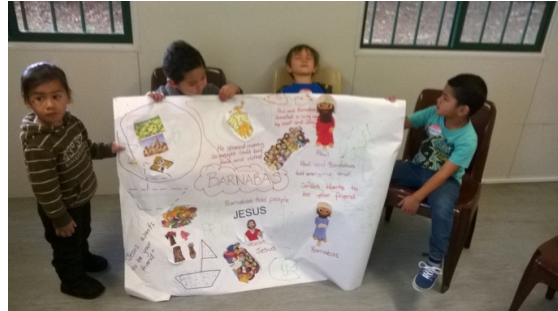


St Andrew's Presbyterian Church Henderson



A.G.M. 2015 Reports



7 Tara Road, Henderson

Annual General Meeting Foreword 2015

“Sing praise to the LORD, all his faithful people! Remember what the Holy One has done, and give him thanks!” – Psalm 30:4

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.



As the opening Psalm reminds us, each year, as the AGM comes around it is a time to reflect on how thankful we are (and ought to be). GOD continues to be faithful to us a year on since our last general meeting. Thank you, LORD, for all that we celebrate in the following reports and in our lives yesterday, today and tomorrow.

There is so much to talk about – most of which will be touched on in the reports. In no particular order here are some highlights I would like to share:

It has been a joy to witness steady growth throughout 2014/2015 in our faith community. An approximate head count of individuals and families, attending worship services totals

120+. This is a very encouraging number of people who choose to spend some time in our worship space.

We have been blessed this year to share fellowship with newer members of the St Andrew's family but we have also had to bid farewell to the Botica family who relocated further south due to employment commitments. They have been missed since. However, it's not always "goodbye." Earlier this year, in February, St Andrew's welcomed newborn Mila-Rose Saifoloi, with parents Jarryd and Danielle, into the church family. It was a joyous welcome as Mila-Rose was baptized into the wider family of GOD as a child of GOD.

In September 2014, following the 2014 AGM, our congregation under the guidance of the Parish Council ordained two new members to the office of Elder. Mrs. Nu'ufou Afoa-Purcell and Mrs. Atika Tuivaiti humbly accepted the call to eldership. Both have since proactively served the church well. Thank you for courageously committing to this role.

The start of the year 2015 was a mixed bag. On the one hand, St Andrew's parish anticipated the great news that a Ministry Intern by the name of So'osemea Fa'atui would be spending the year with us as part of his ministry formation. On Sunday 22nd of February 2015, members of the Pacific Islands' Synod, Rev. Nathan Pedro (moderator), Rev. Don Ikitoelangi (clerk), joined by Rev. Mark Johnston (KCML rep), and Rev. Pelu Tuai (Ranui PIC), attended the induction service for So'osemea, Alice and the Fa'atui family. It was a memorable occasion – a first for St Andrew's parish! We continue to be privileged recipients of the gifts the Fa'atui family have brought to us.

On the other hand, we would not expect that within the first three months of 2015, we would be grieving the loss of three friends closely connected to many of our parishioners. On January 20th, family and friends gathered around Rev. Fei Taule'ale'ausumai –Davis and family, to grieve the sad passing of her late husband Rewi Davis. On February 3rd another family service would be held at the church for the late Andrew Sinclair. Later that month on February 28th, a memorial service was held at the church for David Johns (late father of Tony and Linda Johns). All services were well attended by family and members of our parish who shared fond memories of the lives of these men. These were just the services conducted onsite. It should be acknowledged that several of our parishioners also lost loved ones this past year with memorial services conducted elsewhere with their respective faith communities and even abroad. Alan Bussey and the family bid farewell to their dear mother, and overseas Sefuiva and the Saifoloi family; as well as the Nanai and Tuivaiti families travelled to farewell their loved ones. We continue to remember in prayer and thought those who have gone before us and those whom they have left behind.



The bigger the community, the bigger the need. It is such an awesome thought knowing that our young people and children are thriving in their spaces. StAND Youth have evolved to become a regular contributor to Sunday worship services not only through song and dance, but also in the greeting and handing out of Bibles. They are now adding to their list joining the Bible reading and Faithbuilders prayer rosters. StAND Youth have a solid and grounded leadership team who continue to commit to and nurture youth character and issues.

The Faithbuilders have grown in number since last year. There is an energy that our children bring to church on Sunday morning that reminds me of what joy looks like for the believer. Unlike the Youth leadership team, the Kids Friendly team is not yet stable. I would like to see more of us putting our hands up to assist in the Biblical educating of our children. This department has been a concern for me recently. The children are here – with no one to meet them. I would like to challenge you if you have put up your hand to help – to please commit to this. Thanks to those who continue to commit week in and out.

We cannot control who walks in and out of our doors. We welcome all who come to Christ. Christ promises to “never turn anyone away” (John 6:37). So, who are we to turn anyone away? With the gradual increase in numbers throughout any given year, St Andrew’s parish must begin to reflect on how our faith community will sustain such growth. Perhaps this is the indicator that invites us as a parish to see things in a different light? Perhaps the way “it has always been done” is today inadequate? How can the creative children of GOD reflect the creative nature of GOD in our church? The national Church (PCANZ) has been called to be a missional church.

In the coming year 2015/16, why don't we challenge ourselves to intentionally seek to engage in our local community and move to be "lamps" in society? Not because the church calls us to be missional – but because Jesus says "follow Me."

For all your efforts in this past year THANK YOU to all committees and teams: Kids Friendly, Christian Education, Property and Finance, Mainly Music, the Steel Mags, StAND Youth Leadership, Ministry Reflection Group and the Parish Council (Elders). THANK YOU to the Music team: Catherine Connell, Va'ivao Clarke and Ite Lemalu for providing music for us to sing to each week. THANK YOU to the Op Shop staff and the wonderful work you continue to do. We are blessed by your efforts. For all those who have put their names to cleaning rosters and morning tea rosters – THANK YOU. THANK YOU Mua'au Tueipi Clarke for your years of service in the preparation of the elements for the sacrament of Communion. We are truly grateful. To the St Andrew's Ministry team: Ailsa Freeman, Linda Johns, Grant Connell and So'o Fa'atui – THANK YOU.

And may the least be first: my wife and best friend, Suliana. THANK YOU for all the unseen things you do for me and for our parish of St Andrew's. GOD knows. Suliana and I look forward to another year of challenges and celebrations with you our dear church family. We are very proud of you all. You have supported each other financially, pastorally, and prayerfully. Our prayer is that you would continue to allow the Spirit of GOD to keep that fire inside you alight. For there is a kingdom that we are part of. The kingdom is here. But there is more of the kingdom to come. GOD wants us to experience His complete LOVE. So, if you haven't already, place yourself into a routine where this complete LOVE can be fully realized. You will become all the more richer spiritually.

Well done St Andrew's parish. Well run.

We love you all. We praise you LORD! Thank you! For GOD's glory.

Rev. Gary and Suliana Mauga

**MINUTES OF THE ST ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HENDERSON
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2014 AT 11.10AM**

PRESENT: The Moderator Rev Gary Mauga and 40 members.

The Meeting was constituted with a reading and reflection based on Psalm 119.

APOLOGIES: Received and sustained from Alan and Diane Bussey, Jenny Collins, Gaelene and Sonny Su'a, Beryl Hughes, Dawid Van Huffel, Sala Moors, Helen Fonua, the Saena family and from Suliana Mauga.

MINUTES OF THE 2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Moved Ailsa Freeman, seconded Pava Saifoloi, that the Minutes as circulated be confirmed. **Agreed.**

Matters arising: Encouraging to note that the new signs as requested at the last AGM are now in place.

PARISH COUNCIL: Moved Ailsa Freeman, seconded Tueipi Clarke, that this report be accepted. **Agreed.** Ailsa thanked Gary and the Parish Council members for their work, and looked forward to welcoming Atika Tuivaiti and Fou Purcell as new Elders. The Elder's Retreat held in May was well received. Gary has future sessions planned.

PROPERTY AND FINANCE: Moved Jan Saifoloi, seconded Afoa Stevenson, that this report be accepted. **Agreed.** Jan stated that she has enjoyed her first ten months as Convenor – thanks given to Jan for taking on this role. Thanks also given to the StAND youth for their help with recent working bees.

SHOP: Moved Catherine Connell, seconded Anne Verry, that this report be accepted. **Agreed.** Thanks to all the Shop workers for their efforts in this community outreach and fundraising venture.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP: Moved Ailsa Freeman, seconded Linda Johns, that this report be accepted. **Agreed.** This report gives an overview of the work done as mentioned in other reports. A plea was made for assistance in all areas of Christian Education work. Thanks given to Ailsa for all her efforts.

KIDS FRIENDLY: Moved Caty Ferguson, seconded Ailsa Freeman, that this report be accepted. **Agreed.** Thanks given to the Kids Friendly team and Dreamteam for all their efforts in making St Andrew's an official Kid's Friendly Church. Request for members to assist with working with the children.

FAITHBUILDERS: Moved Caty Ferguson, seconded Jan Saifoloi, that this report be accepted. **Agreed.** Thanks given to the teaching team and especially to Rob, Sa'e and Rosita, who have just volunteered to assist. Even if someone was able to take only an occasional session, it would be much appreciated. Linda Johns was thanked for her many years of service.

StAND YOUTH: Moved Falen Stevenson, seconded Rob Seu, that this report be accepted. **Agreed.** A very busy year for the Youth. Thanks to Gary and Suliana for their involvement, Alby and Helen for their music leadership and to all the parents for their

transport, encouragement and support. It was stated by many members how wonderful it is to see how the Youth Group has grown and extended out into the community and wider church, with such activities as the monthly garage sale, regional youth services and an invitation to take part in the upcoming General Assembly. The gaining of confidence in singing and dance was commended. Thanks to Falen for her work in presenting full and clear reports of the Youth activities to Parish Council each month. Tueipi Clarke led the meeting in a song of thanks to the Youth.

MUSIC: Moved Catherine Connell, seconded Lavea Clarke, that this report be accepted. **Agreed.** Special mention was made of the Youth Band, Trinity, (Rob, Fernando and Ite). Thanks to Linda for her work in presenting the hymns on Power Point with relevant art or picture backgrounds, to Lavea and Catherine for their organ playing, and to Afoa for the loan of his band equipment.

MAINLY MUSIC: Moved Catherine Connell, seconded Linda Johns, that this report be accepted. **Agreed.** Thanks given to the wonderful team that leads this part of out outreach into the local community.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Moved Grant Connell, seconded Ailsa Freeman, that this report be accepted. **Agreed.** Several questions were raised and answered. A request was made that the offerings from the Samoan services be shown as a separate item – to be referred to Parish Council. Thanks to the Treasurer for his continuing work.

- GENERAL:**
1. Gary commented on what a year it had been with so much going on with all the different dynamics of the congregation. He gave thanks to everyone, and is looking forward to many more years with St Andrew's.
 2. Expansion – with the growth of the Faith Builders there is a need for more teaching space. The Parish Council is looking at ways this may be done.
 3. Communion Glasses - more glasses are needed with the growth of the congregation. The PIPC to be approached for their assistance. Suggested that our St Andrew's Day offerings go towards the purchase of more glasses.
 4. Church Picnic / Beach Day – Suggested date was 8 November, but may be revised.
 5. A vote of thanks to Gary and Suliana for all their work and efforts towards the life of St Andrew's – passed with acclamation.

The meeting closed with prayer at 12.15pm.

CONFIRMED.....

DATE.....

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT YEAR ENDING JUNE 2015.

The average attendance at our meetings has been nine and we have had a very good year within the parish.

We thank Gary for his ministry over the year. Behind every good man is a wonderful woman and that is Suliana. We thank her for the great work she does, especially with the children and youth.

We have had some special services during the year. The St Andrews Day Service is special with the children and youth being involved. The haggis and shared lunch is an added bonus.

Our Christian Services – Easter and Christmas are also very memorable.

Tueipi Clarke has had to give up the preparation of communion because of ill health. We are so thankful for the work that Tueipi has put in over the years and our love and prayers are with her and Lavea at this time.

We have this year been honoured to have a Ministry Intern, So'osema Faatui, and his input to our church life has been very much appreciated. So'o and wife Alice and the family have become a special part of our congregation and we will miss them when their time is finished. Because of our involvement with an intern it was necessary that we set up a Ministry Reflection Group. This group's primary role is to support and encourage So'o and listen to any concerns he might have.

Gary has had holidays in April/May and we thank So'o, Rev Bruce Deverell, and Rev Fei Taulealeausumai Davis for conducting our services during those times.

As always a big thank you to the members who take on the extra jobs to keep our church ticking over.

- Linda Johns – secretary as well as contact for renting the property.
- Grant Connell – treasurer and minute secretary for the Parish Council.
- Isabel Clarke – preparing the offering envelopes.
- Suliana Mauga and the Tuúga Stevenson Family - for preparation of communion.
- Anne Verry – Keeping the housekeeping up to date. Towels, tea towels, cleaning materials. It is not easy when some things go “walk about”.
- All the staff who 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.

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

We look forward to another year at St Andrews.

God Bless you all.

Ailsa Freeman, Session Clerk.

Reflection - Ministry Internship at St Andrews Henderson 2015



I am sincerely embracing this Internship journey so far which has presented itself to be personally, a unique blessing of a basket loaded with new pastoral learning experiences. From the traditional Pacific island (Samoan) church that my family and I were brought up in, the experience here at St Andrews Henderson has been such an enriching and refreshing change. And, although a few nerves from being new members in a new environment kicked in and started to take control of our confidence, our new church family here at St Andrews Henderson has definitely made it easy for me and my family to adapt well, be ourselves and really be comfortable with our new surroundings.

With my critical readings of people's characters, surprisingly, my heart actually felt the genuine love and friendly care of the church members since our initial interactions on our first Sunday worship together. It did not surprise me when the session clerk Ailsa said at our interview that, "St Andrews Henderson has a reputation of being welcoming, inclusive, friendly and caring attitude of its members".¹ And if my family and I, as new members, have found it easy to be incorporated into the church due to its members' hospitality and authenticity, then, I am confident that any new comers or visitors to St Andrews Henderson would actually feel the same. This may reflect a great contribution and involvement of all church members to the task of pastoral ministry within the context of Sunday worship, although some of the parishioners may be unconscious of it.

Personally, I could see that Sunday worship would have to be the key strength and avenue of pastoral ministry in the life of St Andrews Henderson church. It is a space where parishioners get to recharge spiritually every week. My family's Sunday worship experience here at St Andrews Henderson is as 'colourful' in its nature of being a multi-culturally diverse community. This begins with our minister - Gary and his good wife - Suliana, the duty elders as well as a duty youth member who gives out bibles and worship service programs as people enter the church. Their first point of contact is greeting families with warm and inviting smiles as they enter the church. This rapport instantly sets up a morning vibe that quietly excites me and my family as well as others, to meet God and be transformed.

It is encouraging to see everyone being involved in Sunday worship through responsive prayers and scripture readings as well as the singing of hymns together. The recognition of three ethnic groups within the parish through incorporating hymns of their own languages in the service is wonderful. Occasionally, the young people also contribute to the service with a song as a 'response to the Word'. Their talents and gifts from God used to strengthen the preacher's spiritual message which boosts faith and sparks hope for both themselves and fellow believers, allowing them to focus entirely and completely on God. The involvement of everyone in the Sunday service is an indication of great pastoral ministry in which God's love is personified for everyone, and whereby no-one feels left out.

Another fascinating factor that I learnt in the Sunday service is the acknowledgement of everyday life experiences such as birthdays, personal achievements and anniversaries. I believe this validates special bonds and good relationship between members and the

¹ Ailsa, Freeman. (2015, March 12). Personal interview.

minister that highlights personal connection, which for me is really great. The separating of children, just before the sermon is something that is new to me. However, I learnt that it allows space for adults to meditate and focus on the sermon while young children are taught in age appropriate ways, to understand scriptures and the life of being a Christian.

Hence, Sunday worship plays a pivotal role in the pastoral life of the St Andrews Henderson church. It is a space where the church members really nurtured their faith in God through hearing the Word and participating in the service. It is a space where people feel welcome and included in communion with God and each other. It is a space where I have witnessed excitement through the smiles and laughs, sensitiveness towards diversity and the genuine respect they offer for one another, through friendly conversations and fellowship before and after worship services. It is a space where I have witnessed the mutual trust and friendly care that each member has for one another which can be seen as a great fruit of pastoral ministry. Although Sunday worship plays a huge role in the lives of the parishioners, there are also other tasks of pastoral ministry exercised outside of Sunday worship. I have experienced the extension of the church's task of pastoral ministry in reaching out to the life of its local community through Mainly Music, Support/Op Shop, and worship services at Waitakere Garden village (Rest Homes).

It is always an ongoing challenge for the church to find out its individual members' or individual families' concerns or needs so that the church can provide the best possible pastoral support. However, the church still needs to consider some effective alternatives to ensure that its members are offered some specific pastoral assistance for their needs at those particular moments of trouble. As we are all aware, some members can be privately disinclined to share their troubles or needs openly. Some may not like physical visitations to their homes but prefer a general prayer at Sunday service to mention and uplift their needs to God. Occasionally, some may only want to meet an elder or minister for just a friendly ear and perhaps a quiet prayer. Therefore, something has to be put in place to instigate those conversations with the parishioners.

Thus, a prayer box for prayer requests would be introduced to help instigating these conversations. The prayer box would also help gathering prayer requests for the Healing Service that Gary and I had planned to contribute to the life and mission of St Andrews Henderson church. I totally agree with Tom Smail suggesting that "a ministry of Healing is always a ministry of prayer", specifically intercessory prayer which he sees as "the surrender of control from us to God."² Healing Service project already anticipated me and I would like to thank Rev. Gary, the eldership, Christian Education Committee, MRG, for supporting this and allowed it to take place.

I can probably write a book on my Internship journey experience here at St Andrews Henderson so far. But if I can sum it up, I would say, 'it is such a blessing'. Thank you and God Bless.

So'o Fa'atui
Ministry Intern (KCML)

² Tom Smail, 'Towards a Theology of Healing – Mystery and Covenant', *Fulcrum Journal*, April 2007, p3

ST ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – PROPERTY & FINANCE REPORT

AGM OCTOBER 2015

Another year has passed and what a year it has been.

The Property Finance team has been progressing well throughout the year, working on the priority maintenance that has been occurring in the months past.

Thanks be to God, we have strived to complete some tasks and work through the winter with the weather hindering some areas of completion.

Since the last AGM we have completed the following:

Church Maintenance

Bought a new Overhead Projector for the church services.

New Communion Glasses (Donated by Samoan service)

Installed a rented Port-A-Com Building, to accommodate space for our growing Faith Builders on Sundays.

Supply Timber re decking by Garage/Port-A-Com, metal gravel to fill the pathway.

Phoenix House

Trimming of the Palm & Pohutukawa tree

Repair and replace faulty lamps & light fittings - inside and outside

Replacement of Toilet Suite, walls gibbed and painted.

We had a couple Working Bees throughout the year to maintain blockages and over flows of gutters and downpipes. Clearing of leaves and debris a continued chore throughout the winter months.

Works still in progress are:

Clearing of leaves and debris from the roof of the church, looking at prevention re. the water leaks re-occurring before summer arrives.

Topping up of the pathway to the Port-A-com, need to purchase bags of White stone chip to complete.

Looking at storage space – we have been asked to look at where we can accommodate groups (ie. Stand Youth and Faith Builders).

To install security lights on the Garage, to cover area span of the Port-A-Com and grass area.

Electrical issues with heaters in the Hall, the manse is requiring re-wiring (fittings and bulbs cracking)

In the last couple of months we have been down in numbers, some committee members not attending due to family commitments or personal reasons. We continue to keep them in our prayers.

I would like to thank Grant, Alan, Dawid, Va'ivao & Neville (Hsn Niuean Church) for their support, and to Rev. Gary, Suilana and their families, Afoa and Pava and the Stand Youth who always there to help at the working bees.

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 last July, but we have been told we could have five more years there. At some stage we may need to consider 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 – half the staff are not church members. Extra helpers are always welcome, even for just an hour at a time. No experience is necessary.

We need our congregation 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 \$6284 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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP RPEORT YEAR ENDING JUNE 2015.

Kids Friendly, Faith Builders.

There are reports for these elsewhere in this document.

We have rented a relocatable building to house the growing number of members of the Faith Builders.

Mainly Music

There is a report from this team elsewhere in this document.

Youth.

There is also a separate report from the youth.

We, as a congregation, appreciate the input from the youth at our services.

Music.

The music team has a separate report.

Worship.

We thank Gary for his message every week and really appreciate how he can incorporate members in the services.

Steel Magnolias.

Our meetings every month have been an enjoyable time together although we are a very small group.

We always start with a shared meal and over the year we have had –
Anne and Alan sharing an overseas trip.

Games night.

Movie night.

Walking the Pipeline Track.

Went to Ed Byrne as part of the Comedy Festival.

DVD night.

Seniors Fellowship.

This group has also suffered from a lack of members, however, those who do come along are always treated to an interesting time of sharing.

We have discussed the PCANZ booklet Understanding Multiculturalism.

Two of our young church women talked about being Samoan within different congregations.

Malama spoke of experiences in PNG.

Sharing photos and stories.

DVD doc/drama of Samuel Marsden arrival in NZ.

Our name is changing and at the moment is Monthly Lunch Group.

Our ministry intern has spoken to our group.

We are hopeful that this group will grow and attract more members as the new year begins.

Ailsa Freeman,
Convenor,

Kids Friendly Report

What an amazing year we've had this year. Our children are an awesome group. We now have 35 children regularly attending our church.

Our Kids Friendly team has grown and we now have Caty, Jenny, Gary, Sa'e, Nellie, Nele, Pete, Rob, Alice, and Suliana who regularly come to Kids Friendly Meetings and guide our Children's Ministry.

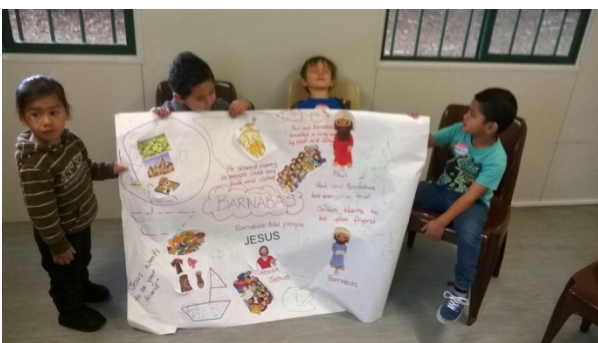
Reflecting this we've seen some changes in our Faithbuilders groups, with more leaders and an extra group operating.

We've sent two of our children, Rebecca and Jahrome, on the Transformers camp this year, with their mentor Nellie. They thoroughly enjoyed the camp, all three giving really good reports. We'd like to see more of our children and adult mentors going along next year. This is a year long programme, which will enable Rebecca and Jahrome to take up further aspects of church life. They will be actively involved in the planning of our St Andrew's day service, and will participate in some of the rostered activities, such as Bible Reading.

Some of our team recently went along to a Kids Friendly Training evening, which was very valuable, gave us opportunity to reflect on our own ministry alongside meeting and connecting with other children's ministry teams in Auckland. We also came away with practical ideas for telling stories with children, and helping children get to know the Bible.

The Dreamteam have met again this year, and are gradually working their way through the review. This has been a slow process but we've had very interesting discussion around children in our church. We have met with Jill Kayser from Kids Friendly who assured us that other churches also take a long time to complete the initial process. Gwen, Bruce, Pava, Jenny, Caty, Ailsa, Violet and Gary.

Caty Ferguson



Fantails



Transformers Camp

Faithbuilders Report

This year our Faithbuilders group has continued to grow which we are very thankful for. Our children are also growing and we are excited to see how they grow in their faith in our community.

Roll

We now have approximately 35 children regularly attending Faithbuilders, with several others occasionally attending.

This year we increased our Sunday mornings to 3 groups. We have Pukekos who are in years 5-8 at school; Tuis who are in years 1-4 at school and Fantails who are aged 0-5 years old. We have kept the children in the same groups for the whole year, so those children who turned 5 during the year have stayed in the Fantails group.

These groups have developed their own sense of who they are over the year, and each group has a very different approach to faith and learning about being Christian.

Spaces

We requested last year for the Parish Council to help us out with finding space for three groups. We are very thankful to them for providing us with the portocom. We began this year with the Pukekos meeting outside, which was not very satisfactory especially in the rain. We appreciate the hard work of everyone who helped make the increased space happen.

Leaders

Of course Faithbuilders would not happen without a dedicated group of leaders giving their time each week. We are so lucky to have a group of people who work together to support our children. Some people choose to only take the occasional group, whilst others are there nearly every week. We have some who lead a group whilst others provide much needed support while someone else leads. Everyone is much appreciated.

I would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who helps out; our children are blessed to have such a team looking out for them. We still welcome anyone who is happy to take a turn, as you see we can accommodate all talents and gifts of service.

Our team are:

Sa'e, Rosita, Nofo, Jenny, Alice, Nellie, Nele, Rob, Pete, Suliana, Caty, Anne, Gaylene, and Diane.

Learning Materials

We have been using an online resource this year called Light Live from the Scripture Union. The Fantails have been using another Scripture Union resource called the Big Books. We have looked at the following themes:

Term One – Pukekos and Tuis – King David; Parables; Easter; Fantails – Friends of God – Noah, Ruth, Joshua, David, and Daniel, Easter.

Term Two – Pukeko and Tui – Solomon; Jesus as our guide; the early church (Acts); Fantails – Jesus the Teacher, Healer, Storyteller, talking to God; Friends of Jesus – Paul, Barnabus, Timothy, Lydia, Priscilla and Aquilla.

Term Three – Pukekos and Tuis – learning about Jesus what makes him extraordinary; Elisha; Fantails – God Knows when I feel... and People who knew Jesus,

Term Four – St Andrews Day focus; Christmas

St Andrews Day Service

Last year for the first time we held our children's service on St Andrews Day rather than in December. This was an enormous success and we intend to continue with this. Last year we chose to follow St Andrew's life so our children might know something about who St Andrew was. We had great support from our families and from the youth choir and band.

The children showed us how well they could work together and make the service a true celebration. Richard deserves a special mention for stepping in as Jesus at the last minute, thanks Richard. Of course, Ellute also deserves thanks for bravely volunteering to be Andrew, thanks Ellute. All the other children also deserve big thanks, I was impressed with the hard work of each child and how they pulled the service together. The service was an extravaganza of song, play, dance, readings and prayer. We finished the service looking ahead to Advent, which again tied in really well. We are excited about the possibilities for this year.

Looking ahead

We are looking forward to this year's St Andrew's Day service, we are into the planning stages, and will shortly be working with the children to make it happen. This year Rebecca and Jahrome have said they would like to be involved in the planning of it, and we have invited input from all our Pukekos.

We are also planning on having some social occasions to enable the children and their families to enjoy fellowship together, get to know each other even better and of course have fun.

We look forward to next year, hopefully with continued growth, and continued learning and celebration with our children.



Annual Report 2015

Mainly Music St Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Mainly Music is going very well this year. We have a very stable base of mothers, grandparents and carers who come every week. We have maintained good numbers with only a slight dip for the usual winter illnesses and holidays. We are now operating a waiting list so that we do not grow too big.

Purchases

Mainly Music has purchased its own computer this year and will be operational next term. We are using updated programmes and I am just familiarising myself with the new system. Once we have a lock on the cupboard by the glass door we will be leaving it on the premises. We are in the process of obtaining some shelves to get more of the play equipment off the floor and make the storage room tidier and easier to get things in and out. These items have been funded by the Ministry of Education playgroup funding.

Events

As well as Easter, Mother's Day and Father's Day we have also had a Teddy Bear's Picnic, Winter theme day, Noah's Ark theme day and Matariki. For our Noah's Ark day we read the story of Noah and the animals, sang and danced to animal songs, dressed up as animals, made animal face masks and Arks with animals and rainbows out of paper plates.

We are all looking forward to celebrating a meaningful Christmas with our Mainly Music families.

Easter - Gary and So'o breaking bread and drinking pretend wine with the Mainly Music families





StAND Youth 2015

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there"

– Matthew 18:20

2015 has been another great year for StAND Youth. God has blessed us with many individual and collective achievements this year, and this is all thanks to the love with the support of our Parish and the Parish Council, our parents, families, our Ministry Intern So'osemea and Alice Fa'atui, and our Church Parents Rev. Gary and Suliana Mauga.

2015 AT A GLANCE:

- January 20: Youth sing at the family service for the late Mr. Rewi Davis
- February 1: Youth resumes for 2015
- February 5: Chorus lead praise & worship at YWAM 'Island Breeze' showcase
- February 8: Taua, Matt & Chris Teo attend the 'Going Further' discipleship camp
- February 21: Youth Leaders Retreat
- February 22: Chorus share 2 songs at the Commissioning Service for So'osemea Fa'atui
- February 28: Fundraiser #1 - Island Food
- March 21: Northern Presbytery Leaders Gathering
- March 22: Matt Chamberlin (Director, PYM) attends Youth Night
- April 3: Youth share a song at the Good Friday Service
- April 3-5: Rise! Easter Camp
- April 5: SYC'D and Chorus items for Easter Sunday
- April 25: Supper Fundraiser #2
- April 26: SYC'D and Chorus items for the Regional Service hosted by Te Atatu Union
- May 10: StAND Youth share items on Mother's day
- May 17: StAND Youth attends the Regional Service hosted by St. Columba
- June 21: StAND Youth attends the Regional Service hosted by Massey Presbyterian Church
- June 27: StAND Youth Fundraiser: Supper Run #3
- July 19: Performance at PI Youth Synod Service hosted by Tamaki PIC.
- July 23: Nelly Taumate attends the CWM Conference
- July 31: StAND Youth Fundraiser #4: LOUD! StAND Youth Variety Night
- August 14-16: Nelly Taumate attends the Transformers Camp as a mentor.
- August 15: StAND Youth share two items at Regional Youth Service hosted by St. Pauls Manurewa
- September 6: StAND Youth share three items for Fathers day



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The theme for the Northern Presbytery this year is “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me”, and to extend on this we have been covering the ‘Fruits of the Spirit’ based on Galatians 5:22—23. Meaningful devotions and deep discussion have allowed the Youth to gain a better understanding of each of these fruits. Easter Camp was a time of reflection and thanksgiving and it went very well. The Leadership Team also attended a leadership workshop run by Rev. Gary in February. During LOUD! preparations our devotions were centred around the LOUD! theme which formed the basis of the media content put together by Falen Tuuga Stevenson for the LOUD! concert. We thank Gary and Suliana Mauga for providing the platform to hear, understand and enjoy the word of our God.

StAND YOUTH CREATIVE DANCE (SYC'D)

Formerly known as SYCA, SYC'D have worked really hard this year. Under the diligent leadership of Albe Mase, 2015 has seen SYC'D share their gift of dance at Regional



Services, at the YWAM showcase and at special Sunday services. LOUD! was an opportunity for SYC'D to bring their passion of Korean Pop music and dance together, and they were able to deliver two solid performances that night. SYC'D and their core members continue to work hard at Wednesday rehearsals and towards upcoming projects, and wish to express how truly grateful they are for all the support they have received during the course of this year.

StAND MUSIC

StAND Music (Chorus & Band) continues into 2015, adding many songs to their repertoire each month. Each member has attended practices every Friday and every second Saturday, with additional rehearsals as required for bigger events. Every song taught is sung to the Church first, and then becomes part of the song selection for the awesome praise and worship we have every Sunday

night. Songs are also taken to the Youth Regional Services. LOUD! was a definite highlight for the Music team. The team, led by Alby Tuuga Stevenson, is supported by fellow leaders Fernando Keresoma (Band Leader), Ite Lemalu, Lavinia Keresoma, Falen Tuuga Stevenson, Albe Mase and Helen Tuuga Stevenson. The growth of the Youth Music Ministry within St. Andrews is a blessing from God, as are the young people who work hard for it with every rehearsal.

FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

We started the year with the ‘Island Food Fundraiser’, which raised more funds than we anticipated. We proceeded to run two more of these bi-monthly which were all a great success. Our first major fundraiser was of course the LOUD! concert, which was a huge success thanks to all those who were involved. We are looking forward to one more major fundraiser to end off the year.

DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION WORK

This year we have been blessed to take advantage of

discipleship and missionary opportunities. In February we sent Chris Teo, Matt Vaeta and Taua Leaga to the Going Further Discipleship Camp. In July Nelly Taumate was selected to represent the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand at the Council for World Mission Conference 2015. Nelly also volunteered to attend the Transformers Camp in August as a mentor, to ensure that two of our Faith Builders could attend. We look forward to identifying more areas where leadership, discipleship and mission work can be developed within StAND Youth.

With love and blessings,

StAND Youth Leadership Team: Alby Tuuga Stevenson, Albe Mase, Fernando Keresoma, Falen Tuuga Stevenson Ite Lemalu and Helen Tuuga Stevenson

MUSIC REPORT

During the year the music for our services has continued to be mainly organ and / or piano, led by Lavea and Catherine. In January Ite joined the team and we are so grateful to have such a talented and enthusiastic musician. We would welcome any offers of assistance from other musicians who would be willing to be part of the music team.

We have at least 20 different sources from which we can choose our hymns. In most services a Samoan hymn, or sometimes a Cook Island hymn is included.

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

We have been touched by the StAND Chorus's beautiful singing during services throughout the year. We value their contribution and look forward to hearing them again.

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

Our Carol Singing was held after church on 20 December. We were privileged to sing to Snow Natusch, Ruth and Andrew Sinclair, and Barbara Chapman. The number of singers was very disappointing, but those who took part found the experience uplifting and most worthwhile. Please make an effort to join us next time.

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 \$1905 this year due to a rise in envelope giving while the direct giving remained the same. Many thanks to everyone for their support and commitment. The shop income was down \$6284 on last year, a disappointing result with all the time and effort put in by the staff. Phoenix House income remains constant. As you can see we still rely heavily on these two sources of income.

Our major expense last year has been the installation and ongoing rental for the Portacom building for our ever growing Faithbuilders. We had an overall deficit of only \$1198, despite the downturn in the shop takings.

This year, because of changes to legislation, we have had to become a Registered Charity in our own right, not under the PCANZ umbrella as before. This has been done and the only noticeable change is in our official Registered Charity Number.

Another change due to recent legislation is that the Presbyterian Savings and Development Service (PSDS) does not hold our investment funds and is not able to issue loans. These functions have been taken over by the Baptist Savings and Development Service (BSDS). The PSDS will continue to make grants to the PCANZ and individual parishes.

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 \$1470.00. This event is held each year as a special way to support the Church.

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

ST ANDREWS HENDERSON

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AS AT 30 JUNE 2015

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
CASH AT BANK	12613.67	11792.38
B.S.D.S. INVESTMENT	604.96	587.65
BNZ INVESTMENT	8138.68	10421.83
	<u>21357.31</u>	<u>22801.86</u>
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>		
LAND (GOVERNMENT VALUATION)		
306 GREAT NORTH ROAD	533000.00	405000.00
7 TARA ROAD	592000.00	450000.00
	<u>1125000.00</u>	<u>855000.00</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	0.00
	<u>1845000.00</u>	<u>1829500.00</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>
	3066872.31	2782816.86

GENERAL ACCOUNT

	2015	2014 BUDGET	2016
INCOME			
OFFERINGS	33091	32503	35000
AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS	12470	11153	12000
DONATIONS	520	0	0
INTEREST BNZ	314	17	200
CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE	250	306	300
MISC	1005	0	0
G.S.T.	3486	3764	3500
INTEREST BSDS	17	0	20
KIDS FRIENDLY	175	296	200
ST ANDREWS DAY	1470	667	1500
YOUTH	2035	850	2500
	54833	49556	52720
EXPENDITURE			
STIPEND	51026	48502	52250
CAR ALLOWANCE	6000	6000	6000
SECRETARIAL WAGES	7162	6333	7000
SPEAKERS	238	300	500
NSF / ASSEMBLY LEVY	8103	8327	11820
PRESBYTERY LEVIES	1237	1157	1500
BANK FEES	15	10	20
TELEPHONE	1927	1870	2000
INSURANCE	1421	1628	1500
RATES	1238	1191	1300
WATER RATES	448	486	500
LOAN SET UP FEE	0	0	0
STATIONARY & POSTAGE	381	67	100
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	326	460	500
KIDS FRIENDLY	342	700	500
PORTACOM	2313	0	4500
PICNIC	240	0	300
OVERHEAD PROJECTOR	944	0	0
CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE	250	306	300
MANSE R &M	2138	3539	4000
ASSEMBLY	1655	0	0
SUNDRIES	650	347	500
ORGAN / PIANO	0	120	300
SUPERVISION	720	1170	1000
ACC LEVY	302	49	300
PHOTOCOPIER	1834	1786	1800
YOUTH	2282	0	2500
	93192	84348	100990
EXCESS EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME	-38359	-34792	-48270

JOINT ACCOUNT

	2015	2014	BUDGET 2015
INCOME			
RENTAL	1262	2315	1500
NIUEAN	3600	3600	3600
G.S.T.	1447	2336	1000
STOVE / TABLES	50	1513	0
DONATIONS	0	100	0
	6359	9864	6100
EXPENDITURE			
ELECTRICITY	1782	1671	2000
INSURANCE	1194	1608	1300
LAWNMOWING	1511	1251	1500
RATES - PROPERTY	1238	1191	1250
RATES - WATER	448	487	500
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	1498	14013	10000
TELEPHONE	625	608	600
STOVE/TABLES/VACUUM	895	2376	0
	9191	23205	17150
EXCESS EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME	-2832	-13341	-11050

PHOENIX HOUSE

	2015	2014	BUDGET 2015
INCOME			
RENTAL	24150	24150	24150
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	0	0	0
	24150	24150	24150
EXPENDITURE			
G.S.T	2778	2675	2750
LAWNMOWING	1173	1258	1500
RATES	23	22	50
RATES - WATER	789	898	800
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	222	788	1000
INSURANCE	417	562	500
	5402	6203	6600
EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	18748	17947	17550

SHOP

	2015	2014	BUDGET 2015
INCOME			
SALES	36504	42788	40000
RENTAL REFUND	781	195	200
	37285	42983	40200
EXPENDITURE			
ELECTRICITY	1000	1029	1000
RENTAL	15503	15503	15000
TELEPHONE	818	667	800
INSURANCE	9	12	15
MISC	350	124	500
	17680	17335	17315
EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	19605	25648	22885

BUILDING FUND

	2015	2014
INCOME		
DONATIONS	0	0
INTEREST	4	4
	4	4
EXPENDITURE	0	0
EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	4	4

MAINLY MUSIC

	2015	2014
INCOME		
CONTRIBUTIONS	1027	1792
MINISTRY EDUCATION	2525	2050
INTEREST	5	6
	3557	3848
EXPENDITURE		
SUNDRIES	2024	3698
FEES	461	342
	2485	4040
EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	1072	-192

YOUTH INTERNSHIP

	2015	2014
INCOME		

PSDS GRANT	1000		
REFUND CONNECT FEE	120	0	
INTEREST	7	10	
	1127	10	
EXPENDITURE			
CONNECT	0	1110	
BANK FEES	0	0	
GOING DEEPER	809	540	
	809	1650	
EXCESS EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME			
	318	-1640	
<u>P.S.D.S</u> B.S.D.S			
	2015	2014	
INCOME			
INTEREST	17	18	
EXPENDITURE			
TRANSFER TO GENERAL	0	0	
<u>BNZ INVESTMENT</u>			
	2015	2014	
<u>INCOME</u>	0	0	
INTEREST	229	422	
EXPENDITURE			
TRANSFER TO GENERAL	2422	5000	
<u>TOTAL INCOME ALL ACCOUNTS</u>			
	127561	130855	123170
<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE ALL ACCOUNTS</u>			
	128759	136781	142055
<u>EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</u>			
	-1198	-5926	-18885