



St Martha & St Mary's

ANGLICAN CHURCH LEUVEN

Electoral Roll Report – 2024

Leuven, Belgium
26th April, 2024

Dear all,

Spring is one of my favourite seasons. Growing up in a tropical country, I never experienced the changing the seasons as vividly as I do here in Belgium. It is a time of renewal and new beginnings. Just outside our doorstep are some beautiful light purple lilacs, bursting into bloom at the start of spring. Their fragrance fills the air, but all too soon they are gone. It reminds me a little of our electoral roll. Comparing this year's list to last year's, I cannot help but notice that some of our members have moved on to newer pastures, perhaps to another country. Like the lilacs, they leave behind a memory of the warmth and joy they brought to our community. However, we find cheer in the many who have joined our community this year, bringing much warmth, laughter and love, and a right good feeling, just like that.

Beyond the numbers: A lesson from the loaves and fishes

The story of Jesus feeding the 5,000 with just a few loaves and fishes has always intrigued me. Here was a miracle of abundance, and yet there were leftovers. Why didn't Jesus ensure that there was precisely enough? The answer, perhaps, lies not in efficiency, but in generosity. Jesus was not concerned with minimizing waste; his focus was on meeting the needs of the people before him.

This message resonates deeply with the mission of our church. In our increasingly data-driven world, metrics and statistics are essential for good stewardship. However, they can never replace human connection. Headcounts are necessary for our church's administration and reporting, but they can never become the sole measure of a church's outreach. Our members are people and not data points. The loaves and fishes remind us that true ministry is about meeting the needs of those around us with overflowing generosity. Just like Jesus prioritized feeding the multitude over keeping perfect inventory, we too keep in mind the needs of our members over mere numbers.

Our new members

Our membership for the year 2024 stands at 24. We began with 26 members last year, with 9 members moving on to new pastures. We welcomed 7 new members, bringing our total membership to 24. A full list of the current members can be found on the next page.

We streamlined our registration process this year by introducing online membership through ChurchSuite. A big thank you to Kayla Meeking for her invaluable work in setting this up! We offered both online and paper forms, with most members opting to sign up online.

Our electoral roll has been updated to reflect the current membership. Contact was made via email to former members to confirm electoral roll status. Following our initial email, we received responses from some members that it would be OK to remove them from the electoral roll. For the others who haven't replied, a gentle reminder was sent, following which I have removed their names from the electoral roll.

During our membership reminder campaign, we identified potential technical issues with online submissions through ChurchSuite. In future, we may need to consider a backup paper option in case of such occurrences. In this instance, missing online registrations were manually added to the roll by me - you can rest assured that the roll is complete!

My deepest gratitude goes to our Churchwardens, Lydia Patmore and Sarah Jones, for their unwavering support throughout the process. Special thanks also to Kayla Meeking for her tireless efforts in implementing ChurchSuite, which proved to be a success. Finally, my warmest thanks to Alan Strange and Sarah-Jane for their watchful guidance – it kept us on the right track. This electoral roll would not have been possible without all of you. Thanks again for your incredible support and patience!

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Electoral Roll in preparation of the AGM 2024

Date

23/04/2024

Signed (Electoral Roll Officer)

If you have any remarks please email electoralrolleuven@gmail.com

1	Karen Papellero	
2	Jennifer Forness	
3	Ruth Newnham	
4	Cornelieke Boot	
5	Roshni Jegan	
6	Brendan Pousett	
7	Natalie Baxter Strange	
8	Tatiana Ntompridou	
9	Jesu Spurgen	
10	Rutger Theune	
11	Lydia Patmore	
12	Sarah Jones	
13	Andrew Wiersum	
14	Leon Bouwmeester	
15	Kayla Meeking	
16	Filipe Francisco	
17	Katie Jickling	
18	Mathias Weikl	
19	Nathan Shepura	
20	Rebecca Breekveldt	
21	Iris Bouwmeester	
22	Sarah Tampubolon	
23	Seth Johnston	
24	Shelley Hall	