

St Andrew's Church Newsletter

November 2020 – January 2021



From left: Teea and Paiti Araia, Rangi Goulton, and Elizabeth Hira

OUR VISION:

- **Accepting all people**
- **Striving for compassion**
- **Seeking to live out Christ's selfless love
until we see God's justice realised**

Jill's Musings



How are you doing as we reach the homeward leg of this strange and tough year? I hope and pray that amidst all we have been through with the drought, lockdown and all that that has brought that you are doing OK and finding

comfort in God's abundant love for you.

There has been a great deal of anxiety and fear to navigate as well as dealing with change as we have navigated our way through the differing Covid levels. As we have moved down the levels there has been such relief to return to and enjoy the things that we may have taken for granted like worshipping in person, singing together, being able to have a cup of tea together after worship. It has certainly helped us in taking nothing for granted and appreciating the time we spend in each other's company and worshipping God together.

If you are finding things tough right now, do give me a call, I would love to come and spend some time with you.

After so much being cancelled and postponed during the year, it feels like everything has been pushed into the last few months making it a busy time. As well as our worship, study groups, meditation, and Sacred Space we have run the Common Good and hosted the Hawkes Bay Arts Festival Performance of 'As the Day Draws In'.

The Common Good

Earlier this year we received funding (\$1500) from the Presbytery Mission Resource Workgroup to run the Common Good – a public theology conversational series at the Common Room bar where we have a conversation with someone on an issue that matters.

You may be wondering, what exactly is public theology? Public Theology is the church engaging with society about issues that matter. It seeks the welfare of the state and a fair society for all by engaging issues to help in building the

common good. It is important to note that public theology does not seek to give preference to Christianity but witnesses to values, we who are Christian believe what are important for the common good. It gives priority to the perspectives of victims and survivors, and to the restoration of justice. It sides with the powerless against the powerful and seeks to speak truth to power.

It has been interesting to navigate hosting a church-based event in a pub setting but I am growing more comfortable in that space, beginning with karakia in te reo and then translating the prayer into English. Rev Diane Gilliam Weeks, our Presbytery Moderator interviewed GP and Poet Glenn Colquhoun around health reform and I interviewed the others: Chester Borrows on prison reform; Rocio Figuero on the ways that covid most impacts the poor in our world; and Andrew Shepherd on how the narrative of economic growth at all costs is damaging our planet.

The conversations have been great and feedback about them has been phenomenal with many returning for the later conversations because they enjoyed the first ones so much. The reality is that many people in our community have little experience of church and going to a service of worship is not something that they would entertain.

Being able to engage with people in spaces where they feel

comfortable is essential, as is finding ways to make the gospel relevant to where they are at.



John Gibson, Musical Director from Auckland (and son of hymn writer Colin Gibson) was able to attend the Chester Borrows conversation when he was down for the rehearsal of 'As the Day Draws In' and wrote this:

I was lucky enough last night to be invited to Jill McDonald's Public Theology session on Prison Reform with Chester Burrows at the Common Room.

The evening was a sign of real hope in these times empowering and positive, a way to investigate the truth of our actual lives and others here in Aotearoa, It as an invaluable social service. And putting it in a pub is brilliant inside a community and for a community its profits feeding a local business. I could not recommend the evening highly enough and I am bereft that I won't be in the Hawkes bay for the other sessions. Jill has organised a fascinating and knowledgeable group of people and these forums should be held up and down the country. This is inspiring innovative work initiated from here in the beautiful Hawkes Bay. In a world where everyone is screaming over the internet this was human and humane. And if we are not talking about the common good what is it any of it for... Thank you. John Gibson.

With the obvious success of the Common Good, it is something that we are keen to do more of and because of the generous koha that people have given on the night we have the resources to run more of these. The next one will be on Wednesday November 11th on the topic with Dr M Waikato University Philosophy Lecturer talking about Fake News. It will be at the Common Room at 7pm.

As the Day Draws In

Thirty-five of us from St Andrews were blessed to see the preview performance of 'As the Day Draws In' which captured the stories of six Hawkes Bay Kaumatua/elders. It was a wonderful performance - check out Richard Williams review in this newsletter.

A Wedding and a Funeral

In early October I conducted a memorial service for Bernie Kent who died during Lockdown. He had spent most of his life in farming in the Wairoa District and had retired to Hastings. He had driven past St Andrews one day and thought the church looked good and would be the place to have his funeral! A beautiful touch at the service was the wooden box that held his ashes – his daughter had made it of rimu from the sheep yards of his farm in Wairoa.

On October 17th it was wonderful to conduct the wedding of Tiffany Newrick and Michael Ranga-Heka at the Maraekakaho church.

Operation Sultani

As this goes to print many of you will have helped Chris and I to move next door to a rental so that we can rent our house out to the Sultani family, a refugee family from Afghanistan. While they have been in New Zealand for two years, they have moved from emergency accommodation to emergency accommodation. Thank you for your support as we have worked together as a church to support the family. We look forward to seeing what other ways that we as a church can support them going forward.

Seedlings

On Sunday it was wonderful to give out the seedlings that Adam Lewis had grown for us. The seeds were given to us by PCANZ to help celebrate International Neighbours Day. Those who were at worship on Sunday took a pack of vegetable seedlings not for themselves but to give away as a way of helping to build God's Kingdom through connecting with others and sharing Christ's love by this simple act of giving away some vegetable seedlings. Each seedling pack was accompanied with a card that included these words:

We are in a planting season and we give you these vegetable seedlings to plant and tend. May the food that grows from them bring goodness to you and those whom you love.

If you missed out, don't worry, Adam is going to grow some more, and they will be ready in around 7 weeks' time!

Happy Kingdom Growing!
Jill.



Notes from the Parish Council Clerk

Hi everyone. I am writing this in one of my favourite months in Hawkes Bay.

The landscape is still green, the paddocks are full of bouncing lambs, and the orchards are full of blossom. With new life everywhere and warmer days it is great to leave behind the chill of winter and look forward to the blessings of Christmas.

At St Andrews we found ourselves for a time in a transition zone at Level 2 but now at Level 1 we can sing and enjoy fellowship after Sunday's service- surely a cause for joy! On September 6th Patty George, Junior MacArthur, Brenda Armstrong, and Chris Lambourne were ordained as Elders- a cause for joy!

At our combined monthly service in October we could once again enjoy a potluck meal after the service.

At our Parish Council meeting in August our strategic focus was on the mission plan review. Thank you to everyone who participated in the review as this gives us a guide to how we are doing and areas where more work is required. Parish Council is particularly keen for as many of the congregation as possible to be part of small groups that build fellowship, whether they be for coffee, study, or fill other interests or needs. In September Parish Council's strategic focus was on the St Andrews Hall. Our hall continues to be a venue for a wide variety of organizations. Most recently a new production of: "As the Day Draws In" has been rehearsed in the Hall and will be performed there as part of the Hawkes Bay Arts Festival.

A playgroup has also recently been established in the Hall and we encourage members to drop in on Wednesday mornings and say hi to this group of mothers, caregivers, and infants. Pam McCann from PSEC is also interested in working with St Andrews to create a drop-in center.

On the 27th September we held our 131st meeting of St Andrew's Church. Everyone should have a copy of this report. Not contained in the report is a presentation by Chris Lambourne on the continued work of the Options Group. Chris reminded us of the many changes happening around us including low interest rates, income disruption from Covid-19, worldwide recession, increasing maintenance requirements on our buildings, development of the adjacent justice precinct, and an aging congregation. There are several possible options that are being explored including social housing, leasing the hall, and sale of the carpark. The police have also expressed an interest in purchasing the hall. Clearly all these possible options will require much discussion and discernment.

One of the components of our Mission Plan is public witness. The Common Good series held in the "Common Room" has been an outstanding success with many people appreciating the quality of the speakers and the insights they have brought to a few of the issues of our age. The last speaker of the current series, Dr Andrew Shepherd, will be reflecting both theologically and philosophically on our "Throw Away Society".

Finally, a reminder of some of the weekly events at St Andrews:

Sunday evening at 7.30 Online meditation lead by Ken Hutchison

Tuesday 12.10 Sacred Space held on Zoom

Thursday morning 10 Study Group in the lounge

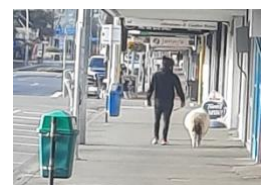
Thursday Evening 7.30 Meditation in the Blue Room lead by Noel Bryant

A recent quote shared by Ken Hutchison:

"I believe in Christianity as I believe the sun has risen not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else."

C. S. Lewis

Arohanui, Jim



A message from our Moderator on the International Day of Older Persons, Thursday 1 October, a day for organisations, including our Church, to acknowledge and say thank you for the huge contribution older people make to our churches and communities.

Thank you to all our older people

I am writing to express great appreciation of our 'older persons', our most senior members. We acknowledge the support and help that our older people give to churches. They have led, toiled, served, and stood firm in their faith communities. They have sacrificed and offered the best years, in fact, all their lives for our churches, for their faithfulness to the Lord Jesus Christ.

The ideal perfect community is where we have all ages, from babies and infants to the most senior - 70, 80, 90 even 100 years. Parishes that do have all generations are blessed. For me, it is the most significant sign of a healthy community. A church of all ages, where each is valued and treasured, relevant, and significant. The life of these communities is...the people, the people, the people...he tangata, he tangata, he tangata, says the Maori proverb about what is most important.

As we face the challenges of 2020, it may not seem it but we are in a better position in Church life than at any other time in regards to our people, buildings, assets, finance, and investments (land, property, and people skill sets). Our senior folk have committed themselves and set up well the next generation for whatever the future holds. They have been through many hard experiences that will help our walk of life.

"Wisdom belongs to the aged and understanding to the old" - Job 12:12.

Over time, age and longevity in years has been seen and expressed by our senior peoples as true wisdom.

My favourite learning in life is at the feet of older people; whatever the event, occasion, discipline, field etc, i.e. Bible Study, prayers, fellowships,

fishing, gardening, in fact in any area of life.

I liken learning and being enlightened by older folks as to drawing on or being filled from the oasis of God's abundance of knowledge and grace. Senior people have experienced goodness of, and a longer relationship with God than we have experienced. Thank you, our mighty warriors for Jesus Christ. Lead on. I offer a word of encouragement for our senior people. C.S Lewis wrote,

"You are never too old to set a new goal or dream a new dream". Continue to live life to the full".

This is also inspiring and real motivation for the next generations to look up to.

Old age is a blessing from the Lord. We should never be afraid of aging. One sure certainty in life, with the blessing of God, and we pray good health too, most will each reach senior life. How exciting. I cannot wait...oh, I am nearly there! It's going to be something wonderful with the blessings of my family, church, and community.

God bless each and every one of our dear and beloved older persons. You are amazing. Your inspiration and example are precious to us all. Please share this message with all the beloved older people in your church and community.

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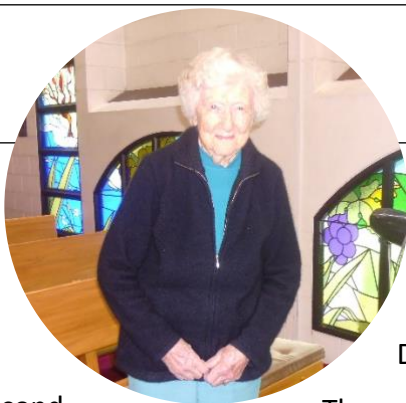
Right Rev Fakaofu Kaio Moderator Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand

E moderator@presbyterian.org.nz Thank you to all our older people



Speaking of older people, in this issue of the newsletter I would like to introduce you to a member of our congregation who has been at St Andrews since 1964. Her name is Win Rapley and this is her story.

Introducing



Win Rapley

Hello, most of you will know me but for those who do not, my name is Win Rapley. I was born in 1926 at St Helen's hospital Wellington. I have two brothers (the oldest one died before the second one was born.) and one sister.

I attended Lyall Bay School and finished my education at Technical College Wellington.

In 1942 I began my occupation in the clerical department of a firm called Matheson Ministers Ltd, who specialized in making army uniforms for soldiers during the war. My duties were in administration, shorthand and typing and eventually I became in charge of the staff in a small office of the same firm.

Don Rapley (my husband) and I met in 1944 and were married in 1947. He was in the air force when I first met him, and he came from Hastings. We got married at St Giles Presbyterian Church and continued to live in Wellington. We have three grownup children, two boys and a girl. In 1964 we moved to Hawk's Bay, where Don got a job as an engineer supervisor working for Unilever Hastings, (a place that specialises in making soap and soap powder etc) until his retirement in December 1968.

For the last three years that I was in Wellington, I had been attending St Giles Presbyterian Church where I became a choir mistress and president of the town women's guild. When I arrived in Hastings, I joined a choir of twenty-six people at St Andrews Presbyterian Church and ended up being a soloist. I have sung at 13 weddings, a solo singer at the Catholic Church, and at St Matthews Anglican Church.

At St Andrews with a large congregation we had six groups. I can only remember four, but they were:

- 1 Mission Group
- 2 St Andrews Womens Club
- 3 St Stephens Womens Club
- 4 Young Wives Club

and a linking committee. I had been secretary, treasure and president of the mission group and president of the linking committee, while my husband Don taught Sunday School.

There is one bible verse that I especially love and that is the **23rd Psalm**. I would turn to it repeatedly. Another favourite saying or poem that I especially love and that is from Shakespeare's play Hamlet, and it goes like this:

**Neither a borrower nor a lender be;
For loan oft loses both itself and friend,
And borrowing dulls the edge of husbandry.
This above all: to thine own self be true,
And it must follow, as the night the day,
Thou canst not then be false to any man.**

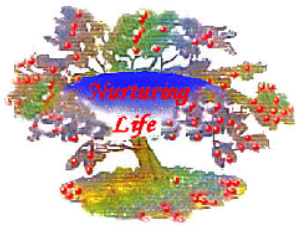
I have no idea what my hopes and dreams are for St Andrews, but, at my age all I do is reminisce to the days when in 1964 we had 800 communicant members at St Andrews and two Sunday Schools with over 200 children and looking back on those days, things have changed. As I mentioned before, but back then, there were also six clubs within St Andrews Church that you could be a member of. In one of those groups, St Andrews Women's Mission Group, we use to visit our parishioners in their homes and take along flowers or pots of jam.

These days for relaxation I like spending time in my garden, receiving visitors, and having a good yarn on the phone about this and that.

In the past my hobbies use to be visiting people, gardening, and singing in the choir at church. My taste in music has been all sorts and some of the flowers that I have grown have been used to decorate the church's pulpit.

There are lots of people that I admire, but there have been three who have had a great influence in my life and that is Reverend Sefton Campbell, Reverend Bruce Hansen, and particular my Mother in law. There doesn't seem to be anything else to add except to say thank you for giving me the chance to tell my story.

Win



Hastings Foodbank Trust

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7th September 2020

The Hastings Foodbank Trust

The Hastings Foodbank Trust is a charitable organisation that provides free emergency food parcels for people in the Hastings District Community who are in genuine hardship and find themselves in a position of not having sufficient food for themselves or their children.

The food parcels primarily consist of shelf stable or frozen foods that are convenient and can be used to prepare meals easily and quickly for each person for two to three days.

The Hastings Foodbank Trust was established as a charitable trust in 2004 and usually provides emergency food parcels to between 4000 -5000 people a year to those in desperate need within the Hastings District.

The Hastings Foodbank Trust provides a standard food parcel to individuals and families which consists mostly of “heat and eat” or ready to eat foods which require minimal preparation and are intended to sustain people for two to three days. When available we also include additional food items or treats.

The Hastings Foodbank Trust purchases most of the food we issue, and we rely on grants and donations from local and national community organisations, Hastings District Council, charitable organisations, businesses, church groups and individuals.

Importantly, we also have individuals, businesses, community groups, churches and others who periodically support the Foodbank by bringing in food items. Items include much needed shelf stable items of canned and packaged food and biscuits, confectionary, soups, seasonal fruit, and vegetables etc. We call these groups “Friends of Foodbank” and appreciate the support they give us.

All people working for the Hastings Foodbank Trust are volunteers (7 trustees and approximately 30 volunteers). There are no paid staff.

Foodbank applicants may self-refer or are referred by Budget First or a community organisation.

The foodbank operates from Budget First premises in Warren Street from 9am to 11 noon during weekdays. Applicants are interviewed by Budget First staff to assess their need for a food parcel. They then return between 11.30am and 12.30pm to collect their emergency food parcels.

Church Notices

Acknowledgements



Congratulations Elijah Ioane!

We are so proud of Elijah Ioane winning a Hastings Youth Potential Award recently and here you see him at that event with the guest speaker Israel Dagg.

Elijah is off to Victoria University next year and St Andrews Church would like to give him a contribution to help fund his studies.

If you would like to contribute you can donate via internet banking 03-0642-0034245-000 please include a reference with the name Elijah as well as your name. Alternatively, you can add to the offering in an envelope with Elijah's name as well as your own on it.

Knitting for the Red Cross

The Red Cross knitting groups meet regularly to craft sweaters, hats, blankets, scarves, and other treasures to deliver to people in need, from premature babies in the neonatal ward to newly arrived refugee families or people in your community.

Knitter, Knatter is a great way to socialise, expand and evolve your knitting skills, and give back to the community. Here Catherine has just completed a baby top for a toddler, WELL DONE CATHERINE!



Angel Tree Appeal:

For the last two years several of us have bought presents for children who have a parent in prison on behalf of their parent. This year because of the risk of Covid things are being done differently and the children will each receive a gift voucher instead. If you would like to contribute, then add the money to your offering over the next month.



Coffee/Tea morning get-together on Tuesday 3 November at John's Bakery, corner Heretaunga and Nelson Streets. Anytime between 10 and 11am, come along for a friendly chat and a delicious muffin!

Review

On the 13th October, a group of our St Andrews parishioners were invited to watch a play over at St Andrews hall and performed by a Creative Team of: Puti Lancaster, Teresa Woodham, Catherine Wilkin, Lloyd Scott, Kristyl Neho, John Gibson, Janis Cheng, Judith Crozier, and Matiu Whiting.

The performance titled: AS THE DAY DRAWS IN, tells us about who they are now, what formed them, what sustains them and what challenges them. They speak of the ordinary and extraordinary in their lives. These stories are of the present and the past, of family, of rich, long-lived lives, full of love and loss, joy, and mischief. Here is a review from one of our parishioners on his view of the play.

Hawkes Bay Arts Festival Performance of: **‘AS THE DAY DRAWS IN’. Review by Richard Williams**

This piece of theatre is made even more satisfying from being crafted into a verbatim script gifted to us by six Hawkes Bay elders. No mere assembling of skillfully contrived ideas and words. The voices, and stories rich with the beauty and power of the story telling moved us, that we too had lived in such moments. Thanks must also be given to the authors. cast and musicians for developing the script, “As the Day Draws In” into an authentic voice from the coast and plains of Heretaunga.

With the audience seated marae-like along the walls of the hall each person had a front –row experience as the cast moved about the open central spaces. The absence of theatrical sets was completely remedied by the nearness of the speakers. The production became a tribute to the skill of the cast.

The Hawkes Bay Arts Festival can be well pleased with the quality and success of this offering to its supporters and attendees.



Surplus / Deficit						
St Andrew's Presbyterian Church Hastings						
1 Sep 2020 to 30 Sep 2020						
	Actual	Budget	Var NZD	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Var NZD
Income						
Car Park Rental	\$1,885.00	\$1,885.00	\$0.00	\$3,770.00	\$5,655.00	-\$1,885.00
Church - Weddings & Funerals	\$0.00	\$208.00	-\$208.00	\$0.00	\$624.00	-\$624.00
Common Good	\$2,051.00	\$0.00	\$2,051.00	\$2,051.00	\$0.00	\$2,051.00
Donations - Church	\$0.00	\$42.00	-\$42.00	\$0.00	\$126.00	-\$126.00
Fundraising Church	\$0.00	\$417.00	-\$417.00	\$0.00	\$1,251.00	-\$1,251.00
Hire - Church	\$2,235.72	\$1,000.00	\$1,235.72	\$5,167.22	\$3,000.00	\$2,167.22
Hire - Hall	\$2,739.56	\$2,000.00	\$739.56	\$5,763.04	\$6,000.00	-\$236.96
Offering - Golden	\$1,435.00	\$5,000.00	-\$3,565.00	\$1,450.00	\$5,000.00	-\$3,550.00
Offering - Internet	\$3,820.00	\$1,380.00	\$2,440.00	\$10,636.00	\$4,140.00	\$6,496.00
Offerings - Envelope	\$2,533.02	\$2,417.00	\$116.02	\$5,430.02	\$7,251.00	-\$1,820.98
Offerings - Plate	\$815.30	\$500.00	\$315.30	\$3,040.90	\$1,500.00	\$1,540.90
PSS Offering - Guardian Angel	\$63.50	\$30.00	\$33.50	\$147.70	\$90.00	\$57.70
Total Income	\$17,578.10	\$14,879.00	\$2,699.10	\$37,455.88	\$34,637.00	\$2,818.88
	\$17,578.10	\$14,879.00	\$2,699.10	\$37,455.88	\$34,637.00	\$2,818.88
Plus Other Income						
Dividends Received	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$690.00	\$0.00	\$690.00
Interest Received	\$2,669.58	\$3,437.00	-\$767.42	\$2,673.40	\$3,437.00	-\$763.60
Total Other Income	\$2,669.58	\$3,437.00	-\$767.42	\$3,363.40	\$3,437.00	-\$73.60
Less Operating Expenses						
ACC Levies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	-\$250.00
Advertising	\$0.00	\$33.00	-\$33.00	\$0.00	\$99.00	-\$99.00
Assembly Assessment	\$851.10	\$883.00	-\$31.90	\$2,553.29	\$2,649.00	-\$95.71
Bank Charges	\$1.52	\$5.00	-\$3.48	\$52.66	\$15.00	\$37.66
Building WOF Levy	\$0.00	\$150.00	-\$150.00	\$240.00	\$450.00	-\$210.00
Cleaning Supplies	\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00	\$227.55	\$150.00	\$77.55
Common Good - expenses	\$181.74	\$0.00	\$181.74	\$291.01	\$0.00	\$291.01
Computer Expenses	\$1,107.94	\$58.00	\$1,049.94	\$1,371.93	\$174.00	\$1,197.93
Educational Expenses	\$0.00	\$17.00	-\$17.00	\$0.00	\$51.00	-\$51.00
General Expenses	\$132.20	\$100.00	\$32.20	\$371.70	\$300.00	\$71.70
Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,934.03	\$25,660.00	-\$2,725.97
Light Power & Heating	\$568.25	\$625.00	-\$56.75	\$2,218.97	\$1,875.00	\$343.97
Ministers Beneficiary Fund	\$420.32	\$396.00	\$24.32	\$1,212.72	\$1,188.00	\$24.72
Ministers Including Rental Obligations	\$5,985.74	\$6,750.00	-\$764.26	\$18,206.67	\$20,250.00	-\$2,043.33
Minister's Supervision Fee	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$140.00	\$210.00	-\$70.00
Minsiter - Relieving	\$0.00	\$58.00	-\$58.00	\$59.88	\$174.00	-\$114.12
Postage	\$0.00	\$25.00	-\$25.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	-\$75.00
Printing & Stationery	\$413.19	\$200.00	\$213.19	\$675.87	\$600.00	\$75.87
PSS Offering (399)	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$0.00
Rates	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,338.15	\$2,500.00	-\$161.85
Repairs & Maintenance - Church	\$115.22	\$125.00	-\$9.78	\$1,428.95	\$375.00	\$1,053.95
Repairs & Maintenance - Hall	\$0.00	\$125.00	-\$125.00	\$181.00	\$375.00	-\$194.00
Telephones, Tolls & Fax	\$80.36	\$183.00	-\$102.64	\$248.56	\$549.00	-\$300.44
Travel Expenses	\$0.00	\$62.00	-\$62.00	\$0.00	\$186.00	-\$186.00
Wages - Cleaners	\$633.68	\$696.00	-\$62.32	\$1,901.04	\$2,088.00	-\$186.96
Wages - Clerical Staff	\$2,099.54	\$2,208.00	-\$108.46	\$6,298.62	\$6,624.00	-\$325.38
Total Operating Expenses	\$12,690.80	\$12,849.00	-\$158.20	\$63,042.60	\$66,957.00	-\$3,914.40
Surplus/Deficit	\$7,556.88	\$5,467.00	\$2,089.88	-\$22,223.32	-\$28,883.00	\$6,659.68

Information For Next Newsletter



Can you please give your reports/notices (or preferably email them) to me by 11th January 2021? So, that I can type everything up and email them to Wendy for printing and for Nga for her to download it on our web page.

I would appreciate any feedback you have about this newsletter. Negative or positive it does not matter.

To contact me my email address is:

- 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** or contact Nga on:

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

PASTORAL CARE GROUP

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	Nancy Bixley	Phone 878 7843
	Barbara Stokes	Phone 878 3541
	Roro Takei	Phone 844 2191

If Parish Members have any pastoral concerns please contact any of the above

ST ANDREW'S TEXTING CARE CIRCLE

If there is someone with a 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

November @ St Andrews

NB. Tuesdays 12.10 Sacred Space (*via Zoom see Jill*)

Thursday Morning Study Group 10am in St Andrews Lounge – **come and join us**

Meditation Group each Thursday eve @ 7.30pm in the Blue room

Fridays 9am Dwelling in Scripture (*via Zoom see Jill*)

Monday Evening Study Group (**The Fourth Monday in the month**) @ Gerda Pronk's home-see Ken Hutchison for details: 8710213 or c: 021 078 4923

Sunday **1st** 10am Morning tea for Mavis Tweedie's birthday followed by combined Communion Service at 11am

Tuesday **3rd** 10am Coffee/Tea morning get-together at John's Bakery, corner Heretaunga and Nelson Streets.

Tuesday **3rd** 7pm Parish Council

Sunday **8th** 10am Worship Service led by Jill
No Kuki Airani Service

Sunday **15th** 10am Worship Service led by Jill
12pm Kuki Airani Worship led by Jill

Saturday **21st** 8am Men's Breakfast @ Summerset in the Orchard

Sunday **22nd** 10am Worship Service led by Jill
12 pm Kuki Airani Worship led by Jill

Monday **23rd** 7.30pm Monday Evening Study Group @ Gerda Pronk's home (11 Christie Crescent Havelock North) **Final for the year**

Sunday **29th** 10am First Sunday in Advent-Worship Service led by Jill
12 pm Kuki Airani Worship led by Jill

December @ St Andrews

NB. Tuesdays 12.10 Sacred Space (*via Zoom see Jill*)

Thursday Morning Study Group 10am in St Andrews Lounge – **come and join us**

Meditation Group each Thursday eve @ 7.30pm in the Blue room

Fridays 9am Dwelling in Scripture (*via Zoom see Jill*)

Monday Evening Study Group (**The Fourth Monday in the month**) @ Gerda Pronk's home-see Ken Hutchison for details: 8710213 or c: 021 078 4923

Tuesday 1st 7pm Parish Council

Sunday 6th 11am Second Sunday in Advent- Combined Communion Service

Sunday 13th 10am Third Sunday in Advent- Worship Service led by elders
12pm Kuki Airani Worship led by elders

Friday 18th 7pm Candlelight Service at Maraekakaho-? **To be confirmed**

Saturday 19th 8am Men's Breakfast @ Summerset in the Orchard –?
To be confirmed, any queries contact Len, ph 878 9059

Sunday 20th 10am Fourth Sunday in Advent- Worship Service led by Jill
12 pm Kuki Airani Worship led by Jill

Sunday 20th 7pm Candlelight service at Kereru-? **To be confirmed**

Thursday 24th 7pm Christmas Eve service

Friday 25th 9am Christmas Day service

Sunday 27th 10am Combined Worship Service at St Andrews.

St Matthews will join us

No Cook Islands Worship

January @ St Andrews

NB. Tuesdays 12.10 Sacred Space (*via Zoom see Jill*)

Thursday Morning Study Group 10am in St Andrews Lounge – **come and join us**

Meditation Group each Thursday eve @ 7.30pm in the Blue room

Fridays 9am Dwelling in Scripture (*via Zoom see Jill*)

Monday Evening Study Group (**The Fourth Monday in the month**) @ Gerda Pronk's home-see Ken Hutchison for details: 8710213 or c: 021 078 4923

Sunday 3rd 10am Epiphany- Combined service at St Matthews Led by Jill

NOTE: No services at St Andrews today

Sunday 10th 10am Worship Service led by Jill
12pm Kuki Airani Worship led by Jill

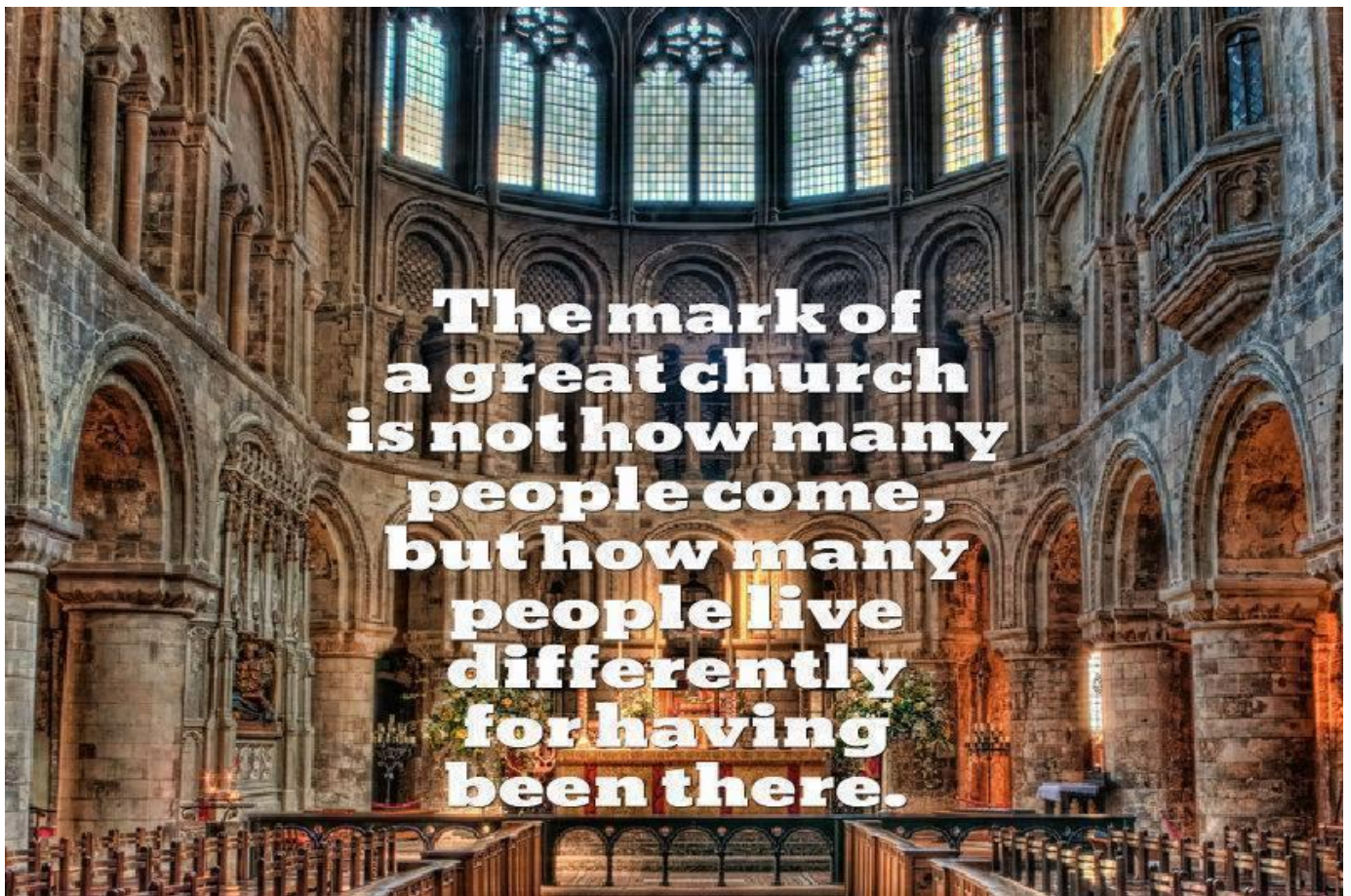
Sunday 17th 10am Worship Service led by Jill
12pm Kuki Airani Worship led by Jill

Sunday 24th 10am Worship Service led by elders
12pm Kuki Airani Worship led by elders

Sunday 31st 10am Worship Service led by Jill
12pm Kuki Airani Worship led by Jill

February @ St Andrews

Tuesday 2nd 7pm Parish Council



**The mark of
a great church
is not how many
people come,
but how many
people live
differently
for having
been there.**

The Breath Prayer

Written by Sheridan Voysey

Lord God, fill me with your Holy Spirit

I receive your love & release my insecurity

I receive your joy & release my unhappiness

I receive your peace & release my anxiety

I receive your patience & release my impulsiveness

I receive your kindness & release my indifference

I receive your goodness & release my ungodliness

I receive your faithfulness & release my disloyalty

I receive your gentleness & release my severity

I receive your self-control & release my self-indulgence

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