
125th CELEBRATION

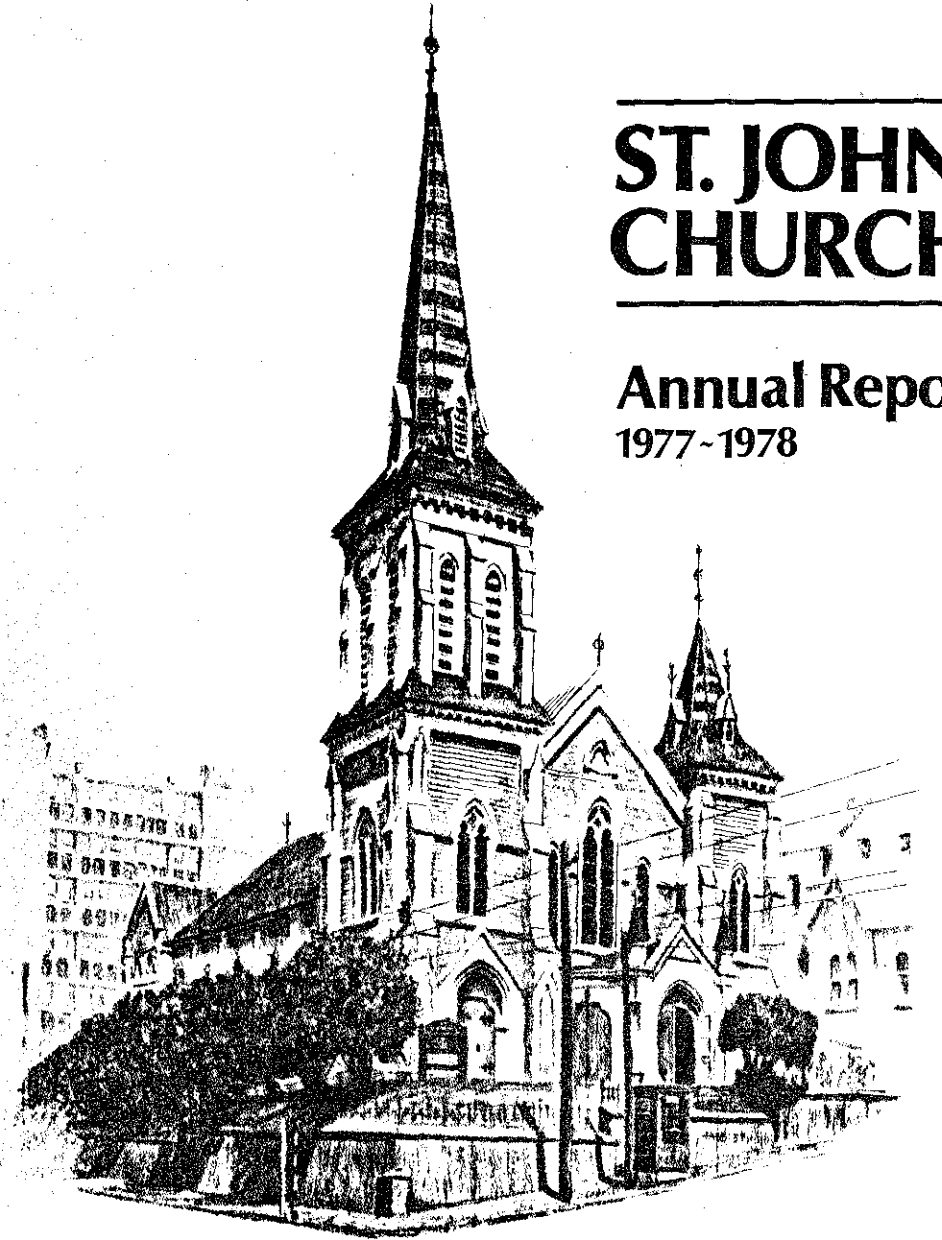
November 11th, 12th
1978

Saturday evening **"Through The Years"**
Entertainment for everyone
Sunday morning **Thanksgiving Service**
Lunch
afternoon **Music**
evening **Communion Service**

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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Annual Report
1977-1978



*Serene she stands amid the City highways,
Her needled spire uplifted to the sky,
A symbol of the faith, though earth be riven,
The love of God for man shall never die.*

— H.D.C.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

<u>Minister:</u>	The Rev. David M. Steedman, M.A. B.D., 2 Kelburn Parade, 5	728-294
<u>Honorary Associate Minister:</u>	The Rev. James A. Veitch, B.A. M.Th. Ph.D., 8 Canterbury Street, 5	769-490
<u>Session Clerk:</u>	Mr N. G. Robertson, 169 Karori Road, 5	768-118
<u>Clerk to the Board of Managers:</u>	Mr John Buchanan, P.O. Box 2229	758-427
<u>Finance Convener:</u>	Mrs M. Mortimer, 55 Madras Street, 4	797-023
<u>Organist & Choirmaster:</u>	Mr Raymond Wilderspin, 11 Armour Ave.	847-325

KIRK SESSION

		Inducted
Fowler, R.B.	48 Homewood Avenue, 5	1933
Smith, H.B.	25 Maida Vale Road, 3	1941
Woods, N.S.	38 Harrison Street, 2	1950
Marshall, Sir John	22 Fitzroy Street, 1	1950
Dornan, Alford	65 Trelissick Crescent, 4	1960
van Zweedden, M.H.	33 Rata Road, 3	1960
Keyes, A.W.	9d Wharenui Apartments, 1	1962
McLellan, D.	20 Apuka Street, 2	1962
Ced, G.W.	89 Wilton Road, 1	1962
Vink, J.W.	25 Mantell Street, 3	1962
Thomson, J.A.	89 Dixon Street Flats, 1	1965
Garratt, F.N. (on leave)	109 Grafton Road, 3	1965
Shiels, A.Y.	19 Fernhill Terrace, 1	1965
Arnold, Dr R.D.	2 Maurice Terrace, 1	1966
Robertson, N.G.	169 Karori Road, 5	1968
Hunt, John	24 Krull Street, 2	1968
Harvie, Dr. A.H.	1 Palm Grove, Belmont	1969
The Rev. R.H. McKenzie	4 Maple Grove, 2	1970
Mrs Owen John	80 Wai-iti Crescent, Lower Hutt	1970
Miss E.M. Brodie	98 Duncan Terrace Flats, 3	1972
Gilmour, R.M.	14 Norwich Street, 1	1972
Malcolm, G.A.	30 Ngatoto Street, 4	1972
Milkop, A.H.	6 Deveron Place, Tawa	1972
Mrs M.W.M. Mortimer	55 Madras Street, 4	1972
Mrs M.M. Piper	31 Bidwill Street, 2	1972
Boyd, Dr John	8 Lower Watt Street, 1	1974
Ferrier, R.J.	57 Wadestown Road, 1	1974
Hough, B.M.	97 Creswick Terrace, 5	1974
Aickin, K.B.	20 Manuka Street, 3	1974
West, John (on leave)	98 Upland Road, 5	1975
Mrs B. Arnold	2 Maurice Terrace, 1	1975
Darroch, Alan	50 Sefton Street, 1	1975
Garratt, Ian (on leave)	170 Cecil Road, 1	1975
Mrs B. Harris	29 Mortimer Terrace, 2	1978
Jaquier, Errol	16A Donald Crescent, 5	1978
Stanley, Major Gordon	14 Glen Alton Avenue, 4	1978

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Mr Harvey Lade	Mr Sandy Yule
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COMMITTEES -**FINANCE:**

Mrs M. Mortimer (Convener), R. Brader,
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J. Hunt (Convener), J.R. Don,
N.S. Woods and Mrs Piper

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J.L. Marshall (Convener),
N. Prior (Secretary), N.S. Woods,
A.H. Milkop, J. Hunt, Mesdames
Mortimer and Piper

ENVELOPE**SECRETARIES:**

Paul Haggett, 96 Central Park Flats,
Nairn St. 843.783
Neil Parkinson, 13 Greer Street,
Tawa TWA 7.756

ROLLS:

Mrs Betty Robertson,
169 Karori Road, 5 768.118

HISTORICAL**RECORDS:**

Miss Mary MacKenzie,
31 Cooper Street, 5 766.260

LETTING OF ROOMS:

Mrs Carolyn Ferrier,
57 Wadestown Road, 1 721.985

Session Clerk and Clerk of the Board are ex-officio
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CHURCH FLOWERS:

Mrs Hazel Poulton, 23 Hurman Street, Karori 768.600
Mrs Noyle Brown, 27 Beerehaven Road, Seatoun 886.180

WEEKLY INTIMATIONS AND DUPLICATING:

Mrs R.B. Fowler, 48 Homewood Ave., Karori 768.777

JUNIOR CHURCH - Superintendent

(Sunday 11 a.m.) Mr M.H. van Zweeden 861.351
33 Rata Road, 3

YOUTH GROUPS

(Sunday 9.45 a.m.)

Bible Class:

Mrs Trixie Milkop,
6 Deveron Place, Tawa TWA.8.627

Good News:

Co-ordinator:
Mr Alan Vink,
189C Melbourne Road, 2

CRADLE ROLL - Convener:

(Sunday Creche)

Mrs Vera Burton, 792.120
20 Motueka Street, 4

BOYS' BRIGADE**Company Section:**

(Meets Thursday
evening)

Mr Robert Gilmour,
14 Norwich Street, 1 720.671

Team Section:

(Meets Monday
evening)

Miss Harriet Johnston,
213 The Terrace 722.774

"LANTERN"

(Meets after evening
service)

Miss Jeanette Daines 739.931
66 Pitt Street, 1

ASSN. OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:**Linking Committee****Secretary:**

Miss J. Williams 846.728
20 Maarama Cresc. 1

Afternoon Guild:**President:**

(Meets 4th Tuesday, 2 p.m.)
Mrs M. Mortimer, 797.023
55 Madras Street, 4

Secretary:

Mrs N. Brown,
27 Beerehaven Road, 3 886.180
(Meets 3rd Monday, 7.30 p.m.)

Evening Guild:**President:**

Mrs M. Mackay,
6 Lynda Ave., 4 786.031

Secretary:

Mrs M. Haggett,
96 Central Park Flats, 1 843.783

"SATURDAY AT TWO"

Miss Diane Fraser,
Flat 2, 31 Oban St., 1 726.120

"MESSENGER"

Miss Jeanne Carr,
62 Dixon Street Flats 726.714

SESSION COMMITTEES:**Troup House:**

The Minister (convener), Sir John
Marshall, Messrs J.W. Vink, N.S. Woods,
John Buchanan (Treasurer), K. Aickin,
Mrs B. Robertson (Sec.) Toby Arcus
(Warden)

Organ:

Mrs Mortimer (Convener), Mrs M. Hunt,
Messrs M. Leitch and R. Wilderspin.

Dear fellow member of St. John's,

Our greetings from the Manse to you all with these annual reports. Thank you for encouragement, understanding and support.

Like you all we have been so glad to have the Veitch family come to share our Church life. To me being able to share in the ministry of St. John's with Jim is a very happy experience. But I have to ask myself - has this meant a better ministry and a stronger commitment to mission in the life of St. John's? The reports show something of the life of the congregation but do they show our mission? In fact what is a successful Church? I came across a suggestion from the great Methodist preacher, Dr W. E. Sangster. He would start by saying that some would say it was a crowded Church every Sunday, but every good preacher knows that a crowd is not an achievement but an opportunity. Some would say any Church which gives large sums to overseas missions; and some a Church rich in prayer meetings. Somehow none of these really says what we want to say. And then he came up with the definition

"A SUCCESSFUL CHURCH IS ANY CHURCH FILLED
WITH THE LOVE WHICH IS THE LIFE OF GOD".

I can accept that.

That's what brings people to the worship of the Church within the fellowship of the people of God.

That's the inspiration to mission overseas and to service in the place where we are.

It's that love which is the life of God which brings us to prayer for a deeper experience of it.

This is what John tells us in 1 John 4:16 -

"God is love, and whoever lives in love lives in union with God and God lives in union with him."

Will you pray for that love and more of it in our Church that God may be in our midst and use us as He desires for the mission of His Church where He has placed us.

God be with you all and bless you and your families and friends.

Yours

David Steedman

Session

125 YEARS - a special birthday year and a time of thanksgiving. There is much to remind us in St. John's of those who have worshipped in the past years. There is a richness in our heritage and the past still speaks, but it beckons us forward by example.

The 125th Annual Report of the congregation records with a spirit of gratitude and praise to our Lord God His goodness to us.

Session records its appreciation of our Minister, David Steedman, who not only in the pulpit, in his study courses, in his concerned involvement with all organisations, but also in personal service, has led us all to see more clearly God's wonderful love. To Elaine Steedman we are also greatly indebted for her musical skills and the gracious hospitality of the Manse which has been shared with so many members and friends, particularly the younger ones who have met regularly each month for an evening meal and fellowship.

We warmly welcome Dr Jim Veitch and Mrs Jan Veitch with their daughters Tanis, Katie and Sarah. Dr Veitch prior to his return to New Zealand was on the overseas mission staff and served in Indonesia and Singapore. Upon his appointment as a lecturer in Religious Studies at Victoria University of Wellington, Session appointed him an Honorary Assistant Minister and this is the beginning of an association which is making a mark on St. John's. We will all be greatly enriched with the team ministry.

Three Session members who together with their wives have made strong and positive contributions to the life of the Church have transferred away from Wellington. We express our thanks to them - to Mr and Mrs Graham McBride now in Hamilton, Mr and Mrs Ray Patterson in Tanzania and Mr and Mrs Paul Rush in Auckland. Such people leave a void. At the end of June arrangements were in train for the ordination and induction of three new elders - Mrs Betty Harris and Messrs Errol Jaquiere and Gordon Stanley. Messrs Frank and Ian Garratt and Mr John West were on leave of absence at the end of June.

Special services held during the year included a Service of Praise with St. David's Petone, Scots and Queen Margaret Colleges, Spring Flower Sunday, Service of Light, Love and Spirit, Students' Welcome Day and Harvest Thanksgiving. Last July Mr Alan Vink of the Good News Group was licensed as a Lay Preacher. The Young Peoples' groups conducted a number of services and visiting preachers included the Very Rev. W.B. Watt, Rt. Rev. N.F. Gilkison, Rev. R.N. Lambie, Drs. K. Carley and F. Nichol and Brother Alexi. The combined Scots Societies in Wellington, the Master Grocers' Federation and the Tertiary Students' Christian Fellowship attended services during the year.

At the request of the staff the name of the Sunday School was changed to JUNIOR CHURCH. We hope that the young people will find this more meaningful.

A wonderful gift was given to St. John's when Miss Millier presented 250 copies of the Good News Bible for use during services. The open Bible is our source book for life, and Session gratefully acknowledges this gift.

A congregational camp was again held at Forest Lakes and a number of suggestions were sent on to Session following the campers' discussions on the theme "Mission '78: our individual and corporate responsibility to Wellington City".

Just before Christmas a very enjoyable barbaque evening was held in the grounds of Queen Margaret College. Father Christmas arrived in a vintage Willys Knight car and distributed presents to the children at the party.

A former minister, the Rev. John Kinloch, has himself been a patient in Tauranga Hospital where he is the Chaplain. We rejoice to learn that he continues to make steady progress to better health.

Throughout the years members of St. John's have often spearheaded and initiated a community project to assist a need. "Friends at Court", a group of women who daily attend the Courts to befriend anyone in need, and a

"Craft and Care" Workshop held in the PSSA Cuba Street Lounge each Monday have recently been established mainly through the efforts of St. John's members and now receive supportive assistance.

The roll of communicant members has been carefully examined and the names of a number of people who appeared not to have attended in recent years were removed from the main roll. While 32 new members were added to the roll, 77 names were removed for non attendance, transfers to other churches and by death. In a highly mobile community, the task of keeping rolls up-to-date, but more particularly to link people together so that there is a sense of caring for each other is dependent on everyone keeping Session informed of comings and goings. The number of members now recorded is 358.

Our warmest sympathy goes out to all members and friends who have suffered bereavement during the year, and we would especially commend them to the comfort and care of our Heavenly Father.

In November we will pause to look back over the past 125 years. We will pause to remember our beginnings and acknowledge our debt to so many then we turn and go into the future together asking God for grace to translate our spoken "Thank You's" into lived out gratitude each day

Give us a pure heart	that we may see Thee
a humble heart	that we may hear Thee
a heart of love	that we may serve Thee
a heart of faith	that we may live Thee.

George Robertson,
Session Clerk.

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Board of Managers.

At the last Annual Meeting the Board welcomed the following new Managers: John Buchanan, Alastair Falconer, Brad Imrie, Harvey Lade, Ian McQueen, Andy Marshall and Charles Thompson. During the year resignations were regrettably received from Alastair Falconer, David Ryan and Alastair Sherriff. We sincerely thank them for all their practical assistance and in particular Alastair Sherriff who was Clerk of the Board for a number of years.

Our Finances: The year under review has seen no respite from increasing costs. It seemed for the second year running we would fall short of our budget allocation. However due to the generous response from the congregation to the appeal from the Finance Committee, we were able to meet the allocation. Such was the response that we are able to start the new financial year with a credit of \$656.

<u>Estimated Budget 1978-1979</u>	
Budget Allocation	\$12,300
Salaries, Allowances, Beneficiary Fund etc.	15,335
Property and Admin. expenses (Insurances, rates, Heating etc.)	10,000
Repainting provision	<u>3,000</u>
Total payments estimated 1978/79	\$40,635
Total payments 1977/78	<u>33,688</u>
<u>Increase:</u>	<u>\$6,947</u>

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- (1) Increase your giving by 50c per week
- (2) Become an envelope subscriber

WHAT DO YOU GET?

- 1. Your tax rebate of \$1 for every \$1 up to \$375.00
- 2. The knowledge that by making a sacrifice to give more you are making a total commitment to the work of Jesus Christ in the world today.

Property: A handrail has been installed on one set of front doors to assist people entering the Church.

It is hoped the problems surrounding the inadequate drainage at the Manse have been overcome with the installation of a larger capacity stormwater drain by the City Council. In addition a drain has been installed to improve the drainage of the backyard. To increase the flow of air under the Manse and allow the ground to dry out new ventilation vents have been made. This has resulted in a marked improvement and has largely eliminated the mustiness inside the Manse.

During the year working bees were held to tidy up both the Church grounds and buildings and the Board expresses its thanks to all who assisted during these clean-ups.

Redevelopment: The Property Redevelopment Committee held several meetings during the year including one with all church organisations to ascertain requirements. Plans of two possible designs were presented to the Board in May and currently the committee are investigating another proposal.

Parking: The Board is concerned at the number of vehicles parked in the grounds without authority. At present efforts are directed at resolving certain problems with the tow firm and once these have been settled it is hoped that there will be less of a problem with unauthorised parking.

In the past parking stickers have been issued free. However due to increased costs of printing the stickers the Board has been forced to make a charge of 50c for all new stickers issued.

General: The Board extends its appreciation and thanks to those members of the congregation who -

- Prepare weekly intimations
- Maintain the grounds and buildings
- Record services and distribute tapes to those not able to attend services
- Provide and arrange Church flowers

John H. Buchanan
Clerk of the Board.

Choir

Today when many church choirs are disappearing it is encouraging that this year St. John's Choir is growing in strength and ability. The welcoming of an enthusiastic group of new members has been the highlight of our year. It has meant renewed enthusiasm for older members and a wider range of music undertaken. Our Sunday evening practices, although a little shorter than those on Thursday, would seem to be fairly successful and attendances are generally high.

We have farewelled two of our longest serving active members. Miss Brodie's and Miss Lees' devoted service to the life of the choir and their caring concern for its members are impossible to adequately record.

We visited our 'shut-in' members of the congregation to sing carols, and also sang at the Railway Station. On both occasions it was good to be joined by members of the congregation. There was also an Advent Service in which the choir took a leading part.

We shared this year in the funeral service of Mrs Wall and the Thanksgiving Service of Mrs Hughes, two members of our congregation who had taken so much interest in choir activities over many years. We give thanks for their love and support.

The purchase of the Third Edition of the Hymn Book has added more variety to our singing and we express our appreciation to the Board of Managers for providing these.

There are many people who care for, and support the Choir and we are grateful to them, for their moral and monetary support and for welcoming us to their homes. We would particularly like to thank our President and Mrs Steedman, and Session Clerk and Mrs Robertson for all they have done for us. However our most grateful thanks must go to Ray, our Choirmaster, whose patience and encouragement has continued through all our ups and downs.

It is the role of the Choir to share in the telling of the Good News of our Lord. We look forward with renewed commitment to another year of music and fellowship, helping to spread the Lord's message.

Ailsa Salt, Vice-President.

Cradle Roll

There are 24 children on the Cradle Roll this year, and our main function is to keep in touch with these children. However our most visible function is the creche on Sunday mornings. Although the attendance fluctuates, especially in the winter, there are always two ladies on duty, and we do thank all those on the roster for their help.

I would like to record thanks to Mrs Eileen Rush who has left with her family for Auckland. She has served on our committee for a number of years and was acting convener for 6 months while I was away last year. While we will miss them in St. John's, we pray God's blessing on them as they establish themselves in Auckland.

Vera Burton,
Convener.

The Cottage + Troup House

These residential units continue to provide pleasant living quarters for 11 young men who are either studying at the University or the Polytechnic, or who have recently arrived to work in the City. The boys have all given useful and helpful service to the Church and we thank them for their support.

The cottage exterior is looking very dreary. It is 124 years old and redecorating is urgently needed, but this has been delayed pending recommendations from the Building Committee re redevelopment of the site. However the boys have painted most of the rooms inside and Mr Bert Shiels has kindly used his carpentry skills in maintenance work. One major item of expenditure has been the purchase of mattresses and blankets.

Musical sounds are often heard coming from the buildings, and a visitor would be amazed at the variety of instruments - guitars, set of drums and a grand piano!

Junior Church.

Our new name "JUNIOR CHURCH" indicates that the younger members of our congregation are a part of the total worshipping community of St. John's.

The roll stands at 55 children with an average attendance of 21 children. It is interesting to note that the number of children attending classes do not vary much from year to year. As a church without a "real" parish we, the teachers, depend to a large extent on the co-operation of the parents to take the children to church and we thank them for their continued interest as regular attendance builds the children's understanding of the christian faith and of christian fellowship.

At the end of last year we saw four boys and one girl leaving Sunday School to join the Bible Class and we understand they have settled in well.

We particularly thank Mrs Steedman for her valuable assistance in leading the singing. We have farewelled Mrs Lileen Rush who now lives in Auckland.

The teaching staff is -

- Superintendent: Mr Martin van Zweeden
- Teachers: Mrs B. Arnold, Mrs A.M. van Zweeden
- Mrs J. Veitch, Mrs L. Parkinson,
- Mrs J. Arcus, Mrs G. Maher,
- Misses H. and M. Arnold and R. Jaquiery
- Messrs P. Aranyi and G. Maher

Bible Class.

We have had a year of change, with the loss of two of our leaders. Mr Vink, who has been connected with the Bible Class for many years, shared his love of the Bible and has been a real example of christian life for us to witness. We thank Mr and Mrs Vink for their leadership and hospitality extended to us.

Mr Ray Patterson who with his wife left for Tanzania will be remembered for the active and humorous lessons and leadership he gave us. We wish them all the happiness in their new life in Tanzania.

We thank Mrs Trixie Milkop for her continued leadership and patience, and we have welcomed Mr Chris Arcus as another leader. Together they are enthusiastic leaders and have given us many thoughtful lessons.

Bible Class attendance has varied from week to week, but we have had an average of 12 people each Sunday morning when we have a time of fellowship with the Good News Group before having our own study of God's word.

We had a mini-camp in December at Mr and Mrs Robertson's cottage at Te Horo, which was most enjoyable and enabled us to get to know each other much better.

The main camp was spent at Ngatiawa, and although smaller in numbers, it was a very encouraging camp. The Good News group helped with the singing and group studies; Mr Alan Vink spoke on "Christianity being a way of life". It was refreshing and inspiring and all of us felt ready to start afresh.

Our social activities have included going to Youth for Christ rallies and joining with the senior group.

We thank the leaders, all who have supported the group and our Minister and elders for their interest. The year has been very profitable and we are thankful for it, and we pray that God will be with the Bible Class in the year to come.

Louise Boyd,
Secretary.

Young Adults.

The Young Adults group has once again enjoyed a year of varied activities which have all contributed to an overall appreciation of the tremendous value there is in christian living.

Our emphasis has been on biblical teaching, exhortation, worship and prayer with one main end in mind - that of bringing people to a commitment or deeper commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ. To do this we have been involved in -

- (1) Bible studies led by different speakers of varying backgrounds who communicate well with this age group.
- (2) Home fellowship groups - an opportunity to share problems, discuss social issues, church matters and pray together, follow up particular bible studies
- (3) Praise and Worship - giving people opportunity to extend their hearts in song and spontaneous praise unto their God.
- (4) Camps and Youth Services
- (5) Social Activities

For a few months we have had the theme "Evangelism". 15 members undertook a 12-week course meeting on Thursday evenings and studied this subject more deeply, which have resulted in -

Teams of young people mustering at different places, e.g. coffee bar, street witnessing, prison.

A team of people helping those of our congregation who need practical assistance

There are many things we would like to do and areas to explore, but with the available time we have we can only be thankful to our God for His assistance and guiding hand on our programming.

Alan Vink
Co-ordinator

Lantern.

Lantern's light has glowed brightly during the past year.

We have seen some of our group go overseas and others return, and we have also welcomed new people to our fellowship time.

On Sunday night we have had talks on C.S.S.M., I.S.C.F., Radio Rhema, Nurses Christian Fellowship, Wycliffe Bible Translators and Christians in Politics, and we have extended our fellowship by organising groups to go to various shows and plays and barbaques in the summer.

Lantern lunches have been another important time for us when we have planned activities and had a time of prayer in various peoples' homes.

We thank Mr and Mrs Steedman for their hospitality, particularly the monthly Manse teas where we have had a chance to meet other young people.

As a group we have taken part in some Sunday evening services and at the end of the year took a service of 'Light and Love'.

In the coming year we hope to welcome new people to Lantern and to continue our support for the Sycliffe Bible Translators.

Jeanette Daines
Secretary

125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

The Committee working under the chairmanship of Sir John Marshall reports that the Rev and Mrs W.P. Temple and the Rev D.T.W. and Mrs Kinloch are going to be with St. John's members and friends at the Celebrations. It is hoped that Mrs Fairbairn will also be able to come. The Committee is anxious to get in touch with everyone who has had passed connections with the life of the Church - please send in addresses

Boys Brigade.

TEAM SECTION:

Introduction: The work of the junior section is based on St. Luke 2: 52 "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favour with God and man". Our aim is for the Boys to grow up as Jesus did so our badge system is based on this verse.

Strength: There are 39 Boys on the roll - the greatest number in my 25 years' connection with the 2nd Wellington. One third only are Pakeha boys, 3 are Maori and the remainder are Samoan. Mostly they come from 3 schools - St. Marks, Te Aro, and Mt Cook, and they travel as far afield as Strathmore, Newtown, Brooklyn and Vogeltown. Two of the boys stay in town during the week and go home to Wainuiomata at weekends. 10 of the Boys have solo parents.

Leadership: We were sorry to lose the service of Roger Littlejohn who has gone to Australia. Tim Wye is a Warrant Officer and the others are termed as Helpers: Don Robertson, Meredith Etuata, Heather Drysdale and John Madgwick.

Finance: Boys pay \$9.00 a year or if there is more than one B.B. in the family, then \$6.00 a year. Out of this however there is a national fee of \$4.00 per Boy and a Battalion fee of \$1.00 per Boy. This leaves little for administration and equipment. Lots of the uniforms have been bought outright for the Boys at a cost of \$40, including shorts, shirts and socks and on some occasions shoes as well. This has been possible through generous donations from members of St. John's and I should like to record my appreciation to them.

Activities: The Boys have taken part in the normal Battalion activities such as a Rally, Senior Boy Day and church parades. In October they entertained "Saturday at Two" with Samoan and Maori action songs. At the end of the year they performed part of the musical 'Joseph and his multi-coloured dreamcoat'. In December the Boys

sang in church during a family service. They sing rather well with probably more enthusiasm than music. During the winter months there is a 'Saturday Club' every second Saturday when the Boys play table tennis, badminton and volley ball.

Conclusion: There is no doubt when one sees the large numbers and the enthusiasm of the Boys that the Team Section is going well. It is a privilege to serve in this particular corner of His Vineyard but I need your prayers for the Boys, their homes and myself along with the other Leaders.

Harriet Johnston
Leader-in-Charge.

COMPANY SECTION:

Our present roll stands at 17. At the beginning of the year 4 boys were transferred from the Team Section and 4 were recruited directly into the Company Section. We were very sorry to lose our senior boy, Laurence Lei, when his family moved to Timaru in May. We had only just promoted him to Lance Corporal and are pleased to hear that he is active in the 4th Timaru Company and his church there.

Leaders this year are:

Captain	Robert Gilmour
Lieut.	Clive McGovern
Warrant Officer:	Trevor Dine
Instructors:	Mr Jan Patel
	Mrs Renee Gilmour

We have appreciated the support and interest of Mr Steedman, our Chaplain, who has regularly visited us and taken our devotions one night each month. We have also appreciated the support of Mr Nisbett, the Battalion Adjutant, who has continued to take our drill each week.

Class work to date this year has included Drill, Christian Education and Physical Recreation each week for all the boys. Other award activities taken by the boys in various groups

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depending on their ages have been Communications (morse and international phonetic codes), Macrame Knotting, Knotts, Kite making and First Aid.

Since early June Stephen Nicholls and Steve Lau Young have been learning to play the bugle under the guidance of Mr Keith Richards of Wilton, and we look forward to being able to use their bugling as part of our weekly parade night.

Our boys have taken part in athletics, table tennis, soccer and handball competitions and have done well although they have not won any of these competitions.

We are fortunate in having two leaders - Trevor and Jan - who hold Queen's Badges. I thank them, the other full-time leaders and those who have helped from time to time for their enthusiasm and for the work they have put into the Company.

I especially want to pay tribute to Harriet Johnston our Lieutenant-in-Charge. Last year, as well as running the Team Section, she kept the Company Section going by running it too - a very considerable achievement which is indicative of Harriet's dedication to her work with the Boys and for which we owe her a debt of gratitude. She has also been a source of real support, guidance and encouragement to me as I have ventured into an entirely new field of Christian endeavour.

In conclusion I would like to express sincere thanks to all those individuals and groups within St. John's who have supported the Company with their time, contributions and with prayer. Without these we can do nothing in seeking to advance Christ's Kingdom among Boys.

Robert Gilmour
Captain.

The Linking Committee comprising representatives of the women's groups in the Church, held 4 meetings and arranged the following functions and activities -

Jumble Sale, Congregational Tea - guests Polynesian Choirs, 'Leisure Hours' Craft Exhibition, Women's Church Service and congregational lunch, Christmas Party for the congregation, women's afternoon with Bill and Rae McCarthy, led devotions and served supper at a monthly meeting of the Wellington Presbyterial.

The A.P.W. Regional Conference was held in Palmerston North in April, but unfortunately St. John's was not represented, although Mrs Steedman and Mrs Brown spent one day there.

Missions: The women's groups continue their care for and maintain contact with our own Missionary in India and our Associate Missionaries in the New Hebrides.

The loving sympathy of St. John's family was expressed to Margaret Bear and her family in New Zealand on the sudden death of her father, and we were glad that her mother was able to visit her in India later.

Ludhiana - The total grant of \$500,000 plus grants from the Indian State and Central Governments have been paid. The "ground breaking" ceremony was held on 15th May.

In New Hebrides the big event was the birth of another son to Barbara and John Cunningham. A gift to welcome to welcome Andrew Eric was sent on behalf of St. John's family. Barbara has been involved in the Nurses Christian Fellowship at the local British hospital.

Christmas gifts were sent to Sister Bear and the Cunningham family.

150 copies of the Brochure giving information on all overseas workers under the Joint Board were ordered for use of our members.

17.

Members of the congregation supported the Mission Budget through the following:

Mission Boxes - \$55.10 was collected this year.

Mrs Harris reports that the membership has dropped.

Mission Birthday League - Miss MacKenzie has 176 names on the Roll, and the amount contributed was \$480.10.

Used Stamps: Mrs Mary Allan wishes to thank all who collected, cleaned and sorted stamps - a total of \$170 was realised.

Tea Coupons: Mrs McMillan reports that 3,500 coupons were sold which yielded \$41.63, nearly 3 times the amount of last year. She would like to thank all who contributed. Mrs Hughes sent in over 1,000 coupons.

"Harvest Field" Mrs Margaret Mackay reports that there are 64 subscribers to this very fine monthly paper.

"Saturday at Two" Assistance is arranged through the member organisations of the Linking Committee.

"Church Flowers" The Conveners, Mrs Poulton and Mrs Brown, and members of the Flower Roster, have each week provided and arranged the flowers in the Church, and this has been appreciated by all.

J. Williams
Secretary

Afternoon Guild.

Membership stands at 38. Our programme has been as follows -

Mr Andy Marshall spoke of his visit to Israel with his parents, Sir John and Lady Marshall.

Mrs Jean Watt on her experiences as Moderator's lady.

Lady Marshall on the Royal Jubilee Celebrations in London.
Miss Blatchford on teaching and living in Norfolk Island.
A Christmas meditation "Which Way to Bethlehem".
Easter meditation based on readings from Peter Marshall's "The First Easter" and musical interludes.
Mrs Levens from M.E.D. on "Frypan Cookery".
Mrs Mary Gellatly illustrated "Wellington through an Artist's Eyes" with her own paintings.

In February the Guild held a social afternoon at the Manse when a warm welcome was extended to Mrs Jan Veitch, and the ladies heard something of the experiences of Dr and Mrs Veitch when living in Indonesia and Singapore.

Christmas gifts and cards were given to the residents and staff of Te Hopai Home.

We accepted with regret the resignation of our Secretary Dr Greta Cone, due to pressure of other commitments.

It is with great regret also that we record the passing of several members - Mrs Margaret Storkey, Mrs P.M. Cameron, Mrs Myra Edgar, and also Mrs Winifred Wall.

We thank most sincerely: the speakers at our meetings, those who have led us in devotions; tea conveners; contributors to stalls and sales tables; our honorary auditor Mrs Marilyn King; Mrs Elaine Steedman for her assistance as pianist and also for arranging music for special programmes at Easter and Christmas, and with the Rev. David Steedman for support and encouragement in many ways.

To all officers and conveners I wish to express my personal appreciation of their support and assistance.

Doreen Woods
President.

Evening Guild.

Evening Guild meetings have an average attendance of 32. During the year committee members have made personal calls to the members of their group each month, served supper and organised the writing of the letters to Yvonne, a patient at Porirua Hospital, and to our missionary friends.

Each year members are given an opportunity to make a "Thank Offering" which is given to the Mission Budget.

At Christmas time gifts were sent to the four MacGhee children and to Te Hopai Home.

Our gate stall in May - and we say a big 'thank you' to all who supported us - raised in excess of \$100.

In August we farewelled Miss Hannah Wilson who was one of the original members of Evening Guild.

It has been good to have been given insights into various facets of life as our programme covered many interesting topics. -

An evening at the Manse when Miss Helen MacConachie spoke about her work on radio.

Mrs Thomson showed slides of her trip to Rarotonga.

The Rev. Jim Chambers spoke about Faith Healing.

The duties of a customs officer.

End of the year party, arranged by the committee.

Three members shared travel experiences.

The Salvation Army Missing Persons Bureau

The Rev. Jim Veitch spoke about his work before returning to New Zealand.

This year we have involved ourselves with various tasks in the life of the Church, have had meditation, laughter and love, and it is truly love which makes this group function as it does. Throughout the year we have been continuously grateful for the support of Janice White, Elaine Steedman and in particular Em Thomson, our retiring president.

Betty Harris, Secretary.

Saturday-at-Two

20.

In 'Saturday at 2', St. John's stretches out its hand in friendship and offers its hospitality on alternate Saturday afternoons to all in the community who care to accept it. This gesture brings much happiness to many and on several occasions the Fellowship Room has been overcrowded. The Committee wishes to express its thanks to all who contribute in any way to this outreach. We would particularly like to thank Mrs Judy Aickin who has arranged the teams of helpers who supply the delicious afternoon teas. Miss Mary MacKenzie is kindly going to look after this during the coming year.

A generous contribution has been given to the refurbishing cost of chairs in the Fellowship Room.

Our Minister's 'thought for the week' and his bible readings are very much appreciated.

Dianne Fraser
Co-ordinator.

Badminton

It was decided to hold a committee meeting in March 1978 to determine the club's future. This followed the premature closure of the Club in 1977 due to lack of support. During the year 1977-78 the club balance rose from \$315.59 to \$470.06. It was therefore decided to maintain subscriptions fees at the same rate as before and to run the club for a trial period. Committee members undertook an active recruitment campaign. It was slow, then bloomed with an influx of new people from NZE. We have 21 fully paid up members and a considerable number of casual members. A new committee was formed with the intention of continuing until Labour Day Weekend. Two new racquets have been purchased and all the old club racquets have been refurbished.

We have played several social matches with other clubs, with more to play this year and also plan to hold a social. The NZE have borrowed the club equipment for a social evening and will do so again in the near future.

J. Paxton, Secretary.

F.C. Wilson, Chairman.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF GENERAL ACCOUNT

1st JULY 1977 - 30th JUNE 1978

RECEIPTS

<u>Congregational giving</u> - Plate	\$10,188.60	
Envelopes	<u>18,666.74</u>	\$28,855.34
<u>Donations:</u>		
Use of rooms	641.00	
Evening Guild	100.00	
Good News	300.00	
General	2,645.96	
Organ	<u>182.55</u>	3,869.51
<u>Interest:</u>		
Bank of N.Z.	42.50	
Endowment	1,900.00	
Lockie Bequest	<u>27.87</u>	1,970.37
<u>Refunds:</u>		
Rates - W.C.C.	284.45	
Tolls	6.00	
Sale of Gates	70.00	
Painting fund uplifted	<u>7,027.42</u>	7,387.87
<u>Budget Contributions:</u>		
Afternoon Guild	800.00	
Evening Guild	43.90	
Bible Class	70.00	
Sunday School	<u>133.05</u>	1,046.95
<u>Contributions for Others:</u>		
N.C.C. Christmas Appeal	465.97	
P.S.S.A. Harvest	91.93	
Ludhiana Hospital	5.00	
Knox Theological Hall	<u>383.59</u>	946.49
<u>General:</u>		
Reserve Fund	58.43	
Hi-Fi Refund	188.35	
Forest Lakes Camp Fees	692.50	
Hymn Books	<u>236.89</u>	1,176.17

C/Forward: \$45,252.70

PAYMENTS

<u>Stipends:</u>		
D.M. Steedman - Salary	\$8,038.44	
Car Allowance	1,163.34	
Expenses	<u>300.00</u>	\$9,501.78
J.A. Veitch		
Honaria	89.07	
Expenses	<u>291.66</u>	380.73
R.J. Wilderspin - Organist		750.00
Pulpit Supply		139.80
Accident Compensation Levy		23.04
Beneficiary Fund Levy		1,085.28
Seniority Allowance		685.10
Presbytery Expenses		141.05
<u>Outreach:</u>		
Budget Contributions		10,075.00
A.P.W. Fees		22.00
Ludhiana Hospital		5.00
N.C.C. Appeal		465.97
P.S.S.A. Harvest		91.93
Knox Theological College		383.59
<u>Property:</u>		
Light and Heat		251.01
Cleaning and Refuse		1,294.16
Manse Telephone		216.20
W.C.C. Water rate		6.00
Rates		759.96
Insurance		2,875.30
Electrical repairs		32.15
Organ		431.85
Pianos, Recording Equipment, Projector		173.83
General Repairs		106.80

C/Forward: \$29,897.53

FINANCIAL STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

B/Forward: \$45,252.70

Loan from No. 2 Account 1,609.89

Overdraft in ordinary account as at 1 July 1977	\$2,255.37
Less amounts held for:	
Painting contract deposit	500.00
Boys' Brigade	<u>130.00</u>
Overdraft at B.N.Z. 1st July 1977	\$1,625.37
Painting contract deposit refunded	500.00
Payment to Boys' Brigade	130.00
Free balance in ordinary account at 30 June 1978	655.63
	<u>\$2,911.00</u>

\$46,862.59

B/Forward: \$29,897.53

Fire Equipment Service	\$25.50
Fence	90.00
Painting Contract	7,027.42
Painting provision	1,860.00
Light Globes	34.05
Film Screen	60.68
Hymn Books	236.89
Manse Repayment	1,000.00
plus interest	570.00

Administration:

Printing, Stationery, Postages and bank charges	490.25
Advertising	222.54
Presentation Bibles	16.11
Communion Wine	33.67
Grants: Cradle Roll	25.00
Sunday School	50.00
Boys' Brigade Equipment	21.56
Forest Lake Camp Fees	680.50
Loan from No. 2 Account repaid	1,609.89

\$43,951.59

Excess of receipts for year over
payments carried down 2,911.00

RENTAL ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 1978

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Payments</u>
Balances 1 July 1977 -	Cleaning
Bank of N.Z. \$3,217.37	Electricity (net) 46.93
Church Office 19,041.68	Rates 998.72
Investment Society 386.02	Insurance 436.76
	Electrical repairs 21.65
Tenants' Rents 22,645.07	Hall Rebuilding - 250.00
Miscellaneous 2,278.79	cost of report 950.00
Interest: 10.00	Loan to Women's Assn. 1,609.89
Bank of N.Z. 49.27	Loan to No. 1 Account Balance at 30.6.78:
Church Office 1,804.60	Bank of N.Z. 2,357.69
Investment Society 23.31	Church Office 23,416.28
Manse Loan 570.00	<u>25,773.97</u>
Manse Loan Repayment 2,447.18	
Withdrawal Hall Rebuilding fund 1,000.00	
Repayment of Loan to No.1 A/o. 1,609.89	
	<u>\$30,240.93</u>

\$30,240.93

Loan from Rental Account for Manse Purchase

Balance owing 30th June 1977	\$6,000.00
Less Repayment 1977-78	1,000.00

Balance owing 30 June 1978

\$5,000.00

Trust Accounts for year ended 30th June 1978

<u>Account</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>30.6.77</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>30.6.77</u>
Benevolent	401.22	26.31	329.53
Centennial	318.67	30.21	348.88
Chairs for Hall	296.95	28.21	325.16
Hymn Books	1,362.78	127.61	1,253.50
Church Rebuilding	953.54	90.63	1,044.17
General Reserve	56.64	1.79	-
New Hall Furnishings	584.19	55.48	639.67
Hi-Fi	182.57	5.78	-
Boys' Brigade	-	4.13	4.13
All Sundry Trusts	\$4,156.56	370.15	3,945.04
Hall Rebuilding:			
Special	12,750.25	1,211.27	13,961.52
General	8,306.43	769.32	8,825.75
Endowment	20,000.00	1,900.00	20,000.00
Lockie Bequest	380.00	27.87	380.00
Repainting Provision	8,507.43	349.73	3,689.74
Blake Legacy*	18,822.79	1,679.65	22,808.97
*(In addition shares held at market value of \$18,768.94 as at 5.11.75			
	<u>\$72,923.46</u>	<u>\$6,307.99</u>	<u>\$73,611.02</u>
<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>	
Interest as above	\$6,307.99	Benevolent Fund	118.00
Painting provision	1,860.00	Hymn Books	236.89
Boys' Brigade	130.00	General Reserve	58.43
Benevolent Fund	20.00	Hi Fi	188.35
Blake Estate	2,306.53	Boys' Brigade	1,130.00
		Endowment Income	1,900.00
		Hall Rebuilding	250.00
		Lockie Bequest	27.87
		Repainting Account	7,027.42
	<u>\$83,547.98</u>		<u>\$83,547.98</u>

27. ST. JOHN'S AFTERNOON GUILD'S STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 1977/78

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>
B/Fwd. 1.6.77	\$1,655.52	Church Treasurer
Allocated at Annual Meeting 1977 -		- general funds \$250.00
Mission Budget	800.00	Annual Meeting exp.
Hall Furnishing Fund	50.00	Nursing Mirror sub.
Amplifier System	100.00	Parcel to MissBear
Painting Fund	400.00	Soc. for Pro. of
China Replacement	50.00	Community Standards
Team Section - B.B.	75.00	New Hebrides Assn.
Boys' Brigade	25.00	Friends of Turakina
Ludhiana Hosp. Appeal	50.00	Floral Tributes
Margaret Bear	25.00	A.P.W. Special Purposes
	<u>1,575.00</u>	" Annual Reports
Mission Birthday Gifts	480.10	" Used Stamps
Scott Trust -		Gift for Mrs Cunningham
Maori Mission	75.00	
General Mission	75.00	" Cunningham baby
Mission Boxes	55.10	Cupboard locks
Tea Coupons	41.55	Contributions to
Sales Table	21.39	Leper Mission
Collections	14.42	
Membership Fees	5.20	
Donations	112.00	
Jumble Sale	352.47	
Leisure Hours Expo.	31.05	
Bring and Buy	195.00	Cash in Bank
Evening Guild -		
Cont. to Floral Tribute	2.75	
" " baby gift	5.00	
Recipe Book 'Lively Lunches'	37.65	
POSB Interest	22.67	
Used Stamps	170.00	
Contributions to Leper		
Mission	<u>115.00</u>	
	<u>\$1,891.87</u>	
		<u>\$1,891.87</u>

W.M. Piper, Treasurer

Audited and Found correct
M.D. King, Hon. Auditor.

ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Summary of Receipts and Payments year ended 30.6.78.

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>
Balance 1.7.77	\$21.79	Bibles
Interest on Bequests	32.80	Bible Study Notes
Bank Interest	94	Leaders/Students
Grant from Church	50.00	Materials
Offerings for Missions	133.05	Contributions to
		Missions
		Balance 30.6.78
	<u>\$238.58</u>	
		<u>\$238.58</u>

E.R. Brader, Hon. Treasurer

N.G. Moser, Hon. Auditor

Valuations of Properties:

The Government Valuation of the land on which the Church buildings stand is \$850,000 while the valuation of the buildings is \$67,000. For insurance purposes the indemnity value of the buildings is \$486,000, and for replacement purposes, the value is \$1,751,000.

For the Manse the comparative figures are -
Govt. valuation of land \$22,000: Building \$43,000:
Indemnity Insurance \$42,000: Replacement insurance \$102,000

163 envelope subscribers contributed 64.6% of total offerings.

At least 14 members have had continuous membership for 50 years and over.

Following the quarterly communion service, the Minister and an elder serves communion in the homes of those who can no longer attend worship services. There are usually about 15 men and women who are visited in this way.

IN MEMORIAM

MRS P.M. CAMERON MR A. McARTHUR
 MRS M.I. EDGAR MISS H. McLEAN
 MRS G.L. HUGHES MR G.L. NICHOLSON
 MR W.D. JOHNSTON MRS M.E. STORKEY

 MRS L.W. WALL

MRS GRACE LEITCH HUGHES

The St. John's Association of Presbyterian Women gives thanks to God for the life of Mrs Grace Leitch Hughes. She was a woman of outstanding gifts, abilities and accomplishments - gifts of leadership, spiritual insight and understanding of women and their needs. By reason of her sound judgment and wide knowledge her opinions on major matters of church policy were invariably sought, and her supportive interest gave much encouragement.

Her life was dedicated to the service of her Lord, and her work and witness in this parish will be well remembered; the gracious hospitality extended from the Manse in the troubled war years; her involvement in all aspects of the organisational life of the congregation; her deep concern for the maintenance of the fabric of the church; and, in particular, the welfare of the young men in residence in Troup House.

Her service was not confined within parish bounds and she served the wider Church in many ways: as a teacher in the Maori Mission field; as P.W.M.U. Dominion President for two terms; on the Assembly Ministry Committee (then known as the Home Ministry Committee); President of the Women's Auxiliary of the Wellington PSSA; a Board Member of the YWCA, a member of Samaritians and telephone operator for the Inner City Ministry, and she was a stamp collector with a difference. For over 30 years she made a tremendous contribution to mission funds by the cleaning, sorting and selling of used stamps for the PWMU, Mission to Lepers and Bible Society.

To her daughters, and especially Anwyl Fowler for the loving care she gave to her mother, our hearts go out in deepest sympathy and understanding.

Mrs Hughes will be remembered with deep respect and abiding affection. Her dedicated witness and outreach echoes the inscription on the memorial tablet in St. John's Church to her husband, the Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes,

"STEDFAST. IMMOVEABLE ALWAYS ABOUNDING
 IN THE WORK OF THE LORD."

MINISTERS OF ST. JOHN'S:

Rev. John Moir
 Very Rev. James Paterson (Moderator in 1902)
 Very Rev. James Gibb, D.D. (Moderator in 1901)
 Very Rev. Dr J.R. Blanchard, B.A.
 Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes, B.A.
 Rev. Wm. P. Temple, M.A., B.D.
 Rev. F.H. Liffiton, B.A. (Assistant)
 Rev. J. Kingsley Fairbairn, M.B.E., B.A.
 Rev. D.T.W. Kinloch
 Rev. D.M. Steedman, M.A., B.D.
 Rev. J.A. Veitch, B.A., M.Th, Ph.D.(Hon. Assistant)

1853-1867
 1868-1903
 1903-1926
 1927-1939
 1940-1947
 1948-1957
 1954-1955
 1957-1968
 1968-1975
 1976-
 1978-

ST. JOHN'S OWN MISSIONARIES:

Very Rev. George H. McNeur, of Chinese Mission Field
 (Moderator in 1926)
 Sister Margaret O. Bear, India

1913-1940
 1958-

DEACONESSES:

Miss Lillian Lang
 Miss Mabel Cartwright
 Miss Norah Dick
 Miss Nessie Morgan

1945-1948 and

1905-1907
 1909-1911
 1912-1915
 1951-1959

BUILDINGS:

First Church opened (accommodation 200), "Willis Street, Presbyterian Church", 31 August
 Second Church opened (accommodation 600), "St. John's," 12 December
 First Manse erected, Woolcombe Street
 Second Church destroyed by fire, 9th May
 Sunday School building opened (Dixon Street), November
 Present Church opened (accommodation 900), 6th December
 Young Men's Bible Class Room opened
 Extension to Sunday School building (Macdonald Crescent)
 St. John's Memorial Hostel for Men
 Manse, 9 Wai-te-ata Road, erected
 St. John's Bible Class Institute erected, "Troup House"
 Manse sold, new Manse purchased at 2 Kelburn Parade
 Re-piling of Church completed
 Church repainted and interior decorated
 The Cottage renovated and made extension of Troup House

1856
 1875
 1880
 1884
 1884
 1885
 1896
 1902
 1919-1937
 1928
 1956
 1957
 1958
 1959
 1967

JUBILEES:

Diamond Jubilee of Church, November
 Women's Association Golden Jubilee, August
 Y.M.B.C. Golden Jubilee
 Y.W.B.C. Golden Jubilee, October

1913
 1937
 1938
 1942

Sunday School 100th Anniversary, November	1953
Centennial Jubilee of Church, November	1953
Seventy-fifth Anniversary of present Church, 3rd to 5th December	1960
Y.M.B.C. Seventy-fifth Jubilee, July	1964

Special Events:

Free Church of Scotland petitioned to send Minister to Wellington, 15th November, 1851, and congregation was formally established, 17 November	1853
Sunday School opened	1853
Mt. Cook branch Sunday School, Francis Place	1872
Mission started at Newtown, now St. James, under Mr Robert Hopkirk	1874
First Service at Wadestown, by Rev. James Paterson	1879
Church Organ installed	1886
Bible Class movement started by Sir George Troup	1888
Services started at Brooklyn by Mr John Reith	1904
Stained glass windows at South end, given by the Hon. J.G.W. Aitken, in memory of St. John's B.C. men who fell in the 1914-18 war	1920
Stained glass window at north end dedicated to the memory of the Hon. J.G.W. Aitken, first layman Moderator, 1917	1923
Church Praise introduced 1884, New Church Praise 1910, and Church Hymnary	1937
Choir Gowned (first of Presbyterian Choirs in New Zealand)	1944
First Women Managers appointed	1951
Window facing the vestibule dedicated in remembrance of the devoted women, who, through 100 years, worshipped and served in St. John's	1954
Martin Window dedicated, July	1965
Communion Plates in memory of Mary Chappell dedicated	1970

Church Newspapers:

<i>The Record</i>	1892-1896
<i>The Torch Bearer</i>	1930-1931
<i>The Review</i>	1936-1938
<i>The Messenger</i>	1941-

Publications:

Jubilee Booklet of Diamond Jubilee	1913
Jubilee Booklet of Y.M.B.C. Golden Jubilee	1938
Jubilee Booklet of Church Centennial	1953