

ST ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



February 2018
to
April 2018

Kia orana! Warmest Greetings to you (or should I say hottest greetings on this 30 degree day with the fan at my feet cooling me down!)

I hope that you have managed to have some time of good rest and restoration over the Christmas season and are ready for the gifts and challenges that 2018 is bound to bring. May you experience God in it all.



Parish Directory Update: Before you go any further in reading this newsletter and you have an email address that you are happy for St Andrew's to communicate to you through so that we can better be in touch please email lisa@standrewshastings.org.nz right now to say that this is my email address. Can you please include your postal address and phone number (and name of course!) so we have that too as we are updating our directory and it is so useful to be able to email you. Do it now before it slips your mind!

Christmas: It seems a while ago now but what a wonderful Christmas Eve and Christmas Day we celebrated at St Andrew's. I realised after it was all done that I had led 4 services in 24 hours! The church was full for each service. While many of our own folk were already away seeing family there were many new people in church, visiting family or people who always like to make a point of coming to church at Christmas. It was a sacred time indeed as we awaited and celebrated the birth of the Christ child.

In our Kuki Airani service on Christmas Eve morning we were blessed to have the baptisms of Jane and Tokoa Cuthers grandchildren Xyon Cuthers and Kade Samuel.

Roger Hawthorne: In early December we as a parish experienced much sadness as we commended Roger Hawthorne into God's keeping. Roger and his wife Carolyn had moved down from Mahia to Hastings around five years ago and during his time with the St Andrew's Faith Community, Roger contributed much, and in particular through his role on the Board of Managers where his 'call a spade a spade' approach was very refreshing. The church was packed for Roger's funeral, a testimony to the respect with which he was held in the Hastings, Wairoa and Mahia communities. We hold Carolyn, Louise and Daniel in love.

Combined Communion Services on the First of the Month: This year on every first Sunday of the month both the 10am service and the Cook Island 12pm service will be worshipping together and celebrating communion. We are one in Christ and it is important that we worship together regularly as one. This is an exciting new development in the journey of our faith community. I know that traditionally combined services have been at 10am and that for our 10am people this will take a bit of adjusting, but it seemed unfair to me that it was the Cook Islanders who always had to make the concession to change the times. If you do accidentally arrive for the service at 10am, we will have a cup of tea going so you can do the socialising bit before worship!

Mission: I have a quote pinned to my office wall written by a minister called Richard Floyd that says 'Like Christ, his church does not live for itself'. A congregation that understands that will no longer focus on its institutional life, but reach out to embody Christ in its community and the world. If you haven't figured it out by now, something I am passionate about is finding ways for the church to reach out into the community to share Christ's love through our actions and our presence.

Over the next few months we will be focusing a great deal on mission and what it means. I will be gathering a small group of people in an activity of 'Listening to our Community' where over 8 weeks we will both dwell in the text of Luke 10 and dwelling in the places where we live, walking around with new eyes and ears, watching and listening out for the ways that God is already at work in our local community. Further down the track once we have listened and discerned we will be able to discern where we as a faith community can help out with what God is already doing.

On March 14 and 15th Rev Dr Mark Johnston, will be coming to Hawkes Bay for a series of workshops on the topic of mission. Mark is the Auckland Coordinator for the Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership, where he supports and mentors interns as well as lecturing on the topic of mission. Mark is an engaging teacher who uses a variety of ways to engage with the material. If you have any interest in the area of engaging with our community, I strongly encourage you to attend at least one, if not all of these!

On Wednesday March 14th, St Andrew's will host a workshop on Mission community for Hawkes Bay Ministers, Elders and anyone else who is interested. Mark will be in conversation with us about how we can best engage with our local. It will be from 1.30 – 5pm in the lounge.

On Thursday March 15th, there will be a St Andrew's Elders Retreat where Mark will be engaging with St Andrew's. It is important to note that anyone who is interested, but not an elder – we would love to have you there too! We will meet in the lounge from 10am- 2.30pm. In the evening there will be a further session for those unable to make the daytime one that will begin with a meal together (Pizza and salad) at 6.30pm. We will conclude at 9pm. If you are interested in helping out with catering, ie making a plate for any of these events please let Lisa in the office know.

You can go to all three workshops or just to the one that suits you, but it would be great to have as many elders as we can at the Thursday daytime one. Please let Lisa or Jill know which workshops you would like to attend.

Mark has written an article in the current SPANZ that accompanies this newsletter p16.

More than a Seat: Right from the outset I have thought that it would be great for St Andrew's to have a seat outside. On days where it isn't too hot or too cold, it would be great to sit out there with people over a coffee; it would be a good place to maybe enter into conversation with people walking by, as well as having a place for passersby to have a sit down. It would also be great for our people to have a seat before or after church or while they are waiting for a taxi to appear. The Board of Managers suggested I approach the Hastings District Council to see if they could help out in any way with funding. Around the same time I was having some significant conversation with some of our Cook Island members who talked about the sanctuary that St Andrew's church is for them, that it is the equivalent to a marae. One of the members I talked with was Teorepi Ioane, an artist who has nearly completed her Bachelor of Arts at EIT. It turns out that a few years ago she had had the same idea about a seat and had made a few sketches of what might be possible. I met with Mayor Sandra Hazlehurst and Parks Manager Rachel Stuart and it turns out that they are keen to partner with organisations/businesses in the CBD to develop green spaces into places where people can more easily gather and enjoy our city. They told me that there is funding available both from the Council and through some public art funding sources.

As the conversation has grown what we are hoping to do with the corner in front of the church sign is to create a space that includes a seat, sculpture and some new garden that will tell the people of Hastings the story of the Cook Island people and St Andrew's Parish. A group of us have met with Rachel Smart and the HDC Landscape Architect Phil Henderson to make plans. Teorepi and Phil will be working together to come up with a design but what we want to hear are your stories about St Andrew's and what it means to you so that this space tells our story.

One of the scriptural texts that Teorepi thought was key in underpinning this is Matthew 11:28 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.' That what we create together will be a space where Christ's touch will bless those who come and sit here.

Watch this space!

Lent and Easter: Lent begins on February 14th with Ash Wednesday which will be an ecumenical service at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Catholic Parish of Hastings at 7.30pm.

We are awaiting the arrival of the new vicar at St Matthews to determine how we will work together over Easter. Rev'd Alister Hendery begins there on February 4th.

The Wellington Anglican Diocese has put out a very good home grown Lenten resource called 'A Sent People.' If you would like to buy one they are \$5. Please let Jill or Lisa know ASAP.

Money: It is never that easy to talk about money... One of the lines of the call to worship for the Iona Community says 'I will not offer to God offerings that cost me nothing'. They are words I think of often in relation to this costly call to follow Jesus.

You will see by the 6 monthly financial statement that our total offerings is down on what was budgeted, particularly for the envelope system. For those that don't know, the envelope system is where you receive a bunch of envelopes for the year that have your own number on them. This is recorded so that at the end of the year it is known how much you have given so that for tax purposes you can claim a third back, which is quite substantial. You can talk to Lisa, Len, Mavis or Taraani about this.

Instead of giving cash on the day, which can be more of a struggle in these times when we carry less and less cash, we would like to encourage you to set up a regular payment - this can be done either by internet banking or by going to a bank teller at your bank or by seeing Lisa in the office and she can take you through the process. This means that it is easier for you to tithe, even when you aren't at church and it makes it so much easier at the administrative end (less for the elders to count, less to be banked etc). Someone said to me, that they might feel self conscious when they didn't put anything in the offering bag each Sunday, but rest assured there are a number of people who are switching to do it this way. You may have noticed the offering bag doesn't come up to me... I've been making my offering directly to the church for a long time.

St Andrew's has been running on a deficit for some time and while it is okay short term, it is not a state that we want to remain in. The harvest is plentiful and the workers are few and there is so much that God is calling us to that we need resources for. I encourage you prayerfully consider your giving and whether you can increase it this year.

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church bank account is Westpac 03 0642 0034245 00. For further details of how to set up a regular payment see the notice in this newsletter entitled Church Offerings.

Finally: It was wonderful to have so many of you attend our housewarming on January 21st and to have Rev Opati Kavana-George ask God's blessing on our home. It was a wonderful occasion and we look forward to making this an annual event for us to gather together and enjoy one another's company.

Blessings *Jill*

SPANZ:

We know this is late getting out and is a little outdated with Christmas info in it, but do take time to read it and in particular learn a little about the new Moderator Designate Rev. Fakaofa Kaio on page 7.

And now abide faith, hope, love, these three;
but the greatest of these is **love**.

andrew



1 Corinthians 13: 13
(NRSV)

INTRODUCING: JUNE CLARK

June Clark spent her growing up years in the South Island being born in Greymouth on the West Coast, unlike her older brother, Bruce who was born in Invercargill. Both June and Bruce spent their primary school years in Greymouth where they attended Grey Main School. June's brother would double her to school on his bike and in the later years her father would drop her at school in his car, on his way to work. June's father was an Accountant in Greymouth. The family were very involved in the community and in St John's Presbyterian Church in Greymouth.

June's brother was a boarder at St Andrew's College in Christchurch. When June was ready for high school, the family moved to Christchurch where her father continued his Accountancy with the Christchurch part of the firm until he retired. The family then became involved in Cashmere Presbyterian Church. June attended Rangi-Ruru Girls' School and would bike across Christchurch from Cashmere to Merivale each day. Both June and Bruce did their degrees at Canterbury University. Bruce followed in the family foot-steps and became an Accountant while June gained a Bachelor of Science majoring in Zoology. From here, June did a year at Christchurch Teacher's College before beginning the next 46 years in the classroom as a Secondary School Teacher.

June's teaching career started with two years in Mosgiel - which was then the town of the NZ woollen mills - driving over the hill each day from Dunedin. Snow and frosts were part of the winter scene. It was a great opportunity to enjoy the outdoors in the south - with memorable trips to Milford Sound and parts of Central Otago. In her earlier years, family holidays apart from visiting family had been to Queenstown before it became a tourist mecca, as well as Nelson and Picton.

The next move for the next three years was to Ashburton College - a real community school being the only one in the town. It was at this stage Mount Hutt Ski field opened and school trips to the ski field were all in a days work, as well many weekends spent on the ski slopes. From there it was time to see a bit more of New Zealand, so June headed north for her "big OE".

After teaching only a few years at each of her previous schools, June did not see herself staying long at Karamu High School when she arrived in 1976, but she spent the next 41 years teaching at Karamu High School - as a teacher and the last 26 years in Senior Management, retiring in Easter last year.

Don (who also taught at Karamu High School) and June were married at St Andrew's Church in 1984 by Rev Bruce Hansen and Ted Fletcher. The Scouts formed a guard of honour for their wedding as Don was very involved at a National level.

Don and June built their own home and they and their various cats have been very happy living there. Over the years, both Don and June have had various roles at St Andrew's - at one stage June was Youth Group leader and also Secretary of the Board of Managers.

The last twelve months for June has involved building a new life-style - one that keeps her busy and her brain active. This includes more time on the golf course, walking, as well as some volunteer work with Art Deco. Don and June have both been very privileged to have enjoyed a number of holidays together, both in New Zealand and overseas.



Photo by Catherine Park

Pastoral Care Group

If Parish Members have any pastoral concerns, please contact...

Convenor:

Di Romans 873 3067

Nancy Bixley 878 7843

Barbara Stokes 878 3541

Roro Takie 844 2191

ST ANDREW'S TEXTING CARE CIRCLE

If there is someone with a need, contact the Pastoral Care Group, the Minister or 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.



CHURCH OFFERINGS

Did you know you can set up regular church offerings from your bank directly to St Andrew's Presbyterian Church bank account? You will need to go into your bank to set this up, and give the Church's bank account details: WESTPAC 03 0642 0034245 00 Account name: St Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Please use your initial and surname as a "reference", so we can identify your donations. Once this is done, a phone call to Lisa in the office to confirm would be appreciated. Each year in early April, a tax receipt confirming your total donations up to the 31st March will be issued by the Church office. You can use this to claim back 33% of your annual donations from the IRD using a Tax Credit Claim Form IR256. Lisa can print this form and help you complete it if you are unsure. For further information or to answer any queries, please phone Lisa on 878 8247 during office hours.



Parish Register

Baptisms:

Xyon CUTHERS & Kade SAMUEL
24 December 2017

Deaths:

Roger William HAWTHORNE
9 December 2017



REV KEN AND JOAN SMITH - UPDATE

Our dear friends, Ken and Joan are making a month-long visit to NZ, arriving into Auckland on the 21st February. They plan to spend time in Hastings and Havelock North as well as other parts of New Zealand to catch up with their many wonderful friends! They leave for Australia on the 24th of March where they will be house sitting, before returning home to the USA on the 15th May.

STOP PRESS: Just confirmed - Ken will be preaching at both St Andrew's services on Sunday 18th March 2018!

WANTED:

Someone to sell some things on behalf of the church on Trade Me. If you have the time to spare and are internet savvy this would be very helpful in doing some fundraising for the church.

Contact Jill or Lisa on 878 8247



NEW STUDY GROUP STARTING ON:

Thurs 1st February

**"Jesus and the
Kingdom of God"**



Continues each Thursday
at 10.00am in the Lounge



Like us on:

**St Andrew's Presbyterian Church,
Hastings (Pure Kuki 'Arani and Papa'a)**

CHURCH SERVICE & PICNIC LUNCH

A Combined Service at Maraekakaho will take place on Sunday, 4th February at 11.00am, followed by a BYO picnic lunch.

NB: No service at St Andrew's



SPUD IN A BUCKET COMPETITION

ALL WILL BE REVEALED!

Saturday, 3rd February 10am

in the Hall Carpark

(bring a tarpaulin/plastic sheet)



HB WOMEN'S PRESBYTERIAL 2018 MEETING DIARY DATES

Thursday, 1st March, at 10am at St Pauls, Napier;

Thursday, 7th Sept, at 10am, **AGM** at St Andrew's Hastings;

Contact: Christine Gould 878 0068, Barbara Stokes 878 3541 or Jane Herries 870 9552



NOTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL CLERK

Greetings to everyone for the New Year. Goodness, what a summer! Here in Hawke's Bay we have been very fortunate to have not only the heat but also enough rain for most growers and farmers to be having a very good season. Other parts of New Zealand have not fared so well, between storms in places and extreme dryness in others, and we really do need to keep those folks in our thoughts and prayers.

It's that time of the year where rosters are being drawn up to make sure all the myriad of tasks needed to keep St Andrews working are covered. Our task groups are also getting into gear. In particular the communication group is working to update our directory. If you are comfortable to add cell phone numbers and email addresses to your existing information this will greatly improve communication. The faith development group will soon be starting a new DVD series "First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom" and this promises to be a rewarding study.

As this newsletter attests it promises to be an exciting year at St Andrews. In March we are particularly fortunate in having Mark Johnston from the Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership lead us in a retreat. Mark's field is mission and with our location and our people what possibilities await us!

Arohanui,
Jim



PRESBYTERY CENTRAL GATHERING



At: St Alban's Palmerston North
Date: 16th March, Ministers Gathering starting at 1.30pm
Date: 17th March, Registrations open 10am, Dinner 5.30pm

Keynote Speaker and Workshops to be advised by Presbytery Central

St Andrew's Workshop:

When: Wednesday March 14th

Where: St Andrew's Church Lounge

Topic: Mission community for Hawkes Bay

For: Ministers, Elders, others interested

Time: 1.30 – 5pm

St Andrew's Elders Retreat:

When: Thursday March 15th

Where: St Andrew's Church Lounge

For: Ministers, Elders, others interested

Time: 10am – 2pm or 6.30 – 9pm

See Jill's report for further details. Please phone Lisa to register your attendance 878 8247

FINANCIAL REPORT COVERING JULY/DECEMBER 2017 – 6 months

	Aug Actual	Sept Actual	Oct Actual	Nov Actual	Budget	Dec 2017 Actual	% +/- Budget
INCOME							
Offering Plates	1197	1977	2775	3457	3750	4189	11.70%
Envelopes	8032	12292	17130	20790	27500	25546	-7.10%
TOTAL OFFERINGS	9229	14269	19905	24247	31250	29735	-4.84%
Other Income	14362	18575	24219	31450	35625	36831	3.39%
Interest			606	607	608	608	
TOTAL INCOME	23591	32844	44730	56304	67483	67174	1.03%
TOTAL EXPENSES	28979	43538	83298	97603	94490	113122	19.87%
Income Shortfall 5 months		10694	39568				
Hall Fundraising	229	263	369			1519	
TOTAL FUNDRAISING							
2013 to Dec 2017	56661	56924	57293			61255	

CHURCH INFORMATION Office open Tuesday to Friday mornings 9.00am -12.30pm

Minister	Jill McDonald	PO Box 494, Hastings 4156	027 4070 489
Session Clerk	Jim Spall	RD1, Hastings	876 0924
Cook Islands' Secretary	Taraani Ioane	11 Margate Ave, Flaxmere	879 5674
Treasurer	Len Hodgson	PO Box 494, Hastings 4156	878 9059
Church Office & Board of Managers' Secretary	Lisa Pallesen	PO Box 494, Hastings 4156	878 8247



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FEBRUARY @ ST ANDREWS

Thursday	1st	10.00am	Study Group in the Lounge DVD First Light "Jesus and the Kingdom of God"
		7.30pm	Meditation in the Blue Room
Sunday	4th	<u>11.00am</u>	Combined Service <u>AT MARAEKAKAHO</u> led by Rev Jill McDonald followed by a BYO Parish Picnic
Thursday	8th	10.00am	Study Group in the Lounge "Jesus and the Kingdom of God"
		7.30pm	Meditation in the Blue Room
Sunday	11th	10.00am	Sunday Worship Led by Rev Jill McDonald
		12noon	Pure Kuki Airani
Tuesday	13th	7.00pm	Parish Council in the Blue Room
Wednesday	14th	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Thursday	15th	10.00am	Study Group in the Lounge "Jesus and the Kingdom of God"
		7.30pm	Meditation in the Blue Room
Saturday	17th	8.00am	Men's Breakfast @ Summerset in the Orchard
Sunday	18th	10.00am	Sunday Worship led by Rev Jill McDonald
		12noon	Pure Kuki Airani
Tuesday	20th	4.00pm	Board of Managers in the Blue Room
Thursday	22nd	10.00am	Study Group in the Lounge "Jesus and the Kingdom of God"
		7.30pm	Meditation in the Blue Room
Sunday	25th	10.00am	Sunday Worship led by Rev Jill McDonald
		12noon	Pure Kuki Airani

MARCH @ ST ANDREWS

Thursday	1st	10.00am	Study Group in the Lounge "Jesus and the Kingdom of God"
		7.30pm	Meditation in the Blue Room
Sunday	4th	<u>11.00am</u>	Combined Service <u>HOLY COMMUNION</u> led by Rev Jill McDonald
Tuesday	6th	7.00pm	Parish Council in the Blue Room
Thursday	8th	10.00am	Study Group in the Lounge "Jesus and the Kingdom of God"
		7.30pm	Meditation in the Blue Room
Sunday	11th	10.00am	Sunday Worship led by Rev Jill McDonald
		12noon	Pure Kuki Airani
Thursday	15th	10.00am	Study Group in the Lounge "Jesus and the Kingdom of God"
		7.30pm	Meditation in the Blue Room
Saturday	17th	8.00am	Men's Breakfast @ Summerset in the Orchard
Sunday	18th	10.00am	Sunday Worship with Lindisfarne led by Jill, Ken Smith preaching
		12noon	Pure Kuki Airani, Ken Smith preaching
Tuesday	20th	4.00pm	Board of Managers in the Blue Room
Thursday	22nd	10.00am	Study Group in the Lounge "Jesus and the Kingdom of God"
		7.30pm	Meditation in the Blue Room
Sunday	25th	10.00am	Palm Sunday Worship led by Rev Jill McDonald - TO BE CONFIRMED
		12noon	Pure Kuki Airani
Thursday	29th	10.00am	Study Group in the Lounge "Jesus and the Kingdom of God"
		7.30pm	Meditation in the Blue Room
Friday	30th	TBC	Good Friday Service - TO BE CONFIRMED

APRIL @ ST ANDREWS

Sunday	1st	<u>11.00am</u>	Easter Day Combined Service <u>HOLY COMMUNION</u> led by Rev Jill McDonald
Thursday	5th	10.00am	Study Group in the Lounge "Jesus and the Kingdom of God"
		7.30pm	Meditation in the Blue Room
Sunday	8th	10.00am	Sunday Worship led by Rev Jill McDonald
		12noon	Pure Kuki Airani
Tuesday	10th	7.00pm	Parish Council in the Blue Room (note change of date)
Thursday	12th	10.00am	Study Group in the Lounge "Jesus and the Kingdom of God"
		7.30pm	Meditation in the Blue Room
Saturday	14th	8.00am	Men's Breakfast at Summerset in the Orchard
Sunday	15th	10.00am	Sunday Worship led by Rev Jill McDonald
		12noon	Pure Kuki Airani
Tuesday	17th	4.00pm	Board of Managers in the Blue Room
Thursday	19th	10.00am	Study Group in the Lounge "Jesus and the Kingdom of God"
		7.30pm	Meditation in the Blue Room
Sunday	22nd	10.00am	Sunday Worship led by Rev Jill McDonald
		12noon	Pure Kuki Airani
Thursday	26th	10.00am	Study Group in the Lounge "Jesus and the Kingdom of God"
		7.30pm	Meditation in the Blue Room
Sunday	29th	10.00am	Sunday Worship led by Rev Jill McDonald
		12noon	Pure Kuki Airani

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