

SAINT ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HASTINGS

Newsletter June - July 2019



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Jill's Musings

When we think about church, often what immediately comes to mind is Sunday morning worship. Indeed, worshipping together as a faith community is significant, but being the church is so much more than that. If we imagine Sunday worship as the centre of what we do, there is a whole lot happening on the edges of who we are and of who we are as a church. I can't help but think that it is in these 'edge' spaces that we are seeing the signs of new life emerging. This is very much a gospel thing isn't it? After the Christ who we follow is someone whose life didn't begin at the centre of things, but at the edge, in a stable in Nazareth.

These are some of the 'edge' places where I have seen the Holy Spirit at work lately:

- **Our Faith Development Groups:** There is a lot going on with each of our groups whether it be the study groups or the meditation group. These provide a space for our church members as well as others in the community to meet and explore their faith. Some of the regular participants who aren't St Andrews members freely admit that Sunday church would never be a place that you would find them but here in these 'edge' spaces they are appreciating the opportunity to engage in matters of faith. Having attended all these groups at some point I am conscious of the rich sharing and exploration that goes on.

NB: All our study groups and our meditation groups are always open for you to join in.



- **The Movie Fundraiser 'Vai':** While this was a great fundraiser in that it netted us \$1,350, it was also a wonderful opportunity for us to get together socially as a faith community and include others in the fold! We sold 92 tickets and quite a number of these were to people outside of our church community. Having events like this helps to enlarge the circle of who we are to include others. It also helps in breaking down barriers for those people who are a bit anti church and who actually find that we are pretty normal and maybe just maybe this is a place that they could connect more with in the future!

- **The Landscaped Community Corner:** As this is being created it is providing more and more opportunity for connection with the local community, beginning with the Hastings District Council and the tradespeople as they have been working here. This will continue as we spend more in this space engaging with others.

- **The Maraekakaho Anzac Day Exhibition:** We have had two great opportunities to connect with the Maraekakaho community, firstly with the ANZAC day exhibition that Judith Burkin created, putting together posters of the stories of some of the people whose names are on the local cenotaph there. Many people came to the exhibition at the church following the ANZAC service and appreciated the experience. Many admitting that it was a building that they had never set foot in before! With ANZAC day being a significant spiritual day for many New Zealanders, it was great to do this and also provide a prayer space for those who wanted to light a candle of remembrance.
- **The Maraekakaho Concert:** Knowing that such few numbers were engaging with worship services at Maraekakaho for some time (except the Christmas Carol service) we are focusing on making the Maraekakaho church a place of hospitality and engagement together. We had a great first concert with Amy and Steve Dunn which showcased what a great space it is this type of event with great acoustics as well as being a lovely intimate space. Maraekakaho folk, do get in touch if you have further ideas of how we can use this space to help create community.
- **The Mothers Lament Service:** This was a service for people who struggled with Mother's Day, perhaps they had lost a child or conversely hadn't been able to have children. For whatever reason, Mother's Day was a tough day to navigate. This was advertised widely through social media and we were amazed by the numbers who came, including two mothers who had lost babies in the last few months. This was an important space for people, and again it is something that is on the edge, but it is about meeting people where they are at. Who knows where God might lead them and us in that journey? Already we have been challenged about having a similar service for men – something we will plant to do on Father's Day. The interesting thing about this was that the desire for this came from the community, from a woman Karen whose passion was to make this happen, and not from within the church. This again illustrating how new life often emerges from the edges, rather than the centre.

I have a quote I came across somewhere that is pinned to the wall in my office it says this: 'Like Christ, his church does not exist for itself. A congregation that understands this will no longer focus on its own institutional life but reach out of its walls to embody Christ in its community and the world.'

May Christ lead us.

Jill

Notes from the Parish Council Clerk

I write this after another day of blustery westerlies with an untidy pile of leaves at our back door. Perhaps a metaphor for all the winds of change buffeting society and our church! Parish Council has had a very full agenda over recent months so, I'd like to fill you in on some of the activities.

Landscaping Project: As you well be aware this is now underway with excellent progress. Very appropriately Jill led a blessing ceremony on the morning the work began. Its worthwhile noting the great support that we have received from the Hastings District Council both financially and helping to make it happen. On Saturday 18th May we had a planting day and we anticipate completion in June.

Power to the People: Under Chris Lambournes's direction steady progress is being made. PttP while linked to St Andrews will have its own charitable trust and board with an oversight role provided by Presbytery Central. With Bell Gully's guidance the trust will be formed in the near future. To date there is support for about \$2M of the targeted \$2.7M of funding while 3 pieces of land have been offered as a possible location for the solar farm. A request for "Expressions of Interest" from entities capable of developing the solar farm has also been released. The funding and building of this project of course is only a start as we envisage an ongoing relationship with the community in Flaxmere who will benefit from the program.

Faith Development: A reminder that we have 4 regular activities as well as a new one starting. We currently have weekly study on Thursday mornings lead by Ken Hutchison, meditation on Thursday evenings lead by Noel Bryant, Monthly study again lead by Ken Hutchison, and God & Pizza run by Jill. Currently Parish Council is involved in a "Listening to the neighborhood" program while Jill is initiating a further "Listening to the Neighborhood" program with "Tu Mai Awa"-a group working to tackle domestic violence. A theme of much of our faith development is that it is creating a space for people on the fringe of the church.

Recent Events: We have been making a very conscious effort to engage with the community about us. Just three examples include: a display set up by a Maraekakaho local, Judith Burkin, of photos and notes on WW1 veterans in the Maraekakaho Church for ANZAC Day. Many folks came to look and expressed their appreciation.

- a music concert again in the Maraekakaho Church by very talented local musicians Steve & Amy Dunn together with Amy's mum Jenny and her partner Bob. Both the music and acoustics provided by the church were great.

- A movie night organised by Jill that was not only enjoyed by all but raised \$1350.00.

Coming Events: On our first Sunday in June at our combined service the Rev Susan Blaikie, the Presbytery Central Mission Catalyst will be preaching. Susan has agreed to work with us in developing a mission plan for St Andrews. As well we will be welcoming Derek Teariki and Colleen Clements as Elders.

- On Saturday June 29th there will be a HB Presbytery Workshop from 9.30-1pm in the St Andrews lounge
- Looking even further ahead St Andrews will be the location for the Presbytery Central Gathering on September 21st. These are wonderful well-organized events with a number of relevant workshops.

Formation of an Options Group: Most of you will be aware that for many years St Andrews has operated with a significant financial deficit (a predicted this year of approximately \$75,000) and that the balance has been made up by dipping into our reserves. We only have a handful of years before these will be exhausted. With this in mind Parish Council has initiated an options group to explore in detail the range of possibilities of how St Andrews can generate more income. Once the options have been compiled they will be presented back to the congregation for discussion. At this stage the options group comprises Barry Rosenberg, June Clark, Junior MacArthur, Chris Lambourne, and Jim Spall. We are very keen to hear of ideas from everyone, no matter how left field they may be!

Golden Offering: Still on matters financial a Golden Offering will be held in June. While many are on limited incomes if everyone gives what they can then we can make a real difference to our deficit. Jesus told many parables and observations on money and the apostles also had a lot to say about it. We are encouraged to be generous and ready to give and to put our trust in God, not riches.

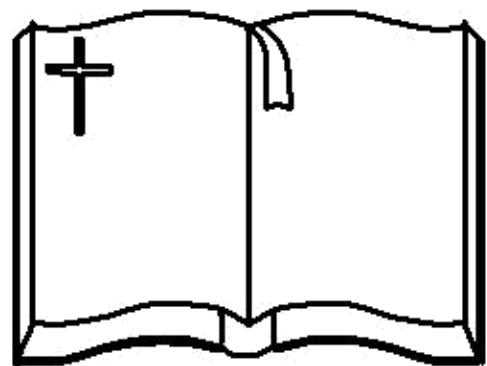
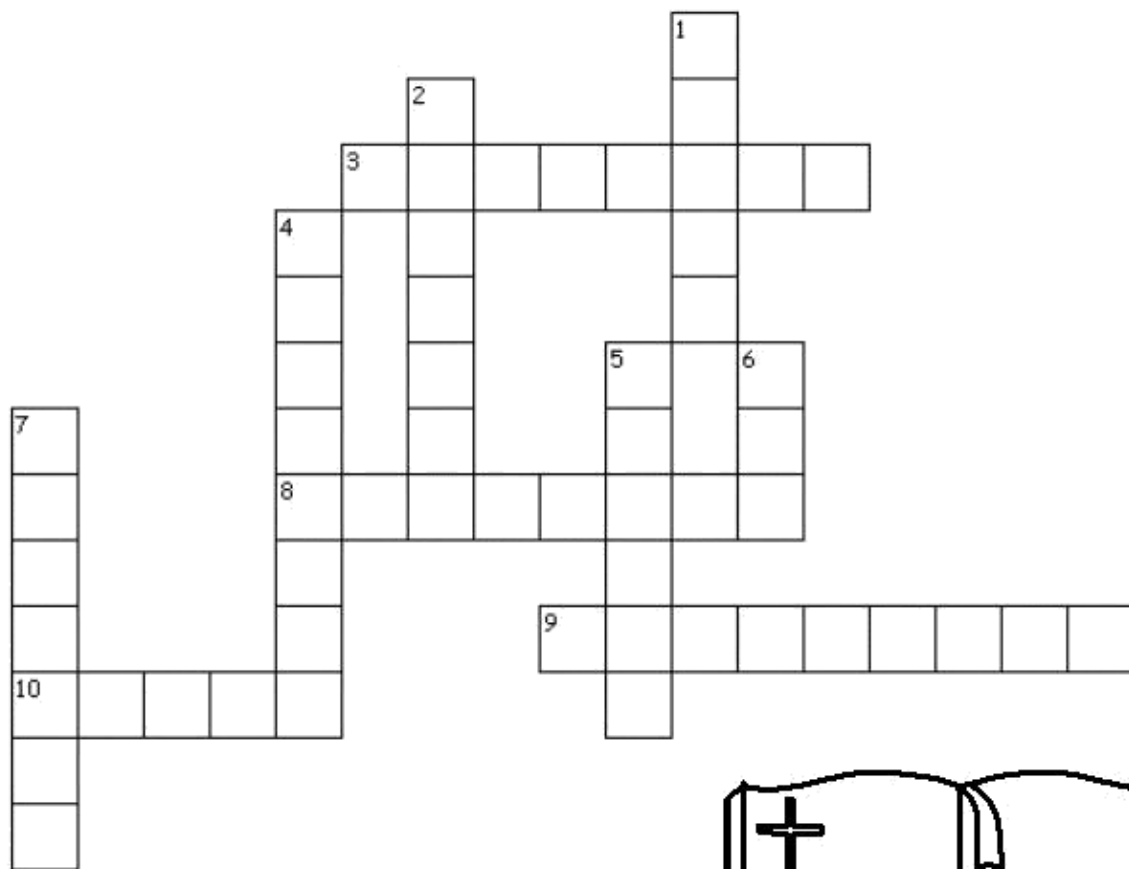
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Jim



Activity sheet 4 Youth

Bible Crossword



Across

3. The best way to keep the Word of God in you heart is to ____ it.
8. Every word in the Bible (no matter who wrote it) is ____ by God.
9. The Bible is separated into the old and new ____.
10. There are 66 of these in the Bible.

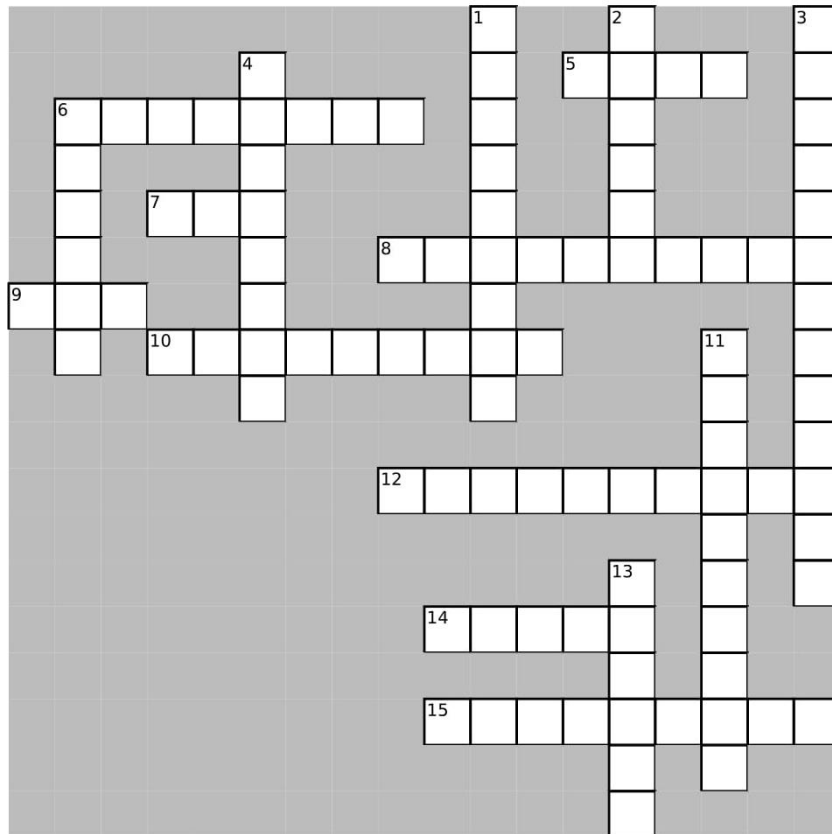
Down

1. The Bible is our biggest ____ in helping us know how to live.
2. Some of the books of the Bible are ____ written to help and encourage others.
4. The Bible is full of these just for you.
5. Each chapter has a number of these in it.
6. In some Bibles Jesus' words are printed in this color.
7. Jesus' favorite way to teach and tell stories was by telling these.

Activity sheet 4 Youth

Obedience and Discipline

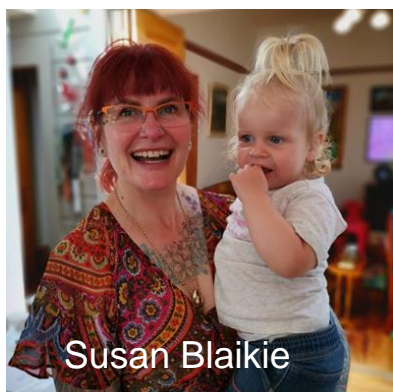
Mark Johns



- Across
- 5 If ye will _____ my voice...Exodus 19:5.
 - 6 Ye Learned He obedience by the things which He _____ . Heb. 5:8.
 - 7 So bye the obedience of _____. Rom. 5:19.
 - 8 _____ in thy obedience. Philemon 1:21.
 - 9 The obedience of you _____. 2 Cor. 7:15.
 - 10 When your obedience is _____. 2 Cor. 10:6.
 - 12 Openeth also their ear to _____...Job 36:10.
 - 14 For the obedience of _____. Rom. 16:26.
 - 15 For _____ to the faith. Rom. 1:5.

- Down
- 1 _____ to be under obedience. 1 Cor. 14:34.
 - 2 For your obedience is come _____. Rom. 16:19.
 - 3 Obedience unto _____ Rom 6:16.
 - 4 Everything be done _____ and in order...1 Cor. 14:40
 - 6 That ye _____ (must) obey it...Rom. 6:12.
 - 11 Unto obedience and _____. 1 Peter 1:2.
 - 13 Thought to the obedience of _____. 2 Cor. 10:5.

SUSAN BLAIKIE



In these challenging days of being the church, it is even more important that we review who we are and what we are endeavouring to do. To assist us in this process, in June we are going to be joined by Rev Susan Blaikie, the Presbytery Central Mission Catalyst who will be working with us to discern what God is calling us too. Susan will be engaging with us in a variety of ways, beginning with preaching on June 2nd at our 11am combined service, meeting with Parish Council on June 4th, two Saturday workshops (the dates are to be advised) as well as a parish wide survey. Whether you are

someone who has called St Andrews home your entire life or whether you have recently joined us, whether you are 9 or 90 we look forward to your engagement in this process.

Susan is a delightfully engaging woman of God who will make this a fun and enlightening journey to be a part of!

GOLDEN OFFERING

These are challenging times for many churches. In the past month we have heard of two Presbyterian Churches that have run out of money and have had to let their minister go. While St Andrews still has money in reserve, around half of this can only be used in financing buildings and property. This year our church budget will have a \$76, 000 deficit, if we carry on with our current rate of giving, we have less than five years left. This is alarming! However, with God's grace, we have both the time and the resources to turn this around. To do this though we are going to have to work together.

One of the things we are going to do is to have a Golden Offering again this year. This is a special one-off offering of money to assist the church finances. We encourage you to please give generously.

There are two ways that you can make a Golden Offering:

- Make an online payment to St Andrews Presbyterian Church 03-0642-0034245-000 before June 30th.
Be sure to put your name in the reference details as well as stating that this is for the Golden Offering.
- Grab a special Golden Offering envelope from the foyer at Church. Write your name on the outside as well as your envelope system number (if you have one) and place it in the offerings bag during worship with either cash or a cheque.



Recent Events:

The Maraekakaho Anzac Day Exhibition:

On 25th April there was a special Anzac Day service held at Maraekakaho Church followed by an exhibition of the WW1 memorabilia display organized by Judith Burkin. I was not there but my friend Catherine had taken the photos.



THE LANDSCAPED COMMUNITY GARDEN CORNER

The landscape community garden corner started with a blessing and then work began on creating the garden. Planting day took place on the 18th May with an opening day sometime in June. (Photos courtesy of Catherine Park.)



PLANTING DAY



Fundraiser Movie "Vai"



Jill McDonald who organised the event

On 1st of May a big crowd of us from St Andrews attended a fundraiser movie "Vai" at Focal Point Cinema Hastings. This event not only took place to raise money but also to unite church and community together. The movie "Vai" is filmed in seven Pacific Islands and shows the journey of one woman's story of empowerment through her culture over her lifetime. It touched on her as a little girl staying with her grandmother while her Mother moved to New Zealand to make money to send back home to her people, then when she became an adult she to crossed the ocean to earn money to send back home, and likewise her own children. It makes you appreciate what you have got.

As well as provided a fun social outlet for St Andrews church members and visitors, we sold 92 tickets and raised \$1,350.00.



Enjoying themselves at the movies



Linda & Bev selling raffle tickets



at the cafe

Maraekakaho Concert @ The Church 10th May 2019



Amy and Steve Dunn

At 7 o'clock on Friday the 10th of May a small group of St Andrews and Maraekakaho residents gathered at the Maraekakaho Church to be entertained by Amy and Steve Dunn and their extended family. The songs were accompanied with recorders, button accordion, harmonica, guitars, ukulele and a beautiful miniature harp. They were delightful. Their sons sang

and played a drum, and their 6-year-old daughter danced around the stage totally at ease with her audience. A family member, Bob sang and played several items on his electric guitar. The evening was concluded with nibbles and drinks and lots of friendly chatter and hope of similar events to follow. A most enjoyable musical evening.



Jenny, Amy, Amy's daughter, & Jenny's partner Bob

Amy on Harp



Amy & Steve Dunn with their two daughters

White Sunday



Tiana Birch

It was wonderful to again celebrate White Sunday with our youth and tamariki leading worship.

This included a message given by Year 13 student Tiana Birch Who asked the congregation to come up with one word to describe God and this is what the people said:

Love

Light

Father

Forgiveness

**God is
life**

**Potential
Loving
parent**

**Aroha
Nui**

Powerful

**Gracious
peaceful**

**Messiah
Almighty**

Faithful

All Majestic

God is good

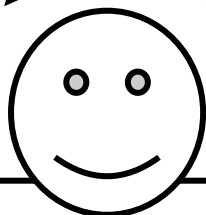
Awesome

Holy

Creator

Strength

**Creator
of all
things
on earth**



Humorous

**Understanding
patient**

**Love & Kindness
Comforter
Spiritual Presence**

White Sunday

Some of the photographs taken during
White Sunday Service:



Financial Report

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church Hastings

1 Apr 2019 to 30 Apr 2019

	Actual	Budget	Var NZD	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Var NZD
Income						
Car Park Rental	\$1,583.40	\$1,583.00	\$0.40	\$15,834.00	\$15,830.00	\$4.00
Church - Weddings & Funerals	\$0.00	\$167.00	-\$167.00	\$1,217.40	\$1,670.00	-\$452.60
Donations - Church	\$0.00	\$125.00	-\$125.00	\$0.00	\$1,250.00	-\$1,250.00
Donations - Foodbank	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10.50	\$0.00	\$10.50
Donations - Hall	\$0.00	\$100.00	-\$100.00	\$1,190.80	\$1,000.00	\$190.80
Fundraising Hall	\$0.00	\$667.00	-\$667.00	\$0.00	\$6,670.00	-\$6,670.00
Hire - Church	\$1,514.48	\$833.00	\$681.48	\$9,352.48	\$8,330.00	\$1,022.48
Hire - Hall	\$1,705.23	\$2,500.00	-\$794.77	\$23,038.60	\$25,000.00	-\$1,961.40
Legacies Received	\$0.00	\$750.00	-\$750.00	\$5,000.00	\$7,500.00	-\$2,500.00
Movie fundraisers	\$748.00	\$0.00	\$748.00	\$748.00	\$0.00	\$748.00
Offering - Golden	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$332.50	\$0.00	\$332.50
Offering - Internet	\$1,063.00	\$1,033.00	\$30.00	\$10,183.00	\$10,330.00	-\$147.00
Offerings - Envelope	\$2,434.00	\$2,667.00	-\$233.00	\$26,908.70	\$26,670.00	\$238.70
Offerings - Plate	\$564.00	\$667.00	-\$103.00	\$6,903.20	\$6,670.00	\$233.20
Power to the People	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,620.00	\$0.00	\$1,620.00
PSS Offering - Guardian Angel	\$25.80	\$30.00	-\$4.20	-\$14.30	\$300.00	-\$314.30
Total Income	\$9,637.91	\$11,122.00	-\$1,484.09	\$102,324.88	\$111,220.00	-\$8,895.12
Gross Profit	\$9,637.91	\$11,122.00	-\$1,484.09	\$102,324.88	\$111,220.00	-\$8,895.12
Plus Other Income						
Dividends Received	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$660.00	\$0.00	\$660.00
Donation - Church Garden	\$1,230.00	\$1,250.00	-\$20.00	\$10,230.00	\$12,500.00	-\$2,270.00
Interest Received	\$1.35	\$51.00	-\$49.65	\$13.94	\$510.00	-\$496.06
Total Other Income	\$1,231.35	\$1,301.00	-\$69.65	\$10,903.94	\$13,010.00	-\$2,106.06
Total Operating Expenses	\$14,615.96	\$15,936.00	-\$1,320.04	\$180,808.81	\$189,530.00	-\$8,721.19
Net Profit	-\$3,746.70	-\$3,513.00	-\$233.70	-\$67,579.99	-\$65,300.00	-\$2,279.99

Church Notices

Goodbyes

In March, Jean Lamont's funeral took place at St Andrews. This was Jean's faith community for a very long time and our love and prayers are with all of her family.

Cook Island News

St Andrews Cook Islands Ekalesia Fundraiser

In aid of the Cook Island Hall
7 Swansea Flaxmere
Date: 15/06/2019 @ 5pm
For Tickets @ \$20.00
Contact: Oki George Ph. 8769443

End Of Life/ Euthanasia Bill

Out of General Assembly 2018, the PCANZ has produced an excellent and comprehensive document exploring the End of Life Choice. If you would like to read this please email Jill: jill@standrewshastings.org.nz or talk to Jill about getting a copy.

Gisborne Hawke's Bay Regional Gathering

Date: Saturday 29th June 2019 **Time:** 10am – 2.30pm **Cost:** Gold coin donation
Venue: St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, corner Market St South and Lyndon Rd West, Hastings.

Programme:

10am Register with morning tea
10.30 Plenary session about Presbytery
11.30 Workshops (3)
12.45pm Lunch (please bring own lunch requirements)
1.15 Parish roundup (5 minutes per parish)
2.30pm Depart

Workshops

Peter MacKenzie: Church Identity. Peter recently completed a thesis looking at church member identity during church mergers and identified six areas of church life that are central for people to develop a sense of belonging in the church. The six questions that arise help to focus churches on what helps or hinders church member identity.

Jennie McCullough: 'EFFECTIVE AND ON THE EDGE'. Hi, my name is Jennie McCullough I am one of the Children and Family Ministry Enablers for Presbytery Central. Thanks, heaps, for inviting me to lead a workshop at the Hawkes Bay Gathering. Planning for this to be an interactive time together

exploring the Why's, How's and so What's of Kids and Family ministry and mission in our kiwi culture. Hoping to include lots of encouragement, – inspirational stories and ideas to fuel your passion for an emerging generation. Got questions? Bring them along too.

Paul and Michelle Loveday: Establishing a Healing Ministry in a parish. Many people carry deep emotional wounds and barriers to spiritual growth. All too often wounds from the past are covered over by unhealthy habits and unhelpful thought patterns, often resulting in relationship strain or breakdown. Pastoral care is part of the church's response, which can include healing prayer. VMTC BreakFree NZ partners with churches to train people in the healing ministry. Paul and Michelle have been involved with VMTC since 1987. Until two years ago Michelle was in private practice as a counsellor. Paul is currently the President of VMTC NZ. The workshop will be interactive and will also introduce the resources available through VMTC BreakFree.



Correspondence

A Letter from Presbyterian Support to St Andrews Church

18 April 2019

Reverend Jill McDonald
St Andrew's Presbyterian Church
P.O. Box 494
Hastings 4156



Dear Jill & Parishioners,

Thank you for being such a wonderful Family Works Guardian Angel to Hawke's Bay children, and for your commitment to their welfare over the last few years.

This year you have given **\$628.00** to Family Works Hawke's Bay.

On behalf of the children and families you helped, thank you for your kindness. There are many children in our community today who are enjoying a much happier, safer and more stable family life because of you. I hope you will see from the enclosed report how important your financial support has been for Family Works to make life safer for families and children.

Daily, we see the traumatic effects of family violence and we want to do more for these families. Because of this, I am asking if you would consider increasing your regular giving to Family Works.

Thank you. Please know that you are highly valued as a Family Works Guardian Angel.

Warm regards,
Mary Wills
Social Services General Manager.



Our Services:

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Information For Next Newsletter



Can you please give your reports/notices (or preferably email them) to Denise Rutherford by 8th of July? 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@standrewshastings.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**

June @ St Andrews

NB. Study Group each Thursday morning in the lounge at 10am

Meditation group every Thursday eve @ 7.30pm in the blue room

Sunday 2nd 11.00am Combined Holy Communion Service with
Rev Susan Blaikie preaching

Tuesday 4th 7.00pm Parish Council Meeting

Sunday 9th 10.00am **Combined service to induct new elders**
Worship led by Rev Jill McDonald
NB. No 12pm Kūki 'Āirani service

Saturday 15th 8.00am Men's Breakfast @ Summerset in the Orchard

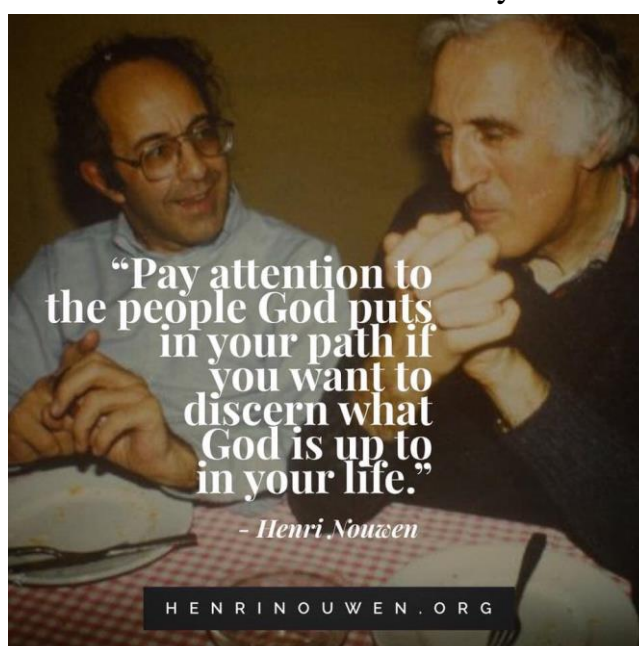
Sunday 16th 10.00am Led by worship team with Rev Paul Loveday preaching
12.00pm Kūki 'Āirani Service led by Cook Island Elders

Sunday 23rd 10.00am Worship Service led by worship team
12.00pm Kūki 'Āirani Service led by Cook Island Elders

Monday 24th 7.30pm Monday Evening Study Group

Saturday 29th 9am - 1.15pm Hawkes Bay Regional Gathering for Presbytery

Sunday 30th 10.00am Worship led by Rev Jill McDonald
12.00pm Kūki 'Āirani Service led by Rev Jill McDonald



July @ St Andrews

NB. Study Group each Thursday morning in the lounge at 10am

Meditation group every Thursday eve @ 7.30pm in the blue room

Tuesday 2nd 7.00pm Parish Council

Sunday 7th 11.00am Combined Communion Service led by Rev Jill McDonald

Sunday 14th 10.00am Worship led by Rev Jill McDonald
12.00pm Kūki 'Āirani Service led by Rev Jill McDonald

Saturday 20th 8.00am Men's Breakfast @ Summerset in the Orchard

Sunday 21st 10.00am Worship led by Rev Jill McDonald
12.00pm Kūki 'Āirani Service led by Rev Jill McDonald

Monday 22nd 7.30pm Monday evening Study Group


Sunday 28th 10.00am Worship led by Rev Jill McDonald
12.00pm Kūki 'Āirani Service led by Rev Jill McDonald

August @ St Andrews

Sunday 4th 11.00am Combined Communion Service led by Rev Jill McDonald

**Your smile will give you a positive
countenance that will make
people feel comfortable around
you.**

Les Brown

 BrainyQuote



BE THE CHURCH

Protect the environment.

Care for the poor.

Forgive often.

Reject racism.

Fight for the powerless.

Share earthly and spiritual resources.

Embrace diversity.

Love God.

Enjoy this life.

