

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church Henderson

A.G.M. 2016 Reports



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Foreword: St. Andrew's, Henderson Annual General Meeting 2016

"Jesus' death was not a mistake but what was to be expected of a violent world which does not believe that this is God's world. In effect Jesus is nothing less than the embodiment of God's Sabbath as a reality for all people. Jesus proclaims peace as a real alternative, because he has made it possible to rest – to have the confidence that our lives are in God's hands. No longer is the Sabbath one day, but the form of a life of a people on the move. God's kingdom, God's peace, is a movement of those who have found the confidence through the life of Jesus to make their lives a constant worship of God. We can rest in God because we are no longer driven by the assumption that we must be in control of history, that it is up to us to make things come out right."

- Stanley Hauerwas, *the Peaceable Kingdom*

Greetings to you all in the Mighty Name of Jesus Christ.

Families and friends of St. Andrew's parish, we've made it through another year of regular worship gatherings, special events, retreats, meetings and celebrations. All this made possible by the grace of our loving God. Well done!

The past year has had its fair share of "hellos" and "farewells." Earlier this year we bade farewell to two long-serving families of our faith community. Peter and Shirley McLeavey and Alan and Diane Bussey made the move to Tauranga and are settling in well. Both families have contributed significantly to the life of St. Andrew's parish. Diane invested many years in the teaching of our Faithbuilders and Alan, an Elder, also led the maintenance of our church buildings. We are truly grateful for their participation and willingness to serve in various capacities. The seeds which they have sown throughout the years in the lives of our children and in the parish continue to be nurtured. True to their giving nature, both families presented the parish with a generous monetary gift. They continue to be loved and missed.

St. Andrew's also welcomed a few new faces to our faith community. It has been a pleasure seeing and meeting new people who share a desire to know God. Our prayer is that you may experience the presence of the Spirit in this space and through the people of this community.

This past year we have bid farewell to (and welcomed back) our Ministry Intern So'osemea, his wife Alice and the children, as they spent 6 months with Ranui PIPC. We are glad that we have the privilege of spending the next four months with them before So'o graduates from KCML in November of this year, with a Diploma in Ministry. So'o has been of great assistance to the preparing and leading of worship services. We continue to pray for the remainder of So'o's ministry formation. We also acknowledge the great support Alice and their children have been throughout this journey. God is still with you.

Sunday worship services have been a privilege to lead. It has been a real gift to be able to call upon So'o Fa'atui, Rev. Graeme Ferguson and Rev. Bruce Deverell to lead services often in my absence. On occasion, the parish Elders has coordinated the worship service. This year a reflection was shared by Linda Johns.

In 2016, sermons have focused on Christian character and how we can live, communicate, serve and worship better together in spirit and in truth. Following the readings provided by the Lectionary we have heard about the relationship between God and Israel. We have heard of a God who despite the disobedience and wicked ways of His children, Israel, God's love for His people is "too strong." We needn't dwell then on our wrongs and pasts. We worship a Sovereign God who loves His people unconditionally.

"God is not only a calling God; but a sending God."

The question for us then is, "how do we respond to such forgiving love?" Well, perhaps we can learn from the opening quote from Stanley Hauerwas:

"No longer is the Sabbath one day, but the form of a people on the move."

We are not only called by a God who forgives and endorses a people of peace but we are also sent to share that peace with the world. God is not only a calling God; but a sending God. Our Christianity then is not only for display within our community who gather on a Sunday morning or evening rather a Christianity that extends beyond the confines of our church walls. However we need confidence first before we venture out to touch others. So, we learn to first eat alongside those with whom we regularly gather – our church family. We build up our confidence with every hearing of God's Word and with every interaction with your brother or sister sitting next to, beside, in front of, and behind you.

Once we can ground our confidence in Jesus and the Good News for all that comes through him, then we become more confident as Christians on every other day of the week. We become in Hauerwas' words "a people on the move." We become a people moving in faith, moving in growth, moving in service and growing in forgiveness, compassion and love. Jesus was always moving.

"Thinking of stepping into the unknown will often tickle the pessimistic bone in us. But we are a faith community. Faith involves risk."

It has been very humbling witnessing the growth in faith and confidence this past year from our young Faithbuilders, StAND Youth and Seniors. The journey of faith and hope continues.

At the recent Elders Retreat those who were present imagined for a moment. As a result of these imaginings we were challenged to envision St. Andrew's parish as a community "on the move." Naturally, there was some sense of reluctance as we entertained the thought of building projects and necessary reviews of our assets. Thinking of stepping into the unknown will often tickle the pessimistic bone in us. But we are a faith community. Faith involves risk. And yes, risk will either bring about success or failure. Nevertheless, a community of faith will always succeed in all they do given they prayerfully discern that this is the will and direction of the Holy Spirit. If we try and it doesn't work – well, was there ever a time we learned anything from succeeding every time?

The Elders continue to listen for the still small voice of God and guidance from the Holy Spirit's murmurs. Of course, this is not just an Elders responsibility to seek the voice of God. As a result of the Retreat it was agreed that we would hold parish meetings to talk about how we as a collective can imagine being a church on the move. I would like to encourage you to imagine together with us – whether young or old, female or male, European, Samoan or Cook Island, a long-standing member or a recently sitting visitor. Let us imagine together.

Suliana and I wish to thank everyone for your continuing love for us. You show this in many forms. You continue to support us in things inside and outside of ministry. You have no idea how much your genuine concern for us carries us to love what we do in this community of St. Andrew's, Henderson.

I could not do much of what I do without a team of dedicated people with whom I work closely with. Thank you to the ministry team of Ailsa Freeman, Linda Johns and Grant Connell. It would take me a thousand years to learn what you do.

St. Andrew's has many parts and we are blessed to have volunteers who are already part of the church on the move. Thanks to the Parish Council for your relentless wrestling with matters of governance. Thanks to all Convenors of committees, members of committees and all who have lent a helping hand this year. Thanks, is also due to all the names on Cleaning, Flowers, Morning Tea, and Prayers for Others, Bible Reading and Faithbuilders Prayer rosters. To our Communion patrons and Organists/Pianists. Thank you. For reading to us, playing for us, praying for us, giving us a clean space to worship, giving us a beautiful vase of flowers to admire and for feeding us – we are truly grateful! May God bless you.

To our youth and childrens' ministries and its leaders and teachers we are very proud of you. It is a gift to watch you all grow in leadership in this place.

Thank you all for another year of giving yourselves to St. Andrew's for the work of Christ. We look forward to another exciting year of God working through us, in us, beside us!

And in all things good we give all glory, all honour and all praise to God Almighty – Creator of heaven and earth.

"For the Christian life is more a recognition and training of our senses and passions than a matter of choices and decisions. By displaying some of the sense and passion of that life, we may all be better able to see how to live it."

- Stanley Hauerwas, *The Peaceable Kingdom*



With love and blessings from the Mauga family

AGM 2016 - CELEBRATIONS

MUSIC BEYOND THE WALLS

In July of this year, Alby and Helen Tu'uga Stevenson were approached by the Northern Presbytery Youth Work Group to teach and lead a Combined Northern Presbytery Youth Choir. Alby and Helen have been a blessing to our parish in the teaching of praise and worship songs and the leading of our own StAND Youth Chorus. With the help of the very talented Fernando and Lavinia Keresoma, Ite Lemalu, Fa'atui Fa'atui and Shaquille Smith, the pair accepted the challenge. The forming of the Combined Presbytery Choir was in preparation for a Combined Youth Worship Service involving the Anglican, Baptist and Wesleyan youth groups. The choir presented a medley of songs as a contribution to an Interdenominational Youth service held at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Parnell,



on the evening of Sunday 18th September. The forming of the choir provided an opportunity for the Northern Presbytery youth groups to fellowship together in a common love of music and singing. The evening was huge with over 1000 people in attendance packing out nearly every seat in the Cathedral.

It was a great performance by the youth choir with very encouraging feedback being received to date. Well done to all youth groups involved: St Austell's (New Lynn), Te Atatu Union Parish, Somervell Presbyterian Church (Remuera) and StAND Youth (Henderson).

A word of thanks to Grant and Catherine Connell, Anne Verry, Violet Tu'uga Stevenson, Aufa'i and Nele Mase, So'osemea and Alice Fa'atui and your families for being there in person to show support and represent the Presbyterian Church on this occasion.



We are very proud of you Alby and Helen, the music team and all who were part of this occasion. We praise the LORD for the gifts of music you have to offer back to Him for His honour and glory.

"It is Finished"

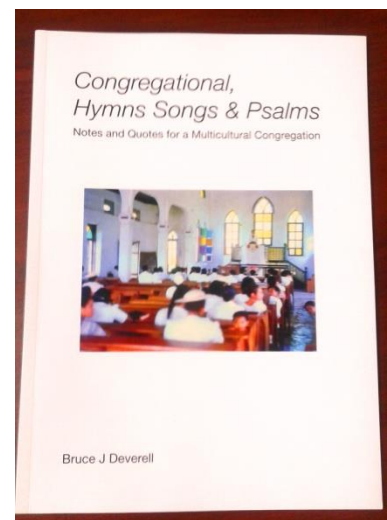


Early this year, Rev. Bruce Deverell shared the great news that his book, "Congregational, Hymns Songs and Psalms: *Notes and Quotes for a Multicultural Congregation*" was ready to be distributed. The book is a project Bruce has been working on over several years consulting with various people and engaging reflectively on the diverse offerings of Brian Wren, Eric Routley, other individuals and communities.

The book was gifted to members of the parish and the Parish Council also purchased 10 copies to be made available for loan. It is an invaluable resource and insight into the journey of congregational hymns, songs and psalms – a treasure that will enrich the multicultural, multi-ethnic parish.

I do encourage you to purchase a copy for yourself or take one home to read.

Gwen has been an irreplaceable companion on this pilgrimage with Bruce. Well done. Fa'amalo atu. We celebrate with you both and your family. Congratulations Bruce!



**MINUTES OF THE ST ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HENDERSON
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 11 OCTOBER 2015 AT 10.55AM**

PRESENT: The Moderator Rev Gary Mauga and 51 members.

PRESENTATION: Mua'au Tueipi Clarke was presented with a gift basket as special thanks for her many years work in the preparation of Communion, as well as flowers and decorations for special services.

APOLOGIES: Received and sustained from Atika Tuivaiti, Viola Taule'ale'ausumai, Helen Fonua, Alan and Diane Bussey, Shirley McLeavey, Sa'e and Nanai Nanai, Sonny and Gaylene Su'a.

MINUTES OF THE 2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Moved Ailsa Freeman, seconded Lavea Clarke, that the Minutes as circulated be confirmed. **Agreed.**

Matters arising; Thanks to the Clarke family and the Samoan language service for the provision of the new set of communion glasses.

PARISH COUNCIL: Moved Ailsa Freeman, seconded Linda Johns, that this report be accepted. **Agreed.** Ailsa thanked the members of the Council for their work.

MINISTRY INTERN: So'osemea Fa'atui spoke of his journey so far and the blessings that being at St Andrew's has been to him and his family. Violet Tu'uga Stevenson spoke on behalf of the Ministry Reflection Group and thanked So'o for his contributions to St Andrew's.

PROPERTY AND FINANCE: Moved Jan Saifoloi, seconded Afoa Tu'uga Stevenson, that this report be accepted. **Agreed.** Special thanks given to those who have helped out at recent working bees, especially the StAND youth. A plea was made for extra assistance on the Committee to help share the work.

OPPORTUNITY SHOP: Moved Catherine Connell, seconded Anne Verry, that this report be accepted. **Agreed.** A request was made for more support from the congregation in staffing and custom.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Moved Ailsa Freeman, seconded Helen Tu'uga Stevenson, that this report be accepted. **Agreed.** This report gives an overview of the work of our various groups,

KIDS FRIENDLY: Moved Caty Ferguson, seconded Jenny Collins, that this report be accepted. **Agreed.** Thanks to all the team for their hard work and effort over the year.

FAITHBUILDERS: Moved Caty Ferguson, seconded Jenny Collins, that this report be accepted. **Agreed.** Thanks given to all the families for their support and involvement.

MAINLY MUSIC: Moved Catherine Connell, seconded Ailsa Freeman, that this report be accepted, **Agreed.** Mention made that we would like a church member to be the main leader.

StAND YOUTH: Moved Helen Tu'uga Stevenson, seconded Rob Seu, that this report be accepted. **Agreed.** Another great year – thanks to the congregation for their support, and also to the parents and Gary and Suliana. Gary thanked the committed Youth leaders for their efforts – keep it up!

MUSIC TEAM: Moved Catherine Connell, seconded Jan Saifoloi, that this report be accepted. **Agreed.** A request made for more support with end of year carol singing. Special thanks given to the team of musicians.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Moved Grant Connell, seconded Linda Johns, that this report be accepted. **Agreed.**

OTHER COMMITTEES / GROUPS:

Kids Friendly Dream Team: An ongoing project – thanks to the Team members for all their work and efforts.

Ministry Reflection Group: Work done assisting our Intern that Gary cannot do.

Monthly Lunch Club: In need of more members, but still meeting once a month on a Tuesday – name of group still under review.

Samoan Language Service: Thanks to members for their support – Gary enjoys the chance to preach in Samoan.

WE REMEMBER: A candle was lit, a song sung and a prayer said for those who had passed away during the last year.

THANKS: Gary thanked everyone for their contribution to the life of the church. He stated that we need more people to stand up and take part in which ever way they can and help carry one another's burdens.

Thanks to Linda Johns for her continuing work as secretary.

Thanks to Afoa Stevenson for his “loan” of band equipment.

Thanks to Alan and Diane Bussey for their contribution towards the installation of the Portacom building.

Thanks to Linda and Tony Johns for their donation of the new laptop.

Thanks to all those who contribute to the cleaning, flower, morning tea, bible reading, music and other rosters.

Thanks to the StAND Youth for all their efforts not only here at St Andrew's, but also in the wider church youth work.

GENERAL: 1. Linda reminded everyone that the Annual reports for the year ending 30 June 2015 are now available on our website.

2. Both Gary and Suliana took this opportunity to thank the congregation for the support given to them over the past year. Mention made of the faith within the congregation and encouraged everyone to continue this into the coming year.

The meeting closed with the benediction at 12pm.

CONFIRMED.....

DATE.....

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT YEAR ENDING JUNE 2016.

The attendance at our meetings over the year has been averaged out at eight per meeting. We are grateful for the encouragement we get from the congregation.

We thank our minister Rev Gary and his wife Suliana for the great work they do within our congregation. Just recently they have been blessed with a beautiful baby girl.

Our special services this year have been an inspiration, especially our Easter Services. The Passover Meal – Good Friday Service – and Sunday Services. Our St Andrews Day Service is another special day for our congregation.

Our Ministry Intern, So’osema Faatui has had six months away from our congregation but has returned for the last part of his internship. We have enjoyed the time he has been with us and especially the services he has conducted. We will be sorry to see him, his wife, and family leave us but wish them our blessings in their future church and congregation.

We are so grateful for our “fill in” ministers, Rev Bruce Deverell – Rev Graeme Ferguson – Rev Fei Taulealeausumai Davis – So’osema Faatui, as well as members of the Parish Council and Youth who have conducted services over the year.

Our church would not run as smoothly as it does if it wasn’t for the members who put their hands up to do the essential jobs.

We are so grateful for all those members that take on the extra jobs.

Linda Johns – secretary as well as renting out the property.

Grant Connell – treasurer and minute secretary for the Parish Council.

Isabel Clarke – preparing the offering envelopes.

The Tu’uga Stevenson Family – for preparation of communion.

Anne Verry – for the housekeeping duties keeping towels, tea towels and cleaning materials replenished.

All the staff that work in the Op Shop.

Youth and Faith Builders leaders.

Christian Education and Property and Finance committee members.

Our members who are on the flowers, cleaning, tea and coffee rosters.

All involved with Mainly Music every Wednesday.

God Bless you all.

Ailsa Freeman, Session Clerk.

ST ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – PROPERTY & FINANCE REPORT

AGM OCTOBER 2016

Praise God we have come through my second year at the helm. It has been a challenging year for our committee as we struggle to meet the aims and wish list we set for 2016 and going forward.

We are always crying out for volunteers and thank those who give their time and support when we have requested a helping hand.

The Property Finance team has been progressing throughout the year, working on the priority maintenance that has been occurring during the past months, with continued storms and winds making life difficult, not only here at St Andrews, but also in our own homes.

We work through the concerns as they arise, and continue to pray for the finances to be available for us to work through our list re. upgrades and maintenance of the church, hall and manse.

Since the last AGM we have completed the following:

Church Maintenance

A big thank you to Fou Purcell and her family for donating the use of the council bins in our last Working bee held last December. We cleared the grounds, washed the church building, dug and pulled out weeds and filled approx. 8 full wheelie bins. An expense of taking these to the tip, was no expense, which was gratefully appreciated.

Two storage cupboards were purchased and put together for the Stand Youth, who were in need of these and to give Gary and Suiliana their space in their garage back. The Youth also had products stored in the kitchen cupboards.

With the Bussey family moving to Tauranga, they kindly donated a Sound Mixer for the church as a parting gift. This was appreciated by all, especially the elders as it is a better unit to set up and use for our church services.

The men's toilet was blocked and had a leaky cistern. The plumbers were called out to inspect and repair. To date no invoice has been received.

A few months back we had a heavy storm which flooded the foyer and there was minimal damage to the ceiling. This did not warrant an accessor re. Insurance to make a claim.

As the heavy weather was causing overflowing from the downpipe, a new junction box has been built and replaced. This work was done voluntarily by a friend of Gary's who donated his time and materials, inspected the roof and advised of what we need to look at getting repaired, or to replace in the future.

Manse

The clothesline needed new wiring (lines). These were purchased and replaced, thanks to Gary for completing the repairs needed.

Repairs completed to the stove and light fittings as advised by Gary.

Phoenix House

A new Boiler unit was replaced in the kitchen, as the old one had rusted and was leaking badly.

Work still in progress are:

Looking to hold our next Working Bee before the end of the year to maintain any blockages of gutters and downpipes. To look at cutting down the tree behind the church, to alleviate the problem of falling leaves and debris.

There were chairs in the church identified that needed to be either repaired or replaced. Thank you to Ailsa who got in touch with the Chair Doctor and 15 or so chairs will be repaired.

We have other chairs needing stitching repairs, with the backs torn in places. Ailsa has offered to repair these by hand. We are thankful for the talented and beautiful cherubs at St Andrews.

Finally, we are having on-going discussions to look at fundraising events. We dearly would like to replace the carpets throughout the church building and offices.

I would like to thank Grant, Fou and, just recently our new volunteer, Violet, for their time and support for this committee. We would love to hear from anyone who would like to come join our little, but humble committee.

Blessings, Jan

Convenor Property & Finance

SHOP REPORT

The Church Shop is situated at 9 Trading Place, Henderson, and has been operating since September 1984. The Shop complex was sold in July 2014, but we have been told we could have four more years there. At some stage we will need an alternative venue.

We sell a wide range of good quality second-hand items including clothing, jewellery, bric a brac, household goods, books and furniture. There are always treasures to be found. We depend on the generosity of Church members and the public for donations of goods.

The shop is open from 10.00am to 2.00pm on Mondays, 10.00am to 4.00pm on Tuesdays to Fridays, and 10.00am to 12.00pm on Saturdays. These hours are working well.

Our voluntary helpers include members of St Andrew's and Henderson PIPC, as well as eight supportive friends – almost half the staff are not Church members. Extra helpers are always welcome, even for just an hour at a time. No experience is necessary.

Jean Pascoe is no longer able to work in the shop, but she still keeps in contact by doing the washing. We are very grateful for her help. We thank her for her many years of service.

Our congregation needs to show much more interest in the shop. If you are unable to help, come and visit us. Please let your families and friends know where we are, and encourage them to come and have a look at what we sell.

This year's takings are \$3339 less than last year's, which is very disappointing. The revenue gained from the shop is absolutely essential for running the Church.

Ailsa and Catherine continue to share the role of Shop Convenor, and the job is made easy by the cooperation of the staff.

The shop is a very important outreach in our community. Some customers come in regularly just to have a chat. We offer a listening ear, support and encouragement.

We are extremely grateful to all the staff members for their time and dedication. Everyone's contribution, no matter how small, is very much appreciated.

Ailsa and Catherine

MINISTRY REFLECTION GROUP

The Ministry Reflection Group (MRG) is a representative group of St Andrew's Presbyterian Henderson who are committed to the ministry and mission of the church. The MRG role is to support our Intern, So'osemea Fa'atui to grow personally, intellectually, professionally and spiritually.

Over 2015 the MRG's has engaged in meaningful conversations with So'osemea. Some aspects of this support has included:

- sharing perceptions and knowledge of the congregation and the local community
- providing support and encouragement
- reflecting on So'osemea's ministry practice and the learning opportunities he has experienced

Ministry Reflection Group 2016

Since MRG was established membership has changed. On behalf of the Ministry Reflection Group 2016 we would like to thank our past members Diane Bussey and Mua'au Tueipi Clarke for their support and contribution to the internship of So'osemea Fa'atui.

Current members of MRG:

- Taulea'lea'usumai Violet Tu'uga Stevenson - Convenor
- Ailsa Freeman
- Pulemagafa Pava Saifoloi
- Albert Tu'uga Stevenson
- Anne Verry
- Jenny Collins

We welcome Anne Verry and Jenny Collins to MRG 2016 and value the perspectives they bring to the group.

On August 12 2016 the MRG met with So'osemea. This was a time to reconnect and revisit expectations and goals for both our intern and the group.

We look forward to supporting So'osemea in this final part of his internship. MRG are honoured and privileged to contribute to his So'osemea's internship at St Andrew's Presbyterian and moreover to his future role as a Presbyterian Minister in Aotearoa New Zealand.

May God continue to bless the work of our congregation.

Taule'ale'ausumai Violet Tu'uga Stevenson

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP REPORT YEAR ENDING JUNE 2016.

This is a comprehensive committee and embraces a number of groups.

Most of these groups have reported elsewhere in this document.

Those groups are –

Mainly Music – Youth – Music – Worship – Faithbuilders.

Steel Magnolias.

We are still not a very big group but enjoy our time together. They have included.

Games night – Book Club at Café – Jokes Night – visited Alison Coates – visited Manurewa Gardens – Movie Night – DVD Night.

Life Matters.

This group was previously known as “Seniors Fellowship” changed with the idea of attracting younger people.

We meet on the third Tuesday of the month – enjoy a shared lunch and then discuss a special subject.

We have not been together this year very often but have enjoyed the time we have had.

One special get together was when So’o spoke of his trip to Europe with the Massey High School orchestra.

It is really great meeting together when we are able.

It is nice to have a “catch up” outside of the Sunday Service.

Ailsa Freeman,
Convenor.

Kids Friendly Report

This year has again been a busy and rewarding year for our children. We have 28 children regularly attending Faithbuilders.

Our Kids Friendly team includes Caty, Gary, Jenny, Nellie, Nele and Suliana.

We have three Faithbuilder groups and a crèche group. Please see the separate Faithbuilders report for further details of our activities.

Transformers

This year we sent a group of 9 children, aged 10 – 13 years, on the Transformers camp with Caty, Rosita, Keana and Junior as their mentors. The Parish Council generously supported the group to go, and we are deeply thankful for their support.

The camp was amazing, with some areas of challenge and some reflection. The children learnt the Transformers Code, and participated in worship services. This group will be mentored over the coming year and we'll no doubt see ways that they grow in the life of the church. We are excited to see this group develop over the coming year, and highly recommend the camp to other families for next year.

Dreamteam

The Dreamteam is scheduled to meet and continue the review for being a Kids Friendly church.



Faithbuilders Report

Once again I would like to say what a wonderful group of children we are lucky to have attending St Andrews. We have 28 regular attenders with several others occasionally attending.

Groups

This year we changed our groups around slightly, to create a crèche group for our pre-schoolers. This group is taken by Gaylene, and we are so thankful that she has continued to do this all year, with very little assistance.

Land – the land group are for the children in years 1-2 at school. This group is made up predominantly of boys, and so is high energy and a lot of fun. I have enjoyed taking this group all year with Nellie Taumate.

Sky – this group is made up of children in years 3-6 at school. This group is also full of energy, with some great discussions happening. Jenny and Nele and Sa'e have taken this group over this year.

Sea – this group is for our intermediate children. They have enjoyed some deep discussions and thought provoking Bible studies over this year. Some of this group will be heading to high school next year, and we will miss seeing them in our Faithbuilders each week. This group has been taken by Suliana and Nele, and sometimes they have stayed in church.

Themes

This year we have loosely followed the Scripture Union syllabus again for the older groups. The leaders have the flexibility to change or use their own ideas if this suits them best.

The Land group have followed a programme based around the main stories and people of the Bible. We create this using a children's Bible and just alternating themes between the New Testament and Old.

Theme Days

This year we introduced the idea of theme days that we invited the whole congregation to participate in. The first theme day was 'come dressed as your favourite Bible story' and was held in first term. The second theme was 'Noah's Ark' and was held in term 2. Third term will see a 'Spring Hat' theme, where we invite everyone to decorate a Hat to show support of our young people and their talents.

Dances

This year we decided to try doing a dance in term three rather than trying to fit too much into our St Andrew's Day service. We would like to thank Keana for stepping in at the last minute (actually last second) and helping the older group with this. We have all loved having your input, thanks.

We decided to do 2 dances, one creative dance for the older children and one for the younger children, less formal. We gave the children the choice of which dance they would like to do, and we loved the way the children knew exactly what they wanted to do.

St Andrew's Day

Last year's St Andrew's Day was a new challenge for us. We needed to juggle more children, and more leaders. We had a planning day and threw ideas around with leaders and children involved. This brought up some interesting ideas, both practical and impractical.

The finished product had a theme of 'Love' and was a great celebration of what love means to our children. We included St Andrew and lead into Advent. This year we intend to return to a Christmas theme.

Planning Evening

We invited all families to a planning evening and asked for feedback on questions around what they would like to see, what types of things their children talk about church and Faithbuilders. It was great to see families there.

Leaders

This year our leaders have been Caty, Jenny, Nellie, Nele, Gaylene, Sa'e and Suliana. Sadly, Sa'e has had to work on Sundays, and we miss her input with our children.



2016 AGM YOUTH REPORT

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

StAND Youth presented the re-enactment of Jesus' crucifixion at the Good Friday service. The role of Jesus was played by Aukuso Te'o, Papua Taumate played the role of Mary, and the Roman soldiers were played by Ato Taumate and Shaunavon Lefau.

StAND YOUTH CAMP

We had our first off site camp during the Easter weekend. Held at YMCA Shakespear Lodge in Whangaporoa, the camp was attended by 17 youth members (leaders included). We were also joined by our church parents Aufa'i and Nele Mase, Tulua Te'o and our spiritual parents Rev Gary and Suliana Mauga.

FELLOWSHIP

One of the goals that StAND Youth wanted this year was for the youth to spend more time together. The youth camp we had at Shakespear Lodge was the first of many formal and informal gatherings that the youth have had throughout the last year. The youth have fellowshiped together during the school holidays and the occasional weekend. They have had movie nights at the church as well as a movie outing at the cinemas, quiz evenings and karaoke nights.

StAND Youth have also attended most of the monthly Regional Youth Services held around Auckland.

On July the 18th, StAND Youth visited Tamaki Pacific Islanders Presbyterian Church's 'Bible Class' youth group in Glen Innes; the church where Gary and Suliana spent many years as members of the parish. Gary led the devotion and was also guest speaker for the evening. The Praise and Worship was led by our StAND Music Team. StAND Youth had the privilege of being joined by Alby and Helen Tuuga Stevenson and Fernando and Lavinia Keresoma who helped the youth prepare two songs that were sung on that evening.

StAND YOUTH REGIONAL YOUTH SERVICE PREPERATION

StAND Youth were slotted in at the start of this year to host the Northern Presbytery Youth Ministry's monthly Regional Youth Service for the month of October. We would like to thank the Christian Education Committee and the Parish Council for allowing StAND Youth to go ahead to host the regional youth service here at St. Andrew's on October 16.

The practices for our regional youth service began on July 31. The Regional Leadership team that is helping to shape the service consist of Gary and Suliana, Albe, Papua, Ite, Alby and Helen, and Fernando and Lavinia. Tui Fa'atui and Fernando's nephew, Aki Smith have kindly brought their gifts as part of the band with Fernando and Ite.

COMBINED PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CHOIR

Many of our StAND Youth members took part in the Combined Presbyterian Youth Choir that sung during the communion at the Combined Presbyterian Youth Service on the 18th of September.

The choir was led and taught by Alby, Helen and Lavinia as vocal coaches with Fernando, Tui, Aki and Ite as the band.

DESTINATION HEAVEN

Our lesson theme for 2016 is called "Destination Heaven", what it means to be a kingdom people on a kingdom journey. Some of the sessions in the Destination Heaven series covered Prayer – learning how to pray, why we pray and understanding the Lord's Prayer, Learning how to pray, understanding prayer and understanding the Lord's Prayer, Speaking Life, Hearing the Kingdom's message based on Matthew 11:28, the Parable of the Sower and Forgiveness.

Blessings

Albe Mase, Papua Taumate and Ite Lemalu
StAND Youth Leadership Team

ST ANDREWS MAINLY MUSIC REPORT 2015/2016

We meet each Wednesday at 10am in the Church Hall for our Mainly Music session then progress to the hall for morning tea and a playgroup activity then back to the church for the children to play. We are also a registered playgroup with the Ministry of Education.

We are averaging 25 children a session coming from around 20 families, mostly people just bringing along one child. We have 50 people enrolled. Numbers fluctuate with sickness, wet and fine weather. We get more takers when it's wet outside! We have several different ethnic groups attending.

We are very lucky to have a dedicated and talented team. We said farewell to Janette Donn at the beginning of the year. Janette had been involved for 8 years and the later years Janette led our team. Robyn Townsend and Gabrielle Johnson, two of our Mums, lead the Mainly Music sessions. They do a grand job, it takes a special person to stand up in front of adults and children to dance and sing. Amanda Bridges another Mum welcomes people at the front desk. Isabel Clarke looks after the computer during the session and you often see Isabel with a child on her hip. Jean Pascoe has nearly done 10 years in the kitchen. Catherine Connell is our Girl Friday. She does a bit of everything and Catherine is also our money liaison thru Grant. Gary also attends when he can and often brings his guitar. I help where needed, I'm great at colour matching chairs! We sort of have set jobs but can help each other when warranted.

We have many wonderful Wednesday Music Sessions. It's great to see the children joining in and learning the actions. Many children start off shy and gradually over time get more confident during the Sessions. The children love the songs that we use props and often all want a turn. We've had 2 successful High Teas this year. One was for Mothers Day and another this week. Just a little way to say a Caregivers Role is very important and appreciated. We also have meals on hand for people that may be going through challenging times and not always financially related. We have a Theme Day at the end of each term. These are very popular and often see bigger numbers attending. The end of this term we are holding a Teddy Bears Picnic.

We are actively looking for Volunteers to join our team. Please come along and see us on a Wednesday morning. This is a great outreach programme for St Andrews.

Mainly Music Work Group

Committee: Michelle Robinson, Caty Ferguson, Jenny Collins, Anne Verry, Fou Purcell, Amanda Bridges and Robyn Townsend

We meet Bi monthly on a Thursday evening to discuss Mainly Music. The group was formed through leadership change and to prepare for the future, a bit of succession planning. We have meet 3 times and we all still learn something new each time. We are still working through getting more volunteers to join our team and planning for the future so Mainly Music continues to flourish at St Andrews.

Michelle Robinson

MUSIC REPORT

During the year the music for our services has continued to be mainly organ or piano, led by Lavea, Ite and Catherine. We have missed Lavea's playing while he has been caring for Tueipi. We look forward to his return. We are particularly grateful to have Ite as part of the music team. Since January he has played for more than half of the services. We would welcome any offers of assistance from other musicians who would be willing to be part of the music team.

Many thanks to Linda for preparing the hymns on power point, and also to the people who operate the power point each Sunday.

During the year we have had three Singing Sundays, and as always, they have been enjoyed by all.

Unfortunately we were unable to go carol singing in December. We hope to continue the tradition this year and we urge you to make an effort to join us.

Please let Gary, Catherine, Lavea or Ite know what you think of the choice of hymns. We do need and appreciate your feedback.

Catherine Connell

TREASURER'S REPORT

Our overall offerings increased by \$1857 this year with a rise in envelope giving and a decrease in direct giving. Many thanks to everyone for their support and commitment. The shop income was again down, this time by \$3339 on the previous year, a disappointing result with all the time and effort put in by the staff. Phoenix House income remains constant. As you can see these are two vital sources of income. Without them the Parish would not be viable.

One of our major expenses last year has been the ongoing rental for the Portacom building for our ever growing Faithbuilders. We had an overall deficit of \$1396. .

We would again encourage more people to take on direct giving either by automatic payment or direct credit, as this is an easy, regular way of offering. We would also remind you that the limit on tax rebates for charitable giving has been lifted, so we would ask you to consider giving your rebate to the Church for an even higher return the next year.

The annual St Andrew's Day appeal boosted our funds by \$2295.00. This event is held each year as a special way to support the Church.

We were fortunate this year to receive a grant of \$10,000 from the St Martin's Trust to assist us with expenses in hosting our Ministry Intern.

We still continue to meet in full our commitments to General Assembly and Northern Presbytery.

Thank you once again to everyone for their continuing commitment and support. Your contributions are much needed if we are to continue to be a viable parish with a full-time Minister.

Grant Connell
Treasurer

ST ANDREWS HENDERSON

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AS AT 30 JUNE 2016

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
CASH AT BANK	12613.67	8876.15
B.S.D.S. INVESTMENT	604.96	628.27
BNZ INVESTMENT	8138.68	10324.59
	<u>21357.31</u>	<u>19829.01</u>
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>		
LAND (GOVERNMENT VALUATION)		
306 GREAT NORTH ROAD	533000.00	533000.00
7 TARA ROAD	592000.00	592000.00
	<u>1125000.00</u>	<u>1125000.00</u>
BUILDINGS (INSURED VALUE)		
CHURCH AND HALL	1044700.00	1044700.00
MANSE	502600.00	502600.00
PHOENIX HOUSE	254900.00	254900.00
STORAGE SHED	27300.00	27300.00
PORTACOM	15500.00	15500.00
	<u>1845000.00</u>	<u>1845000.00</u>
PLANT & EQUIPMENT (INSURED VALUE)		
CHURCH AND HALL	50000.00	50000.00
MANSE	20000.00	20000.00
SHOP (INDEMNITY)	5515.00	5515.00
	<u>75515.00</u>	<u>75515.00</u>
	<u>3066872.31</u>	<u>3065344.01</u>
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GENERAL ACCOUNT

	2015	2016 BUDGET	2017
INCOME			
OFFERINGS	33091	30646	35000
AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS	12470	16772	20000
DONATIONS	520	976	500
INTEREST BNZ	314	196	200
CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE	250	165	200
MISC	1005	1075	1000
G.S.T.	3486	4158	3500
INTEREST BSDS	17	23	25
KIDS FRIENDLY	175	128	150
ST ANDREWS DAY	1470	2295	2500
YOUTH	2035	7760	2500
SAMOAN SERVICE	0	464	500
ST MARTINS GRANT	0	10000	0
	54833	74658	66075
EXPENDITURE			
STIPEND	51026	53176	55000
CAR ALLOWANCE	6000	6000	6000
SECRETARIAL WAGES	7162	6055	7000
SPEAKERS	238	121	500
NSF / ASSEMBLY LEVY	8103	11818	10300
PRESBYTERY LEVIES	1237	1485	1500
BANK FEES	15	0	20
TELEPHONE	1927	1880	2000
INSURANCE	1421	1562	1750
RATES	1238	1300	1500
WATER RATES	448	488	500
BIBLES	0	658	0
STATIONARY & POSTAGE	381	160	200
CHRISTIAN ED -KIDS FRIENDLY	668	187	500
PORTACOM	2313	4416	6000
PICNIC	240	0	0
PROJECTOR – LAPTOP	944	2098	0
CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE	250	165	200
MANSE R &M	2138	794	4000
ASSEMBLY	1655	0	0
SUNDRIES	650	845	500
ORGAN / PIANO	0	0	300
SUPERVISION	720	900	1000
ACC LEVY	302	269	300
PHOTOCOPIER	1834	2295	2500
YOUTH	2282	7816	2500
	93192	104488	104070
EXCESS EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME	-38359	-29830	-37995

JOINT ACCOUNT

	2015	2016 BUDGET 2017	
INCOME			
RENTAL	1262	754	1500
NIUEAN	3600	3600	3600
G.S.T.	1447	1014	1000
STOVE / TABLES	50	0	0
DONATIONS	0	0	0
	6359	5368	6100
EXPENDITURE			
ELECTRICITY	1782	1807	2000
INSURANCE	1194	1779	2000
LAWNMOWING	1511	1390	1500
RATES - PROPERTY	1238	1301	1500
RATES - WATER	448	488	500
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	1498	1303	10000
TELEPHONE	625	640	600
STOVE/TABLES/VACUUM	895	20	0
	9191	8728	18100
EXCESS EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME	-2832	-3360	-12000

PHOENIX HOUSE

	2015	2016 BUDGET 2017	
INCOME			
RENTAL	24150	24150	24150
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	0	0	0
	24150	24150	24150
EXPENDITURE			
G.S.T	2778	2347	2500
LAWNMOWING	1173	1360	1500
RATES	23	89	100
RATES - WATER	789	585	700
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	222	3827	1000
INSURANCE	417	488	500
	5402	8696	6300
EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	18748	15454	17850

SHOP

	2015	2016	BUDGET 2017
INCOME			
SALES	36504	33165	40000
RENTAL REFUND	781	0	200
	37285	33165	40200
EXPENDITURE			
ELECTRICITY	1000	1012	1000
RENTAL	15503	14813	15000
TELEPHONE	818	801	800
INSURANCE	9	34	35
MISC	350	0	500
	17680	16660	17335
EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	19605	16505	22865

BUILDING FUND

	2015	2016
INCOME		
DONATIONS	0	0
INTEREST	4	4
	4	4
EXPENDITURE		
	0	0
EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	4	4

MAINLY MUSIC

	2015	2016
INCOME		
CONTRIBUTIONS	1027	1413
MINISTRY EDUCATION	2525	1215
INTEREST	5	7
	3557	2635
EXPENDITURE		
SUNDRIES	2024	2065
FEES	461	483
	2485	2548
EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	1072	87

YOUTH INTERNSHIP

	2015	2016	
<u>INCOME</u>			
PSDS GRANT	1000	0	
REFUND CONNECT FEE	120	0	
INTEREST	7	6	
	1127	6	
EXPENDITURE			
TRANSFORMER CAMP	0	285	
BANK FEES	0	0	
GOING DEEPER	809	0	
	809	285	
EXCESS EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME	318	-279	
<u>P.S.D.S</u> <u>B.S.D.S</u>			
	2015	2016	
INCOME			
INTEREST	17	23	
EXPENDITURE			
TRANSFER TO GENERAL	0	0	
<u>BNZ INVESTMENT</u>			
	2015		
<u>INCOME</u>	0	0	
INTEREST	229	0	
EXPENDITURE			
TRANSFER TO GENERAL	2422	0	
<u>TOTAL INCOME ALL ACCOUNTS</u>	127561	140009	136525
<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE ALL ACCOUNTS</u>	128759	141405	145805
<u>EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</u>	-1198	-1396	-9280

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HENDERSON

CHURCH COMMITTEES & GROUPS 2016

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Gary Mauga	Minister
Ailsa Freeman	Parish Clerk
Linda Johns	Secretary
Grant Connell	Treasurer
So'osemea Faatui	Ministry Intern

MUSIC TEAM

Catherine Connell
Ite Lemalu
Vaivao Clarke

PARISH COUNCIL

Rev. Gary Mauga	Moderator
Ailsa Freeman	Session Clerk
Grant Connell	Secretary
Afoa Tu'uga Stevenson	
Anne Verry	
Atika Tuivaiti	
Fou Purcell	
Jan Saifoloi	
Linda Johns	
Nanai Nanai	
Nele Mase	
Tearoa Ataela	
Vaivao Clarke	

PROPERTY & FINANCE

Jan Saifoloi	Convenor
Grant Connell	
Fou Purcell	
Brian Galbraith	
Taulealea Violet Tu'uga Stevenson	

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Ailsa Freeman	Convenor
Albe Mase	
Anne Verry	
Bruce Deverell	
Catherine Connell	
Caty Ferguson	
Gwen Deverell	
Jenny Collins	
Linda Johns	
Papua Taumate	

KIDS FRIENDLY

Caty Ferguson
Jenny Collins
Nele Mase
Nelly Taumate
Suliana Mauga

FAITHBUILDERS

Caty Ferguson	
Jenny Collins	
Nele Mase	
Nelly Taumate	
Suliana Mauga	
Gaelene Su'a	Creche Helper

MAINLY MUSIC

Michelle Robinson	Coordinator
Isabel Clarke	St Andrew's
Catherine Connell	St Andrew's
Jean Pascoe	St Andrew's
Robyn Townshend	MM Mum
Amanda Vaughan	MM Mum
Gabrielle Johnson	MM Mum

MAINLY MUSIC WORK GROUP

Michelle Robinson	Coordinator
Caty Ferguson	
Jenny Collins	
Anne Verry	
Fou Purcell	
Robyn Townshend	
Amanda Bridges	

MINISTRY REFLECTION GROUP

Taulealea Violet Tu'uga Stevenson Convenor
 Jenny Collins
 Ailsa Freeman
 Alby Tu'uga Stevenson
 Pule Pava Saifoloi
 Anne Verry

KIDS FRIENDLY DREAM TEAM

Pule Saifoloi Convenor
 List of members currently under review

LIFE MATTERS FELLOWSHIP

Rev Gary Mauga
 Ailsa Freeman
 Muriel Coppins
 Bruce Deverell
 Gwen Deverell
 Isabel Clarke
 So'osemea Faatui

StAND YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Albe Mase Presbytery Rep
 Papua Taumate
 Ite Lemalu

STEEL MAGNOLIAS

Linda Johns Coordinator
 Ailsa Freeman
 Anne Verry
 Catherine Connell
 Jenny Collins
 Muriel Coppins



OP SHOP STAFF

Ailsa Freeman	St Andrew's
Catherine & Grant Connell	St Andrew's
Muriel Coppins	St Andrew's
Mairi Ferguson	St Andrew's
Malama Saifoloi	St Andrew's
Nelly Taumate	St Andrew's
Anne Verry	St Andrew's
Fia Mitimeti	Henderson PIC
Doreen Blakely	Volunteer
Valerie & John Brough	Volunteers
Hilda Evans	Volunteer
Janet Klitscher	Volunteer
Cynthia Freeman	Volunteer
Meryle Smillie	Volunteer
Heather Smith	Volunteer
Louise Willman	Volunteer

