

**St Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Henderson**

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Reports**

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MINISTER'S FORWARD – 2013

Talofa lava, Kia Orana, Fakalofa lahi atu, Kia ora.

Greetings to you in the name of Jesus Christ.

The past 10 months has been one of many “firsts” for Suliana and me. Since ordination as minister to St Andrew’s Henderson on January 30th of this year, we have both enjoyed joining the rhythm of life in our new home church. The following report will touch only briefly on aspects of parish life in general. Details will be found in individual committee reports.

Parish Life

Parish life at St Andrew’s has continued to gain momentum throughout the course of the year. We have been blessed with the involvement and contribution of you – the congregation, who continue to commit your time to duty rosters and weekly responsibilities such as weekly/monthly meetings, working bees, service rehearsals, and other activities. Parish life is what you make it. Every week, the church is adorned with flower arrangements and covering for the Communion Table and pulpit, a shared responsibility taken on by some of our parishioners and our Niuean brothers and sisters from Henderson PIPC. It is a great encouragement knowing that both congregations can share in the maintenance of the church which also includes cleaning. On the subject of rosters, I would like to acknowledge those who have volunteered to assist in reading the Bible each Sunday. This is of great help for me as minister, and I believe a great way of heading in the direction of being an all-inclusive parish – one that welcomes the gifts and hearts of all who want to serve in various capacities. And how can I forget, an important part of our Sunday morning, is the morning tea. To our families who have blessed us with refreshments and sweet treats, thank you. Morning tea time provides a very effective space after each service for fellowship and conversation, introductions, and the sharing of baking recipes!

Various committees work behind the scenes to ensure parish life functions well. The Parish Council, made up of 12 members, meet monthly to discuss work that needs to be undertaken on the property, the management of finances, and matters relating to worship services and Christian education. Discerning the will of God for any community is a challenge and the Parish Council has done an outstanding job in unpacking what God may be saying to us. God’s voice is also heard in you, the congregation’s voices, so let us work together – your voice gives the Council a reason to meet. Thank you to our Council members: Grant Connell (Secretary), Ailsa Freeman (Parish Clerk), Linda Johns (Parish Secretary), Alan Bussey (Property and Finance), Lavea Iafeta Clarke (Property and Finance), Jan Saifoloi, Anne Verry, Afoa Mona Tuuga Stevenson, Tearoa Ataela, Nele Mase, Alison Coates, and Nanai Nanai. We are currently screening for potential candidates to fill the vacant spots on the Council – so watch this space.

The Christian Education committee also meets monthly to plan for the teaching and development of the parish. “StAND Youth” have had a busy few months starting with an onsite Easter Camp from 30th March – 1st April. This was the start of a huge year for the youth who have since participated in numerous Regional Youth Services around Auckland, a fundraising event at the BMX World Champs, joining in the Unitec fundraiser Walk for Water, and most recently producing a video project gaining

recognition across the nation. Following an incentive from the Faith Builders team to cater to the needs and interests of different age groups, 3 groups had been formed: the Fantails, the Pukeko, and the Kiwi Club. The latter meeting once a month on a Friday night and led by myself and the StAND Youth leaders. The Faith Builders team, have been a blessing to our parish, constantly looking for ways to enable our children to articulate themselves in the surroundings of a faith community. One challenge has been the need for more willing volunteers to help out with Sunday lessons. Pete Lovell has kindly volunteered his time to take the occasional Sunday – it is with hope that many more will accept a call to help out in some way. Despite this being a challenge, the Faith Builders team continue to soldier on. Our Faith Builders Team: Caty Wilson, Diane Bussey, Jenny Collins, Jean Mansill, Linda Johns, Papua Taumate, Nelly Taumate, Nofo Nanai. I would also like to acknowledge the wonderful work Caty Wilson, Isabel Clarke, Michelle and Jean Pascoe are doing with our Mainly Music programme every Wednesday. It is always an enjoyable experience being part of this.

I have enjoyed meeting with the Senior's Fellowship once a month. There is much wisdom to take from a group that has a wealth of knowledge to pass onto a very young person like me. I am thankful for the sharing of stories and lunches. Thanks to all who continue to make time for these meets. Attendees are: Bruce and Gwen Deverell, Beryl Hughes, Jackie Natusch, Barbara Chapman, Muriel Coppins, Pete Lovell, Pava Saifoloi, Ailsa Freeman, Jean Jenkins, Isabel Clarke, and Rosita Euini.

The Steel Magnolias have continued to meet regardless of low numbers. I applaud the persistence of the Steel Mags to keep this fellowship going. Catherine Connell, Linda Johns, Diane Bussey, Ailsa Freeman, and Anne Verry have some funny moments to share with you! So, I encourage you to go along and find out for yourself.

The formation of a Kids Friendly Dream Team is well underway with Pava Saifoloi heading this team. The purpose of this team is to review the Kids Friendliness of our parish. Already, this team has put into place channels in which to engage with parents, children, and youth, seeking ways to find a balance of children friendly ways of being church. I anticipate the fruits of this team's findings.

Finally, I would like to thank our musicians who bring the lovely accompaniment to our Sunday worship songs and hymns. Your gifts are our blessings and we thank you for your relentless willingness to play for us on Sundays. Thanks to Alison Coates, Lavea Clarke, Catherine Connell, and assistants Jean Mansill and Aloema Fainu'u.

Thanks to all our committees for your work and sacrifice over the past year and I look forward to working alongside you over the next 12 months. Bring it on!

Special Services

St Andrew's hosted this year's World Day of Prayer service on Friday 1st March. Linda Johns coordinated this service which involved the participation of neighbouring churches of various denominations. This was a great experience shared by all who made up this ecumenical gathering.

On the 17th March, St Andrew's celebrated the baptisms of Mark and Shannon Botica, and Acacia Lasela Taufua. Personally, this was an even significant occasion as I too, celebrated my very first baptism. It was a very moving experience for all.

Maundy Thursday was celebrated with a Passover meal held here at the church hall. This evening, Thursday 28th March, was well attended by the young, the very young, and the old. Thank you to all those who made this evening possible. The Bussey family provided lamb and many others brought along herbs, spices, and drink. Another enjoyable first for Suliana and myself. The weekend culminated in a Good Friday service and Resurrection Sunday service.

This year, our Mothering Service included three testimonies from Jean Jenkins, Diane Bussey, and Violet Tuuga Stevenson. Sharing about the challenges and triumphs of motherhood, this was definitely a stand out service for me personally. Laughter and tears and more laughter were on the menu that day! In similar fashion, the Fathering Service was one of laughter and tears. StAND Youth led this service with songs and prayers, readings, and items presented by the youth themselves as a “thank you” gesture to all our church fathers. Thanks to all those who participated.

The Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership (KCML) held a block course in Auckland – a requirement for ministry students to experience Pacific Realities in a Multi-Cultural Context. St Andrew’s happily hosted a day of discussion for the staff and students of KCML on Friday 5th July. The day included speakers from diverse communities such as Reverend Don Ikitoelagi (Pasefika Misionare), Reverend Bruce Deverell, Reverend Uesefili Unasa, Reverend Arona Tusega, Reverend Mark Johnson, Fono Samoa PIPC Youth Representative Meauli Seuala, and I shared that day. The day was a success with many members of our congregation preparing food and refreshments for what was a day of much indulging! Many thanks to our chefs and cooks that day and those who kindly took time to drop off food throughout the day: Sa’e Nanai, Nofo Nanai, Leata Tuivaiti, Fou Purcell, Ailsa Freeman, Senara Te’o, Diane Bussey, Ime Ausane, Nele Mase, including StAND Youth and others. KCML are still digesting this food today. I am still receiving words of gratitude from staff and students of KCML. Well done St Andrew’s!

Most recently, the parishes of St Andrew’s Henderson, together with Henderson PIPC joined together in worship to mark the dedication of the Church Hall Floor Plaque. This project was one undertaken before my time, and so it was only fitting that Reverend Fei Taule’ale’ausumai Davis was invited back to join myself, and Reverend Fieta Faitala, in honouring those who had funded this project. A gold plated plaque, etched with the names of those who contributed to the costs of the floor currently hangs in the church hall for all to admire.

Community Life

With a heart for the community, it has been quite a revelation to have come into a parish with an Op Shop. Located on Trading Place, Henderson Town Centre, the “Shop” has been a tangible sign of the mission of God present in our local community. Volunteers from St Andrew’s, Henderson PIPC, and friends of the church staff this shop and have a great time doing so. On a couple of occasions I have dropped into the shop and greeted by laughter and interesting conversation. Keep up the good work ladies! I have been invited to share at several youth gatherings from Pacific Island Youth conferences, a spiel at a Ministry of Education forum, a Methodist Youth Conference, Regional Youth Services, and involvement in the Waitakere Gardens services. It has been a privilege to be considered and to be given the opportunity to sow into the lives of both the young and the old.

On Tuesday 9th April, I was invited to bless the Family Works premises on Montel Avenue. Family Works is a branch of the Presbyterian Support Northern. I saw this as an opportunity to initiate community relations and networks. The day went well and I made many friends that day who I am working closely with still today. It's always a relief when you meet others who are also working towards the common goal of helping families – helping God's people.

Farewells

Saying good bye is never easy. On Tuesday 18th July, a dear church friend and servant, Jean Hart Mansill, was honoured for her life. Jean sadly passed on 15th July, and a farewell service was held here at St Andrew's. This would be my first funeral at St Andrew's and it was a fitting farewell for one whose legacy lives on through her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and her friends. We continue to pray for the Mansill family.

Another departure of a different kind is that of Alison Coates. Alison has shifted and has informed the Parish Council that due to the distance of her new location, she will be unable to maintain her regular commitments to council duties. Alison has also graced us with her music abilities, accompanying our singing on Sundays. You will be missed Alison! May you make music wherever God leads you.

The Future

I am very excited about the future of St Andrew's. God has already, throughout the year, given me a glimpse of the direction He intends us to walk. I look forward to how this will unfold in the near future. Already, the future of the church looks promising in terms of the nurturing of future leaders. I have been approached by two potential candidates who are interested in exploring the ministry track. This is such an encouragement. Many will agree, that the Lighthouse Dance Group has been a blessing to us on recent occasions. I see this as another avenue of expressing worship to God through various gifts and language. I am excited to see how this dance group will develop over time with many youngsters interested in joining. The numbers of volunteers willing to take part in services, offering prayers, readings, items etc. are signs that there is more to come. I very much look forward to what this coming year is bringing – so what are YOU bringing?

“We will not keep wisdom from our children; we will tell the next generation about the Lord's power and his great deeds and the wonderful things he has done.” (Psalm 78:4)

God Bless St Andrew's!

Rev Gary Mauga

MINUTES OF THE ST ANDREW'S HENDERSON ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE CHURCH AFTER MORNING SERVICE ON SUNDAY 14 OCTOBER 2012

PRESENT: The Acting Modertor Ailsa Freeman and 25 members and adherents.

The meeting was constituted with scripture reading and prayer.

APOLOGIES: Received and sustained from Caty Ferguson, Nele Mase, Shiona Keir, Nofu Nanai, Jenny Collins, Marissa Botica and Tueipi Clarke.

MINUTES OF THE 2011 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Moved Alison Coates, seconded Diane Bussey, that the Minutes as circulated be confirmed. **Agreed.**

PARISH COUNCIL: Moved Ailsa Freeman, seconded Linda Johns, that this report be accepted. Ailsa commented on how it had been a normal year, but now we are looking forward to the process of calling another minister.

PROPERTY AND FINANCE: Moved Alan Bussey, seconded Bruce Deverell, that this report be accepted. Alan made mention of the renovations being done to the manse, and the fact that there is now no earthquake insurance due to the extra cost.

SHOP: Moved Catherine Connell, seconded Anne Verry, that this report be accepted. Comment was made about the welcome increase in income and how this assists in the running of our church. Shop staffing is still very tight and there is always a need for more people to assist in the day to day running.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Moved Diane Bussey, seconded Catherine Connell that this report be accepted. The term Faithbuilders was introduced this year to replace Sunday School.

KIDS FRIENDLY: Moved Linda Johns, seconded Alan Bussey that this report be accepted. We are trialling new ways of doing things – this being an establishing year for the Kids Friendly scheme. A vote of thanks was given to Caty, Diane and Jenny for all their efforts in getting this new initiative up and running. Mention was made of the need to find a new leader for Mainly Music as Caty returns to fulltime work next year. This position may be able to be paid with funds received from Ministry of Education.

MUSIC: Moved Alison Coates, seconded Catherine Connell that this report be accepted. Mention was made that we are willing to have volunteers to assist with the music, not only piano or organ, but other other instruments. The three organists, Alison, Catherine and Lavea were thanked for all their efforts.

TREASURERS REPORT: Moved Grant Connell, seconded Alan Bussey that this report be accepted. Special mention was made of the greatly increased Shop income. Questions were answered and various matters arising discussed.

GENERAL:

- Discussion on Presbytery proposal to amalgamate our congregation with the Niuean congregation. Not at all in favour.
- A vote of thanks given to all those who wrote and presented such precise and informative reports.
- Ailsa was thanked for her work in keeping the parish running while we are vacant.

- Thanks to Linda for her secretarial work and keeping our website up to date.

The meeting closed with the benediction at 12.00pm.

CONFIRMED.....

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT YEAR ENDING JUNE 2013.

The average attendance at our meetings has been eight. All the members have worked hard at keeping our Parish running smoothly during the vacancy.

We welcomed, ordained, and inducted our minister Rev Gary Mauga on Wednesday 30th January, 2013.

Our services each week since Fei's resignation in June 2012 have been conducted by a variety of ministers and groups.

A big thank you to the following ministers who conducted some services throughout the vacancy.

Rev Elizabeth Mansell

Rev Karel Lorier

Rev Bruce Deverell

Rev Graeme Ferguson.

Several groups within our congregation have also taken services.

Steel Magnolias, Seniors' Fellowship, Youth Group, Pacific Island Members, Faith Builders.

We have had Ward Buckingham, our representative at General Assembly who shared with us relevant topics to be discussed and then after the Assembly gave us a very full report on the Assembly.

We have had a pancake and singing service as well as our St Andrew's Day celebrations with the usual haggis.

Our Christmas time services were well presented by the Faith Builders.

Our musicians organised a 9 lessons and carols Sunday.

Fei returned and took our Christmas Day Service.

As the Session Clerk I wish to thank all those who stepped into the spotlight and helped out each Sunday.

We are really grateful also to the Ministry Settlement Board with the speed a new minister was interviewed and employed. The Rev Martin Fey as convenor of the board did an amazing job and we thank him.

We sadly farewelled Shiona and John Keir this last year. They have moved to a new home near Whangarei.

We also have sadly realised that Alison Coates will be leaving us as she moves to a home in Snells Beach.

In March we celebrated with a triple Christening for Acacia Taufua and Mark & Shannon Botica.

In June we farewelled Jean Mansill Snr, who along with her husband Vern were faithful members of our parish.

A BIG THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE WORKED SO HARD IN THE
PARISH.

Bruce Deverell for filling the pulpit when needed.

Linda Johns and her work as secretary especially during the vacancy.

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

Beryl Hughes for preparing and distributing the offering envelopes.

Tueipi Clarke for the preparation of communion.

Anne Verry for the work in keeping the towels and tea towels clean and available.

All the staff who work in the Op Shop.

The leaders of the Youth and Faith Builders.

The members of both Christian Education and Property Committees.

Everyone on the flower, cleaning, tea and coffee rosters.

All involved with Mainly Music every Wednesday.

All the members that are so willing to do things that make the running of the parish easier.

If you are approached about becoming a member of the Parish Council I make a plea for you to give it some prayerful thought. With that in mind we are looking forward to another year at St Andrews and pray for God's blessing on us all.

Ailsa Freeman, Session Clerk.

PROPERTY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

2013

The good news is that St Andrews Henderson future is looking good!

We have been blessed spiritually with the calling of Reverend Gary Mauga and his wife Suliana to the Parish. Their appointment has seemed to revitalise the Parish – in many ways.

As you know, the Manse renovation project was the main focus of our committee last year and the beginning of this year. A working bee was carried out to tidy up the area where the large magnolia tree was removed; but other significant works were undertaken at that time too – such as roof and gutter cleaning to the all the Church building (including Phoenix House) and a major tidy up of the grounds. As a continuation of that working bee, Peter Lovell has spent extra time painting the new joinery and walls in the Vestry and the old kitchen (which is now the Kids friendly and Mainly Music storage room); a new stove was purchased for the kitchen, as the old one was challenging to operate and was not fully functioning; the Hall Floor Plaque was dedicated recently – it has been mounted inside the Hall for all to see.

Thank you to all who contributed to the working bee, including the St Andrews Youth and the Niuean Congregation.

It has turned out that we have not needed to draw down on the loan from PSIS we obtained last year. However, we now have some projects coming up that may require a partial drawdown, namely the Church Building exterior painting and car park resurfacing. Confirmation of the date for the car park resurfacing has been received from Lynfield Asphalt – it will be commence on Monday 21st October (earlier if circumstances allow) and should be completed ready for the car park marking by the 25th.

On a personal note, last month my resignation as St Andrews Presbyterian Church Property and Finance Convenor was accepted by the Parish Council. I am remaining on the Council and continue to be fully committed to St Andrews Presbyterian Church and the Church family. I am also available to Gary and the Parish Council for any projects or minor work that they wish me to undertake.

Finally, I would like again to thank all of the people who do work for our church. Without you our church would not be able to function. You are all highly thought of and valued.

Alan Bussey
Convenor.

SHOP REPORT

The Church Shop is situated at 9 Trading Place and has been operating since September 1984. We sell a wide range of good quality items including clothing, jewellery, bric a brac, household goods 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.

Donations have been coming in steadily and it is difficult to keep up with them. We could always do with some extra helpers. No experience is necessary and you would not be working on your own.

Our takings have remained constant and we need to keep this level up to assist with the ever increasing costs of running the Church. The revenue gained from the shop is absolutely essential. Without it St Andrew's could not exist.

We still need to make far more people aware of our existence. If you have not been to the shop, 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 helpers 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 2013.

KID'S FRIENDLY, FAITH BUILDERS, MAINLY MUSIC.

The team has been working really hard during the year and has been presenting updated reports to the Parish Council.

There will be a report from this group elsewhere in this document.

YOUTH.

This group also is presenting a separate report.

WORSHIP.

We have welcomed Gary and we have enjoyed his style of worship.

STEEL MAGNOLIAS.

We would like to see some more members at our get togethers. We have enjoyed Movie night, DVD, Book Club, Lunch and walk at Piha, Music appreciation. Of course our meetings always start with a great shared meal.

SENIORS' FELLOWSHIP.

We meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month and always start with a shared lunch. Some of our subjects have been: An aspect of worship from Samoan perspective presented by Pava Saifoloi. - Coping with life – favourite book of the bible – boat trip on West Harbour Water Taxi – a book or film you enjoyed – Preparing our hearts and minds for the Easter season - Christine and Ian Deverell spoke to us - Gary on worship, and our experience of worship at St Andrews.

We are a very happy and friendly group and enjoy each others company.

There will be other reports that come under the umbrella of the Christian Education Committee and they will be elsewhere in this overall report.

Ailsa Freeman,
Convenor.

Kids Friendly Report

This year has seen some more progress on our Kids Friendly Journey. We have a very committed Kids friendly team consisting of Gary Mauga, Caty Ferguson, Jenny Collins, Diane Bussey and a Youth representative 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 meet we find a large list of interesting things to discuss, most of which relate to the church. Our aim is to ensure that we are genuinely engaging with the children and creating a church that they, and their families, want to belong to.

Earlier in the year we decided it was time to take stock of the family of our church. So we set up the Census Sunday. It was fascinating to see the various families stand up together, then place themselves on the magnificent family tree, created for the purpose by Gary and the youth.

This year we have set up the Kids Friendly Dreamteam. This is a requirement of being a Kids Friendly Church. The Dreamteam will do a self review of our church, with help from the congregation, including the children. The Dreamteam have had two meetings so far, and have made a beginning on the review. The Dreamteam consists of Pava Saifoloi, Gary and Suliana Mauga, Caty Ferguson, Diane Bussey, Jenny Collins, Falen Stevenson, Gwen and Bruce Deverell, Ailsa Freeman and Violet Stevenson. You will have seen and hopefully responded to the questions in the hall asking for feedback. If you have anything you'd like to bring to the attention of the Dreamteam please speak to a team member. Once the review is done the recommendations can be passed back to the Kids Friendly Team to oversee.

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 -2013

The FaithBuilders team may be small, however small things come in good packages! The same can be said for our 'smallish' charges, those who attend the FaithBuilders sessions each Sunday and who seem to be getting taller as each Sunday passes. It is a blessing to see the growth and enthusiasm of our younger church family members each Sunday as they willingly engage and share with each other on their faith journeys.

It has been another busy year, our second as a FaithBuilders team. Building on the foundations of our first year we continue to focus on what our church can offer to the future generations of St Andrews.

Fantails, Pukekos and Kiwis

We now have three FaithBuilder groups: Fantails (0-5 years), Pukekos (6-10) and Kiwis (8-12)

As the age groups of our children grow we are looking to be planning ahead with a view to be offering age appropriate challenges and learning opportunities for all our children. St Andrews will shortly have a group of children that will be looking for different learning opportunities than what is appropriate for the younger members of the Pukeko Group, hence the new Kiwi group was established. Next year we will review again to see if we need to have three Sunday morning groups as well as the Friday Kiwis.

Kiwi Group

We have started up this new group to meet the needs of the children who are the oldest in our FaithBuilder group. We have a wonderful group of 8-12 year olds who have begun to meet on a Friday night once per month. Falen and Steven have joined with Gary to facilitate this group much to the delight of the children involved. They spend most of their time laughing for the 2 hours they are together. If you have an 8-12 year old make sure you check out the noticeboard for the dates they meet, don't miss out!

Learning Materials

The FaithBuilders team have been allocated a budgeted amount by the Parish Council to spend on materials. Recent purchases have included bible story books 'My First Hands On Bible' for the Fantails group, and Karen Henley CDs to support all the FaithBuilder groups in learning new songs.

For the Pukeko group we have been using materials that introduce a new character or bible story each week. Next year we want to return to 'theme based' sessions in 2014, where the Pukeko group will delve into a theme over several weeks, giving more time to explore each theme more fully.

The Fantails group require more action with physical play activities and 'age appropriate' materials for their learning. We are fortunate to have Caty and Jenny who are both early childhood professionals reviewing materials and ensuring we make best use of our available funds.

The FaithBuilders team have been reviewing available materials and will shortly be making some purchases to support an exciting range of activities for 2014.

Christmas Play

Last Christmas the FaithBuilders and Youth put on a Kiwi summer holiday play, with the message of sharing and caring at Christmas time. The children and volunteers worked hard over the fourth school term learning their lines and new songs, which culminated in a fantastic one off performance.

Preparations for this years performance are already underway, and the children are keen to have an opportunity to show off their talents.

FaithBuilders Volunteers

As with all the work within the church, FaithBuilders rely on volunteers to be able to offer the FaithBuilder sessions. Obviously the current team of volunteers are doing a great job – we have 20+ children regularly attending each Sunday now. We make sure that each week there are at least two people in the Fantail room, a leader and support person. St Andrews is blessed to have such a committed and professional teaching and support team. I know our children greatly appreciate all the time and effort put into preparing and delivering excellent lessons each week.

Thanks go to this wonderful team of volunteers, Caty, Jenny, Diane, Linda, Papua, Nellie, Nele, Nofo, Pete, Jean, Christine, Josephine and Anne.

The good news is that St Andrews Henderson is in growth mode and the future is looking fantastic!

Diane Bussey



Mainly Music Annual Report

This year has been one of growth and change for our group. Last year we said farewell Fei and Jenny, as they moved on from our Mainly Music team. This year we have welcomed Gary, who has become the resident giant and jam session leader. A big thanks also to Michelle Robinson who has continued on as a team member even though Katie has now gone to school. We also have a new parent volunteer on our team, Amanda.



We have said farewell to some of the older children who have been with us since they were babies. However over this last term we have had larger than ever numbers attending the music sessions. Our average attendance over this term has been 23 children, with a high of 31 children. This same period last year had an average attendance of 18 children with a high of 23 children.



We are now moving into another period of change as I need to return to work commitments, leaving us with no one to lead the music part of our session. We have a team of volunteers who are prepared to take one week each, but for the long term success of the group it would be better to have one person to lead consistently. We continue to ask if there are any volunteers out there interested to come and talk to us.

This year we've continued to be a certified playgroup with the Ministry of Education, and have provided some really interesting activities on top of our music. The funding we get from the Ministry go to the resources we purchase for music. We have agreed that we will now begin to pay a small rental to the church out of this money. Please take the time to look at the display in the corner of the hall, showing the variety of things we do at music.



Our theme days this year have been 'Dress Up' day, 'Water', and 'Colour' as well as Easter and Christmas. Each of these have been a lot of fun to prepare for, including ½ hour of music related to the theme followed by morning tea with theme based food. Then we do a craft related to the theme and often have face painting as well.

This year we have set up a social group of Mainly Music mums. We gather together once per month, sometimes just for a chat while the children play, and sometimes for activities such as craft, dinner and anything else we think of.

So once again I'd like to send out a big thank you to our fabulous mainly music team, Janette, Jean, Catherine, Isabel, Michelle, Gary and Amanda. And also to our regular parents who will always help out with moving chairs, providing baking, helping with our craft activities, manning the welcome table when needed and all the other jobs that make up a successful mainly music.



MUSIC REPORT

During the year the music for our services has continued to be mainly organ and / or piano, led by Alison, Catherine and Lavea. We have a wide range of hymns which are drawn from at least 20 different sources. We include a Samoan hymn, or sometimes a Cook Island hymn, in most services.

In July Alison moved to her new home at Snells Beach. She gave many years of dedicated service as a musician to St Andrew's. We miss her expertise and the wonderful contribution she made to the music in our services. She encouraged us to purchase New Zealand hymn books from which she introduced some lovely hymns. The words for the Birthday Song were written by Alison and she composed the Congratulations Song. One of her ideas was to keep a record of the hymns which are sung each Sunday, and we have found this to be a very worthwhile resource. We thank Alison for all that she has done, and wish her much happiness as she settles at Snells Beach.

We are very grateful to Jean Mansill for playing 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.

Our carol singing was held on 9 December and a group of singers visited Waratah Retirement Home, Avondale Rest Home and Hospital, and Ranfurly Veterans Home and Hospital. We allowed plenty of time at each venue, which proved to be most worthwhile. The singers enjoyed singing to (and with) the residents, who were particularly appreciative of our visit.

We decided against having our traditional 9.00pm service of carols and readings on Christmas Eve. Because of this, we had a service of Nine Lessons and Carols on 23 December.

A Kids Friendly song is included in each service. 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 really appreciate Rev Gary's guitar playing and his lovely singing voice.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Our overall offerings increased by \$2519 this year due to a rise in direct giving. Many thanks to everyone for their support and commitment. The Shop income stayed about the same as last year. 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 expense last year was the \$42270 spent on the refurbishment of the manse. The money came from our reserves and the savings made by not having a stipend to pay.

We have been granted a loan of \$30,000 from PSDS. This has not been uplifted as yet, but we will need it this summer to paint the exterior of the church and to remedy the carpark amongst other projects.

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 limits 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 \$2202. 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 as we continue to be a viable parish with a full-time Minister.

Grant Connell
Treasurer

ST ANDREWS HENDERSON

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AS AT 30 JUNE 2013

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
CASH AT BANK	5214.04	9685.79
P.S.D.S. INVESTMENT	569.67	7815.84
BNZ INVESTMENT	15000.00	0.00
	<u>20783.71</u>	<u>17501.63</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	880000.00
MANSE	439800.00	420000.00
PHOENIX HOUSE	228300.00	200000.00
STORAGE SHED	23800.00	21000.00
	<u>1613800.00</u>	<u>1521000.00</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>
	2520098.76	2469016.63
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GENERAL ACCOUNT

	2013	2012	BUDGET 2014
INCOME			
OFFERINGS	27827	27841	32000
AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS	11090	13595	14000
DONATIONS	2372	1750	500
INTEREST BNZ	23	20	20
CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE	0	0	0
MISC	1160	950	500
G.S.T.	7641	2932	3500
INTEREST PSDS	156	11	20
KIDS FRIENDLY / YOUTH	313	252	200
ST ANDREWS DAY	2202	1162	2000
CENTENARY	0	3640	0
	52784	52153	52740
EXPENDITURE			
STIPEND	18295	53475	49000
CAR ALLOWANCE	2500	5500	6000
SECRETARIAL WAGES	6396	6538	7000
SPEAKERS	2447	0	500
NSF / ASSEMBLY LEVY	8264	6222	8327
PRESBYTERY LEVIES	1162	1351	1500
BANK FEES	20	5	20
TELEPHONE	1422	1635	1500
INSURANCE	920	973	1000
RATES	1194	1494	1750
WATER RATES	403	119	450
LOAN SET UP FEE	981	0	0
STATIONARY & POSTAGE	0	26	100
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	530	382	500
KIDS FRIENDLY / YOUTH	650	0	500
CENTENARY	0	3739	0
ADVERTISING	109	0	100
OVERHEAD PROJECTOR	0	0	0
CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE	0	0	0
MANSE R &M	42270	116	2000
ASSEMBLY	0	0	0
SUNDRIES	1401	851	300
ORGAN / PIANO	976	0	300
SUPERVISION	0	660	1080
ACC LEVY	289	377	400
PHOTOCOPIER	1672	719	1560
BUILDING FUND	0	1164	0
	91901	85346	83887
EXCESS EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME	-39117	-33193	-31147

JOINT ACCOUNT

	2013	2012	BUDGET 2014
INCOME			
RENTAL	777	2013	1500
NIUEAN	3600	3600	3600
G.S.T.	1296	1025	500
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	0	0	0
TRUSTS	0	0	0
	5673	6638	5600
EXPENDITURE			
ELECTRICITY	1640	1300	1800
INSURANCE	2713	4235	3000
LAWNMOWING	1012	953	1000
RATES - PROPERTY	1194	1495	1600
RATES - WATER	486	119	450
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	1143	4467	20000
TELEPHONE	600	589	600
GARAGE	0	0	250
	8788	13158	28700
EXCESS EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME	-3115	-6520	-23100

PHOENIX HOUSE

	2013	2012	BUDGET 2014
INCOME			
RENTAL	24150	24062	24150
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	0	0	0
	24150	24062	24150
EXPENDITURE			
G.S.T	2622	2529	2500
LAWNMOWING	1421	1398	1500
RATES	20	795	100
RATES - WATER	875	59	500
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	201	0	2000
INSURANCE	617	266	650
	5756	5047	7250
EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	18394	19015	16900

SHOP

	2013	2012	BUDGET 2014
INCOME			
SALES	44474	44040	50000
RENTAL REFUND	0	0	0
	44474	44040	50000
EXPENDITURE			
ELECTRICITY	949	921	1000
RENTAL	15478	15173	15500
TELEPHONE	772	647	800
INSURANCE	13	14	15
MISC	238	448	500
	17450	17203	17815
EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	27024	26837	32185

BUILDING FUND

	2013	2012
INCOME		
DONATIONS	0	2062
INTEREST	3	
	3	2062
EXPENDITURE		
	0	4502
EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	3	2440

MAINLY MUSIC

	2013	2012
INCOME		
CONTRIBUTIONS	556	791
MINISTRY EDUCATION	2187	4342
INTEREST	4	
	2747	5133
EXPENDITURE		
SUNDRIES	3507	1416
FEES	362	423
	3869	1839
EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	-1122	3294

YOUTH INTERNSHIP

	2013	2012
<u>INCOME</u>		
REFUND CONNECT FEE	85	0
INTEREST	11	11
	96	11
EXPENDITURE		
CONNECT	0	1000
BANK FEES	0	2
GOING DEEPER	180	1002
EXCESS EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME	84	-991

P.S.D.S

	2013	2012
INCOME		
INTEREST	254	10
EXPENDITURE		
TRANSFER TO GENERAL	7500	0

BNZ INVESTMENT

	2013	2012
<u>INCOME</u>	0	
INTEREST	0	0
EXPENDITURE		
TRANSFER TO GENERAL	0	0

TOTAL INCOME ALL ACCOUNTS

	130181	134109	132490
<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE ALL ACCOUNTS</u>			
	127944	128097	137652
<u>EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</u>	2237	6012	-5162