

# Annual General Meeting Reports

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St. Andrew's  
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CHURCH HENDERSON

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***Based on the Acts of the Apostles 2: 44-47***

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Greetings in Jesus' mighty and most powerful name!

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Henderson, we are truly blessed to have made it through another year of work and service to our good and faithful God. What a privilege it is to carry the cross into this 2019/20 year. We, the Mauga family have drawn strength and courage from our interactions and conversations with many of you. Thank you, our dear and beloved parish, for trusting our lead and for being willing to follow. Thank you for your honesty and heart each time you had an idea to contribute – even when it meant correcting the minister. I am forever learning from you all. Thank you for the humility you have demonstrated in offering your skill and spiritual gifts to ignite our life of worship.

***<sup>44</sup>All the believers continued together in close fellowship and shared their belongings with one another.***

Similar to that of the early *koinonia* (fellowship) of believers in Acts as Luke witnesses to our parish has grown in our sharing with and caring for one another. Regular time together whether it is on Sunday at worship, Sunday evening at youth, or regular meetings throughout the working week, has enabled opportunities for friendships to form and further develop. Even the Faithbuilders (our children) are forming friendships we pray will last well into their youth and adulthood. I believe that with regular and intentional fellowship trust stems. When we trust each other we begin to take our surface conversations to a deeper level. It is at this deeper level where genuine sharing and pastoral caring occurs. Amazing happens the more we spend time together. This is evident in the confidence displayed by our StAND Youth and Faithbuilders in their leading of services and their taking on of leadership roles on Bible reading and prayer rosters. This is not only limited to our youngsters but all ages. I put this confidence down to familiarity: the more our young people know of their faith family the more confident they are of their audience and support. As a recipient of both your sharing and caring I am encouraged by the freedom of sharing and selfless giving I have witnessed being exchanged amongst you this year.

***<sup>45</sup>They would sell their property and possessions, and distribute the money among all according to what each one needed.***

Your weekly donations keep the heart of our parish beating and we shall never take this for granted. As the world moves forward into the future so the cost of living rises. Yet, in an act of faith and worship you continue to give cheerfully. From the solo parent raising your children to the households with only one person in paid employment trying to make ends meet – yet you still have something to place into the plate. Our elderly and pensioners, our widows and our ill – yet you give from the little you have. How can we not be encouraged by you? How can we not draw strength from such faith in action? We have had numerous fundraisers throughout the year and you have gotten behind every initiative achieving above and beyond the set target. The result of your generosity has led to much needed maintenance and repair work to our physical place of worship. At a spiritual level a nature of selflessness is growing within you.

***<sup>46</sup>Day after day they met as a group in the Temple, and they had their meals together in their homes, eating with glad and humble hearts,***

We are blessed to have physical feeding following worship services. Thank you to our morning tea roster volunteers as well as those on flowers and cleaning. Your commitment, time and resources bless us each week inspiring a shared ministry that strengthens our in-house fellowship. Not only have we grown in our

fellowship inside the parish but what is most encouraging is that such hospitality is being extended to one another beyond the walls of the sanctuary. Many of you have made friends through regular fellowship and are now breaking bread together in each other's homes. This makes me smile. Continue to invite one another into each other's homes and practice the ministry of hospitality. Feed one another. Eat together. Pray together. Laugh together. Cry together. For when you are gathered in the name of Jesus, He is also in your midst. Be glad!

***47 praising God, and enjoying the goodwill of all the people, and every day the Lord added to their group those who were being saved."***

Sadly, each year also brings about the loss of loved ones. One of our matriarchs, the late Shirley McLeavey passed late last year. You have experienced your own personal loss of loved ones too. We continue to trust the comfort and healing that comes to us when we cry out to God who promises to draw near to us at such times. Our God, however, is not just in the business of taking away but also giving. The Lord continues to add to our parish. We celebrate all our new family and friends to St. Andrew's, Henderson. It has been a delight to meet you and your families. Our prayer is that you would find a warm spiritual home here – as many of us have. WELCOME. We have enjoyed each other's presence in the presence of our God. Let us continue to do this.

Finally, a HUGE THANK YOU to all the gifted and skilled people around me, who make me look good every year: Session Clerk Taule'ale'a Violet Tuuga Stevenson, Parish Secretary Helen Tuuga Stevenson and Parish Treasurer Grant Connell. Thank you for being "YES" people this past year. This ministry definitely feels like a shared ministry because of what you do for me and for the parish. The Parish Council is the highest governing court in our parish. Through this governing body some tough decisions are made. It is never an easy task to discern the will of God for our parish in any given year. But these Elders have discussed, debated, disagreed and voted for what is in the parish's best interests. I salute you Parish Council for all that has been achieved together – even for those dreams yet to be realized. Let us continue to be ambitious in our vision for the future.

St. Andrew's, Henderson, well done. Let us continue into tomorrow TOGETHER from the youngest child to the most senior, from the most familiar friend to the visiting stranger, with GOD at the fore, Christ at the centre and the Holy Spirit within us. ALWAYS. Amen.

With love and prayers

**Rev. Gary and Suliana and Tara Mauga**





## Special Services

July 1, 2018  
**Celebrating our 107<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

July 8, 2018  
**Youth-Led Sunday**

September 2, 2018  
**Father's Day Service**

September 23, 2018  
**All Age Reflection Service**  
(Intergenerational Service)

December 2, 2018  
**St. Andrew's Day Service**

December 9, 2018  
**Faithbuilders Christmas Service**

December 24, 2018  
**Christmas Eve Service**

December 25, 2018  
**Christmas Day Service**

February 3, 2019  
**Dedication Sunday**

April 18, 2019  
**Passover Service**

April 19, 2019  
**Good Friday Service**  
(Led by Rev. Dr. Graeme Ferguson)

April 21, 2019  
**Resurrection Sunday Service**

May 12, 2019  
**Mother's Day Service**

May 19, 2019  
**Baptism of Tariec, Brenda, Victory,  
Lavinia and Andrew Onesemo**  
(Children of Folau Onesemo & Susi Tautalaga)

## Weddings

**Alastair and Jennifer Mase**

30th November 2018

**Crete and Falen Sami**

15th March 2019

## We Remember

With love and thankfulness, we remember the following members and friends of our Parish who have passed away this past year.



**Shirley McLeavey**

*Wife of Peter McLeavey. Mother, Grandmother  
and Great-grandmother to the McLeavey, Bussey and Snape families*  
10 November 2018

**Dr. Meaola Amituana'i-Toloa**

*Aunty of Helen Tuuga Stevenson, sister of Gafa Amituanai*  
28 January 2019

**Mr. Fefita Funaki Teineha'a Ofa Fonua**

*Helen Fonua's father-in-law*

## Committees, Leadership Teams and Special Responsibilities 2018-2019

### **Ministry Team**

Rev. Gary Mauga (Minister)  
Violet Tuuga Stevenson (Session Clerk)  
Grant Connell (Treasurer)  
Helen Tuuga Stevenson (Parish Secretary)

### **Parish Council**

Rev. Gary Mauga (Moderator)  
Afoa Tuuga Stevenson  
Ailsa Freeman  
Alby Tuuga Stevenson  
Anne Verry  
Atika Tuivaiti  
Aufai Mase  
Caty Ferguson  
Fou Purcell  
Grant Connell  
Helen Tuuga Stevenson  
Jan Saifoloi  
Jenny Collins  
Linda Johns  
Nanai Nanai  
Nele Mase  
Pava Saifoloi  
Tearoa Ataela  
Vaivao Clarke  
Violet Tuuga Stevenson

### **Christian Education Committee**

Ailsa Freeman (Convenor until March 2019)  
Linda Johns (Convenor from March 2019)  
Bruce Deverell  
Catherine Connell  
Caty Ferguson  
Gwen Deverell  
Jenny Collins  
Michelle Robinson

### **Faithbuilders Leadership and Teachers**

Caty Ferguson  
Jenny Collins  
Nele Mase  
Nina Vaifale  
Suliana Mauga  
Sa'e Saena (until February 2019)  
Nofo Nanai

### **Property & Finance Committee**

Jan Saifoloi (Convenor)  
Violet Tuuga Stevenson  
Grant Connell  
Fou Purcell

### **StAND Youth Leadership**

Albe Mase  
Papua Taumate  
Ashleigh Hemana (until May 2019)  
Onosai Nanai (until May 2019)  
Ite Lemalu (until December 2018)

### **Church Shop**

Catherine Connell  
Ailsa Freeman  
Anne Verry  
Grant Connell

### **Mainly Music Working Group**

Rev. Gary Mauga (Convenor)  
Michelle Robinson (Co-ordinator)  
Caty Ferguson  
Jenny Collins  
Anne Verry  
Gabrielle Johnson

### **Music Team**

Catherine Connell  
Ite Lemalu  
Vaivao Clarke

### **Grants and Funding Committee**

Grant Connell  
Helen Tuuga Stevenson  
Jan Saifoloi  
Nele Mase  
Pava Saifoloi  
Violet Tuuga Stevenson

### **Envelope Steward**

Nele Mase

### **Envelope Secretary**

Linda Johns

### **Communion Patrons**

Afoa & Violet Tuuga Stevenson



## Volunteers

Our dearest volunteers, you are the heartbeat of this Parish! Thank you so much for all your time, effort, hard work, and prayers! Please accept the thanks and appreciation of your fellow Parishioners, the Parish Council, and Minister. You are a blessing to this congregation, and your willingness to use your gifts and abilities has strengthened the ministry of this Church. **Church does not run smoothly without you!**

**Bible Readings:** Ataela Family, Connell Family, Falen & Crete Sami, Gwen & Bruce Deverell, Helen Fonua, Linda Johns, Mase Family, Nanai Family, Saifoloi Family, Taumate Family, Te'o Family, Tu'uga Stevenson Family (Sr.), Tu'uga Stevenson Family (Jr.), Vaifale Family and Wilson Family.

**Cleaning and Flowers:** Ailsa Freeman, Atika Tuivaiti, Catherine Connell, Falen Sami, Fia Mitimeti, Fou Purcell, Helen Tuuga Stevenson, Lisa Luisi, Luaipou Lemalu, Sa'e Nanai, Suliana Mauga, Te'o & Mase Families, Tearoa Ataela, Vaifale Family, Violet Tuuga Stevenson.

**PowerPoint Operators:** Alofa Vaifale, Helen Tuuga Stevenson, Jan Saifoloi, Junior Mase, Linda Johns, Nina Vaifale and Papua Taumate.

**Morning Tea:** Ailsa Freeman, Atika Tuivaiti, Helen Fonua, Helen Tuuga Stevenson, Isabel Clarke, Jean Pascoe, Mua'au Tueipi Clarke & Toots Leavasa, Nanai Susi & Folau, Sa'e Nanai, Te'o & Mase Families and the Vaifale Family.

**Prayers for Others:** Koletu Saena, Mairi Ferguson, Ashley Vaifale, Faatino Saena, Alofa Vaifale, Suliana Mauga, Nina Vaifale, Jordan Vaifale, Natalia Leavasa and Caty Ferguson.

**Church shop:** Fia Mitimeti (Henderson PIPC); Fatemeh Bajoutan, Grant and Catherine Connell, Mairi Ferguson, Ailsa Freeman, Toots Leavasa, Fou Purcell, Pava and Jan Saifoloi, Afoa and Violet Tu'uga Stevenson, Anne Verry, and Tino Saena; Doreen Blakely, Hilda Evans, Cynthia Freeman, Raewyn Rooke and Meryle Smillie.

**Mainly Music:** Michelle Robinson (co-ordinator), Jean Pascoe, Gabrielle, Nomes Dixon, Belinda, Bob, Pava Saifoloi, Claire Kelly, Isabel Clarke, Catherine Connell, Gary Mauga, Donna Teale, Toots Leavasa and Suliana Mauga.

A very special thank you to Anne Verry, Ailsa Freeman and Violet Tu'uga Stevenson for continuing to stock the shelves each week with tea, coffee, milo, sugar, for stocking the bathrooms and making sure there are clean tea towels each week. Thank you to Majid and Fate for donating a coffee machine for our Parish to enjoy delicious coffee each Sunday. May God bless you, may He strengthen and sustain you as you serve our Church with love and care.

*'Obey the LORD and serve faithfully with all your heart.  
Remember the great things he has done for you.'*

**1 Samuel 12:24**

*Submitted by Helen Tuuga Stevenson*

**Parish Secretary**

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Henderson  
Annual General Meeting 2018**

<b>Meeting Date and Time</b>	Sunday 29 July 2018, 10:50am – 11:55am
<b>Location:</b>	Church
<b>Present:</b>	Moderator Rev. Gary Mauga and 42 members
<b>Apologies:</b>	Graeme & Mairi Ferugson, Michelle Robinson, Helen Fonua, Vaivao & Mua'au Clarke, Sefuiva Saifoloi, Falen Tuuga Stevenson, Steel Purcell, Nellie Taumate, Tualua Te'o and Steven Te'o.
<b>Minutes:</b>	Taken by Helen Tuuga Stevenson

**Minutes**

	<b>Agenda Item</b>
<b>1</b>	<p><b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:</b> Moved by Nele Mase and seconded by Linda Johns, the minutes of the meeting held 29 October 2017 were taken as circulated, read and confirmed. <b>Agreed.</b></p> <p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</b> - There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.</p>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>SESSION CLERK REPORT</b> Moved by Violet Tuuga Stevenson, seconded by Gaelene Su'ausane that this report be accepted. <b>Agreed</b> - Correction made to page 15. Correct spelling is <i>Faleao Taitetai</i>.</p>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</b> Moved by Ailsa Freeman, seconded by Linda Johns that this report be accepted. <b>Agreed.</b> - Noted: Jenny Collins was missed from the list of Faithbuilders Representatives at Christian Education Meetings.</p>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>MUSIC REPORT</b> Moved by Catherine Connell, seconded by Jan Saifoloi that this report be accepted. <b>Agreed</b> - Catherine thanked Vaivao for filling in when needed. - Jan thanked the musicians for service to the Church - Gary thanked the musicians for accompanying the singing every Sunday.</p>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>CHURCH SHOP REPORT</b> Moved by Catherine Connell, seconded by Anne Verry that this report be accepted. <b>Agreed</b> - Catherine thanked all of the Op-shop volunteers. - The Parish were encouraged to visit and purchase from the shop - Nele thanked all of the op-shop staff. - Catherine also thanked Fatemeh and Majid for their assistance at the shop.</p>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>FAITHBUILDERS</b> Moved by Caty Ferguson, seconded by Jenny Collins that this report be accepted. <b>Agreed.</b> - Caty thanked the Faithbuilders team for this year. - Special thanks to Nellie Taumate who has moved back to Samoa, and to Sa'e who has come back to the Faithbuilders Team. Thanks to Nofo, Nina and Steel for their assistance too. - Caty encouraged anyone wanting to assist with Faithbuilders for the coming year. - Linda thanked Caty and Jenny for their work this year, as did Violet and Gary.</p>
<b>7</b>	<p><b>StAND Youth</b> Moved by Albe Mase, seconded by Caty Ferguson that this report be accepted. <b>Agreed.</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Afoa Tuuga Stevenson thanked Gary and Youth Leaders for this year.</li> <li>- Ailsa thanked the youth, as did Gwen Deverell, Violet and Gary.</li> </ul>
<b>8</b>	<p><b>PROPERTY &amp; FINANCE</b></p> <p>Moved by Jan Saifoloi, seconded by Linda Johns that this report be accepted. <b>Agreed.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jan thanked the Parish for their efforts with fundraising and working bees. Thanked the Parish for their efforts with fundraising to get the carpet installed. Asked Parish to continue to support fundraisers to achieve our property maintenance goals for this coming year.</li> <li>- Afoa Tuuga Stevenson thanked Jan and the Committee of 4 people for working hard for our Church this year.</li> <li>- Gary thanked Jan, Brian, Onosa'i and Folau for their assistance this year.</li> </ul>
<b>9</b>	<p><b>MAINLY MUSIC</b></p> <p>Moved by Catherine Connell, seconded by Anne Verry that this report be accepted. <b>Agreed.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Catherine thanked Michelle for all of her work with mainly music.</li> <li>- Gary thanked Catherine and everyone involved in mainly music for this year.</li> </ul>
<b>10</b>	<p><b>TREASURERS REPORT</b></p> <p>Moved by Grant Connell, seconded by Jan Saifoloi that this report be accepted. <b>Agreed.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Takings at the shop have increased thanks to the addition of EFTPOS.</li> <li>- Helen Tuuga Stevenson thanked Grant for all of his work this year.</li> </ul>
<b>11</b>	<p><b>FROM THE MINISTER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Life Matters (formerly Senior's Fellowship) will be starting up again this year, meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month starting 27 August.</li> <li>- Samoan Language Service has taken a break due to the weather, will resume again in warmer weather.</li> </ul> <p>Gary called attendees to remember those who have passed. A candle was lit and a minute of silence was observed.</p> <p>Gary extended a word of thanks to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Eldership Team and Ministry Team</li> <li>- Senior members of the Church</li> </ul>
<b>12</b>	<p><b>VOLUNTEERS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A word of thanks extended to all volunteers for the work they do to keep the Church running.</li> <li>- Linda Johns suggested that the Faithbuilders and Youth Leaders be mentioned under the volunteers address as well. Noted that Faithbuilders and Youth Leaders are mentioned under Committees.</li> </ul>
<b>13</b>	<p><b>GENERAL BUSINESS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fou Purcell thanked the Church for keeping her and her family in prayer. Mentioned that Steel sent his love from down in Waionuru at the NZ Army Training Base.</li> <li>- Violet thanked Gary and Suliana, thanked the Seniors of our Parish and thanked the Parish for a good year this year.</li> <li>- Viola Taulealeausumai also thanked the Parish for a job well done this year.</li> </ul>
<b>14</b>	<p><b>CLOSING</b></p> <p>The meeting closed with the benediction at 11:55am.</p>



## Session Clerk Report

On behalf of the Parish council I greet you all in the name of .our heavenly Father Jesus Christ. As St Andrews Henderson reaches another annual general meeting we are very grateful for the past year.

Over this time we acknowledge our Minister Rev. Gary Mauga, Suliana and Tara. Thank you Gary for preparing and sharing your ministry of the word each Sunday and for the care and love you show for our church community. We look forward to many more years of your ministry. In Rev. Gary's absence we thank Rev Graeme Ferguson for stepping in and taking the occasional Sunday services.

This year St Andrews Henderson participated in the Northern Presbytery church review. This review focused on feedback about our church leadership and how we might use this information to plan strategically for our future. Presbytery plan to meet with the elders to progress the findings later this year.

St Andrews Henderson is also part of the West Region Presbyterian churches which includes central Auckland parishes. This group meet monthly support the work of the wider West Region and to provide opportunities for these churches to work collaboratively. St Andrews Henderson is also an active member of the St Martins Trust group. This is made up of ten West Auckland parishes. This group has been meeting to discuss how best to use the St Martins Trust fund in an agreed way where all parishes benefit. This has yet to be decided. Both West Region and St Martins Trust group are convened by our Minister Rev. Gary Mauga.

The Parish council has been blessed with nineteen elders. Parish council meet regularly each month to ensure our church operates efficiently and effectively. The participation and skills of our eldership team extend across many groups, e.g. Faith builders, Christian Education, Property and Finance, Youth, Life Matters, Steel Magnolias and duty rosters. The church Ministry team is made up of the Minister, Session Clerk, Secretary and Treasurer. Two Ministry team roles I would particularly like to mention is the work of our church secretary Helen Tuuga Stevenson who has initiated additional church projects and funding applications and our treasurer Grant Connell for his professionalism in managing our church finances.

The Parish council would like to thank all church families who participate in rosters for cleaning, flowers, morning tea, music team, Op shop, fund raising and working bees. Your support enables our church to function smoothly. We also acknowledge and thank those who work with our young children, youth and senior members. Throughout the many events we gather for, it is a joy and a privilege to join in fellowship and to contribute to the positive community spirit of our church.

St Andrews Henderson has reached 108 years. We remember those members past and present who have contributed to the life of the church and continue to maintain longstanding relationships. We are excited to see the number of families attending our church grow. At the same time we have also farewelled four youth members who have moved overseas: Nellie Taumate, Onosa'i Nanai and Ashley and Chris Te'o. We wish them all the best. We also remember those who have not been well and unable to attend church: Jean Pascoe, Beryl Hughes, Avis Simonsen and Gerda Uiterdyke. We will continue to keep them in our prayers.



We welcome all new members to the Parish and embrace the diversity many new families bring. Our multicultural church community provides a wonderful opportunity for us to share our diversity and to build and strengthen our Christian faith.

May God continue to bless you and keep you forever in his care.

*Violet Tuuga Stevenson*  
**Session Clerk**



As the name suggests, this committee is responsible for the education and fellowship of the Parish. There are reports following from individual groups that are under this umbrella: Mainly Music, Faithbuilders, StAND Youth, Music.

For many years our committee was led by Ailsa Freeman, who stood down from the convenor role earlier this year. The committee gives thanks for Ailsa's leadership and ongoing support.

Our committee meets after church, for approximately 1 hour, once a month to table concerns and plan fresh initiatives for the ongoing Christian education and fellowship of our church. We would sincerely welcome new members. The only qualification needed is a keen interest in the wellbeing of our church family, across all ages.

#### **Steel Magnolias**

We are small group whose purpose is to provide quality time-out for the ladies of our church. We meet approximately 10 times a year, often for an activity and pot-luck dinner, sometimes for a special event. Events over the past 12 months have included a craft night, games night, joke night and a very enjoyable evening at the 2019 Comedy Festival. New members are always welcome.

#### **Life Matters**

This small but enthusiastic group have enjoyed some great sessions in recent months. The future of the group is currently being reviewed.

The members of our Christian Education & Fellowship Committee are very loyal and have invaluable input into the education and fellowship of the parish. I thank them all for the work they do. We look forward to 2019/2020 with God's blessing.

**Linda Johns**

*Convenor.*

## Music

During the year the music for our services has continued to be organ or piano, led by Ite or Catherine. I am very grateful to Ite who has played for several weeks in a row while I have been away on holiday. It is good to know that we could call on Lavea Clarke to assist if the need arose. We would welcome any offers of assistance from other musicians who would be willing to be part of the music team.

Many thanks to those who prepare the hymns on power point, and also to the people who operate the power point each Sunday.

On 7 October we had an enjoyable Singing Sunday. We sang some favourites as well as some hymns we had not sung for a while.

We have noticed that some of the hammers on the piano are sticking – this can happen during the winter months. A 24 hour switch operates a heater inside the piano, and this switch remains on all the time.

Please let Gary, Catherine or Ite know if you would like to choose a special hymn. We appreciate your input.

*Catherine and Ite*





The Church Shop is situated at 9 Trading Place, Henderson, and has been operating since September 1984. Ailsa, Grant, Catherine and Anne are responsible for the day to day running of the shop.

We sell a wide range of good quality second-hand (and a few new) 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. This year, for the first time ever, we have had to turn away donations of clothing because we are overstocked.

The shop is open from 10.00am to 4.00pm on Mondays to Fridays. On Saturdays we open from 10.00am to 12.00pm.

Our voluntary helpers are Fia Mitimete (Henderson PIPC); Fatima Bajoutan, Grant and Catherine Connell, Mairi Ferguson, Ailsa Freeman, Tuts Leavasa, Fou Purcell, Pava and Jan Saifoloi, Afoa and Violet Tu'uga Stevenson, Anne Verry, and Tino (St Andrew's); Doreen Blakely, Hilda Evans, Cynthia Freeman, Raewyn Rooke and Meryle Smillie (supportive friends) . We are delighted that Tearoa Ataela has joined the team. We still need more helpers, particularly at times when staff members are away. We were sorry that Muriel Coppins had to step down from helping. We appreciate her many hours of valuable assistance. We were very sad when Valerie Brough passed away last year. She and her husband, John, worked on Friday afternoons, we are very grateful for their help.

Our congregation needs to show 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.

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 our staff members for their time and dedication. Everyone's contribution, no matter how small, is very much appreciated.

*Ailsa, Grant, Catherine and Anne*



This year has been another great year at Faithbuilders. We have 30 children regularly attending our church. We have weeks where nearly all the children are at Faithbuilders, making a busy group for our leaders. A big thank you goes to our Faithbuilders leaders – Jenny, Nele, Nina and Suliana who join me taking the lessons and Nofo who looks after the crèche with our parents and grandparents. Our children would love to see some male helpers and leaders join them – have you noticed how many boys we have? They'd love to have some men come join them at Faithbuilder time.

### Lessons

We have three groups again this year – Fantails – our Crèche group who have toys set up on the carpet in the hall; Kiwi – who are years 1-4 at school; and Moa who are years 5-8 at school. Over the last year our lessons have focused on: David and Solomon and Christmas in 2018 and Women in the Bible and 'Who was Jesus' in 2019. We give our leaders freedom to choose how they want to teach the lessons, with the result that we have a great variety for our children to experience.



### Camp

Last year we ran the inaugural St Andrew's Family Camp at Karanga Camp near Bethells. We invited all the Faithbuilders and their whānau along. We were so grateful that so many families chose to come. The camp was held at the beginning of November and was a weekend of fun, games and fellowship. We had awesome







helpers in organising, games and in the kitchen. We thank everyone who donated food to help this amazing camp go ahead. We intend to run our next camp early in 2020.

### Christmas

Our Christmas service was held on Sunday 9 December. The play was again written by Alexa Wilson. Because we have such a lot of children, there were a lot of parts to include. The children did so well getting all their lines learnt and being confident to perform. The children also made puppets to help with the telling of the story. Our youngest children participated by holding up the puppets, with direction from Nina.

### End of Year – Parakai

We intended to run another Fun Day to celebrate the end of the year. However, due to changing dates we were to have our fun day on the same day as the youth break up at Parakai. We were happy to change our plans and join the youth at Parakai. A fantastic day was had and everyone enjoyed spending time across the age groups.



### Bible Race

We held our annual Bible Race Fundraiser on 30 March. The children went around 10 stations of activities related to the Bible. As usual, we had a great turnout of our families and children, helping us raise approximately \$1000 which will go towards our next camp and other Faithbuilder activities. Again thanks go to all the helpers on the day – we can't run our Bible Race without extra helpers.

Another thank you to all our amazing leaders and helpers, to our children for participating so enthusiastically in our activities, and to our whānau for bringing your children regularly to church and making Faithbuilders possible.



A last plug for extra helpers – we always appreciate extra helpers. Even if you are just there to help supervise morning tea or help set up or pack up the hall.

*Caty Ferguson*





**“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”**

*1 Thessalonians 5:18*

Greetings all in the name of our good Saviour Jesus Christ. On behalf of Papua and myself we would like to extend our warmest greetings as Leaders of StAND Youth this year.

This year has looked very different for the Leadership team as we are very accustomed to having a team of 4-6 strong but GOD is so good that even though officially it is just the 2 of us we have a very strong support backing which we are truly and forever grateful to. This year StAND Youth have been involved in a few things as well as our major project at the end part of 2018 where we put together and gifted a recorded CD for our church families.

#### **StAND Youth CD Project 2018:**

This was a very enjoyable and exciting project for our youth as it was a first for all who were involved.

Headed by Halby (Alby and Helen) with support from Gary and Ite, StAND Youth had the privilege of putting together a recorded CD. This was a very busy time for everyone as they all had to make time to learn and rehearse the songs, and then record them and polish. Our music team then had to master the sound and arrange call backs for re-recordings until the sound was right. This was a long process but a very enjoyable journey for everyone. StAND Youth worked very hard and we hoped everyone enjoyed the music as much as we enjoyed making it. To top things off we threw in a photoshoot which made things very, very official.



**Easter 2019:** StAND Youth participated in our Easter service where they shared the song Gloria led by Helen, Alby and Ite.

**Mother’s Day:** Stand Youth prepared and presented lolly leis for our mothers. This was a Saturday night spent in the church hall wrapping lollies in glad wrap with a touch of fellowship among the youth readying everything for Sunday morning’s service.

**St Andrews First Church Camp:** StAND Youth had the opportunity to join St Andrews First Church in their annual youth camp. We were invited to join together with Gary, Suliana and Tara as Gary was their special guest speaker for the weekend. First Church and StAND Youth have a special friendship that was formed a few years ago when a handful of us accompanied Gary to their camp which was held in Whangarei. We hope to continue to keep this friendship with the First Church and hope to grow in faith together.

#### **St Andrews Day Service/Youth Led service:**

Our youth led service this year just so happened to fall on the same day as our church’s birthday. This was a privilege to lead and a special one for all of us. The youth were split into committees where they oversaw

organising the different parts of the service (as well as decorating the church). We were blessed once again with Helen, Alby and Ite who helped with bringing the song “Our GOD-medley” together for the service. We hope everyone enjoyed the celebration and fellowship together. We are blessed

**Youth Evenings:** Stand Youth continue to meet every fortnight during the school term. We try to make these nights look different each time while staying grounded on the word. We have enjoyed a lot of games, singing as well as putting together a small quiz.

We plan to attend the monthly Youth regional services every on-week so that our youth maybe able to learn and experience how the other youth groups within the region interpret the word of GOD in their own creative styles.

Another new exciting piece we have put together is our online “Spotlight on YOU” series where every off week we post up a profile of one of the youth members where the “Spotlight” is on them. A few fun questions are answered, and a few fun facts are learnt.



### **Departures**

Sadly, this year we have had to say farewell to a few of our very own who have made the trip across to Australia.

We said farewell to 2 of our youth Leaders Ashley Hemana and Onosai Nanai as well as our brother Sean Chris Te’o who recently made the move over to Sydney. Just as we were sad, we are also very excited to see the plans GOD has for each one of them in their new homeland. We trust and know that GOD has got you all.



At the start of the year we were a little uncertain as to what this year would look like, but we are thankful and proud of what this year has become. StAND Youth have always worked hard in all that they do, and we are very proud and excited to what the rest of the year will look like.

It is an absolute pleasure to be able to StAND up at the front and lead this group of young people and on behalf of Papua and I we would like to say thank you to all those who have supported the journey and hope you all continue to.

We look forward to growing together not only as a Youth group but also as a parish.

**To GOD be all the Glory**  
**LOVE**

*Albe Mase & Papua Taumate*  
**StAND Youth Leadership**







## Mainly Music

We meet each Wednesday at 10am in the Church for our Mainly Music session then progress to the hall for morning tea and a playgroup activity then back to the church for the children to play. We are a registered playgroup with the Ministry of Education therefore receive funding. Our registration expires next year in August 2020 but can be renewed. We obviously come under the Mainly Music umbrella and pay a monthly levy to them and receive support and training from them in return.

We currently have 38 children on our roll. I have just completed Ministry of Education Statistics to the 30 June 2019. We have children attending from different ethnic groups such as Phillipino, Maori, Samoan, Chinese, Japanese, South African and the majority being NZ European. We still attract caregivers that sometimes have 4 children in their care. Our Mums that come with their children generally just have 1 child attending MM.

We are very lucky to have a dedicated and talented team. We said farewell to Jean Pascoe formally on December 18 after being our Mainly Music Tea lady for 11 years. Gabrielle's son Lachlan turned 5 so we also farwelled Gabrielle in December. Gabrielle brought a spark to our team and a willingness to do anything. We also said goodbye to Nomes Dixon last year as her family relocated to Wellington. We had Belinda helping us this year until May when her daughter Hannah started fulltime preschool. Bob has taken over Jeans kitchen duties, it's great to have a Grandfather on our team. Another Grandfather that helps us is Pava, he is a dab hand at placing all the children chairs back into place. Claire Kelly youngest child turned 5 in January, Claire had been coming to MM for 10 years and often helped us cleaning up at the end of the session. Isabel Clarke looks after the props during the session and pushing that vital button between songs and you often see Isabel with a child on her hip. All the children love Catherine and Isabel as they both interact greatly with the children at play time. Catherine comes from a child education background so she is fabulous with the children. Catherine is a wonderful support to me and we always lock up at the end of the session together and she takes home the dirty washing! We have also had Toots and Suliana join us in June. It is lovely to have more helpers from our congregation. Gary started the year off leading the MM sessions in February. We are very blessed to have Donna Teale who is now leading our weekly Music Sessions. Donna also comes with a preschool background. Donna's Mum Linda also comes weekly and joins in with Donna's daughter Mackenzie. I help where needed, manage the front desk and usually organise the weekly playgroup activity and report to the Ministry of Education.

We have many wonderful Wednesday Music Sessions. It's great to see the children joining in and learning the actions. Many children start off shy and gradually over time get more confident. One of my highlights this year has been a little boy start as a baby and now seeing him joining in the weekly sessions. It also lovely to see the children participant in the playgroup activities, a simple wand to make, play doh, finger-paint. A lot of our Mums and caregivers look forward to a Wednesday.

Donna, Catherine and I attended a MM workshop in May that we really enjoyed. Thanks to Caty, Jenny, Anne and Gary for chairing our MM Workgroup committee that meet a few times a year.

*Michelle Robinson*



Thankyou heavenly father for all you love and support for us all, especially to those who volunteer their time and energy for the work of your church.

**Working Bees held:**

**02/03/19** Washing down of Church Buildings, Clearing of Gutter and waste. Church grounds and Manse gardens were cleared and covered with left over bark from the tree cut down at the back of the church. Had asked Onosa'i to purchase Lock and Keys to secure the Communion cupboard. He is truly missed by our committee, and wish him and Ashleigh well in Australia.

**05 & 06/07/19** - Mini working-bee held to paint the Meeting Room, Kitchen and Foyer. A huge thank you to Helen & Alby Tuuga Stevenson for donating the paint, brushes and trays, the St Andrews coloured new curtains in the meeting room and lace curtains in the kitchen. Our church family photo has been put up, with more photos to follow in the coming months. Special thanks to Majid, our professional painter, who was there not only to supervise, but to do all the rolling of the walls and to ensure the tape was removed without any damages to the painting. Heartfelt thanks to all our volunteers who attended both days to help with the prepping and painting.

**Church Fundraisers held:**

- 04/08/18 – Fun Night, raised \$2,500.00
- 17/11/18 – Church Social, raised \$5,620.00
- 20/04/19 – Church Gala, raised \$3,166.00
- 01/05/19 – Bible Race (Faith builders) \$1,288.67



### Church Maintenance:

Storage room door was found to be not secure, re. Band and Mainly Music gear. Thankful to Onosa'I who was able to check and advise that we may need to block off the door or take the door out altogether. Yet to be actioned. To Brian Galbraith, for being there should we need his expertise with little maintenance issues, when he is able. Light and Heaters continue to be replaced around the church building.

**Manse:** Quarterly checks – March, June, September & November



### Phoenix House:

The consultants requested the need for Installation to the Roof and Floor, also requested Curtains or blinds in their waiting rooms. Heaters in the hallway needed to be repaired. Other requests included a Bench seat put under the Pohutukawa tree and Tow Away signs for the carpark area.

They proposed a Rent holiday to offset the costs involved, payable by Phoenix House, for all repairs and installation. P&F met with them and agreed to the proposal.

### Grants Approved:

- Mission Pathways Funding \$2,000.00 - 2 x Laptops (1 minister, 1 Church) - Approved and funds received. Helen had received a quote from PC Traders 29/06/19 - \$1,934.00



We have also applied for Funding through Presbyterian Development Support (PDS), to help improve our worship space.



### Wish List:

1. Painting of the church building inside and out.
2. New Guttering
3. Frosting of windows, pulpit end
4. Sound proofing of the Hall
5. Extension of the Hall or church building, with additional Toilets
6. Extend kitchen, to include Fridge, Dish Washer and more bench space



### General:

Helen has put together a table of charges for the Hall & Church bookings – Ministry and Non-Ministry use. Signatories to be updated to the church bank accounts.

### Thank you and appreciation:

In appreciation of all the work to date and on behalf of the Property and Finance committee team, I would like to thank Rev. Gary and Suliana, all the volunteers, youth, elders, and church families for their continued support, time, and endless prayers to ensuring the church is functioning in the best way possible - God is good, and all the time God is good.

All praise to our Heavenly Father for his love and trust in us to do what we do.

Blessings,  
*Jan Saifoloi*

**Convenor, Property & Finance**





## Treasurer's Report

There was an increase in our direct giving this year as more people have joined the scheme. However our overall offerings have decreased by \$3376. Many thanks to everyone for their continuing support and commitment. The shop EFTPOS income was up on the previous year, but the overall income was down by \$2853. Many thanks to all the time and effort put in by the staff. Phoenix House income remains constant. As you can see these are two vital sources of income. Without them the Parish would not be viable.

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 \$2110.00. This event is held each year as a special way to support the Church.

We received from Northern Presbytery a grant of \$2000 towards upgrading of our computer hardware. This is to be used to purchase two laptops and the necessary software.

This year we continued on our series of fund raising activities ably led by members of the Property and Finance Committee. Many thanks to all those involved with work involved in getting these events together. The money raised will go towards the much needed ongoing maintenance of our property and other special purposes.

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**

## Statement of Assets

		2019	2018
Current Assets	Cash at Bank	\$ 17,333.67	\$ 13,069.37
	BNZ Investment	\$ 2,695.08	\$ 1,691.46
	<i>Current assets total</i>	<b>\$ 20,028.75</b>	<b>\$ 14,760.83</b>

		2019	2018
Fixed Assets	<b>Land (Government Valuation)</b>		
	306 Great North Road	\$ 2,150,000.00	\$ 533,000.00
	7 Tara Road		\$ 592,000.00
	<i>Land total</i>	<b>\$ 2,150,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,125,000.00</b>
	<b>Buildings</b>		
	Church and Hall	\$ 1,569,000.00	\$ 1,569,000.00
	Manse	\$ 787,500.00	\$ 787,500.00
	Phoenix House	\$ 369,000.00	\$ 369,000.00
	Storage Shed	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 36,000.00
	<i>Buildings total</i>	<b>\$ 2,761,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,761,500.00</b>
	<b>Plant &amp; Equipment (Insured Value)</b>		
	Church and Hall	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
	Manse	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
	Shop (Indemnity)	\$ 5,515.00	\$ 5,515.00
	<i>Plant &amp; equipment total</i>	<b>\$ 75,515.00</b>	<b>\$ 75,515.00</b>

<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,007,043.75</b>	<b>\$ 3,976,775.83</b>
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## 2019 Financials

### SUMMARY OF ALL ACCOUNTS 2019

(Viewing this document online? Click on any account below to view its breakdown)

	INCOME	EXPENDITURE	TOTAL
<a href="#">General</a>	74,374.00	99,080.00	-24,706.00
<a href="#">Church Shop</a>	32,152.00	17,561.00	14,591.00
<a href="#">Phoenix House</a>	24,150.00	6,032.00	18,118.00
<a href="#">Joint</a>	8,431.00	13,531.00	-5,100.00
<a href="#">mainly music</a>	3,708.00	3,298.00	410.00
<a href="#">Building Fund</a>	4.00	-	4.00
<a href="#">Youth Internship</a>	1.00	-	1.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>142,820.00</b>	<b>139,502.00</b>	<b>3,318.00</b>

(FY18: -2,711; Budget 2020: 3,362)

# ACCOUNTS IN DETAIL

## General Account

INCOME	2019	2018	Budget 2020
Offerings	28,198.00	33,709.00	39,000.00
Automatic Payments	18,619.00	16,484.00	20,000.00
Donations	5,200.00	5,000.00	2,000.00
Interest BNZ	5.00	7.00	20.00
Christian World Service	-	320.00	-
Fundraising	12,256.00	14,042.00	15,000.00
G.S.T.	4,888.00	2,656.00	3,500.00
Interest BSDS	-	22.00	-
Bible Race	1,008.00	1,327.00	1,000.00
St Andrews Day	2,110.00	1,301.00	2,500.00
Youth	-	815.00	1,000.00
Samoan Service	-	111.00	-
Presbytery Grant	2,000.00	-	-
Sundry	90.00	-	-
	<b>74,374.00</b>	<b>75,794.00</b>	<b>84,020.00</b>

EXPENDITURE	2019	2018	Budget 2020
Stipend	60,186.00	59,016.00	65,000.00
Car Allowance	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Secretarial Wages	-	-	-
Speakers	-	264.00	500.00
NSF / Assembly Levy	9,192.00	9,212.00	9,950.00
Presbytery Levies	1,964.00	1,637.00	1,750.00
Bank Fees	25.00	15.00	20.00
Telephone	1,962.00	2,155.00	2,500.00
Insurance	2,588.00	2,083.00	2,750.00
Rates	1,070.00	947.00	1,000.00
Water Rates	584.00	1,015.00	600.00
Carpet	4,025.00	7,287.00	-
Stationery & Postage	-	129.00	200.00
Christian Ed -Kids Friendly	28.00	-	500.00
Fundraising	1,924.00	-	-
Stage	-	-	-
Transformers Camp	636.00	1,155.00	1,200.00
Christian World Service	-	320.00	200.00
Manse R &M	721.00	3,703.00	4,000.00
Assembly	1,256.00	-	-
Sundries & Transfers	1,998.00	1,152.00	1,000.00
Organ / Piano	-	298.00	500.00
Supervision	1,265.00	1,230.00	1,380.00
ACC Levy	176.00	159.00	175.00
Photocopier	3,190.00	2,966.00	3,000.00
Youth	290.00	1,427.00	2,500.00
	<b>99,080.00</b>	<b>102,170.00</b>	<b>104,725.00</b>

	2019	2018	Budget 2020
Excess <b>EXPENDITURE</b> over income	<b>-24,706.00</b>	<b>- 26,376.00</b>	<b>- 20,705.00</b>

### Joint Account

INCOME	2019	2018	Budget 2020
Rental	1,010.00	249.00	1,500.00
Niuean	4,800.00	4,300.00	4,800.00
G.S.T.	2,591.00	1,371.00	1,500.00
Power Dividend	30.00	-	-
Donations	-	-	-
	<b>8,431.00</b>	<b>5,920.00</b>	<b>7,800.00</b>

EXPENDITURE	2019	2018	Budget 2020
Electricity	1,535.00	1,830.00	2,000.00
Insurance	4,320.00	3,491.00	4,500.00
Lawn mowing	828.00	1,012.00	1,000.00
Rates - Property	885.00	947.00	1,000.00
Rates - Water	584.00	1,015.00	600.00
Repairs & Maintenance	4,657.00	9,155.00	10,000.00
Telephone	722.00	706.00	800.00
Valuation	-	618.00	-
	<b>13,531.00</b>	<b>18,774.00</b>	<b>19,900.00</b>

	2019	2018	Budget 2020
Excess <b>EXPENDITURE</b> over income	<b>- 5,100.00</b>	<b>- 12,854.00</b>	<b>- 12,100.00</b>

### Phoenix House

INCOME	2019	2018	Budget 2020
Rental	24,150.00	24,150.00	24,150.00
Repairs & Maintenance	-	-	-
	<b>24,150.00</b>	<b>24,150.00</b>	<b>24,150.00</b>

EXPENDITURE	2019	2018	Budget 2020
G.S.T	2,682.00	2,660.00	2,500.00
Lawn mowing	828.00	1,012.00	1,500.00
Rates	885.00	947.00	1,000.00
Rates - Water	452.00	400.00	450.00
Repairs & Maintenance	-	544.00	1,000.00
Insurance	1,185.00	1,135.00	1,250.00
	<b>6,032.00</b>	<b>6,698.00</b>	<b>7,700.00</b>

	2019	2018	Budget 2020
Excess <b>INCOME</b> over expenditure	<b>18,118.00</b>	<b>17,452.00</b>	<b>16,450.00</b>



### Church Shop

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>Budget 2020</b>
Sales	29,838.00	32,803.00	35,000.00
Power Dividend	30.00	-	-
G.S.T.	2,284.00	2,202.00	2,400.00
	<b>32,152.00</b>	<b>35,005.00</b>	<b>37,400.00</b>

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>Budget 2020</b>
Electricity	1,191.00	1,186.00	1,200.00
Rental	14,813.00	14,813.00	14,813.00
Telephone	774.00	753.00	800.00
Insurance	95.00	110.00	120.00
Misc. / EFTPOS	688.00	270.00	750.00
	<b>17,561.00</b>	<b>17,132.00</b>	<b>17,683.00</b>

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>Budget 2020</b>
Excess <b>INCOME</b> over expenditure	<b>14,591.00</b>	<b>17,873.00</b>	<b>19,717.00</b>

### mainly music

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
Contributions	1,424.00	1,346.00
Ministry Education	2,280.00	2,430.00
Interest	4.00	5.00
	<b>3,708.00</b>	<b>3,781.00</b>

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
Mainly Music	1,327.00	1,360.00
Ministry Education	1,971.00	1,232.00
	<b>3,298.00</b>	<b>2,592.00</b>

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
Excess <b>INCOME</b> over expenditure	410.00	1,189.00

### Building Fund

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
Transfers	-	-
Interest	4.00	4.00
	4.00	4.00
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
(none)	-	-
	-	-
	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
Excess <b>INCOME</b> over expenditure	4.00	4.00

### Youth Internship

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
Donations	-	-
Interest	1.00	1.00
	1.00	1.00
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
(none)	-	-
	-	-
	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
Excess <b>INCOME</b> over expenditure	1.00	1.00











