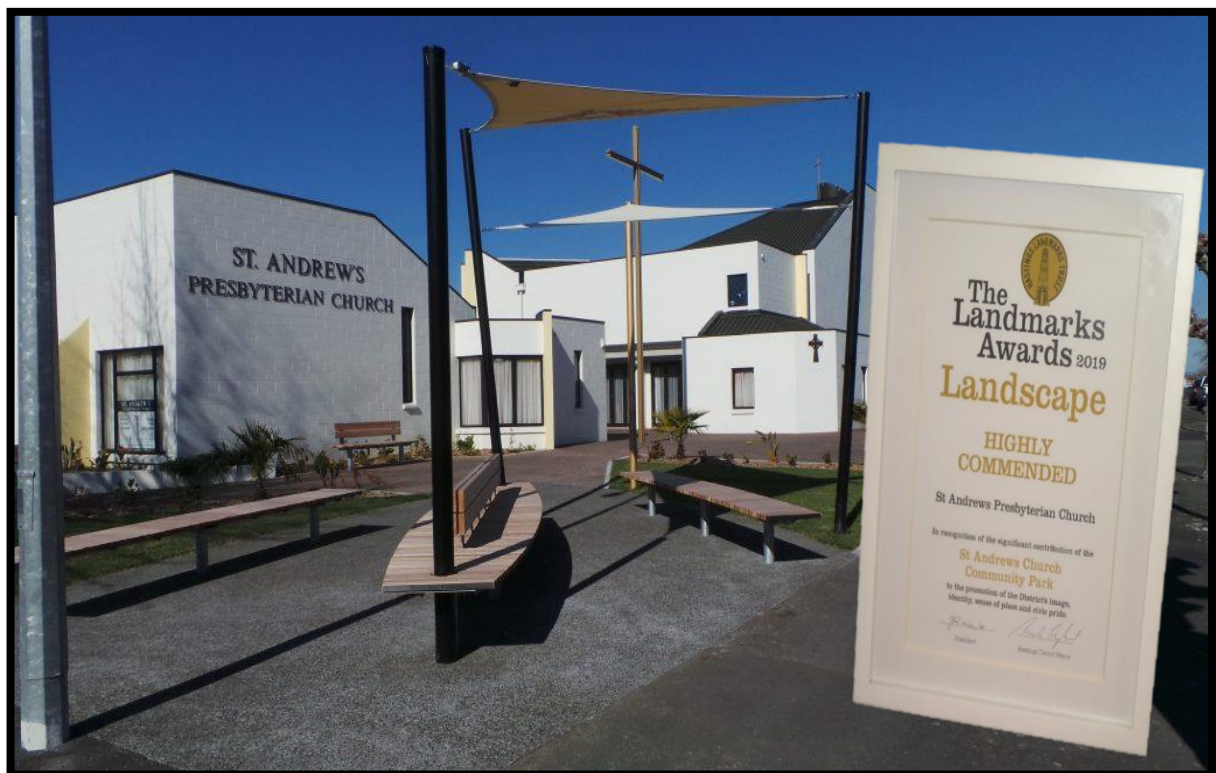


SAINT ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Newsletter October - November 2019



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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

Jill's Musings

It has been an incredibly busy time over the last few months as we have embarked on coming up with our Mission Plan with Susan Blaikie; preparing, painting and carpeting the lounge, having a Fathers Lament Service and hosting the Presbytery Gathering. I want to thank all of you who have had a role in helping and contributing to all of this.

The busyness of the last while also means that I am writing this at very much the 11th hour – sorry Denise and Nga!

Recently, I found a nest. The bizarre thing it was the second nest I had come across that day. Chris and I went for a walk, through Frimley Park, and there it was lying on the ground. Great I thought – I love nests and always enjoy seeing them in the denuded winter trees. I thought to myself, I will pick it up on my way back, but of course we didn't pass that same exact way again.



Later that afternoon I was enjoying a coffee on our deck and what revealed itself to me but this dainty little nest, complete with little bits of foam, dry grass and one solitary piece of orange cotton. It felt like a gift from God. I have been carting that little nest with me to lots of places, our Sacred Space Whakamoemiti on a Tuesday lunchtime, kids time at our worship and at the service I took at Eversley rest home. Young and old alike have each had the same reaction to this little tiny nest – awe. It is indeed incredible to think about a tiny little bird – and it must be a tiny bird to have such a tiny little nest – carrying each piece of dry grass, foam or orange cotton and carefully layering them together to make this safe little posse to lay eggs and nurture her freshly hatched babies.

It is awe-inspiring to think about these actions of love in caring for these fragile precious little eggs and their emergence into the world through the shells of the egg that has protected them thus far. Where they are nested, protected and loved until they are strong enough to go out into the big wide world.

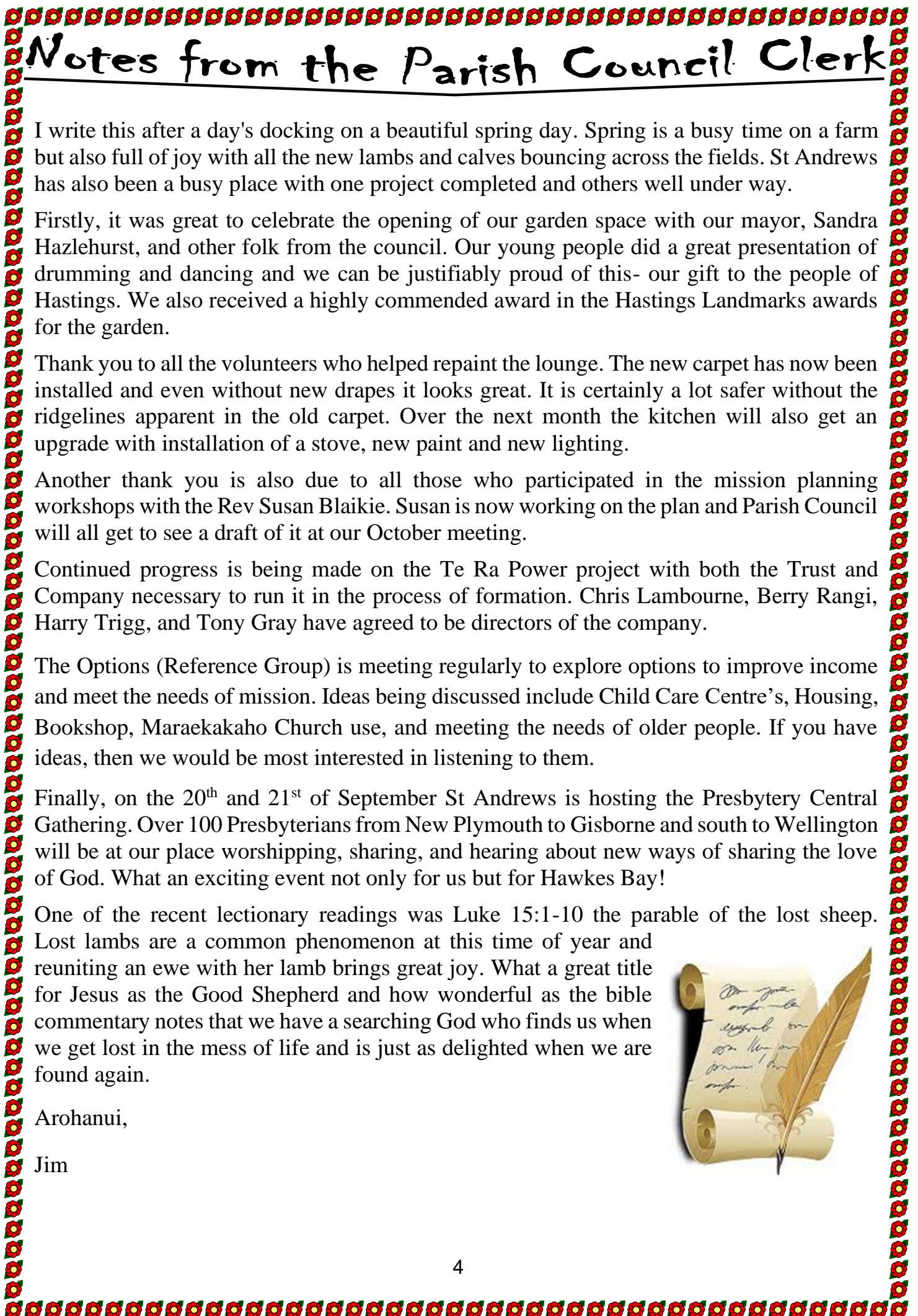
Nesting is a wonderful image to consider when we think about God, that God nests us, particularly in the times when we are most fragile and vulnerable. As you think of a little baby, it is easy to imagine them being nested, being fed and protected as they grow and as they gently make moves towards being a little more independent, learning to walk and feed themselves – but it is a long time before they leave the nest isn't it.

Luke 13: 34 is a wonderful piece of scripture where Jesus says **How often, have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings**". It is comforting to think, that we never leave Jesus nest, that like a broody hen, Jesus gathers us under his wings, whether we are 9 months or 95. In the same way that Jesus nests us, we also nest others.



- What has been your experience of nesting others?
- What is your experience of being nested?
- How does the metaphor of Jesus nesting you make you feel?

How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings"? Luke 13:34



Notes from the Parish Council Clerk

I write this after a day's docking on a beautiful spring day. Spring is a busy time on a farm but also full of joy with all the new lambs and calves bouncing across the fields. St Andrews has also been a busy place with one project completed and others well under way.

Firstly, it was great to celebrate the opening of our garden space with our mayor, Sandra Hazlehurst, and other folk from the council. Our young people did a great presentation of drumming and dancing and we can be justifiably proud of this- our gift to the people of Hastings. We also received a highly commended award in the Hastings Landmarks awards for the garden.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped repaint the lounge. The new carpet has now been installed and even without new drapes it looks great. It is certainly a lot safer without the ridgelines apparent in the old carpet. Over the next month the kitchen will also get an upgrade with installation of a stove, new paint and new lighting.

Another thank you is also due to all those who participated in the mission planning workshops with the Rev Susan Blaikie. Susan is now working on the plan and Parish Council will all get to see a draft of it at our October meeting.

Continued progress is being made on the Te Ra Power project with both the Trust and Company necessary to run it in the process of formation. Chris Lambourne, Berry Rangi, Harry Trigg, and Tony Gray have agreed to be directors of the company.

The Options (Reference Group) is meeting regularly to explore options to improve income and meet the needs of mission. Ideas being discussed include Child Care Centre's, Housing, Bookshop, Maraekakaho Church use, and meeting the needs of older people. If you have ideas, then we would be most interested in listening to them.

Finally, on the 20th and 21st of September St Andrews is hosting the Presbytery Central Gathering. Over 100 Presbyterians from New Plymouth to Gisborne and south to Wellington will be at our place worshipping, sharing, and hearing about new ways of sharing the love of God. What an exciting event not only for us but for Hawkes Bay!

One of the recent lectionary readings was Luke 15:1-10 the parable of the lost sheep. Lost lambs are a common phenomenon at this time of year and reuniting an ewe with her lamb brings great joy. What a great title for Jesus as the Good Shepherd and how wonderful as the bible commentary notes that we have a searching God who finds us when we get lost in the mess of life and is just as delighted when we are found again.

Arohanui,

Jim



Introducing the Clayton Family

Ian Clayton

Hi, my name is Ian Clayton and I am Yohanna's Dad



I was born in Stockport, Manchester, UK and have 1 brother, 1 sister, both in Australia.

I am a shy person by nature, but I have had a good education and ended up with tertiary qualifications in MSc in Clinical Psychology from the University of Adelaide in Australia.

I am employed In Child / Adolescent and Adult Mental Health services in Napier and Hastings, currently working for the Hawkes Bay DHB, in Adult Community Mental Health on a multi-disciplinary team providing psychological treatments for individuals and families struggling with severe mental illness.

I am married to Reiny Scheper and have 2 children: Niels Clayton (20) & Yohanna Clayton (8). And I want to let it be known that Reiny and her family have particularly, been a big influence in my life.

Reiny, and Yohanna and myself currently attend St Andrews and my hopes and dreams for St Andrews faith community is to have a community informed by the Christian values of love, kindness and acceptance. Where people of all ages, background histories, ethnicities, gender, sexual orientation, and even faith persuasion can feel welcome and safe.

My favourite Bible verses are;

Romans 7:15 - *'What I want to do I do not do, but what I hate that I do.'*

John: 8:7 – *'He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.'*

My hobbies and interests and things I do for relaxation are:

Attempting to learn and understand. Watching TV and reading with my wife and our children. Walking, tramping, holidays with my family. Fishing. Reading in depth politics of the United States, Europe and the Middle East. Reading generally and watching science fiction drama and comedy.

Planting and nurturing vegetables and fruit trees and preserving what we grow. Walking through our garden marvelling at whatever new flower / shoot / weed / fruit is coming forth. Brewing beer, cider and wine. Eating jelly snakes and other fruit gummies (and wishing they were calorie free), lap swimming and yoga. Striving for fitness and frequently failing.

Also, my taste in music usually range from melancholic and contemplative music, but I also like melodic, inspiring and happy dance music.

I admire particularly My parents-in-law, my children Niels and Yohanna and my wife Reiny Scheper, Greta Thunberg (the 16-year-old Swedish environmental activist), Episcopalian Minister and writer John Shelby Spong, Philosopher Alain de Botton, Psychologist Carl Rogers, Philosopher Michel Foucault.

Reiny Scheper



Hi, my name is Reiny Scheper and I am Yohanna's Mum.

I was born in the Groningen City, of Northern Netherlands, Holland and I have 1 brother, 1 sister.

I have had a good quality of education in different schools and have ended up studying for my MSc in Biology from Wageningen Agricultural University in the Netherlands and PhD in Plant Pathology from the University of Adelaide in Australia.

My career and occupation are that of a research Scientist / Plant Pathologist @ Plant & Food Research. Researching for 15 years.

I am married to Ian Clayton. (who as well as my parents has been a big influence in my life.) We both have two children Niels Clayton (20) & Yohanna Clayton (8).

My hobbies and interests are: Brewing beer & cider, producing food from our garden, spending time with my children, activities with the Kiwi Conservation Club, tramping, bush walking and learning about native flora & fauna. And for relaxation I like: Tramping; sleeping in; eating delicious healthy foods with lots of vegetables or fruits; watching science fiction movies or series, or the Big Bang Theory.

Since I sustained a brain injury, I suffer from a hearing disability "hyperacusis", which means that high pitched sounds and loud sounds are very painful for me. This has unfortunately impacted my enjoyment of music. Midnight Oil used to be my favourite band.

I still like melodic music that is not loud, without a strong beat and that is not too high pitched. I like singing.

Ian, Yohanna and myself attend St Andrews quite regularly and my hopes and dreams for St Andrews is to have a community based on love and acceptance, where people feel Welcome. Where families, including grandparents, parents and children can come to worship. I have a bible verse that I love and that is: **Leviticus 25:23**. *The land must not be sold permanently, because the land is mine and you are but aliens and my tenants.*

I have a terrible memory for people's names & faces, which is very embarrassing, and I am not very good at "winging it", but I do have great admiration for my children, Greta Thunberg, Jill McDonald and Jacinda Ardern.

Yohanna Clayton

Hi, my name is Yohanna Clayton and my parents are Ian Clayton & Reiny Scheper



I was born in Hastings, NZ in the year 2011. I have only 1 brother, Niels Clayton (20).

I'm Currently at St Matthew's Primary School but I used to go to Frimley Primary School and Lumsden Kindy and the Seven Dwarfs.

for relaxation I like Spending time with my family & playing with my dog Chloe, playing with my Lego and my dragons, watching "How to train your dragon" and "Avatar" anime.

And my hobbies and interests are: Activities with the Kiwi Conservation Club, bush walking, reading, knitting, playing with my dog.

The kind of music I like listening to is Inspiring music, eg: American Pie, When I was 7 years old, Every night I lie in bed, and would listen to "Starry starry night" (Vincent v Gogh), Fight song, Who you say I am, Dancing Queen (ABBA).

I attend St Andrews Church with my family, and my hopes and dreams for St Andrews faith community is that they help in the fight against climate change.

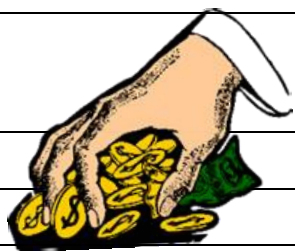
There's one verse in the bible that I especially love and that is: **Matthew 18:2-5.** *He called a little child to him and placed the child among them. And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever take the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.*

My parents and my brother have been a great influence in my life and apart from them I do admire Greta Thunberg greatly.

The Clayton Family

From left: Yohanna, Centre: Ian, Right: Reiny





Financial Report



St Andrew's Presbyterian Church Hastings

1 Aug 2019 to 31 Aug 2019

	Actual	Budget	Var NZD	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Var NZD
Income						
Car Park Rental	\$1,885.00	\$1,885.00	\$0.00	\$3,468.40	\$3,468.00	\$0.40
Church - Weddings & Funerals	\$0.00	\$100.00	-\$100.00	\$304.35	\$200.00	\$104.35
Donations - Hall	\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	-\$100.00
Fundraising Church	\$0.00	\$208.00	-\$208.00	\$220.00	\$416.00	-\$196.00
Fundraising Hall	\$0.00	\$208.00	-\$208.00	\$0.00	\$416.00	-\$416.00
Hire - Church	\$1,375.87	\$1,250.00	\$125.87	\$2,809.91	\$2,500.00	\$309.91
Hire - Hall	\$2,848.27	\$2,500.00	\$348.27	\$5,610.01	\$5,000.00	\$610.01
Offering - Golden	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$1,010.00	\$0.00	\$1,010.00
Offering - Internet	\$1,027.00	\$1,083.00	-\$56.00	\$2,142.00	\$2,166.00	-\$24.00
Offerings - Envelope	\$3,570.00	\$2,667.00	\$903.00	\$6,480.50	\$5,334.00	\$1,146.50
Offerings - Plate	\$697.10	\$750.00	-\$52.90	\$1,292.40	\$1,500.00	-\$207.60
PSS Offering - Guardian Angel	\$45.30	\$0.00	\$45.30	\$73.00	\$0.00	\$73.00
Total Income	\$11,508.54	\$10,701.00	\$807.54	\$23,410.57	\$21,100.00	\$2,310.57
Less Operating Expenses	\$12,369.07	\$12,990.00	-620.93	\$30,547.58	\$33,172.00	-\$2,624.42
Net Profit	-\$860.53	-\$2,289.00	\$1,428.47	-\$7,137.01	-\$12,072.00	\$4,934.99

CHURCH NOTICES

Fundraising viewings of favorite DVDs

A modest number of people attended last Sunday to enjoy the first of our fundraising viewings of favorite videos. All present expressed pleasure over the **Andre Rieu** dvd shown. We are very pleased about the support of our Cook Island members. The afternoon tea they provided was delicious. \$50.00 was raised on this first occasion.

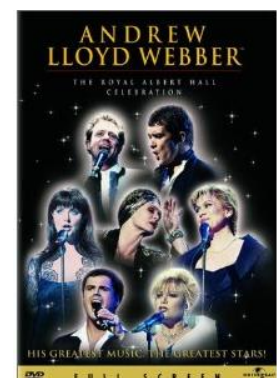
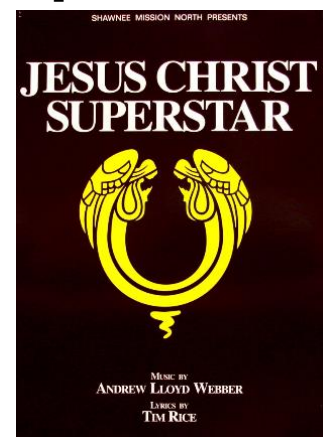
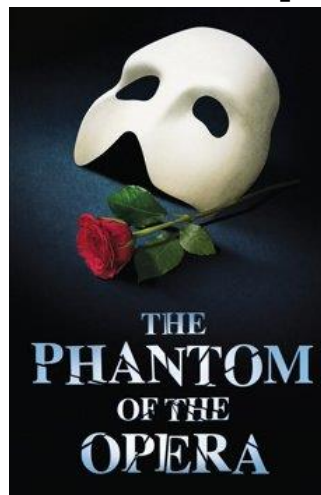
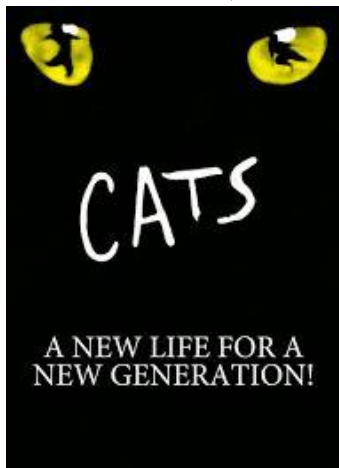
It was decided that the next showing will be at **2.00 pm on Sunday**

13 October when the musical **“Jesus Christ Superstar”**

will be shown. Looking forward we have available

The Phantom of the Opera,

Cats,



Andrew Lloyd Webber,

The story of a **91-year-old NZ Gardner of the Year, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat** and more **Andre Rieu**.

It only costs a **Gold Coin Donation** for the afternoon viewing. If anyone wishes to attend, please do so and perhaps you may have a favourite DVD that you would like to show. Please give your DVD details to Richard Williams, ph 8765099.

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GARDEN OPENING ON SATURDAY 24TH OF AUGUST

On Saturday 24th August we had an opening day for our Garden space (a gift to our Community.) The morning started off with a service led by Rev. Jill McDonald. During which Berry Rangi spoke on the connection between the Takitimu, (Ngāti Kahungunu) people and the Takitumu (Rarotonga people). She also mentions that when they were out of flour, they would use the breadfruit. They would also use the breadfruit for communion.



Then Jim Spall talked about presenting the garden space as a gift to the people of Hastings and about donating a seat in the memory of his brother Bruce who died of a brain Tumour. A young boy from Lindisfarne played the bagpipes, and finally, our Mayor: Sandra Hazlehurst had a lot of praise and thanked St Andrews for their contribution in presenting the garden as a gift to the city.



St Andrews received an award for Highly Commended in the Landmarks Landscape category.

Some members of our congregation had donated quite a bit of money in memory of a family member or spouse and so the seats are donated in their names. We finished off the service with a blessing outside despite the cold, then we went into the lounge for morning tea. It was good to see some of our members there whom we hadn't seen for a long while.

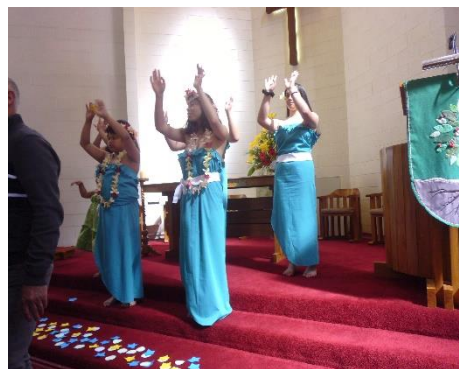


PRESBYTERY CENTRAL GATHERING AT ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, HASTINGS ON SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2019

By Christine Gould

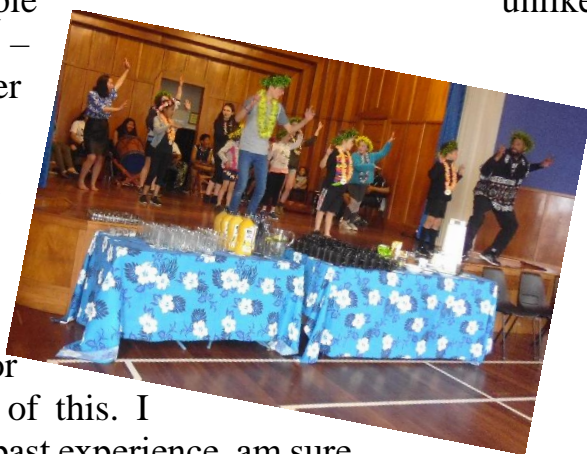
I've always found the Gatherings interesting and uplifting and this one was no different. To be among about 150 Presbyterians from all over the southern half of the North Island was exhilarating. There were women and men, lay people and clergy, young and old and all ethnicities.

Morning worship, led by Jill, was beautiful and rousing, with Kūki 'Āirani drumming and dancing. Matt Chamberlin, a young minister from Auckland, gave the keynote address on "Discipleship" defined as "intentionally following Christ and encouraging others to do the same". He compared healthy discipleship to a tree. This tree has wide, deep roots in Christ; a strong trunk, made up of our loving relationships with one another; and a green, fruit-laden crown, being our outreach to others. If the roots or trunk are not sound, the tree will not bear fruit.



It was hard to choose just two workshops from the five available and I think we all chose different combinations. I went first to "Welcoming the Other" led by Sally Russell and Rizwaana Latiff, an hour of learning and lively discussion on how we can deal with people unlike ourselves – especially other cultures or religions.

After lunch came "Equipping the Next Generation" led by Jennie McCullough from Taranaki who has worked with youth for years, to good effect. One key learning for me was the importance of developing opportunities for leadership among young people, and the results of this. I didn't attend the roast dinner at St John's but, from past experience, am sure it was great. The morning tea provided by St Columba's Havelock North; the bi-cultural lunch hosted by our own hard-working team; and the afternoon tea provided by Napier North and St Paul's, were all generous and delicious.



The setting up and, later, clearing up by St Andrew's members in the hall, church foyer, the Blue, Green & Yellow rooms, the lounge and the church itself, was efficiently carried out. The result was a welcoming atmosphere. Our new garden was much used and drew many compliments. It was a great day.

Book Reviews



Our next newsletter will of course cover the Christmas period when many people have a bit more space for reading. If you have read a great book lately why not share it with our faith community a brief description and why you recommend it! Forward the details to Denise or Ngā.

INFORMATION FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER



Can you please give your reports/notices (or preferably email them) to Denise Rutherford by 11th of November? 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**

OCTOBER @ SVA 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 6th	11:00am	Combined Communion Service led by Rev Jill McDonald
Sunday 13th	10:00am	Worship led by Rev Jill McDonald
	12:00pm	Kūki 'Āirani Service led by Rev Jill McDonald
Sunday 13th	2:00pm	Fundraiser Movie. TITLE: <i>"Jesus Christ Superstar"</i> Gold coin donation.
Saturday 19th	8:00am	Men's Breakfast @ Summerset in the Orchard
Sunday 20th	10:00am	Worship led by Rev Jill McDonald
	12:00pm	Kūki 'Āirani Service led by Rev Jill McDonald
Sunday 27th	10:00am	Worship led by Worship Team
	12:00pm	Kūki 'Āirani Service led by Cook Islands Elders
Monday 28th	7:30pm	Monday Evening Study Group @ Gerda Pronk's home


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NOVEMBER @ ST ANDREWS

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

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

Saturday	2nd	9:00am	Working Bee to paint the kitchen 9am start
Sunday	3rd	11:00am	Combined Communion Service led by Rev Jill McDonald
Tuesday	5th	7:00pm	Parish Council meeting
Sunday	10th	10:00am	Worship led by Rev Jill McDonald
		12:00pm	Kūki 'Āirani Service led by Rev Jill McDonald
Saturday	16th	8:00am	Men's Breakfast @ Summerset in the Orchard
Sunday	17th	10:00am	Worship led by Rev Jill McDonald
		12:00pm	Kuki Airani Service led by Rev Jill McDonald
Sunday	24th	10:00am	Worship led by Worship Team
		12:00pm	Kūki 'Āirani Service led by Cook Islands Elders
Monday	25th	7:30pm	Monday evening Study Group @ Gerda Pronk's home

December @ St Andrews

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