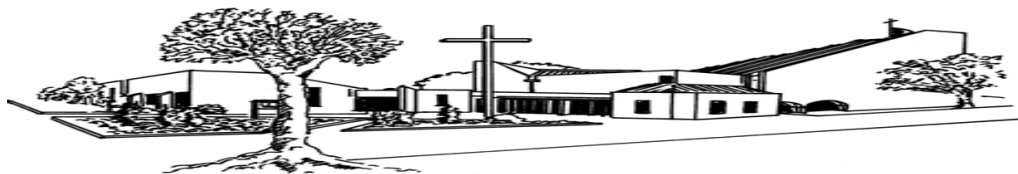


SAINT ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 2018 to August 2018



Kia orana tatou,

I do hope that you are keeping warm in these cooler days. I realize how quickly I have acclimatized to Hawkes Bay weather when I see the temperatures down south!

On Sunday I preached on the text from Mark 4 on Jesus calming the storm and how God's love for us is stronger than our fear. I pray that at this moment in time whether you find yourself in the midst of a storm, or whether you are gliding through calm seas that you are experiencing Christ's love as an anchor holding you firm.

It has been a very mixed time since our last newsletter came out. As a church we were saddened to accept the resignation of Lisa Palleson who was a very loved office manager who often went beyond the call of duty. We wish her the very best in the next stage of her journey.

We have Wendy Mangan an office temp working for us at present while we look at the role of Office Manager and all that it entails. Wendy, originally from Christchurch and has moved down from Auckland to settle into life in the Hawkes Bay.

Children's/Family Worker

We were delighted to receive \$10,000 from the Presbyterian Foundation to employ a Children's/Youth Worker. This along with the funds that come in from our Special June Golden Offering mean that we will be able to employ someone for 10 hours a week to help grow our children and youth. We still have a few employment and health and safety processes to get in place before we make this appointment.

Landscaped Garden

In early June twenty of us went along to the Hastings District Council to speak to our submission on developing a landscaped garden in front of our church telling the story of our Cook Islands people: check out David Wahl's report on this. After deliberating, the council has given us \$15,000 for this project, to be used in the next financial year. They have also said they would like to write letters of support and recommendation as we apply to other funding bodies. We have also been promised some money in a bequest specifically for this garden space. Once we have secured the funding we need we will have a congregational meeting.

Congratulations

A huge congratulation to Caren Rangi and her recent Queens Honours award. She is now an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit. Caren does so much great work in governance and in the leadership of Pasifika community. Well done, we are so proud of you and all that you do. Meitaki Ma'ata.

Baptism

On June 3rd we baptized two babies at our combined communion service: Julius Kara-Gifford and Nico Ezekiela, then grandchildren of Nga and Lisa Gifford who now live in Morrinsville but continue to see St Andrews as their home church.

It is good to notice God's Spirit moving among us leading us in mission as we endeavor to engage with our youth and our local community.

Blessings

Jill

Coming Up

- Saturday July 14th We are looking forward to hosting Deborah Bower from Queenstown and our own Caren Rangi at our PWANZ (Presbyterian Women of Aotearoa New Zealand) event here. If you are a woman, please come and join us. I can guarantee you will be inspired and encouraged. The next day, Sunday 15th Deborah will be preaching at both services and she is well worth listening too. She has a remarkable way of sharing God's word. Please tell all the women you know!
- July 22nd Teorepi Ioane and I will be attending Connect, the PCANZ National Youth Leaders annual conference in Waikanae.
- Jill will be in leave from Tuesday July 31st until Friday August 3rd. A few of us will be attending a special Mission Development event in Auckland on the first weekend of August.
- August 4th Presbytery Gathering in Palmerston North. They have some excellent speakers and workshops, that anyone can go to. Please let Jill know if you are interested.
- 11th August. There will be a working bee at church to prune trees and clear out clutter from our buildings. 9am-12. Please bring pruning gear if you want to work in the garden and a ruthless discerning pair of eyes if you would like to help cull things.
- 12th August Lindisfarne will be joining our 10.00am service of worship.
- 2nd September. There will be a special Father's Day combined communion service at 11am, led by both Papa'a (Pakeha) and Cook Island fathers. A feast at the hall will follow! Please bring a plate.

Notes from the Parish Council Clerk

Greetings everyone. Many of you will be aware that Christine and I have been overseas for a few weeks and have just returned. We had a wonderful time experiencing new cultures in Spain, Portugal, Morocco, and Norway as well as catching up with our son Robert, his fiancée Pernille and her family in Oslo. Even though its winter it's great to be back in familiar territory and with the St Andrews family. We are even enjoying cooking our own meals again!

I would firstly like to acknowledge our office manager for the last 5 years, Lisa Pallesen. Lisa made a major contribution to St Andrew's life. She was efficient, cheerful, and often worked long past her official hours. One of the office manager's tasks was handling hall bookings and under Lisa these increased many fold over this period. Lisa, you will be missed.

In the last few weeks significant progress has been made with both the seating plans and the employment of a children/youth family worker. A submission to the Hastings District Council has now been made with respect to the seating plans. PressGo, the National Presbyterian Church funding organization, has approved a grant of \$10000 towards the latter. This is wonderful news and will make a big difference as our work with children and families develops. With both projects St Andrews will need to do some additional fundraising to ensure their success.

Many of you will have noted Caren Rangi's achievement on being named in the Queen's Birthday Honours as an Officer of the NZ Order of Merit for services to the Pacific community and to governance. I'm sure you will join with me in congratulating Caren.

Arohanui,
Jim



Port Gate into Essaouira which has symbols of

Christianity, Islam and Judaism welcoming all faiths to their city. A good symbol for our church.

The Spirit in the Church

Pentecost 20 May 2018



At Pentecost, the Spirit of God comes in a manner that is both reassuring and completely alien; unless we understand this, we will be doomed to look in the 'wrong way' for the Spirit moving amongst us today.

For centuries Christians have read the accounts in Acts of the Spirit's coming in Jerusalem, plus other towns in Israel and the Roman Empire, in a manner which has inured us to how strange these episodes are in the Church's life...but they are. The spontaneous breaking into praise in languages unknown to the speaker but known to those listening; two jail breaks achieved with no human intervention, including the spontaneous release from chains and the mysterious unlocking of prison doors; prophetic utterances which reveal information that could not have been known by the speakers. There are healings and various other miracles which all trace activity of the Spirit which is, frankly, alien. And yet, the fruit is an acceleration of the growth of the Church and of faith throughout the Roman Empire.

We are justified in looking for the Spirit to move again today and we should all be expectant that the Spirit is still moving through the Church to convince and convict those who do not know Christ's love and grace. The Spirit is in no way finished with the Church or, frankly, with the world which God loves. But the Spirit has not changed and so the Spirit's activity will not look like it once did. In other words, we can expect it to remain, in part at least, strange.

I too have made the mistake of looking, on many occasions, for the Spirit to move in a familiar way. I was involved in the great move of the Spirit in this country in the '70s and '80s and it was amazing and gave great heart to the Church. It introduced many young people to both the grace and the sovereignty of God and it convinced us of the desire of God for intimacy because we experienced in many various ways the closeness of God. But that was then and since then I have found many who are disappointed that God is not moving in the same way as God did then. And yet this is precisely what we should *not* expect.

In any revelation of God, and this is precisely what occurred during the revivals of the '70s and '80s, both the likeness *and* the unlikeness of God will be exposed and we must be prepared for that. God is like us in some respects but, as the theologians are fond of saying, God is also "completely other". We must take this into account when anticipating God working through the Spirit.

Now although we thought we could recognise the likeness of God in the '70s because it seemed like the Acts experience, in reality there were many things that happened then which were unlike anything in Acts. The rise of new and more modern music and the phenomenon of 'Spirit-filled worship' through this took things to a new level. The rise of people falling down under the power of the Spirit – something which had occurred in previous waves of revival - is not recorded in the New Testament. And there were many stranger things than this – things that many others in the Church could not accept were real - and I witnessed some of them.

The question is, where is the Spirit of God today? What is the Spirit doing today? I do not believe that the Spirit has gone into hiding. I simply think the Spirit is working strangely in a manner we do not recognise to bring about the same things – a glorifying of Christ in the world...and I do mean *the world*.

Perhaps the greatest misunderstanding about the Spirit's role is that we imagine that it is confined to the Church. It is not. Yes, the gifts are given to the Church so that the Church might operate to reflect Christ but the key goal of the Spirit's activity is to convict and convince the world of God's love and this is where we probably need to start looking for the next move of the Spirit. I say this because I believe that wherever the Church sets out to address the world's needs with any kind of real intentionality, the Spirit will attend that activity. The Spirit is the Spirit of God's mission first and foremost.

So, may you know the moving of the Spirit in your Pentecost celebrations but more so, may you be led by the Spirit to bring the healing love of Christ to the world, for through this are we more likely to witness the strange but powerful moving of God amongst us again.

Yours in Christ

Richard Dawson

INTRODUCING CHRISTINE GOULD

Born in Wanganui I was until early last year the youngest of four siblings. During last year however, my eldest sister and my brother died, leaving only my sister Marilyn and me. I still have not quite got used to the idea.

My father was in the police force, so we moved rather a lot. I began school in Masterton, attended a second primary school (Meadowbank, whose most famous old boy is the late Bruce McLaren) and intermediate in Auckland. Next came Wanganui Girl's College and New Plymouth Girl's High School. Four years back in Auckland led to a BA, major subject History and a Secondary Teacher's Diploma.

After teaching for five years at my old school (New Plymouth Girl's High School) I married. As my husband Colin (no longer my husband but a valued friend) was in the RNZAF at Ohakea, I spent two years at Palmerston North Girl's High School before we bought a house in Marton (much cheaper than Palmerston North) where I began a thirty year stay at Nga Tawa School, finishing as Assistant Principal.

NgaTawa being a Church of England boarding school with a strongly Christian Principal I soon became familiar with Anglican Services. It was during those years that my spiritual life developed. I had attended Sunday School and Bible Class but then drifted away. My confirmation at the age of thirty-five, was thanks to the Principal mentioned above and a wonderful Presbyterian neighbour who got me back into regular church going at St Andrews, Marton. I joined the Board of Managers and in June 1986 became as Elder. I am on the Parish Council here at St Andrews.

For relaxation I read, watch TV or listen to classical music. The last explains my choice of someone I particularly admire Michael Houston, probably New Zealand's greatest living pianist, but a very humble and kind man, happy to help others.

My "hobby" since coming to Hastings in 2005, has been teaching two Art History classes and helping lead an Italian class for U3A, the full name University of the Third Age. It began in France in 1972 as a club for retired people who wish to keep their minds and/or bodies active. These classes certainly keep me busy.



Financial Report Covering December 2018 to May 2018								
	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18		May-18	% +/-
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income								
Offering Plates	4189	5085	5840	5625	7933	6875	8515	23.85%
Envelopes	25546	29280	32458	38611	45532	50416	46297	-8.18%
Total Offerings	29735	34365	38298	44236	53465	57291	54812	-4.33%
Other Income	37439	39970	43901	48496	52385	65312	56899	-12.88%
June offering						6000	378	
Interest	608	610	611	612	613	614		
Total Income	67782	74945	82810	93344	106463	123217	112089	8.07%
Total Expenses	113122	126590	140212	152684	165467	173083	183014	5.73%
Income Shortfall	-45340	-51645	-57402	-59340	-59004	-49866	-70925	39.30%

CONGRATULATIONS

St Andrews Parish congratulates Caren Rangi on her being awarded the honour of Officer of the Order of Merit in the Queen's Birthday honours. She has been honoured for her services to the Pacific Island Communities and Governance.



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)**

SOME PEOPLE ARE VERY SPECIAL

Some people have a wonderful way

Of putting others at ease

They say and do the little things

That will comfort and will please

They have a special kind of warmth

They are quick to understand

And whenever there is trouble

They lend a helping hand

This world of ours is a better place

And happier by far

Because there are some special people

As wonderful as you are

We are at the Well

Women's Gathering supported by CWM with a "building capacity" grant

14 July 2018 at St Andrews Presbyterian Church, 300 Market St, Hastings

We are A new generation of Presbyterian Women. Come meet with us at the well for a day of nourishment, engagement, inspiration and connection.

We will engage with Dr Deborah Bower whose topic is "Igniting and encouraging the Life within. In John's gospel Jesus

encounters a woman at a well (John 4.4-42). She has a past, and her present is less than perfect. In this unusual encounter Jesus connects with the woman's heart, and she is never the same again. Where is Jesus in our story? Do we have a well experience? Let's go on a journey of discovery and explore the terrain that is our heart.

We will interview Caren Rangi who grew up as part of the St Andrews Presbyterian faith community. Caren is a proud Cook Islands Maori, whose families hail from the islands of Rakahanga, Manihiki, Rarotonga and Aitutaki. Caren is a woman of influence who is passionate about adding value to Pacific communities, her local Hawke's Bay community and the wider NZ community through her skills in governance, training and community development.

Deborah Bower - Doctorate in Theology from Otago University, Church Leadership Support Advisor at Southern Presbytery & Presbyterian Synod of Otago and Southland. She has worked across all streams of Christian expression, and with various groups. Her area of expertise is in encouraging and equipping people to regain, or develop, spiritual and emotional insight. She is Convenor of the Leadership Sub Committee of PCANZ, and she sits on several national committees for the PCANZ. Deborah is the founder and Director of Soul Scape, which has PCANZ Presbytery recognition.

Caren Rangi - Chartered Accountant Fellow (FCA), Trustee for the Te Matau a Maui Voyaging Trust and Eastern and Central Community Trust, Director Cook Islands Investment Corporation, Board Member Charities Registration Board and Council Member Creative New Zealand
Saturday

9.30 am Morning Tea 10.00 am Worship 10.20 am Welcome 10.30 am Dr Deborah Bower 12 noon Lunch 1 pm

Dialogue with Caren Rangi 2 pm Dr Deborah Bower 3.30 pm Prayer and Song



To assist us with planning and catering please register in advance. Registration \$10 Koha
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Baptisms

Julius Gifford –Kara
Nico Ezekiel



Deaths

Margaret Hughes 25th April 2018
Ceclia Crombie 3rd June 2018

ST ANDREW'S TEXTING

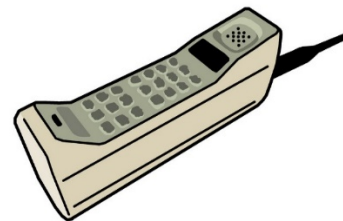
CARE CIRCLE

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 mornings 9.30am – 2.00pm

JULY @ ST ANDREWS

Tuesday	2nd	7.00pm	Parish Council in the Blue Room
Thursday	5 th	10.00am	Study Group in the Lounge
		7.30pm	Meditation in the Blue Room
Sunday	8th	10.00am	Sunday Worship led by Rev Jill McDonald
		12.00am	Pure Kuki Airani
Thursday	12th	10.00am	Study Group in the Lounge
		7.30pm	Meditation in the Blue Room
Saturday	14 th	9.30am	Women at the Well St Andrew's Church
Sunday	15th	10.00am	Sunday Worship led by Preacher Deborah Bower
		12noon	Pure Kuki Airani led by Preacher Deborah Bower
Tuesday	17th	4.00pm	Board of Managers in the Blue Room
Thursday	19th	10.00am	Study Group in the Lounge
		7.30pm	Meditation in the Blue Room
Saturday	21st	8.00am	Men's Breakfast @ Summerset in the Orchard
Sunday	22nd	10.00am	Sunday Worship Led by Worship Team
		12noon	Pure Kuki Airani
Thursday	26th	10.00am	Study Group in the Lounge
		7.30pm	Meditation in the Blue Room
Sunday 29 th		10.00am	Sunday Worship led by Rev Jill McDonald
		12noon	Pure Kuki Airani

AUGUST @ ST ANDREWS

Thursday	2nd	10.00am	Study Group in the Lounge
		7.30pm	Meditation in the Blue Room
Sunday	5th	11.00am	Combined Service HOLY COMMUNION
			Led by Worship Team
Tuesday	7th	7.00pm	Parish Council in the Blue Room
Thursday	9th	10.00am	Study Group in the lounge
		7.30pm	Meditation in the Blue Room
Sunday	12th	10.00am	Sunday Worship led by Rev Jill McDonald
		12noon	Pure Kuki Airani
Thursday	16th	10.00am	Study Group in the lounge
		7.30pm	Meditation in the Blue room
Saturday	18th	8.00am	Men's Breakfast Summerset in the Orchard
Sunday	19 th	10.00am	Sunday Worship led by Rev Jill McDonald
		12noon	Pure Kuki Airani
Tuesday	21st	4.00pm	Board of Managers in the Blue Room
Thursday	23rd	10.00am	Study Group in the Lounge
		7.30pm	Meditation in the Blue Room
Sunday	26th	10.00am	Sunday Worship led by Rev Jill McDonald
		12noon	Pure Kuki Airani
Thursday	30 th	10.00am	Study Group in the Lounge
		7.30pm	Meditation in the Blue Room