

SAINT ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Newsletter December 2019 to February 2020



Mini Felt Christmas Nativity Scene made by Denise Wilde who is part of the St Matthews craft group that meets at St Andrews every Tuesday morning at 9.30. All are welcome

Church Newsletter Editors

Denise Rutherford
Ngatamaine Tauranga (Ngā)

PASTORAL CARE TASK GROUP

If you have any pastoral concerns
please contact **Pastoral Care Convenor:** Barbara Stokes
Home phone: 878 3541, mobile phone: 021 036 0444, email: abstokes@nowmail.co.nz

ST ANDREW'S TEXTING CARE CIRCLE



If there is someone with a prayer need,
contact the Pastoral Care Group, the Minister a member of the Parish
Council, or self-refer by phoning or texting Ken Hutchison on **021 078 4923**

Ken will text members of the Texting Care Circle to keep the person or
need in their thoughts and prayers.

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The Church Office is open Tuesday to Friday 9:30am – 2:30pm

Jill's Musings

I guess we say it every year, but where has the year gone! It seems ridiculous to be writing for the December – February newsletter already!

Mission Plan

It has been a good couple of months as we have brought our mission plan to near birth. *(It will be voted on at our congregational meeting beginning at 10.15am on Sunday Dec 1st prior to our combined service).* It has been a great process to work through together as a parish and a wonderful way to end our year – looking forward to the next five!

Already we are enacting some of our mission plan with people taking turns to share something about their faith each Sunday. Part of our mission plan is to practice sharing how our faith in Christ impacts and shapes our lives in a safe place. This is to help us gain confidence in evangelism. I know that evangelism is a word that makes many people uncomfortable and I want to make it clear that we don't mean approaching someone and asking them 'if they have heard about Jesus', but simply talking about our own faith more openly with our family and friends in a natural way. Perhaps we could simply say it is 'talking more about God in our everyday lives'.

Something we are also wanting to encourage is small groups. While we have two great study groups (weekly on Thursday mornings at 10am and Monthly on Monday evening); as well as our Meditation group (Thursday evenings) we would like to see more people engaging in small groups. Why? Being able to engage with others around faith in a small group context not only encourages us in our walk with Jesus, it also helps us to develop richer relationships with each other and better care for one another. We are keen to know what kind of small group/study group would attract you and will be asking you about this in the new year.

Another goal for the next six months is strengthening our care for each other. With the expertise of Richard Williams – thank you Richard - we have created a Pastoral care map of people's connectedness with St Andrews. This gives us a great picture of where we are at and where we need to put more energy.

Saying Goodbye

It has been a tough few months for us as a faith community, as we have said goodbye to Peter Collins, Pat Topham, Margaret Elliott and Leonard Gifford. Our love and our prayers continue for Laurel, and for Pat, Margaret and Leonard's family's.

Christmas Blessings

As we enter into the waiting time of Advent and the holy time of Christmas, I pray that through the Holy Spirit you may encounter Christ in new and revealing ways. I hope that your faith in God is strengthened and that Christ's peace surrounds you.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



Jill

Notes From the Parish Council Clerk

I write this after a welcome drop of rain following a very warm start to November. It has been a great spring for most of the rural community. I for one feel privileged to live in such a beautiful part of God's world.

Our Presbytery Central Gathering was a great success. More than a few commented on our excellent facilities and the friendliness and hospitality provided by both us and many of our neighboring Presbyterian Churches in Hawkes Bay.

The refurbishment of the lounge has now been completed and I know many of you have enjoyed the enhancements. Good progress has also been made in the kitchen and once again thank you to the volunteers who helped with the tidying up and painting.

Parish Council has also received the Mission Plan Draft. This was reviewed by those involved in the mission planning and at a special congregational meeting on Sunday December 1st approval will be sought from the congregation. This document should serve as a very useful guide for St Andrews over the next few years. As a result of the plan Parish Council sees the priorities over the next 6 months as:

- Running a God Given Gifts Course
- Enhancing our pastoral care
- Developing more small groups
- Continue to have members share their faith in worship
- Having our youth take a greater role in leading worship

The Options Group will also provide an interim report on December 1st. The group has had regular monthly meetings and is keen to get feedback from the congregation on the various options that have been explored such as social housing and meeting the needs of older people.

Of course, my report is only a brief summary of the events at St Andrews. The Thursday and monthly study groups, the weekly meditation on Thursday, and the more recent movie events are all being enjoyed and well supported. I for one am looking forward to our next movie night fundraiser on Friday 15th November.

Like many of you I enjoy Ken Hutchison's daily texts. This one caught my attention:

“The most wasted of all days is one without laughter.”

Arohanui,
Jim



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I was born in 1938 and lived at Onehunga, Auckland when the trams ran between Onehunga Wharves and Auckland City and our milk was delivered by horse and cart to the gate where our billy was filled from large milk cans. A cinema ticket cost 6d and 1p of broken biscuits were eagerly scoffed. During the WW2 war years American marines were encamped nearby at Waikaraka Park. We had many of them home to share our Sunday roast dinner. Having served in France in WW1 my father was a dedicated member of the NZ Home Guard and was passionate about machine guns.

My father emigrated from England in 1924 and married my mother in 1932. My little sister, Margaret, died before I was born so my upbringing was that of an 'only child'. My mother came from a large Victorian family of eleven children thus I had plenty of cousins mainly scattered around the borough of Onehunga and whom we regularly visited. My mother died when I was fourteen so I am saddened that she did not see me as an adult nor see her grandchildren.

I attended kindergarten and primary schools in Onehunga – Central, Te Papa and Oranga.. In one school class photo I counted 80+ children. My secondary schooling was at Auckland Grammar School where I came to love reading and drama, especially Shakespeare. About twelve years later I enrolled at university and completed a Bachelor Degree in English, History and Education. At teachers college I qualified for TTC, Diploma in Education and was awarded the academic blue.

In my work life I have had several careers. I am a tradesman printer, a qualified teacher, a production manager, a credit manager and a computer software designer. I retired sixteen years ago. I remember being told in the 60's that the job I would retire from has not yet been invented.

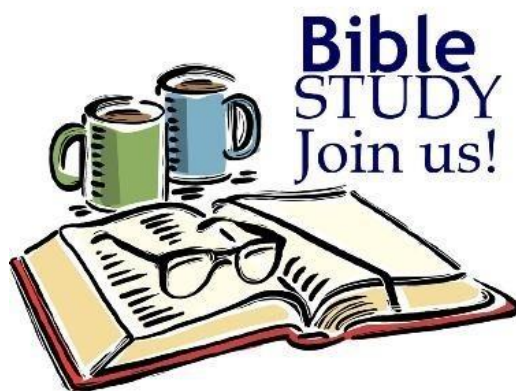
In 1960 I found the great love of my life living in Cambridge and training to be a nurse at Waikato Hospital. Rosalie & I married in 1961 and built our home in Cambridge where we lived until 2006. We have a family of two sons, both living in Australia, and a daughter who lives in Hawkes Bay. All three have successful careers and I am proud of each of them. In 2006 Rosalie and I moved to Queensland to be near our son in Cairns and enjoy the warmth of the tropics.

In 2014, after fifty-three years of marriage, my beloved Rosalie died. I brought her ashes home to a family plot at Cambridge. Since then I have been learning to live without her and with the loneliness that her absence brings. I have learnt that the best relief comes from service to others.

While I very much enjoy the technology and the social benefits of an advanced society, I am aware that this does not meet my need for a spiritual life. The St Andrew's church community blesses my spirit and I gain great joy from the worship services, the study group, the daily text that comes to my cellphone and the fellowship shared over coffee and biscuits in the lounge.

My favourite scripture is found at Numbers 6:24-26 "*The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.*"

Now in my eighties I still find that aging is a time of discovery.



Financial Report

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church Hastings

1st Oct 2019 to 31st Oct 2019



	Actual	Budget	Var NZD	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Var NZD
Income						
Car Park Rental	\$1,885.00	\$1,885.00	\$0.00	\$7,238.40	\$7,238.00	\$0.40
Church - Weddings & Funerals	\$0.00	\$100.00	-\$100.00	\$304.35	\$400.00	-\$95.65
Donations - Church	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$550.00
Donations - Hall	\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	-\$200.00
Fundraising Church	\$0.00	\$208.00	-\$208.00	\$270.90	\$832.00	-\$561.10
Fundraising Hall	\$0.00	\$208.00	-\$208.00	\$0.00	\$832.00	-\$832.00
Hire - Church	\$2,092.66	\$1,250.00	\$842.66	\$6,841.14	\$5,000.00	\$1,841.14
Hire - Hall	\$3,379.99	\$2,500.00	\$879.99	\$11,254.14	\$10,000.00	\$1,254.14
Offering - Golden	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$950.00	\$0.00	\$950.00
Offering - Internet	\$1,062.00	\$1,083.00	-\$21.00	\$4,424.00	\$4,332.00	\$92.00
Offerings - Envelope	\$2,958.50	\$2,667.00	\$291.50	\$11,659.00	\$10,668.00	\$991.00
Offerings - Plate	\$579.30	\$750.00	-\$170.70	\$2,417.90	\$3,000.00	-\$582.10
PSS Offering - Guardian Angel	\$89.30	\$30.00	\$59.30	\$218.70	\$120.00	\$98.70
Total Income	\$12,596.75	\$10,731.00	\$1,865.75	\$46,128.53	\$42,622.00	\$3,506.53
Less Operating Expenses	\$15,436.54	\$21,629.00	-\$6,192.46	\$86,050.62	\$94,429.00	-\$8,378.38
Profit/Loss	-\$ 2,839.79	-\$ 10,898.00	\$ 8,058.21	-\$ 39,922.09	-\$ 51,807.00	\$ 11,884.91

CHURCH NOTICES

Home Communion



If you are no longer able to make it to communion services and would like communion at home, please contact Jill.

HOW TO MANAGE CONFLICT LOVINGLY AND RESPECTFULLY WITHIN THE CHURCH

We are a church family and how we manage conflict and disagreement, matters, it matters a lot. Think of those wonderful words from John 13 – ‘the world will know that you are my followers because of the way that you love each other’. As the church, we are called to offer the world a glimpse of what the world looks like when we live under God’s reign. An important part of this is how we are with one another. As part of our mission plan we want to be able to manage conflict more lovingly and more respectfully within our church. We have a pamphlet that outlines a good process based on Matthew 18:15-17. Please pick up a copy from church, or email Jill at: jill@standrewshastings.org.nz

Fundraising viewings of favorite DVDs

ATTENTION!!!

THE NEXT FEATURE OF A FAVOURITE DVD TO BE
SHOWING IS: THE QUIET MAN.

**Featuring: John Wayne,
Maureen O Hara & Barry
Fitzgerald.**

**Showing @ 2.00pm
on the 8th December
A gold coin donation**



Book Club Review

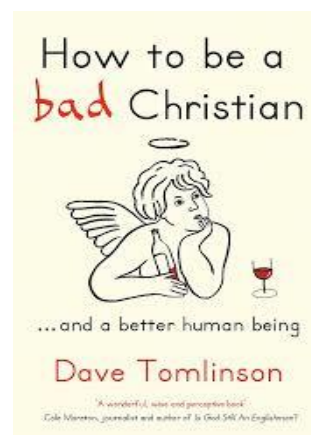
Book club review is an introduction for anyone who has read an interesting book and wishes to share its review to all you readers. You may have a book at home or have found one in the library that you may wish to share. If so just email me a copy at denise@standrewshastings.org.nz or drop in a copy of the review at the office. The first one is from Jill:

Book Review: How to be a Bad Christian... and a Better Human Being.

By Dave Tomlinson.

I got this book out from the library because of the author whose video clips I had seen, rather than for the title itself. After all, aren't we endeavouring to be better Christians?

Dave Tomlinson is an Anglican Vicar in a London Church. Dave Tomlinson meets lots of people in his community who aren't part of a church community who describe themselves as 'a not very good Christian. Despite the fact they know he is a Vicar by the collar he is wearing Dave is quick to respond 'Well I'm a bad Christian too'.



In this book Tomlinson gives the essentials of Christian faith in a way that is encouraging, down to earth and easy to read. I recommend it wholeheartedly.

The following is what NZ Theologian and Pastor Mike Riddell says of this book:

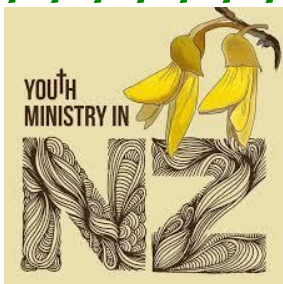
A vicar in the pub is worth two in a pulpit. Dave Tomlinson's HOW TO BE A BAD CHRISTIAN is as welcome as a glistening pint to a thirsty patron. Free from religious claptrap and moralistic badgering, here's a book that talks about God without boring your socks off. Tomlinson allows humanity and grace to escape the shackles of pious pedants, and flow into the world we all inhabit. Beautifully written, full of streetwise stories and wisdom, delightful and engaging - read it and discover how good it is to be among the bad. A rip-snorting manifesto for a way of living that makes a difference in the world.

NB: You can borrow this book from the library and Jill now has a copy to share

Podcast Reviews

A podcast is an audio programme that you can listen to via the internet at a time that works for you.

Here are a couple of podcasts that Jill enjoys listening too:



Presbytery Youth Enabler Jasmin Vanderwerff from Marton and Anglican Vicar Rev. Tim Duxfield of Rangitikei have got together to create the podcast 'Youth Ministry in New Zealand.' Don't be put off the name, as the episodes I have listened too are relevant whatever your age. I especially recommend the Rev Susan Blaikie as well as Matt Chamberlin who was the keynote speaker at our September Gathering. Podcast link: <https://www.ymnewzealand.org/>

nomad★

❖ Nomad Podcast is a UK based interview series and they talk to some great Christian thinkers and leaders from the UK and US in particular. Some of my favourites include Walter Bruggemann, Sara

Miles and Rachel Held Evans. <https://www.nomadpodcast.co.uk/>

NB: At the beginning of these podcast there can sometime be quite a long introductory chat by the hosts- I often skip this and cut to the chase to listen to the interview itself.

QUOTE



When I say I'll pray for you, it isn't because I'm trying to force my religion on you. I pray for you because I believe in God, and because I care about you and what you're going through.

FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER INFORMATION



Can you please give your reports/notices (or preferably email them) to Denise Rutherford by 2nd February 2020? So, Denise can type everything up and email them to Maine (Ngā) Tauranga, for her to format our church newsletter.

Denise and Maine (Ngā) would like everyone to give them the feedback about this newsletter please. They would like to have the positive feedback and the negative feedback plus, what things need to change in the newsletter. There are couple ways that you can contact Maine (Ngā):

- Private message on facebook
- Email: ngaioanetauranga@gmail.com
- Ring and leave a voice message on 8706901 or 0275112619
- Text on 0275112619

To contact Denise:

- Email: denise@standreshastings.org.nz
- Phone: 8769632

St Andrews has a Facebook page!! This is a great way to quickly share news and information. So if you are on Facebook already it is a great way to connect! Our Facebook page is **St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Hastings**

December @ St Andrew's

NB. Sacred Space (Whakamoemiti) @ 12:10pm -12:30pm every Tuesday followed by lunch in the Red room.

Every Thursday morning study Group @ 10:00am in the Lounge.

Meditation Group every Thursday evening @ 7:30pm in the Blue room.

Sunday	1st	10:15am 11:00am	Congregational Meeting Combined Holy Communion Service led by Rev Jill McDonald
Tuesday	3rd	5:30pm	Parish Council Meeting at 1001 Rata St
Saturday	7th	8:00am	Men's Breakfast @ Summerset in the Orchard
Sunday	8th	10:00am 12:00pm	Worship Service led by Rev Jill McDonald Kūki 'Āirani Service led by Rev Jill McDonald
Thursday	12th	10:00am	Study Group in the lounge, <u>final for the year</u>
Sunday	15th	10:00am 12:00pm	Worship Service led by Rev Jill McDonald Kūki 'Āirani Service led by Rev Jill McDonald
Tuesday	17th	7:00pm	Combined Kereru & Maraekakaho Carol Service @ Kereru Hall
Sunday	22nd	10:00am 12:00pm	Worship Service led by Rev Jill McDonald Kūki 'Āirani Service led by Rev Jill McDonald
Tuesday	24th	7:00pm	Christmas Eve Carols Service at St Andrew's
Wednesday	25th	9:00am	Christmas Day Service led by Rev Jill McDonald
Sunday	29th	10:00am	Combined service led by Rev Jill McDonald with St Matthews

NB No Kūki 'Āirani 12pm service

When someone is going through a rough timejust sit with them. No preaching, no advice. Just be there



JANUARY @ ST ANDREWS

- Sunday 5th** NB. No Services at St Andrews, we join St Matthews for their 10am service
- Sunday 12th** 10:00am Worship Service led by Rev Jill McDonald
12:00pm Kūki 'Āirani Service led by Rev Jill McDonald
- Thursday 16th** 10:00am Study Group in the lounge **Returns**
- Sunday 19th** 10:00am Worship Service led by Rev Jill McDonald
12:00pm Kūki 'Āirani Service led by Rev Jill McDonald
- Tuesday 21st** 4:00pm Finance and Property committee
- Sunday 26th** 10:00am Worship Service led by Rev Jill McDonald
12:00pm Kūki 'Āirani Service led by Rev Jill McDonald
- Tuesday 28th** 7:00pm Parish Council meeting

FEBRUARY @ ST ANDREWS

- NB.** Sacred Space (Whakamoemiti) @ 12:10pm -12:30pm every Tuesday followed by lunch in the Red room.
Every Thursday morning study Group @ 10:00am in the Lounge.
Meditation Group every Thursday evening @ 7:30pm in the Blue room.

- Sunday 2nd** 11:00am Combined Holy Communion Service
- Sunday 9th** 10:00am Worship Service led by Papa'a Elders
12:00pm Kūki 'Āirani Service led by Kūki 'Āirani Elders
- Saturday 15th** 8:00am Men's Breakfast @ Summerset in the Orchard
- Sunday 16th** 10:00am Worship Service led by Rev Jill McDonald
12:00pm Kūki 'Āirani Service led by Rev Jill McDonald
- Sunday 23rd** 10:00am Worship Service led by Rev Jill McDonald
12:00pm Kūki 'Āirani Service led by Rev Jill McDonald

MARCH @ ST ANDREWS

- Sunday 1st** 11:00am Combined Holy Communion Service led by Rev Jill McDonald

Christmas Office Hours

The St Andrews Church office will be closed from Monday
December 23rd – Tuesday January 14th

Jill's Leave

Jill will be on annual leave from: Tuesday 31st December – Wednesday 8th January
Tuesday 4th February – Tuesday 11th February

