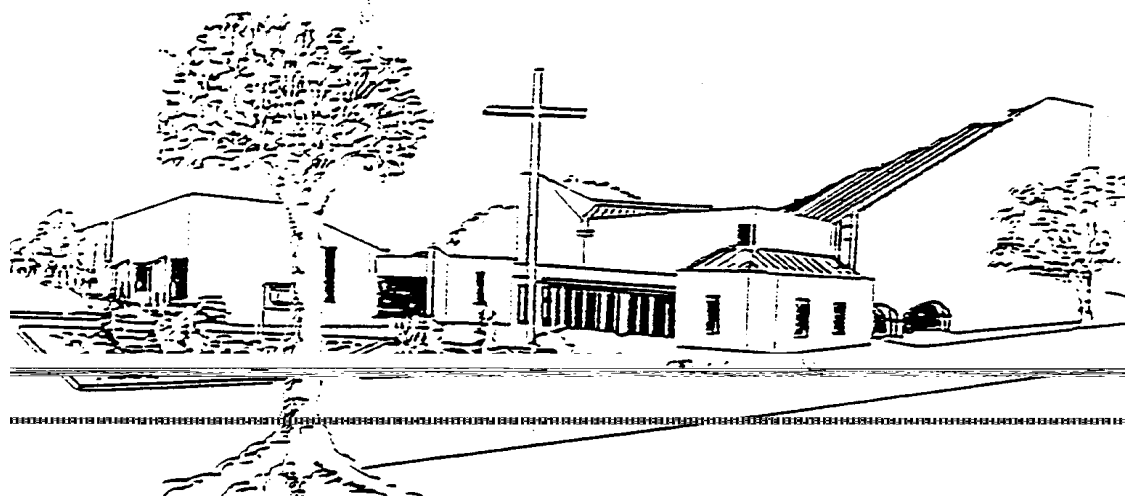


SAINT ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 2018 to October 2018



Jill's Musings

Last year not long after we moved here Chris and I overheard a comment where a local said that once you hit August 20th in Hawkes Bay, you have pretty much entered Spring. It is wonderful to see the magnolias blooming in their glory and the blossom popping out from trees in courageous colour. In the Northern Hemisphere of course Springtime coincides with Easter, so the new life of Christ's



resurrection is mirrored by creation coming to life again after the barrenness of winter. As we enter fully into Spring, may you notice the signs of new life in Christ in and around you as you experience each new day.

Over the past two months there have been a number of rich opportunities of new life within our wider PCANZ. In mid July St Andrews hosted a fabulous Presbyterian Women's event 'We are at the Well'. More than 50 women attended from Manawatu through to Gisborne including many of our own St Andrews people. We began with worship then Dr Deborah Bower opened up the story of Jesus meeting the Samaritan woman at the well in a rich and helpful way. Many people bought a copy of her book 'I am Deborah' telling the story of her own journey to the heart of God. It is a powerful story – I have a copy I am happy to lend if you would like to read it.

We were also blessed to hear more about Caren Rangī – the people that have shaped her and how she uses her sphere of influence in the world. A great discussion ensued about the role of leadership and governance for women. We finished by gathering together around Christ's table to celebrate Holy Communion. It was indeed a rich and nourishing day.

I travelled down to Connect, the PCANZ Youth Leaders conference in Waikanae and what an incredible experience that was. It was so heartening to see the strength and breadth of our youth leaders, it brought me so much hope for the future of our church. It was also wonderful to experience such bicultural worship where we alternated between song and waiata.

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A team from St Andrews were invited to attend an all expenses paid trip to Auckland to attend Light-house a weekend workshop exploring innovative ways to do mission. Junior and Patty MacArthur as well as Chris Lambourne and I had a great weekend there. Check out their reports in this newsletter. After much preparation it is great to be employing Teorepi loane as our Children's/Youth Worker to develop this burgeoning ministry in St Andrews. A key focus of this will be a Wednesday afternoon group for children as well as regular get togethers with our youth. Teorepi (also known as Missy) grew up at St Andrews and is passionate about children and youth. Watch this space.

We are also pleased to be employing Wendy Mangan as our new Office Administrator. Wendy has been the office temp here for the past 3 months and loved it so much she decided to apply for the role. Wendy lives on an orchard near Havelock North with her naughty puppy. She moved to Hawkes Bay last October after spending two years in Auckland. She spent most of her life in Christchurch prior to that.

Please keep both Teorepi and Wendy in your prayers as they begin their respective roles within our faith community.

On a final note for anyone looking for a daily devotional app on either your Smart Phone or computer, I can recommend 'Pray As You Go' which has a 12 minute daily devotion to either read or listen too as well as other reflections including 'The Examen' which offers a way to reflect on your day and where you noticed God within it.

Ka kite ano

Jim

Notes from the Parish Council Clerk

Greetings everyone. Isn't it nice to be at the end of winter with the official start of spring only days away. We are surrounded by signs of new life with the daffodils out, blossoming trees and on our farm new lambs and calves. At St Andrews we also have some new developments full of promise.

The outside seating plans submission was approved by the Hastings District Council with \$15000 allocated towards the project and with the councilors very enthusiastic. We have applied to a number of foundations for additional funding while we have also received a very generous bequeath of \$4000 from the trustees of the late Dick Hancock. On Sunday 2nd September we will be commissioning Teorepi loane as our children/youth family worker. Teorepi has a gift for working with young people and it's great to be able to put extra resources into our young people. We will also be commissioning Wendy Mangan who after interviews will move from being our temp to our new Office Administrator.

At our August Parish Council meeting we heard a presentation by Chris Lamborne on a project he is working on with the aim to provide free or low cost electricity to 400 low income households in Flaxmere by building a solar panel farm. All of us who pay the electricity bills are aware of the rising cost of power; in fact Salvation Army research reveals that 40% of NZ households struggle to pay for power. Parish Council agreed to support the concept of being a nest for this project. This means no financial obligation for St Andrews but provides a home for the project to get underway while a business case is developed.

Parish Council has also approved a host of new health and safety policies ranging from safety and protection of leaders, children and youth through to dealing with stress at work. Some of these may seem pedantic but are really necessary to provide a safe and secure framework for everyone at St Andrews. Thank you to everyone who assisted at the recent working bee. We had a fantastic clean out and clean up with trailer and ute loads off to the recycling centre!

To end a quote from Aretha Franklin: "When God loves you, what can be better than that?"-(thank you Ken).

Arohanui,
Jim



Power to the People

We all know how expensive electricity can be and recent statistics are showing more and more low income families are needing extra help with energy costs. Power to the People is a mission project that aims to provide low income households with free and cheaper power for up to 400 households in Flaxmere. This will be achieved by PttP operating a PV solar farm and also purchasing electricity from the wholesale market. PttP would act as the electricity retailer to those low income households.

St Andrew's is supporting the PttP mission proposal. At August's Parish Council it was decided to step up as a "nest" in which PttP could grow. This will include providing key people to be on the governance group.

Right now we are starting to develop the Feasibility Study. This type of study looks at proposal in some detail, and then gives it a good shake to test if it is viable.

Part of this process sees people who have an interest in the concept being contacted and asked for input.

We have met with the Hastings District Council as well as Unison to discuss PttP and are very encouraged by the response we are receiving.

St Paul's Napier is very interested in this project and have asked us to give a presentation at its next parish council meeting so they can explore how they can contribute.



St Andrews has a Facebook page!! Nga Tauranga set up some time ago. Thanks Nga for your work with this! 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 (Pure Kuki 'Arani and Papa'a)**

Lighthouse 2018

From 3-5 August 2018 Junior and I had the privilege of accompanying our Minister Jill and Chris Lambourne to Lighthouse 2018, held at Vaughan Park retreat, Long Bay, Auckland. The weekend was facilitated by Rev, Dr Steve Taylor, Principal of KCML, Dr Christine Woods (Assoc. Prof Auckland Uni Business School) and Charissa Nicol (KCML intern).

In short, the lighthouse weekend was a 3 day workshop sponsored by the Presbyterian Development Society to identify and develop entrepreneurial and innovative initiatives. Six teams representing Presbyterian parishes from all over NZ presented their concepts to the wider group. With the help of Dr Christine Woods who facilitated the workshops, the wider group contributed to the refining process which improved all of our initiatives that we brought to the weekend.

For me, the weekend helped me grow and develop my own business idea. I'm amazed at God's timing and how relevant and powerful this weekend was for my own ideas of entrepreneurship. For Junior it was great to see the Presbyterian Church recognising that innovation is not exclusive to the church. The Lighthouse weekend is a great space to foster and promote entrepreneurs and their ideas.

INTRODUCING BARRY NASH

I was born in Auckland in the late forties with one older brother (David). My younger sister (Ngaire) joined us five years later.

I attended Primary and High Schools in Papatoetoe and apart from a 2 year period living in Kaitia the family stayed in Papatoetoe. I met my first wife at a High School dance, we eventually married and had two great children. Catherine, who now lives in Havelock North and Michael who is in Palmerston North.

My plan as a teenager was to join the NZ Police as a cadet at age 17. This plan came unstuck when an assessor decided my eyesight wasn't up to standard. Plan B saw me join the Royal New Zealand Navy as a Medical Assistant. The first few years were general medic duties then training as an X-Ray Technician. My first overseas posting was to Vietnam in 1970, as part of the New Zealand Services Medical Team which had been providing medical services in a 100 bed civilian hospital. I spent the next 12 months working in the operating theatre doing anaesthetics. This proved to be the most rewarding part of the 22 years spent in the Navy. My first sea posting included six months in Hawaii and San Diego. I was commissioned as a Lieutenant and the remainder of my time was spent in Wellington, Singapore and at Devonport in a range of roles including training of Medical Branch staff, Hospital Administration and Personnel positions.

I retired from the Navy (aged 38) with a lot of experience, but without any civilian qualifications, so I started my training as an Anaesthetic Technician at Auckland Public Hospital. A very busy and satisfying time was spent working there. The best part of the job was being sent to a conference in Dunedin which is where I met my wife Bev. who was President of the Anaesthetic Technicians Society (I had been elected Vice President.) I moved to Hastings in 1993 and started attending St Andrews with Bev. She was my "boss" for a few months at Hastings Hospital before I started at Princess Alexandra Hospital in Napier. After 12 months in Napier I started working for ACC as a Case Manager and remained there for 17 years (during which time I completed a post graduate Diploma in Rehabilitation Studies.)

Bev finally agreed to marry me in 1999, the ceremony took place during a Sunday Service at St Andrews. It was a great occasion with the congregation joining us in the hall for a cuppa and cutting the cake. We have enjoyed some wonderful holidays both in NZ and overseas.

I am currently on the Church Board of managers.

For relaxation, I enjoy listening to most types of music and spend spare time reading, doing word puzzles and sudoku. Our dog of course needs her daily walk and is great company.



FINANCIAL REPORT COVER MONTH OF JULY 2018

	Budget 2018	Actual 2018	Budget %	Jul-17	Difference
INCOME					
Offering Plates	667	832	24.73%	716	-116
Offerings Internet	1033	953	-7.74%	745	-208
Offering Envelopes	3217	2964	-7.85%	3997	1033
Golden Offering				285	
TOTAL OFFERINGS	4917	4749	33.41%	5743	709
Other Income	7365	6319	-14.20%	7381	1062
TOTAL INCOME	12282	11068	-9.88%	13124	1771
EXPENSES					
SHORTFALL	-4363	-6252	43.29%		

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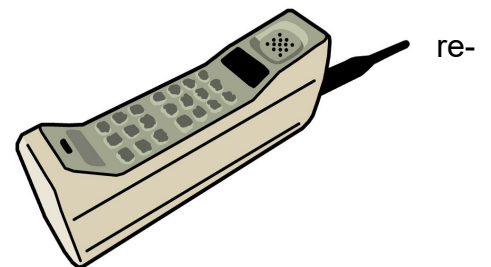
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If Parish Members have any pastoral needs please call these people

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 fer 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 mornings 9.00am – 2.30pm

SEPTEMBER @ ST ANDREWS

Sunday	2nd	11.00am	Combined Father's Day Communion. Followed Pot Luck Lunch in the Hall
Tuesday	4th	7.00pm	Parish Council in the Blue Room
Thursday	6th	10.00am	Presbyterial Meeting with Communion in St Andrews Lounge
		10.00am	Study Group
		6.00pm	God and Pizza at Jill's
		7.30pm	Meditation in the Blue Room
Friday	7th	6.00pm	Lisa Wells from Press Go visiting the Cultural Group
Wed	12th	1.30pm	Movie 'Celia' Havelock Nth Cinema followed by coffee
Thursday	13th	10.00am	Study Group in the Lounge
		7.30pm	Meditation in the Blue Room
Saturday	15th	8.00am	Men's Breakfast @ Summerset in the Orchard
Sunday	16th	10.00am	Sunday Worship led by Rev Keith Rowe
		12noon	Pure Kuki Airani
Tuesday	18th	4.00pm	Board of Managers in the Blue Room
Thursday	20th	10.00am	Study Group in the Lounge
		6.00pm	God and Pizza at Jill's
		7.30pm	Meditation in the Blue Room
Sunday	23rd	10.00am	Sunday Worship Led by Rev Jill McDonald
			Followed by The AGM
		12noon	Pure Kuki Airani
Tuesday	25th	7.00pm	Parish Council in the Blue Room (NOTE THIS IS A WEEK EARLY)
Thursday	26th	10.00am	Study Group in the Lounge
		7.30pm	Meditation in the Blue Room

OCTOBER @ ST ANDREWS

Thursday	4th	10.00am	Study Group in the Lounge
		7.30pm	Meditation in the Blue Room
Sunday	7th	11.00am	Combined Service HOLY COMMUNION Led by Rev Warren Fortune
Thursday	11th	10.00am	Study Group in the lounge
		7.30pm	Meditation in the Blue Room
Sunday	14th	10.00am	Sunday Worship led by Worship Team
		12noon	Pure Kuki Airani
Thursday	18th	10.00am	Study Group in the lounge
		7.30pm	Meditation in the Blue room
Saturday	20th	8.00am	Men's Breakfast Summerset in the Orchard
Sunday	21st	10.00am	Sunday Worship led by Rev Jill McDonald
		12noon	Pure Kuki Airani
Tuesday	23rd	4.00pm	Board of Managers in the Blue Room
Thursday	25th	10.00am	Study Group in the Lounge
		7.30pm	Meditation in the Blue Room
Sunday	28th	10.00am	Sunday Worship led by Rev Jill McDonald
		12noon	Pure Kuki Airani