

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church Henderson



A.G.M. 2014 Reports



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MINISTER'S FORWARD

Talofa lava and greetings to you in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. God is GOOD!

It really does not feel like that long ago since the last Annual General (or Church) Meeting took place in 2013. What have we been doing since then that has made it feel like this year's meeting has come round so quickly? Well, I can assure you – we have done so much in the past year! It is not my desire to attempt to cover all areas of the past year from the various fellowships and groups we have here at St Andrew's, out of fear for missing out significant mention. Rather, I would like to acknowledge the efforts of all who have volunteered precious time to ensure that the regular goings-on of church life continue to be upheld. There are also some very significant events that have taken place that I would like to mention.

It Begins at Home

The honour of first mention of course, belongs to my wife and best friend, Suliana. I cannot imagine how terrifying it is to be married to me! I am very thankful that God gave me someone who tests my patience, faith, and practice. You have been a pillar of strength in my days of weakness and a pillow for my head when ministry gets weary. What Suliana makes happen behind the scenes, is very much unknown to our parish and she would not like such things listed. Thank you for your humility, simplicity and your normality constantly reminding me of who I am – and that, it is not by my own "might nor power, but by the spirit of the Lord (*Zechariah 4:6*)" that our work is being done. I would give up my own salvation for you.

Worship

Planning for Sunday worship services continues to take up the majority of my time each week. It is something I enjoy. In the past year, themes for preaching and services have covered a range of challenging topics from times of hardship, reconciliation and the forgiveness of others, to the Christian characteristics of hope and hospitality. I very much look forward to several preaching series in the coming months. It is always an excitement to share the Living Word of God! Thanks be to God.

Every so often, I am in need of a break – a holiday. It has been a blessing to have had Rev. Bruce Deverell, Dawid van Huffel, Rebecca Connor, and the Rev. Mark Johnston fill in at such times in the past year. It brings great satisfaction to know that there is a healthy selection of capable facilitators and leaders I can call on. May you all be blessed for your willing hearts.

The singing of hymns during the service continues to develop more as I familiarize myself with the traditional tunes of yesteryear. It has been a great help to have the likes of organists/pianists Lavea Clarke and Catherine Connell give me a hand in this area. Bruce Deverell, Linda Johns and Pete Lovell have also provided some helpful suggestions. This year, it was recommended that the forming of a small all-age team be appointed to produce a list of hymns to be sung in these services. This will certainly assist in providing a more widespread variety of hymns and songs for worship. The StAND Chorus (Youth), have also this year taken on active involvement in the service contributing a song on a fortnightly basis.

In April this year, the Samoan language service was re-introduced after a brief break. I have enjoyed these services which occur on the first Sunday of every second month. The services are in the Samoan language including the hymns and led by myself. I have also involved our adults in participating by allocating a slot for a children's talk. This has been received well. I am grateful for the opportunity to brush up on my own Samoan speaking skills.

Celebrations

On May 25th, St Andrew's witnessed and celebrated the baptism of Grace Botica. (Grace is the daughter of John and Marissa Botica whose two sons, Mark and Shannon were baptized in 2013). Approximately a month later on July 6th, Sonny and Gaelene Su'a presented their four children Ryhlee, Tylah, Shyloh and Mykah to be baptized before God and the community of St Andrew's. Baptisms are a special occasion for everyone but more so our Father in Heaven. Both occasions this year were celebrated well and we continue to nurture our young children in our care and in the presence of God, who says, *"Let the children come to me" (Matthew 19:14)*.

We Remember

In January of this year (2014) a memorial service was held at Morrison's Funeral Chapel for long serving member of St Andrew's and friend Jacqueline (Jackie) Natusch. It was a privilege to conduct the funeral service for Jackie and the service was well attended by members of St Andrew's who turned out to support Jacqueline's husband Snow, their family, and sister Beryl Hughes. We continue to remember Jacqueline and her life in ours.

We also remember those who have also lost loved ones this year. We continue to remember them in prayer and walk with all affected families this year.

Thank You

There is so much to be thankful for and so much that I have not mentioned. There are also so many people to thank. I would like to say THANK YOU to all groups: Seniors Fellowship, Kids Friendly, Faithbuilders, Christian Education, Kiwis Club, StAND Youth, Steel Magnolias, the Dream Team, Property and Finance, Mainly Music, the Op Shop staff and volunteers, our organists and pianists, those who have volunteered to speak at such groups, those who have volunteered for rosters (bible readings and prayers), volunteers for the beautiful flower arrangements, volunteers for our tasty Sunday morning tea/lunches, volunteers for working bees, volunteers for the new car park layout, the gifting of band equipment, and the very supportive and dynamic team that is the Parish Council.

St Andrew's would have no direction without all of you doing what you do in all the different areas and ministries mentioned above. You make things easier for me so that I can concentrate on how I need to serve – my contribution to the Body. Of course, I cannot conclude without mention of my ministry team: Ailsa Freeman (Session Clerk), Linda Johns (Parish Secretary), and Treasurer/Session Secretary, Grant Connell. Thank you for the hard work each of you put into your responsibilities. May you and your families be blessed for your faithfulness to God's service in the serving of God's people. I am blessed to have you close to me.

And finally, THANK YOU St Andrew's parish. From the youngest to the oldest, I am privileged to be among you all. You all have something inspiring to teach me and in you I meet Christ. Suliana and I are proud of you, and proud to wear the St Andrew's name everywhere we go. Continue to trust in the Lord in all that we do. Let us walk together, work together, and worship together "in the beauty of holiness."

A Challenge

So, as we have read, and as the following reports will point out, there has been plenty that has been done and continues to be done. As a congregation and as a community of faith, St Andrew's have certainly put in the work to make things happen. However, we remember that as an outworking of faith our "doing" is an important part of being Christ-like - BUT it is the "being" that becomes the testimony that is lived. How is our "doing" transforming our "being?" I once shared a thought: *"Anyone can feed the poor; but very few will sit and eat with them."* Throughout the past year, we have demonstrated that we are not only a community that just throws resources at the challenge – but we are willing to sit alongside the challenged and in many cases become the resource itself. This attitude can be evident in our monthly collection and distribution of food parcels to the local homeless and hungry people. This experience has certainly been a highlight of the past year for me. It is too easy to become distant from the poor in our local community. I look forward to more community involvement in the year ahead as we meet God on the street where many of the poor reside.

As believers and followers of God and as recipients of God's saving grace made available to us through Jesus Christ, as we have begun with God, so shall we end with God with this reminder:

"So it is with faith: if it is alone and includes no actions, then it is dead...Faith and action work together; faith is made perfect through actions. (James 2:17;22)."

I am truly blessed.

Reverend Gary Mauga

**MINUTES OF THE ST ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HENDERSON
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 20 OCTOBER 2013**

PRESENT: The Moderator Rev Gary Mauga and 30 members and adherents.

APOLOGIES: Received and sustained from Anne Verry, Helen Fonua, Jean Pascoe, Jenny Collins, Lavea and Tueipi Clarke, Albert and Helen Stevenson, Nele and To'o Mase and Ona Saena.

MINUTES OF 2012 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Moved Ailsa Freeman, seconded Alan Bussey, that the Minutes as circulated be confirmed. **Agreed.**

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

PROPERTY AND FINANCE: Moved Alan Bussey, seconded Afoa Stevenson, that this report be accepted. **Agreed.** Alan outlined the property work that has been done over the last year, and also the work still to be done. The car park repairs are happening now and the painting for the new layout will be done shortly. The Moderator acknowledged all the work and effort that Alan has put in as Convenor of this Committee over the past years, and welcomed Jan Saifoloi as the new Convenor.

SHOP: Moved Catherine Connell, seconded Ailsa Freeman, that this report be accepted. **Agreed.** Thanks to all the staff. The Shop is an important part of our fundraising and also a service to the local community.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP: Moved Ailsa Freeman, seconded Linda Johns, that this report be accepted. **Agreed.** This report covers in general the work of this committee. Other more detailed reports will follow. Thanks

expressed to all those who take part in the various branches of this committee. New members are most welcome to join any of these branches.

KID'S FRIENDLY: Moved Caty Ferguson, seconded Diane Bussey, that this report be accepted. **Agreed.** Gary thanked all the team members for their work with the children. The Kid's Friendly name is a brilliant concept. The Dream Team is ongoing with all the answers to the recent survey.

FAITH BUILDERS: Moved Diane Bussey, seconded Alan Bussey, that this report be accepted. **Agreed.** The transition from the traditional Sunday School to the new Kid's Friendly format is an integrated way of getting the children involved with the life of the church. Comment made on the growth in numbers and the enthusiasm and keenness of the children. The StAnd Youth are continuing to work with the children.

MAINLY MUSIC: Moved Caty Ferguson, seconded Pava Saifoloi, that this report be accepted. **Agreed.** There is now a need for a fixed leader as Caty is returning to the workforce. Gary acknowledged the work of the Mainly Music team with the children and parents.

MUSIC: Moved Catherine Connell, seconded Jan Saifoloi, that this report be accepted. **Agreed.** There is a real need for extra musicians now that Alison Coates has left the area. Many thanks were given to the work of the organists who lead the singing.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Moved Grant Connell, seconded Alan Bussey, that this report be accepted. **Agreed.** Mention made of the steady income throughout the year while we were vacant. The reliance on the income from the Shop and Phoenix House was reiterated. Thanks given to the Treasurer for all his work.

MINISTER'S REPORT: Gary reported on his first year of Ministry. He thanked everyone for their contribution to the work of St Andrews, those that serve on rosters, committees and those that provide morning tea. Special thanks to Linda Johns and Ailsa Freeman for their assistance in his settling in to his work.

GENERAL:

Signs; The design and completion of new signs for Great North Road and Tara Road is ongoing.

Members and Adherents; A question was raised about the difference . Gary to present at a later date something about what being a member or adherent means.

Jean Jenkins; She has moved to Tauranga to be with her family. A special thank you service to be held when she is next back in Auckland.

Thanks; A special thank you given to Gary and Suliana for their input into the life and work of St Andrew's.

The meeting closed with prayer and the benediction at 11.40am.

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT YEAR ENDING JUNE 2014.

The average attendance at our meetings has been seven however, there are two new members ready to be inducted. They are Fou Purcell and Atika Tuivaiti. We look forward to them becoming part of the Council.

We have enjoyed the year of Gary's ministry, and thank Gary and Suliana for the great work they are doing with the youth.

We have had special services during the past year; Singing Sunday, St Andrews Day with haggis, Christmas Services and very memorable Easter Services.

On Saturday May 17 we had a very successful Elders Retreat at the Church from 10am -3pm. Members of our committees were invited to attend and there was a lot of input from all who attended.

A thank you to those who conducted services while Gary is away.

Rev Glenn Barclay (Christian World Service).
Rev Bruce Deverell.

Some members have moved away from Auckland and we miss their company and input.

Jean Jenkin has moved to Omokoroa to be close to family.

Alison Coates has moved to Snells Beach but is able to return to the fold occasionally to help out with the music or just to visit.

We have celebrated some christenings over the year, especially 4 members of one family. Always an inspiring and exciting celebration.

Our Church would not function without the members that take on extra jobs and we thank them for their dedication.

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. Isabel has taken over this task from Beryl Hughes and we thank Beryl for her many years in this position.

Tueipi Clarke – preparation of communion.

Anne Verry – Keeping the “housekeeping” up to date. Towels, tea towels, cleaning materials.

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 have so many loyal members that are willing to take on any extra jobs and we are so grateful.

We look forward to another year at St Andrews.

God Bless you all.

Ailsa Freeman, Session Clerk.

PROPERTY & FINANCE REPORT – AGM

Blessings to you all in the mighty name of Jesus Christ, I bring you my first report for our Annual General Meeting of 21/09/14.

When approached back in October 2013 I was reluctant to take on a position that was not commonly a woman's role and, over these past 10 months, since coming on board as Convenor of The Property & Finance Committee, I have certainly found it different to all other roles I have been involved with.

Our committee numbers are small, but we are strong in unison in what we do. It has been comforting to have Alan Bussey in close communication, always ready to action my texts, emails and verbal requests whenever concerns arise. I applaud the work Alan has contributed over the many years as Convenor, for the continuous support he gives willingly & unselfishly and the countless hours spent attending to repairs outside of his working hours.

Working alongside him, are his trusted partners in crime ... Grant and Lavea. Thank you for your committed spirits to the work of St Andrews. All I can say is that it is good I still have these 3 on board along with our new additional volunteers Dawid, Nofo and Neville from the Henderson Niue PIC church.

Thank you to Grant for automatically stepping into 'Minute Taker' mode and for producing the Cashflow reports for each meeting.

It has been a very productive 9 months. We identified the priority maintenance concerns, looked at the yearly forecast, and produced a spreadsheet detailing 'work in progress' and the future maintenance for the church building, the Manse and Phoenix House.

Slowly, we have achieved major projects as follows:

1. Changing the signage on both Tara Road and Great North Road - a priority for introducing our new minister and contact details.
2. Car parking – In coordination with Pete Lovell, plans and process were proposed for the re-marking of the church carpark and Phoenix House.
3. The Manse - A new garage door was installed and supplied with 2 remotes. Security lights have been fitted and a new 8kg Washing Machine purchased.
4. A new exterior door for the side entry from the church building to the Storeroom is on site, but not yet erected.
5. Working Bees – We have had 2 successful exterior work outs:
01/03/14 Mainly to clear the back of the church section, cut down the branches overhanging the neighbour's garage, tidy up the Manse garden and trim surrounding shrubs, etc.

02/08/14 Wash down of the church building and clear roof gutters, to clean the windows of the Hall, Foyer and inside the church. The wooden floors were steam cleaned and carpets vacuumed. All in preparation of the Youth Regional service 19/08/14.

Both working bees were well attended by Committee members, parents and the Stand Youth. A real team effort; thank you.

All in all, my first term as convenor of the Property & Finance committee has been positive. I feel we have progressed well in moving forward to improve and maintain the areas prioritised so far, and we continue to work through the 'work in progress' we have set before us.

Looking forward to the next 10 months ... To God be the Glory, and his name be glorified.

Blessings,

Jan Saifoloi, Convenor

SHOP REPORT

The Church Shop is situated at 9 Trading Place and has been operating since September 1984. The Shop complex was sold in July, but we have been told we could have six more years there. At some stage we will 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 supportive friends. Extra helpers are always welcome, even for just an hour at a time. No experience is necessary.

Donations have been coming in steadily. We had some wonderful donations at the beginning of the year, making March a record month.

This year's takings are \$1686 less than last year's. The revenue gained from the shop is absolutely essential for running the Church.

We still need to make more people aware of our existence. If you have not been to the shop, please 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.

Ailsa and Catherine continue sharing 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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP REPORT YEAR ENDING JUNE 2014.

Kid's Friendly, Faith Builders, Mainly Music.

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

This group of children has increased in size dramatically and we are discussing alternatives for housing the increased numbers.

Youth.

There is also a separate report from the youth. We, the congregation, have certainly appreciated the times when the youth present music during service time.

Worship.

We thank Gary for his message every week. There is always something to take away and think about. There have been some members of the congregation take part and that is much appreciated.

Steel Magnolias.

We would like more people to take the opportunity to join us; the food is always an incentive. We have had – games night – music nights by 2 – jokes – a walk on Te Atatu Peninsula after Church – movie and DVD nights. We always have a lot of fun together and would like to see more people at our get togethers.

Seniors' Fellowship.

This group would also like to see more people come to our get togethers, especially when we have a visitor speaking to us.

We meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 11.30am and start with a shared lunch.

This year we have had Gary speak to us on worship; shared a holiday we remember; Suliana has spoken to us about her work with Presbyterian Support; shared a favourite CD and Sefuiva Saifoloi spoke about leaving Samoa and re-settling in NZ with a young family.

We look forward to the new church year and ask God's Blessing on all the members of the committee. I am grateful to all who take on extra duties within our church family.

Ailsa Freeman,
Convenor.

Kids Friendly Report

Wow, another year has passed. We have had such an interesting time in Kids Friendly this year. We have a very committed Kids friendly team consisting of Gary Mauga, Caty Ferguson, Jenny Collins and Diane Bussey, and we meet monthly with the aid of Jenny's chocolate bars and Caty's home baking.

We oversee FaithBuilders and Mainly Music and all aspects of the church that the children are involved in.

Each month we review the parts of church life that make a difference to the children. We are excited by the numbers of children who are currently attending our church, and hope that we continue to grow in this area.

The Dreamteam are currently reviewing all the practises and policies of our church that relate to the children. We had a slow start but in the last couple of months we have made some really good progress at completing our review. Once we have completed the review we will pass recommendations back to the Kids Friendly team to set up some actions. At this point we'll also let the congregation know our findings. Thanks go to all the members of the Dreamteam – Pava, Violet, Gwen and Bruce, Diane, Jenny, Gary and myself.

We have also seen some changes and developments in FaithBuilders and Mainly Music – which you can read about in their separate reports.

Thanks again to everyone who is guiding us along our Kids Friendly Journey.

Caty Ferguson

FAITHBUILDERS AGM REPORT 2014

This year our Faithbuilders group has continued to grow together. We are excited by the group of children we have, they are wonderful to be with, and enthusiastic in everything they do. They willingly share their ideas and we are blessed to share their faith journey with them. We are so lucky to have a group that is increasing in number. We have seen the children developing over the year, becoming more familiar with each other and regularly arrive at church looking out for their St Andrews friends.

Our groups

We have two Sunday groups for Faithbuilders – the Fantails and Pukekos. The Fantails are a group of energetic and enthusiastic 0-6 year olds. They meet in the hall where there is room to move, dance or run around while they learn the Bible stories.

Our Pukekos group explore their ideas and faith in the meeting room. They are 7-10 years old. They enjoy having a variety of people lead their sessions sharing their different skills and passions.

Next year we need to look at dividing again into three groups. The groups would then be an under 5 group, a 5-8 group and a 9-12 group. In order to do this we have asked the Parish Council to look at spaces, and we will need more adults to join the teaching team.

Kiwis

Kiwis Club is for 8 – 12 year olds, meeting once per month on a Friday evening. This group is led by Gary, with the help of a variety of leaders. For 2 hours each Friday the children laugh, sing and play games having a great opportunity to spend time together with Gary. They look forward to it each month. Thank you to the StAND Youth leaders for helping to make these evenings possible. And a big THANK YOU to our parents who drop their children off each month and join in the sessions.

Leaders

This year has seen a big change in the leadership of Faithbuilders. Linda has decided to 'retire' as a leader of the Faithbuilders, after many years of faithful service, thank you Linda. This year we have continued to see a growth in the numbers of children, which is a very positive trend and confirmation of the work that has been done and will continue to be done to provide a positive 'faith building' environment. This situation also means that our current group of volunteer leaders urgently need help. We frequently have over 20 children attending Faithbuilders, with the result that each group can have 10-15 children. In the Pukekos we have weeks with one adult and 16 children. We are pleased to have such a problem, and will continue to ask the congregation for help.

Thank you to all our dedicated leaders.

Learning Materials

This year we have again been writing our material, which has enabled the development of materials specific to the needs of our children. An open invitation has been made to the congregation to support the development of the teaching 'themes' for the FaithBuilders, including the preparation of the teaching outlines. The teaching team has greatly valued the input received. We have chosen a theme for each term – term one we looked at gardens and growing our faith, term two was fruits of the spirit and this term we are looking at Abraham. Next term we will prepare for the end of the year by looking at St Andrew. Next year we will purchase learning materials for one or two terms to give the leadership team a break from organising lessons.

Christmas Play

Last year we had a wonderful end of year children's service. Our focus was on the journeys of Mary and Joseph. We lead up to the service and Christmas with a very popular parish wide hosting of Mary and Joseph. I think they enjoyed their stays with each family – although they must have been tired after all the activity they got up to. Thanks must go to Christine for knitting the Mary and Joseph for us.

We must thank all the helpers who made the service a success. Rosita did a wonderful job of creating a fantastic angel dance, enjoyed by all. The play was planned and scripted by Caty and Jenny, who encouraged and supported everyone to present the very best performances. We thank our three wise people; we were very impressed with their wisdom. Jean Mansill was our musician extraordinaire, and finally we must make mention of our Star, Diane for making such a magnificent outfit and Sonny for bravely wearing it.

And of course a Big Thank You to all our wonderful children for their performances and leadership in the service.

We'd like to extend a big thanks to all our wonderful leaders, Caty, Jenny, Diane, Linda, Papua, Nellie, Nele, Nofo, Pete, Christine, Sa'e and Anne.





StAND Youth Report 2014

StAND Youth has been busy over the past year. Here is a quick overview of what we have been up to.



It has been an eventful 12 months since the last AGM, and StAND Youth have been able to participate in so many exciting events and church activities that has kept us all very busy.

As a youth, we decided that **“Who do you say I am?”** would be the focus for 2014. It has been a theme that has challenged us to ask ourselves the question **“Who do you say Jesus is?”**

Sunday Sessions:

As we have followed the theme “Who do you say I am?” we have been able to get into some in-depth discussions about Jesus and the many times he asked this question in the bible. Devotions have been a core part of our Sunday Sessions and all enjoy this time of reflection.

Guest Speakers:

We have been treated to some awesome guest speakers over the past year. In May 2014 we were treated to an evening with musician STKS and few of his friends to celebrate NZ Music Month, In June Pastor Lapi Mariner shared with us, Emma Payne came out in the month of July and in August we had Pastor Josephine Aufai.

Church Responsibilities:

StAND Youth have continued to serve at morning services with our weekly Door Roster and Faith Builders Prayer. We have also continued with our Kiwis Club commitments every month.

StAND Chorus & The Trinity

The formation of StAND Chorus and The Trinity this year, has given the youth another opportunity to serve through music. The music leadership team consists of Alby, Helen, Robert, Fernando, Ite, Gary and Suli. The youth have been able to perform frequently at church and at our youth regional in August.



StAND Dance Group

Led by Rosita Euini, StAND Youth have been able to perform at this years Easter Service in April and youth regional in August. Most of the youth are enthused dancers; however the group has taken on many who have never danced in front of large crowds.

StAND Youth Media Team

Headed by Falen Tu'uga Stevenson, responsibilities for the Media team include filming, photography and online admin. StAND Youth have expanded our presence on the web with the start of our Public Facebook page. This is a great way for us to share what we have been up to and to also promote upcoming events at church.

StAND Youth Regional Service: Here I StAND

StAND Youth were proud to present 'Here I StAND' to our wider Presbyterian family on August 17th. With over 200 guests in attendance we were able to execute our take on the 'Who do you Say I am?' theme for 2014. It was a night of singing, dancing, fellowship and plenty of food!

Rehearsals/Live-in

Prior to the Regional service, the youth held a live-in at the church from August 7-8. We spent this time rehearsing and filming for the big day.

Church Activities:

StAND Youth Sports day 2013

StAND Youth were lucky enough to participate in a fun-filled Labour Day Sports Weekend with the Mauga Family. The weekend concluded with a very entertaining prize giving.

Youth Outing 2013

Last year the youth enjoyed an "un-co" themed youth outing. This included a fun day at Skateland followed by dinner and a movie at Westgate.

Mothers Day Service 2014

StAND Youth honoured our mothers during the special Mothering Service on May 11th 2014. During the day we presented a youth song, ice breaker, video presentation and morning tea.

A night with Northern Presbytery Youth Coordinator Emma Payne

StAND Youth leaders enjoyed an evening with Northern Presbytery Youth Coordinator Emma Payne on May 5th 2014. We were able to provide feedback on our youth ministry at St Andrews and on the wider Northern Youth Presbytery

Easter Camp/Easter Service 2014

The StAND Youth annual Easter Camp (April 19th-21st) was a huge success for 2014. Held over Easter Weekend at Church, the youth spent time learning about characters in the bible, played games and enjoyed each others company.

Working bee

On August 2nd the youth were able to lend a helping hand to the church by participating in a Saturday working bee. This was to ensure the church looked spick and span for the Regional service.



Leadership training

Going Further 2014

Three representatives from StAND Youth attended the Going Further camp at the Blue Mountain Adventure Centre in Raurimu from Jan 26- Feb 2. Rosita Euini, Steel Purcell and Georgia Solomona spent a week at the discipleship camp. The group took part in adventure-seeking activities such as white water rafting and abseiling.

Connect Conference 2014

StAND Youth leaders, along with Gary and Suli, were able to connect with over 100 youth in Christchurch. Held during July 11-13, leaders Sa'e, Albe, Steven, Rob, Falen and Nofo spent time networking, training and resourcing. Rev. Gary was a keynote speaker and we were able to take part in Communion Sunday led by him.

Fundraisers:

StAND Youth's monthly Garage Sale has proven to be a success over the past year. Profits from each month have helped pay for numerous Youth activities/needs. There is a flyer run that the youth is involved with before each Garage Sale. It has been great to meet someone new from the community every month.

Sports:

At the beginning of the year the leadership team decided that we would no longer play Basketball. This year we have solely focused on Netball and now have two teams that play every Wednesday. StAND 1 came runner up in their grade and StAND 2 is currently still competing in theirs. Most of the youth are very athletic and this has been another great way to keep fit and fellowship with one another.

Thank You:

StAND Youth and their leaders would like to say THANK YOU to our parents and the parish of St Andrew's for your ongoing support of our young people. There is nothing we can do without your support throughout the year. Your contributions, donations, picking up and dropping off, and words of encouragement have been an integral part of the StAND Youth life. As well as honouring and serving GOD we also want to make you proud in all that we do. We give glory to GOD for the year that has been and highly anticipate the year ahead. We have experienced huge growth as GOD continues to draw more young people to Himself. Our role of young people has reached 35 in number. To GOD we give thanks.

Our leaders deserve special mention for their hard work throughout the past year: Nofo Nanai, Robert Seu, Alby Tu'uga Stevenson, Steven Te'o, Helen Tu'uga Stevenson, Sa'e Saena, Falen Tu'uga Stevenson, Rosita Euini, and Albe Mase.

Here We StAND.

Falen Tu'uga Stevenson (StAND Media)

Mainly Music Annual Report 2014

Christmas & Caty's Farewell

Caty ran her last Christmas session and had her formal farewell presentation. Everyone thanked her for her passion, commitment and hard work for the last 7 years. This is quite hard to do in a simple ceremony. St Andrew's has been lucky to have somebody so dedicated to Mainly Music and the families it supports.

Stock Take

Our team of volunteers came in for an extra day and counted, itemised and loaded everything onto the computer.

Thank you team- it was a big job!

Easter

We split the Easter story into two sessions this year. The first session concentrated on Palm Sunday and the Last Supper (Gary did a fabulous job explaining the last supper to the children in terms they could understand). The second session concentrated on the garden of Gethsemane, the crucifixion and Jesus' resurrection.

To symbolise Jesus' resurrection we provided helium balloons and tags. We said that our "Jesus balloons" were going to rise up to heaven to be with God and that if anyone wanted to write a message to someone special in heaven we could tie them to the balloons. We then went outside and released them into heaven. We also had a small Easter egg hunt. For our craft we made a footprint mural, Easter bunny baskets and sun catcher crosses. Our gifts to the children were the "jellybean prayer" and a small packet of jelly beans. We all had a fantastic time. ***A Big thank you to Michelle for all her work with the crafts and gifts.***

Mainly Music Room

Over a 3 month period we worked on getting all the Mainly Music equipment into one room. The first month we had a cupboard donated, which we quickly filled. We then purchased another cupboard and consolidated everything together in one room. This frees up the vestry cupboards and garage. It is now much easier for volunteers and helpers to both find and clear away MM equipment. The labelling project about ½ way through. ***A big thank you to Alan for fixing the cupboards to the wall to make them safe.***

Ministry of Education Certification Visit 30 July

Maria from the Ministry of Education came to check us for our recertification certificate. After checking our paperwork and watching our music session she assured us that we were doing a good job. She said she really enjoyed our music session and when asked if there were any areas she thought we needed to work on she said she was happy with everything – ***Thank you to Caty for setting up all the original paperwork and the Mainly Music team for all their hard work.***

Purchases of play equipment to meet MOE objectives

This year's purchases have included toys specifically aimed at meeting some of the Ministry of Education objectives. Fine motor skills (magnet mazes, threading games), gross motor skills (tumbling mat) and imagination play (Kitchen stove). We also purchased top up art supplies.

Increase of number s of families attending

The number of families attending each week has increased from last year. We have not advertised ourselves and the Mainly Music web site has had a few issues this year, so referrals have either been through recommendations from people already attending. (i.e. bringing along a friend) or in two instances have heard about us through Caty's work.

Maori Theme Day

Our Maori theme day was lots of fun... we dressed up in costumes, we drew facial tattoos –moko, we ate Maori bread, sang Maori songs, did poi and stick dances and learnt a little about Matariki. This theme also ties into the MOE theme of belonging (our country and our culture) ***so bonus points all round there!***

Mainly Music Mums Group.

We have held events each term to maintain contact with past members. We are also encouraging the new mums to come along and join our social network.

Facebook page

We have just recently set up a facebook page to help keep in contact with our families. You must be a Mainly Music family to see the page. It will be used to advertise up -coming events and projects.

Father's Day – Family Night

Saturday September 13 we are running a special MM session that the working dads and extended family can attend. We will have a music session, shared meal, toys and games.

Volunteers

The team was joined by Amanda at the end of 2013 and Robyn this year. They built up the numbers after the loss of both Caty and Rebecca. Robyn has been trained in setting up the computer and running the music sessions (which she really enjoys). Amanda is responsible for computer administration and communication. I am continuing to train up other members so that any team member will be able to do all the jobs required. Robyn has a strong faith and can be relied on to help with prayers for families in need. I find that most families who are experiencing troubles are quite happy to have us praying for them.

Objectives for next 4 months

Care ministry for our new families

- Getting to know our new families better and to build trust relationships.
- Offering care packages to families during stressful times and when in need of physical and emotional support.
- Re-start frozen meals programme. Any assistance the congregation can give with cooking would be very welcome. (We can supply the ingredients if it makes it any easier)

End of term Theme Day - Spring

Christmas

Most Importantly

A huge thank you to Jean, Catherine, Isabel, Michelle, Amanda, Robyn and Wilma because without their ongoing commitment, hard work and enthusiasm there would be no Mainly Music St Andrew's.

Janette Donn – Team Leader

MUSIC REPORT

During the year the music for our services has continued to be mainly organ and / or piano, led by Lavea and Catherine. We have at least 20 different sources from which we can choose our hymns. In most services we include a Samoan hymn, or sometimes a Cook Island hymn.

We are very grateful to Alison Coates, Jean Mansill and Pete Lovell who have played when there has been a gap in the roster. 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.

A Kids Friendly song is an important part of each service and is enjoyed by the children and adults. These songs are from the Mainly Music programme, and they remind us of the value of Mainly Music and the outreach into the community that it provides.

We have been touched by the Youth Group's beautiful singing during some of our services. We value their contribution and look forward to hearing them again.

We really appreciate Rev Gary's guitar playing and his lovely singing voice.

Our Carol Singing was held after church on 22 December. We were privileged to sing to Jacqui Natusch, Ruth and Andrew Sinclair, and Barbara Chapman. We found the experience most worthwhile and would encourage more people to join us next time.

Our Christmas Eve service was held at 7.00pm, and this earlier time proved to be very suitable.

Please let Gary, Catherine or Lavea 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 \$4739 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 \$1746 on last year despite a record \$5022 month in March. Many thanks to all the staff – it is certainly worth the effort. Phoenix House income remains constant. As you can see we still rely heavily on these two sources of income.

Our major expenses last year were \$8485.85 spent on the refurbishment and remarking of the car park, and \$1708.90 for the new signs. We had an overall deficit of \$5926, a good effort now that we have had a full year of stipend payment.

The loan of \$30,000 from PSDS has not been uplifted as yet, but we still have to paint the exterior of the church.

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 \$667.00. 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
Treasurer

ST ANDREWS HENDERSON

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AS AT 30 JUNE 2014

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
CASH AT BANK	5214.04	11792.38
P.S.D.S. INVESTMENT	569.67	587.65
BNZ INVESTMENT	15000.00	10421.83
	<u>20783.71</u>	<u>22801.86</u>
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>		
LAND (GOVERNMENT VALUATION)		
306 GREAT NORTH ROAD	384000.00	405000.00
7 TARA ROAD	426000.00	450000.00
	<u>810000.00</u>	<u>855000.00</u>
BUILDINGS (INSURED VALUE)		
CHURCH AND HALL	921900.00	1044700.00
MANSE	439800.00	502600.00
PHOENIX HOUSE	228300.00	254900.00
STORAGE SHED	23800.00	27300.00
	<u>1613800.00</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>
	<u>2520098.71</u>	<u>2782816.86</u>
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GENERAL ACCOUNT

	2013	2014 BUDGET 2015	
INCOME			
OFFERINGS	27827	32503	35000
AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS	11090	11153	12000
DONATIONS	2372	0	0
INTEREST BNZ	23	17	20
CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE	0	306	0
MISC	1160	0	0
G.S.T.	7641	3764	2000
INTEREST PSDS	156	0	0
KIDS FRIENDLY / YOUTH	313	296	400
ST ANDREWS DAY	2202	667	1000
YOUTH	0	850	1000
	52784	49556	50420
EXPENDITURE			
STIPEND	18295	48502	50000
CAR ALLOWANCE	2500	6000	6000
SECRETARIAL WAGES	6396	6333	7000
SPEAKERS	2447	300	500
NSF / ASSEMBLY LEVY	8264	8327	8104
PRESBYTERY LEVIES	1162	1157	1500
BANK FEES	20	10	20
TELEPHONE	1422	1870	2000
INSURANCE	920	1628	1750
RATES	1194	1191	1250
WATER RATES	403	486	500
LOAN SET UP FEE	981	0	0
STATIONARY & POSTAGE	0	67	100
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	530	460	500
KIDS FRIENDLY / YOUTH	650	700	500
CENTENARY	0	0	0
ADVERTISING	109	0	100
OVERHEAD PROJECTOR	0	0	500
CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE	0	306	0
MANSE R &M	42270	3539	4000
ASSEMBLY	0	0	1500
SUNDRIES	1401	347	500
ORGAN / PIANO	976	120	300
SUPERVISION	0	1170	1200
ACC LEVY	289	49	300
PHOTOCOPIER	1672	1786	1800
BUILDING FUND	0	0	0
	91901	84348	89924
EXCESS EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME			
	-39117	-34792	-39504

JOINT ACCOUNT

	2013	2014	BUDGET 2015
INCOME			
RENTAL	777	2315	3000
NIUEAN	3600	3600	3600
G.S.T.	1296	2336	500
STOVE / TABLES	0	1513	0
DONATIONS	0	100	0
	5673	9864	7100
EXPENDITURE			
ELECTRICITY	1640	1671	1800
INSURANCE	2713	1608	1800
LAWNMOWING	1012	1251	1500
RATES - PROPERTY	1194	1191	1250
RATES - WATER	486	487	500
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	1143	14013	10000
TELEPHONE	600	608	600
STOVE / TABLES	0	2376	0
	8788	23205	17450
EXCESS EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME	-3115	-13341	-10350

PHOENIX HOUSE

	2013	2014	BUDGET 2015
INCOME			
RENTAL	24150	24150	24150
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	0	0	0
	24150	24150	24150
EXPENDITURE			
G.S.T	2622	2675	2750
LAWNMOWING	1421	1258	1500
RATES	20	22	100
RATES - WATER	875	898	800
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	201	788	1000
INSURANCE	617	562	650
	5756	6203	6800
EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	18394	17947	17350

SHOP

	2013	2014	BUDGET 2015
INCOME			
SALES	44474	42788	50000
RENTAL REFUND	0	195	0
	44474	42983	50000
EXPENDITURE			
ELECTRICITY	949	1029	1000
RENTAL	15478	15503	15500
TELEPHONE	772	667	700
INSURANCE	13	12	15
MISC	238	124	500
	17450	17335	17715
EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	27024	25648	32285

BUILDING FUND

	2013	2014
INCOME		
DONATIONS	0	0
INTEREST	3	4
	3	4
EXPENDITURE	0	0
EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	3	4

MAINLY MUSIC

	2013	2014
INCOME		
CONTRIBUTIONS	556	1792
MINISTRY EDUCATION	2187	2050
INTEREST	4	6
	2747	3848
EXPENDITURE		
SUNDRIES	3507	3698
FEES	362	342
	3869	4040
EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	-1122	-192

YOUTH INTERNSHIP

	2013	2014
INCOME		

REFUND CONNECT FEE	85	0	
INTEREST	11	10	
	96	10	
EXPENDITURE			
CONNECT	0	1110	
BANK FEES	0	0	
GOING DEEPER	180	540	
	180	1650	
EXCESS EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME			
	-84	-1640	
<u>P.S.D.S</u>			
	2013	2014	
INCOME			
INTEREST	254	18	
EXPENDITURE			
TRANSFER TO GENERAL	7500	0	
<u>BNZ INVESTMENT</u>			
	2013	2014	
<u>INCOME</u>	0	0	
INTEREST	0	422	
EXPENDITURE			
TRANSFER TO GENERAL	0	5000	
<u>TOTAL INCOME ALL ACCOUNTS</u>			
	130181	130855	131670
<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE ALL ACCOUNTS</u>			
	127944	136781	131889
<u>EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</u>			
	2237	-5926	-219