

# *Congregational Voting*

*27 June 2021 - Ballots conducted online through ElectionBuddy*

## 1. Covenanting Members who Voted

Eliz Cook, Ian Cook, Jill Edwards, Dom Filippi, Liesl Filippi, John Fowler, Merryl Gahan, Paul Gahan, Acacia Nettleton, Nathan Nettleton, Samara Pitt, John Sampson, Sylvia Sandeman, Di Shearer, Shelley Taylor, Rita Wang, Glennys Williams.

## 2. Other Members and Participants who Voted (totals recorded separately)

Jeff Wild, Jenny Davis, Rob Davis, Steven Wong, Paul Holdway

## 3. Business for Voting

After many months of congregational discernment and conversation, on the 3rd of June the Host Group circulated its recommendation for the future direction of our church as we (hopefully) move beyond this era of lockdowns. On Sunday 13th June, we held a listening circle to enable everyone to share their initial responses to it. This past week, everyone was given an opportunity to indicate if they thought they needed further opportunities to talk about this before being ready to vote. No one expressed a wish for more talk before voting. So now it is time for us, as a congregation (we're including those who are not officially members), to finalise our decision on whether or not to adopt this recommendation.

*Motion:* That the SYCBaps congregation approve the recommendation from the Host Group, and thus commit itself for the foreseeable future (knowing that any aspect of church life can be reviewed and reconsidered at any time) to a pattern of church life that involves all principal worship services and governance meetings being conducted in an online or hybrid form, and builds community life through a multitude of other activities, both physically gathered and online.

*Outcome:* Both groups of voters voted unanimously in support of the motion. The motion is carried.

## 4. Comments received with votes (all votes and comments are anonymous):

4.1. However, I wish it didn't need to be like this.

4.2. I believe this is what God is calling us to at this time.

4.3. SYBC needs to be flexible with the changing environment which is why I support this motion.

## 5. Voting was closed at 2:00pm on 27 June 2021.

*The secure and confidential results were accessed and reported by Nathan Nettleton, and can be checked by anybody who wishes to.*