plus 25 children)
 7.00 pm 31 (plus 1 child).

Particulars of Church Trust Property

10. Details of property held by the Property Trust for Georges Hall are as follows -

Property	Value of Land and Improvements. *	Condition of Building
Church	304,000	Good
Hall	144,000	Fair
Rectory	159,000	Good
Cottage	101,000	Good
Garage	15,000	Good
Toilet block	13,000	Good

* Excludes contents valued at \$152,000 in the 1999 financial statements.

Summary of Consolidated Receipts and Payments

11. A summary of the financial position over the last three years and budget for 2000 are as follows-

	1997 \$	1998 \$	1999 \$	Budget 2000 \$
Receipts				
Offeratories	66,035	69,763	70,255	76,643
Missions	1,842	2,698	3,220	3,500
Rent/interest	8,035	7,897	8,608	8,770
Donations	-	14,395	2,920	4,000
Redemption/interest	-	-	8,034	
Grants			5,000	
Other	5,534	9,234	5,588	11,000
Totals	81,446	103,987	103,625	103,913
Expenditure				
Stipend, salaries	44,967	47,623	57,963	55,760
Cost recovery charges	4,975	4,405	4,268	4,490
Printing, stationary, etc.	2,924	3,136	2,542	3,000
Repairs, maintenance	7,872	3,627	1,523	4,000
Insurance	200	-	131	150
Electricity, etc	1,550	2,755	3,375	3,500
Missions	8,265	12,228	13,480	13,500
Property improvements	6,119	9,578	7,157	3,000
Investments	-	8,000	-	-
Equipment	-	4,415	1,328	3,000
Other	9,047	14,727	8,876	16,000
Totals	85,919	110,494	100,643	106,400

12. A summary of assets and liabilities at December 1999 follows -

	1999
Assets	
Land, buildings and contents.	1,427,000
Investments	37,347
Current	6,589
Total	1,470,936
Liabilities	
Current	624
Non-current	226
Total	850
Net Assets	1,470,086

13. Archdeacon Geoff Huard supports the application.

Recommendation

14. The Georges River Regional Council recommends that the Provisional Parish of Georges Hall become a Parish from 1 January 2001.

For and on behalf of the Georges River Regional Council

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Archdeacon of Liverpool
28 June 2000