
125th CELEBRATION

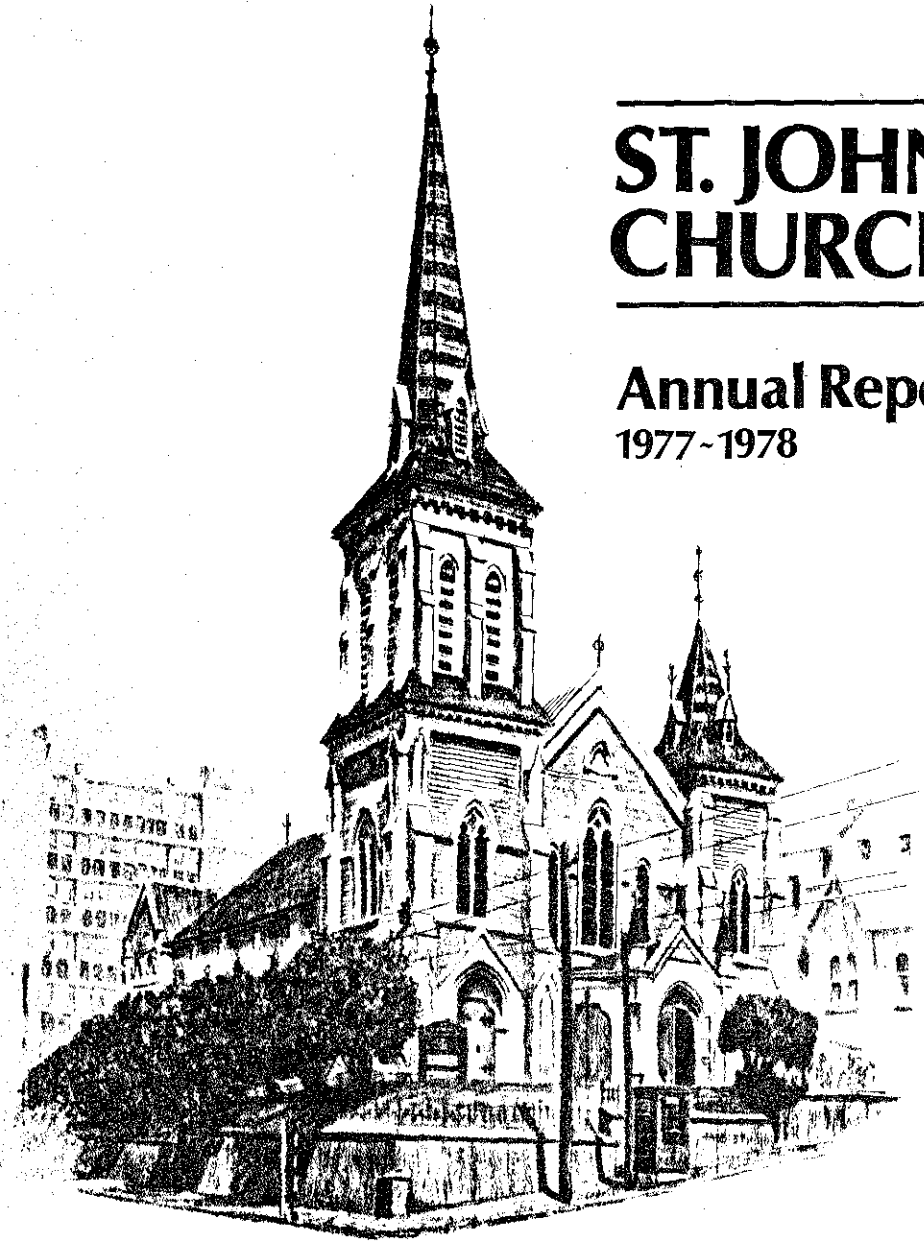
November 11th, 12th
1978

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 Treilissick Crescent, 4	1960
van Zweeden, M.H.	33 Rata Road, 3	1960
Keyes, A.W.	9d Wharenuhi 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
Mlikop, 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,
A. Milkop, J. Hunt and Mrs M. King

PROPERTY:

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

NEW BUILDING:

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
33 Rata Road, 3

861.351

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,
20 Motueka Street, 4

792.120

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
66 Pitt Street, 1

739.931

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

Miss J. Williams
20 Maarama Cresc. 1

846.728

Afternoon Guild:**President:**

(Meets 4th Tuesday, 2 p.m.)

Mrs M. Mortimer,
55 Madras Street, 4

797.023

Secretary:

Mrs N. Brown,
27 Beerehaven Road, 3

886.180

Evening Guild:**President:**

(Meets 3rd Monday, 7.30 p.m.)

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
a humble heart
a heart of love
a heart of faith

that we may see Thee
that we may hear Thee
that we may serve Thee
that we may live Thee.

George Robertson,
Session Clerk.

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 regretfully 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.

Estimated Budget 1978-1979

Budget Allocation	\$12,300
Salaries, Allowances, Beneficiary Fund etc.	15,335
Property and Admin. expenses (Insurances, rates, Heating etc.)	10,000
Repainting provision	3,000
Total payments estimated 1978/79	\$40,635
Total payments 1977/78	33,688
<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 Eileen 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 Drysedale 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, Knots, 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	18,666.74	\$28,855.34
<u>Donations:</u>			
	Use of rooms	641.00	
	Evening Guild	100.00	
	Good News	300.00	
	General	2,645.96	
	Organ	182.55	3,869.51
<u>Interest:</u>			
	Bank of N.Z.	42.50	
	Endowment	1,900.00	
	Lockie Bequest	27.87	1,970.37
<u>Refunds:</u>			
	Rates - W.C.C.	284.45	
	Tolls	6.00	
	Sale of Gates	70.00	
	Painting fund uplifted	7,027.42	7,387.87
<u>Budget Contributions:</u>			
	Afternoon Guild	800.00	
	Evening Guild	43.90	
	Bible Class	70.00	
	Sunday School	133.05	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	383.59	946.49
<u>General:</u>			
	Reserve Fund	58.43	
	Hi-Fi Refund	188.35	
	Forest Lakes Camp Fees	692.50	
	Hymn Books	236.89	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	300.00
			\$9,501.78
	J.A. Veitch	Honaria	89.07
		Expenses	291.66
			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	<u>130.00</u>
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	<u>570.00</u>

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	<u>1,609.89</u>

\$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	\$153.01
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		Hall Rebuilding -	250.00
Miscellaneous		cost of report	950.00
Interest:		Loan to Women's Assn.	1,609.89
Bank of N.Z.	49.27	Loan to No. 1 Account	
Church Office	1,804.60	Balance at 30.6.78:	
Investment Society	23.31	Bank of N.Z.	2,357.69
Manse Loan	570.00	Church Office	23,416.28
			<u>25,773.97</u>
Manse Loan Repayment	2,447.18		
Withdrawal Hall Rebuilding	1,000.00		
fund	250.00		
Repayment of Loan to No.1 A/o.	1,609.89		
			<u>\$30,240.93</u>

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

\$5,000.00Trust 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. 8.81
Hall Furnishing Fund 50.00		Nursing Mirror sub. 36.75
Amplifier System 100.00		Parcel to Miss Bear 8.39
Painting Fund 400.00		Soc. for Pro. of
China Replacement 50.00		Community Standards 5.00
Team Section - B.B. 75.00		New Hebrides Assn. 3.00
Boys' Brigade 25.00		Friends of Turakina 3.00
Ludhiana Hosp. Appeal 50.00		Floral Tributes 27.80
Margaret Bear 25.00	1,575.00	A.P.W. Special Purposes 1.00
	80.52	" Annual Reports 1.00
Mission Birthday Gifts 480.10		" Used Stamps 170.00
Scott Trust -		Gift for Mrs Cunningham
Maori Mission 75.00		20.20
General Mission 75.00	150.00	" Cunningham baby 10.22
Mission Boxes 55.10		Cupboard locks 25.52
Tea Coupons 41.55		Contributions to
Sales Table 21.39		Leper Mission 115.00
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 1,206.18
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 115.00		
	<u>\$1,891.87</u>	<u>\$1,891.87</u>

M.M. Piper, Treasurer

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

28.

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 \$38.48
Interest on Bequests 32.80		Bible Study Notes 11.70
Bank Interest 94		Leaders/Students
Grant from Church 50.00		Materials 43.17
Offerings for Missions 133.05		Contributions to
		Missions 133.05
		Balance 30.6.78 12.18
	<u>\$238.58</u>	<u>\$238.58</u>

E.R. Brader, Hon. Treasurer

N.G. Moser, Hon. Auditor

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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

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163 envelope subscribers contributed 64.6% of total offerings.

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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-

DEACONESSSES:

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
 Repiling 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

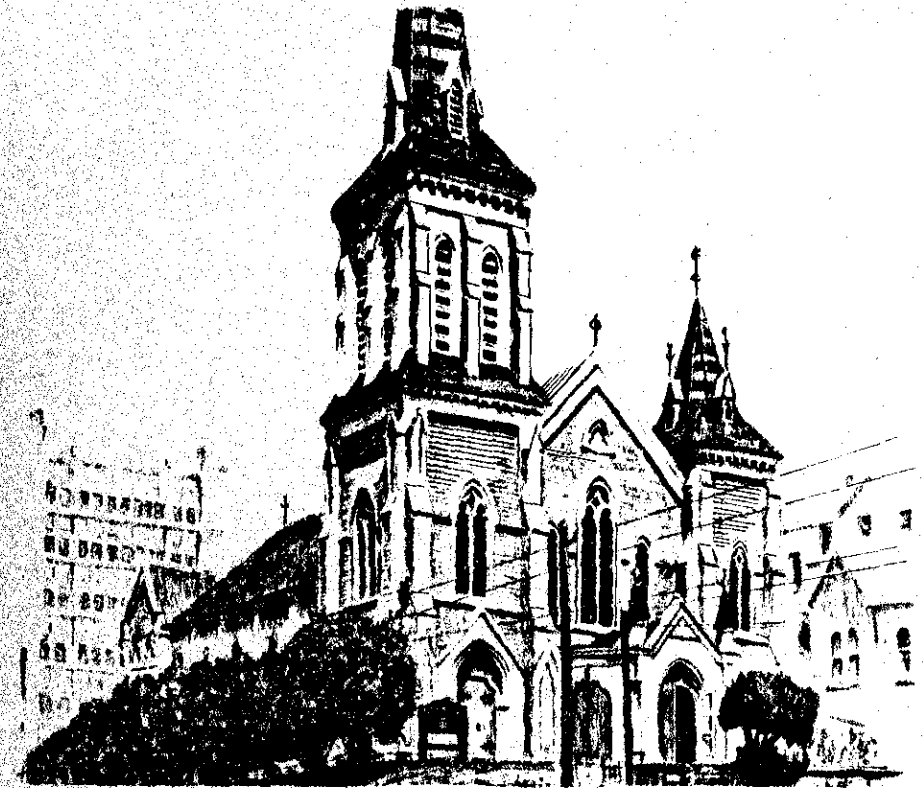
Parish Mission 1979

with
Rev. JOHN BROOK
Chaplain, Massey University

9-16 September

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YOURSELF**

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*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.*

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

CHURCH DIRECTORY

<u>Minister:</u>	The Rev. David M. Steadman, 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	804-457
<u>Finance Convener:</u>	Mrs M. Mortimer, 55 Madras Street, 4	797-023
<u>Organist & Choirmaster:</u>	Mr Raymond Wilderspin, 30 Raroa Road, 5	753-144

KIRK SESSION

Fowler, R.B.	48 Homewood Avenue, 5	1933
Smith, H.B.	25 Maids Vale Road, 3	1941
Woods, N.S.	38 Harrison Street, 2	1950
Marshall, Sir John	22 Fitzroy Street, 1	1950
Dornan, Alford	65 Trellisick Crescent, 4	1960
van Zweeden, M.H.	33 Rata Road, 3	1960
McLellan, D.	20 Apuka Street, 2	1962
Oed, G.W.	89 Wilton Road, 1	1962
Thomson, J.A.	89 Dixon Street, Flats, 1	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
The Rev. R.H. McKenzie	4 Maple Grove, 2	1970
Mrs Owen John	80 Waititi Crescent, Lower Hutt	1970
Miss E.M. Brodie	98 Duncan Terrace Flats, 3	1972
Gilmour, R.M.	14 Norwich Street, 1	1972
Milkop, A.H.	6 Deveron Place, Tawa	1972
Mrs M.W.M. Mortimer	55 Madras Street, 4	1972
Mrs M.N. Piper	31 Bidwill Street, 2	1972
Boyd, Dr. John	8 Lower Watt Street, 1	1974
Ferrier, R.J.	57 Wadestown Road, 1	1974
Aickin, K.B.	20 Manuka Street, 3	1974
Mrs B. Arnold	2 Maurice Terrace, 4	1975
Darroch, Alan	50 Sefton Street, 1	1975
Mrs B. Harris	29 Mortimer Terrace, 2	1978
Jaquiere, Errol	16A Donald Crescent, 5	1978
Stanley, Major Gordon	14 Glen Alton Avenue, 4	1978
Brown, Mrs N.	27 Greerhaven Road, 3	1979
Lade, H.W.	23 Rawhiti Terrace, 5	1979
Lloyd, R.T.	2 Stormont Place, 2	1979
Stewart, Charles	17 Messines Road, 5	1979
Wright, N.P.	Homedale Schoolhouse, Wainuiomata	1979
McKenzie, Mrs R.	4 Maple Grove, 2	1979
Leggat, H.C.	9 Pitt Street, 1	1979

BOARD OF MANAGERS:

Mr Richard Brader	Miss Janice McCallum
Mr John Buchanan	Miss Mary MacKenzie
Mrs Raewyn Buchanan	Mr Ian McQueen
Dr David Burton	Mr Allan Marsh
Mr Bill Clark	Mr Allan Marshall
Mr Cecil Duff	Mr John Marshall
Mr Jim Espie	Mr Ron Mille
Mr Paul Haggett	Mr Ross Milner
Mr Michael Horvat	Mr William Roberts
Mr Brad Iria	Miss Ailsa Salt
Miss Jessie Johnston	Mrs Kath Sutherland
Mrs Marilyn King	Mr Charles Thomson
Mr William Kraft	Mr John Wilson
Miss Pat Lees	Mr Sandy Yule
Mr Malcolm Leitch	

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Mrs M. Mortimer (Convener), R. Brader,
A. Milkop, J. Hunt, and Mrs M. King

PROPERTY:

J. Hunt (Convener), N.S. Woods

NEW BUILDING:

J.L. Marshall (Convener), N. Prior (Sec.)
N.S. Woods, A.H. Milkop, J. Hunt,
Mrs M. Mortimer

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Mrs Betty Robertson,
169 Karori Road, 5 768.118

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Mrs Carolyn Ferrier,
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Mrs Hazel Poulton, 23 Hurman St., Karori 768.600
Mrs Noyle Brown, 27 Beerehaven Rd., Seatoun 886.180

WEEKLY INTINATIONS AND DUPLICATING:

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The Minister (Convener), Sir John Marshall, Messrs
N.S. Woods, John Buchanan (Treasurer), K. Aickin,
B. Jaquiere, Dugald Wilson (Warden) Mrs B. Robertson

JUNIOR CHURCH - Acting Leading Dr. J. Veitch
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YOUTH GROUPS -

(Sunday 9.45 a.m.)

Bible Class:

Robert Anderson, 787.603
80 Kenmore St., Newlands

Allan Marsh, 881.638
26 Totara Road, Miramar

Youth Group:

Co-ordinator:
Graham Paterson, 849.483
3 Wilkinson Tc.,
Oriental Bay

CRADLE ROLL -

(Sunday Creche)

Convener:
Mrs Marion Longstaff 896.516

BOYS' BRIGADE -

Company Section:

(Meets Thursday
evening)

Mr Robert Gilmour, 720.671
14 Norwich Street, 1

Team Section:

(Meets Monday
evening)

Miss Harriet Johnston 722.774
213 The Terrace

"LANTERN"

(Meets after evening
service)

Mr David Galt, 738.427
32 Woburn Road, 5

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(Linking Committee

Secretary)

Afternoon Guild:

President

Secretary

Miss J. Williams, 846.728
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(Meets 4th Tuesday, 2 p.m.)

Mrs Mary Mortimer, 797.023
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(Meets 3rd Monday, 7.30 p.m.)

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The Terrace

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"MESSENGER"**ORGAN**

The Minister 728.294

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

Dear friends at St. John's,

Greetings to you all with the annual report. I hope you get something of a picture of the whole church and some of the work we are trying to do as a part of the Christian family. There's much to be glad about, but I always feel how much more should we be doing.

Were you interested in the bringing down of skylab? What an achievement to put that great mass into orbit and to control its passage. But the coming back was not so easy, and I saw one man confess that they had almost lost control of the landing. You'd think the putting up was much more difficult than the bringing down but its often the simpler things which seem the most difficult.

And the most difficult thing of all in our world today is still good relations between people. Look at the B.N.Z. frame in Willis Street and realize that the problem is not steel or even marble that cracks, but its people and the way they got on - or don't.

And sometimes we wonder what's happening to New Zealand today. Have we lost all sense of belonging together, and just fight for our own rights?

I was greatly encouraged about attitudes after talking to one of our members about carless days. He has two cars and was told - "You'll have no problem. Just register on different days". But his reply was that if we had to save then he was playing his part and both cars were registered on the same day. IS THAT WHAT BEING A CHRISTIAN IS ALL ABOUT?

Not just sharing in the great tasks that make the headlines but helping to build a real community where people care for one another and where people do the right thing, even at some sacrifice.

It's not skylabs which will make this world a better place, but the greater power of God's love in our hearts. FOR THAT LET US PRAY.

We have been very conscious of love and support and encouragement of many people in St. John's. Thank you. Please continue to pray for the ministers, the leaders and the life of St. John's that God may be able to use us in His great purpose for the coming of God's rule in our midst.

God bless you

David Steedman

S E S S I O N

The 126th year of the congregation showed that the past had been filled with hope and challenge, and in looking back it showed a future, a future also full of hope and challenge to us the members and adherents of this congregation.

We thank our minister, David Steedman, and Elaine for their loving and concerned ministry to us as individuals and as a congregation. We also thank our honorary assistant, Jim Veitch, for his strong supportive role. We pray that their continuing ministry will be richly blessed, and that both David and Jim together with their families will find love and joy in their presence with us.

Two of our Elders have died, and the fine and unselfish service given by Dr Adam Harvie and Mr Alfred Keyes is remembered with much love and gratitude.

Messrs. B.M. Hough, G.A. Malcolm, J.W. Vink, and J. West transferred to other churches, and Session expresses its warm appreciation of their faithful contributions to the life of the congregation.

Session has added to its members, and we welcomed at a service of Ordination and Induction Mesdames Noyle Brown and Ruth McKenzie, Messrs Harvey Lade, Campbell Leggat, Roger Lloyd, Charles Stewart, and Norman Wright.

St. John's was the venue for the 1978 General Assembly in November and this was immediately followed by the 125th Anniversary Celebrations under the very able chairmanship of Sir John Marshall. It was a happy time of thanksgiving and nostalgic memories. We had the pleasure of welcoming back to the pulpit two past ministers, the Revs. Bill Temple and Jock Kinloch.

During the four weeks of December the choirs of St. John's and our Anglican, Roman Catholic, and Baptist neighbours presented Christmas carols in St. John's. Also in December we made the Church available on a Sunday evening to the combined Baptist Churches for their annual Christmas Carol Service.

St. John's Own Missionary, Miss Margaret Bear, returned to N.Z. after 21 years of nursing service in Jagadhri and Philadelphia Hospitals in Northern India. We express thanks for her devoted service, her warm friendship with our congregation, and extend to her our best wishes for future fulfilment in her resettlement back here in New Zealand.

To widen involvement Session was restructured. It works corporately, but also within the framework of four committees -

PASTORAL

The year began with 358 members, there were 31 new members and 9 baptisms. At the end of the year we had 343 members, 41 people were transferred and 5 members passed away. Our love and sympathy is extended to their families.

Assembly Remits on 'Reverence for Life - Euthanasia' and 'Marriage and Divorce' have been considered. Copies of the committee's report will be available at the Annual Meeting

and in the vestibule on the following Sunday.

Tapes are made of the weekly church services for circulation to those who have been unable to attend. The committee would be happy to hear of anyone who would like to have a tape taken to them.

WORSHIP AND MISSION

The Supplementary hymn book "Praise the Lord" is being revised and a new issue will be available soon.

Numerous preachers were welcomed to the Church and these included - Dr Ian Cairns, Ernest Lloyd, the Very Rev. Dr. Ian Breward, the Revs. W. Gibson, J. Brook and Sylvia Jenkins, Mr and Mrs John Cunningham, Bruce Anderson, and Sir Holmes Miller. Special services were held for the Scots and Queen Margaret College Founders, the 60th Jubilee of Queen Margaret College, Spring Flower and Harvest Festival Sundays. Communion services were held for Easter and World Communion Sunday. Lord Ballantrae was a worshipper at our Communion Service in March. Two broadcast services were on the National Radio - a morning service in October and a pre-recorded evening service for 31 December.

Late in 1978 Session decided to hold a Special Mission during the next year. Many of our members had requested such an opportunity to deepen their understanding of scripture and to make their christian life more rewarding. So we called the Rev. John Brook, Chaplain at Massey University, to lead a week of studies from 9 to 16 September, which would concentrate on applying bible lessons to everyday personal situations. Session hopes that an increased willingness to reach out and share our faith with others will result from the September mission.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

This committee has responsibility, on behalf of Session, for overseeing the work of the Church with the Boys' Brigade Company, the Young Adults group, the Bible Class and the Junior Church. At the beginning of the year the committee met with the leaders of all the groups in order to discuss the programme for the months ahead and to talk over special needs. During the year Mr Errol Jaquiere

has liaised with the Young Adults group and the Bible Class. Mr Robert Gilmour will have completed his 3rd year by this time next year and a replacement captain is being urgently sought by the Committee. The Team Section has been strengthened by additional staff but each year presents its own problems. The Boys' Brigade is an outreach programme of St. John's and deserves the attention and support of the congregation.

The committee plans to continue meeting with leaders of each organisation on a regular basis, and to keep Session better informed of what is happening in the Christian Education programme.

SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP

The Committee has set itself two main goals: (i) to ensure that congregational activities continue in varied form and within a suitable schedule (ii) to encourage the community service offered by the congregation. In addition it has attended to several smaller matters falling within its responsibilities.

There is a feeling that we would like to increase the assistance PSSA receives from St. John's, but no major new project can be proposed until a decision is made on the vital question of redevelopment of our hall and associated buildings; and to assist with an appreciation of the current state of planning Mr John Marshall recently reported to Session on behalf of his committee. It is hoped that developments within the church grounds can be linked in some way to increased community service.

The committee is pressing for the institution of a girls' organisation within St. John's, has reactivated congregational lunches, has provided a new "Transport Officer", and is encouraging the younger members of the congregation who provide practical help for people in need.

As will be seen from the reports which follow there is a considerable amount of activity within the various ongoing groups and organisations. Session records with love and

gratitude their thanks to those who so unselfishly give of their time and talents, their help and co-operation to further God's Kingdom here at St. John's. We truly are a blessed congregation.

May we go forward into this new year with confidence in the continuing presence and guidance of the Lord whom we serve, and with a feeling of joy and challenge spurring us on.

GEORGE ROBERTSON

Session Clerk.

BOARD OF MANAGERS

At the last annual meeting six new managers were appointed - Miss R. Forbes, Messrs. M. Horvat, C. Leggat, C. McGovern, R. Mills and R. Milner. Miss J. McCallum is on leave of absence during her overseas trip. Mr McGovern resigned during the year and the Board expresses its grateful thanks to him for his service over a number of years. Clive had been involved in setting up the P.A. system as well as being involved in other aspects of St. John's life. Messrs Jim Don, Neil Parkinson, and Wayne Wallis have retired at the end of their term of office. We desire to thank them for the service they have given to St. John's in their particular fields.

FINANCE - The Board extends its appreciation to the congregation for their generous responses to the Finance Committee's requests in helping fulfill our budget allocations, and our congregational needs. Your concern has meant that we have discharged our obligations in full and has given us \$2,000 towards the new year's commitments. The Wgtn. Presbytery's allocation of the amount required by the Church during 1979-80 for its wider work is 13.5% higher than the amount requested for 1978-79. St. John's share of the 1979-80 allocation is \$12,000.

Your continued support is vital not only to the ongoing work of St. John's but also to that of the wider church. With inflation running at around 10% last year the 13.5% increase barely keeps pace with it and really only maintains our level of activity at last year's. It does not provide any room for expansion.

PROPERTY - A considerable amount of work has been carried out over the last year. Prior to General Assembly and the 125th celebrations the hall received a renovation and the Fellowship Room was transformed. The Board is grateful to everyone who was involved in this work.

A number of arson attempts were made on some of the buildings earlier this year, culminating in a fire which gutted the washhouse alongside the cottage. With the possibility of future redevelopment it has been decided to replace it with a structure which can later be dismantled and sold.

REDEVELOPMENT - The Rebuilding Committee has met on a number of occasions during the past year, and has considered further sketch plans prepared by the architects for the proposed new church hall and other facilities. The committee has given the architects a brief setting out our requirements and we hope that some final sketch plans and proposals will be available for presentation to the Annual Meeting.

GENERAL - The Board thanks everyone involved in the various functions of the church. The Flower Committee and those who decorate the church, the creche, those who cater at various functions, produce the intimations, record services and those who maintain the grounds and buildings.

JOHN BUCHANAN

Clerk to the Board

CHOIR

St. John's has always been a church with a rich musical life, both congregational and choral, and this remains true today. The choir plays its part in this, along with the other musical groups in the Church, helping lead congregational singing and with our anthems, and we believe that this adds to the richness and diversity of worship at St. John's, and is a role we greatly enjoy.

The last year has been exciting and enjoyable. The larger numbers in the choir have allowed us to try a more varied

repertoire and extended our choral talents a great deal further than most of us had thought possible.

The highlight of the year was undoubtedly the recital and services we took part in during the 125 Anniversary celebrations. Choir members put in a lot of work in the practices for these events and the appreciation of the congregation (and their surprise) was very rewarding. We were sorry there was such a small group to hear our lunch time carol concert, one of the series of recitals given in St. John's by the inner city churches during December. The torrential downpour just on lunchtime deterred all but a stalwart and loyal few.

Engagements and weddings seem to be in vogue this year for choir members. We were delighted to sing at Jeannette and Clive's wedding, and are only sad that their new home in the Hutt Valley has meant we have lost them at St. John's. We wish God's blessing in their life together. To Raewyn and John, Carolyn and Ron, Dianne and Ron, our congratulations on your engagements and our best wishes.

It is always a pleasure to welcome new faces and voices to the choir, and Alison, Susan and Kay we hope your stay with us will be long and enjoyable. We were sorry to lose Dianne Prior, Alison Horvat, and Laurie Ehsor from regular choir activities, but it is good to know that we can call on them for special occasions.

It was a lovely afternoon for the carols-to-shutins and it was good to have some of the congregation with us to enjoy the day. Tea at the Miss MacKenzies ended an afternoon that is an integral part of the Christmas celebrations for the choir.

Our two main social events have both been at Mrs Mortimer's. The first occasion in her absence when we made changes to her garden, and the second, in her presence, for a most enjoyable (and petrol conserving) picnic.

It is always pleasant to hear when we have performed well and we are encouraged by all those people who tell us of our good days. That encouragement, particularly from our Honorary Members and our Ministers, is reassuring and gives to our commitment to the demands choir membership makes on us.

The function of any choir is of course to produce music, and we certainly couldn't do so without the guidance, patience, and persistence of our choirmaster. To you Ray, we would say thank you for encouraging us, developing whatever talents we have, and giving us an opportunity to express ourselves through music. AILSA SALT, PRES.

JUNIOR CHURCH

At the end of 1978 Mr Martin van Zweeden retired as Superintendent after serving with distinction for 8 years. The new year began without a replacement. In the meantime the Rev. Veitch is acting as leader.

The roll stands at 52 although the average attendance is nearer 30. We are privileged to have very fine teachers for 5 classes. Mrs Jan Veitch assisted by Stephanie Black and Cathy Gannon are responsible for the kindergarten age children. Barbara Stewart takes the first school class, Nick and Alison Dangerfield, Peter Aranyi and Colleen Hunt, and Mrs Betty Arnold with Helen take the remaining classes. Miss Margaret Arnold has taken responsibility for administrative duties and arranges the rooms and the teachers' equipment while the children and teachers join the congregation for the first quarter of the morning service.

The classes have been re-equipped this year and sufficient bibles have been purchased to enable the children to use them at class on Sundays.

We are grateful that so many of the children from our congregation do come to Junior Church on a regular basis. A pleasing feature is the beginning of a relationship with the Team Section of the Boys' Brigade. We are happy that this will develop during the next few years.

Our thanks are expressed to the Board of Managers for their readiness to provide equipment for the children, and to the Session for their attention.

BIBLE CLASS

The Bible Class has continued this year under the leadership of Mrs Trixie Milkop and Mr Allan Marsh, who have now been joined by Mrs Dayle and Mr Rob Anderson since the early part of 1979. Mrs Trixie Milkop will be retiring within the next few weeks after many years of splendid service.

The average attendance on Sunday mornings has increased over 1979 to an average of about 15 young people and after spending quarter of an hour with the senior youth group we then spend the rest of the hour in some form of lesson. Our material has been from the Scripture Union series "Teaching Teenagers", and has covered topics such as Honesty, the Commandments, Prayer, the Life of Christ, Knowing God's will etc. We have also concentrated from time to time on studying a particular book of the Bible and have recently concluded a most successful series on the book of Joshua which culminated in a quiz.

It has been the leaders' intention to provide for both the spiritual and social areas of the young peoples' lives and have enjoyed such activities as a barbeque, visits to the Kilbirnie skating rink, and shortly a day horse riding in Ohariu Valley. We have also made a practice of attending the monthly Youth for Christ rallies.

A very enjoyable camp was held on 3-4 March at the Ngatiawa campsite with an attendance of approximately 35 people. Leadership assistance was provided by several of the Senior Youth Group.

We are looking forward to another rewarding and exciting year in 1979/80 and trust that the Bible Class will continue to expand with many more young people acknowledging Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

A.G. MARSH,
co-Leader

YOUNG ADULTS

The Young Adults' Group has had many new faces appear once again this year, with folk coming to Wellington to attend Polytech and University.

We have endeavoured to provide studies and times of collective worship and prayer with the aim of bringing people to a deeper relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. Also of importance has been the programming of social activities as a means of getting to know each other and to enjoy ourselves in pleasure pursuits together.

Our main activities for the year could be summarised as follows:-

1. September 1978 at Waikanae when many were blessed by the teaching and opportunity to withdraw for a weekend and enjoy the company of friends for a few days.
2. A group attended Massey Summer School in January. This was a chance to live, worship and enjoy the fellowship of Christians from all denominations.
3. Annual Camp held in March when we had Brian Caughley to speak on the Body, Soul, and Spirit.
4. A small, but keen, core group have made regular visits to the prisons. This group has received a warm response from several prisoners, including letters thanking them for their visits and concern.
5. A practical help group, which was working regularly late last year, but demand for help has slowed of late.
6. Social activities - Barbeques, outings to the pictures, concerts, teas, tramp, etc.
7. Bible studies, led in the main by the young people and members of the congregation. Outside speakers have been involved when the opportunity arose, e.g. the Covenant Players and the James family, home on furlough.
8. Youth Services in which the young people have enjoyed being involved in planning and participation.

The Youth Group committee has appreciated the involvement of Mr Errol Jaquiere and the Rev. Jim Veitch during the year, a step which has enabled stronger links to be made with the activities of the young people and the congregation as a whole.

We look forward to another year with no doubt further new faces, new ideas and continued progress.

GRAHAM PATERSON

CRADLE ROLL

We currently have about 18 babies and toddlers in our care. We keep in touch with these children individually through our committee members, collectively with functions like coffee mornings, and with the congregation at family occasions like the Christmas barbeque.

To the congregation our most obvious function is running the creche every Sunday morning, and we are very grateful to the ladies from the congregation who help with this.

As I am handing over the Convener's job to Mrs Marion Longstaff, I should like to record my grateful thanks to the committee for all their help and support over the years. I know Mrs Longstaff will find them a very able and enthusiastic group to work with.

VERA BURTON

SATURDAY AT TWO

There has been a tremendous spirit within this group of friendship and fellowship. The numbers swelled at the beginning of the year and we have between 30 - 60 each fortnight. A warm welcome is extended to all.

It is gratifying to see the response of all groups within the church to help. The programmes have been varied and those who come certainly do enjoy their time there. Thank you to all who have contributed, be it towards the programme, afternoon tea or in other ways. A special word of appreciation to those who work quietly behind the scenes to make this programme such a success.

DIANNE FRASER

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L-A-N-T-E-R-N

In spite of decreasing numbers 'Lantern' has continued to play an active role in the life of St. John's. Although 'Lantern' has not been as active this year as in previous years the activities which have been held have maintained the high standard set by previous committees. This year the committee has endeavoured to involve more church members in its activities - a policy which it is hoped to continue.

Our associate minister, Jim Veitch, conducted a stimulating series of Lenten studies on Sunday evenings prior to Easter. These were well attended and provoked much worthwhile discussion. In June a progressive dinner was held to raise funds for Radio Rhema. This proved to be very popular and the sum of \$100 was raised. 'Lantern' also combined with the Good News group to see the film "Jesus of Nazareth".

An open invitation is extended to all to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee in the 'Lantern' room after the service each Sunday night.

RON MILLS

B A D M I N T O N

The 1978 season ended in October and during the latter part a social game was played with another club. The membership was small with a number of casuals playing at times. Two nets and two racquets were purchased.

Play resumed in April '79, when three Tuesday nights per month were allocated to the club. Fees were lowered, but the club is holding its own financially. The cost of shuttles are the main item of expenditure.

It is hoped to have a social function to make the end of the season later.

CHARLES WILSON,
Chairman

TROUP HOUSE

Extracted from a letter sent out by the Residents to prospective residents

"We hope you realise that in coming to Troup House you are not coming to a socially healthy residential area, you are coming to a Christian home surrounded by high-rise buildings, and streets full of lonely people. Because of this you are bound to find it lonely at first but we hope you will grow to love the needy people here as we are....

"We feel we have a unique opportunity to live out our faith here in the world. We do not think of our lives as being our own, but as belonging to Christ our Lord and Master. We see our jobs, our flat life, our setting in the inner city, and our place in the St. John's family all within this light. We are Jesus disciples and do not seek more than to become like Him.

"If you are excited by this, think about joining us. If you find it a bit radical, still think about joining us, but don't expect this to be just a flat. We want it to be a Christian family in the middle of the city!

Sincerely,

TROUP HOUSE BOYS "

Thank you Boys. The congregation really appreciates that concern for others which is shown by you. Many have enjoyed your hospitality. The loss of the bikes and vegetables in the burnt-out washhouse was unfortunate, but how thankful we were that the Cottage was only blistered, and the residents were unharmed.

On the last Friday of each month at 7.45 p.m. a group of young married couples are warmly welcomed to the Manse. They have a time of fellowship and discussion together.

COMPANY SECTION

The Object of the Boys' Brigade as "The Advancement of Christ's Kingdom among Boys, and the promotion of habits of Obedience, Reverence, Discipline, Self-Respect, and all that tends towards a true Christian manliness". To this end we have a four-sided pattern of activities:

Christian Citizenship (Christian education and learning to be responsible Christian members of society)
Physical Development (physical education - games, sport)
Education (arts, crafts, hobbies, wise use of leisure time)
Service to others.

This year, as well as our usual parents' night activities we have had two hikes, a beach/barbeque trip, and a most successful weekend camp at a hut in the Reikorangi hills. We have regularly taken part in Battalion fixtures. We won the Junior Squad Drill Cup, and our squad commander, Stephen Nicholls, was especially commended. Stephen Nicholls and Stephen Tiefenbacher, along with 1,146 other boys and officers, enjoyed an experience of a lifetime at the B.B. International Camp at Blenheim.

We were sorry to lose two leaders - Trevor Dine and Clive McGovern - this year, but have been pleased to welcome Gavin Sutherland and Nick Dangerfield to our team. Our present leaders therefore are Gavin, Nick, and Jan Patel (all instructors) and Robert (Captain). We have greatly appreciated Mr Steedman's continued support and regular visits, and Alford Dornan's encouragement, and expert tuition of our competition drill squad. Mr Richards is again teaching Stephen Nicholls and Stephen Tiefenbacher the bugle and Mr Nisbett has again assisted with parade night drill. I sincerely thank all these people who have given of their time and talents either full-time or part-time. Sincere thanks also to all those who have assisted financially, with prayer, and in other ways. We could not do without you.

BOYS' BRIGADE

We have 14 boys in the Company Section at present and I believe that we are doing an important and fruitful work with them. However, we are still losing too many boys along the way and we need to deploy more resources towards putting the Company Section on a satisfactorily sound footing. Our Boys' Brigade Company is a major outreach activity of St. John's, it is reaching out to boys from non-Christian homes (and is gathering them in), and is engaged in "advancing Christ's Kingdom" among them and also among the boys who do come from Christian homes. It needs, and I believe is deserving of, the continued and even increased practical and prayerful support of the congregation.

ROBERT GILMOUR
(Captain)

TEAM SECTION

Statistics: 36 boys at the end of 1978
13 transferred to the Company Section
23
8 boys moved out of town
15 at the beginning of 1979
15 recruits in 1979 up to 30 June
30 boys at 30.6.79

Leadership: Harriet Johnston, Lieutenant in Charge,
Tim Wye, Warrant Officer; Helpers - Meredith Etuata, Heather Drysdale, John Madgwick, Dugald Wilson and Graham Bolam.

Activities:
Soccer: We won the Battalion Soccer Competition in September '78. We played 7 games - scored 15 goals and let none through.
Badge work Competition: Au Liko won the Battalion Competition in 1978 which was based on "The Ten Commandments".

"Sleep-In" 1978 - 32 Boys slept in the church hall on a Saturday night in July 1978. Some boys slept from about 1.30 a.m. until 6.30 a.m., but the Officers had little sleep. The following morning the Boys sang in church "The Joy of the Lord is my Strength", and did so very enthusiastically. Some of the ladies of Session supplied and made tea for the boys which was much appreciated.

"Saultalk": This was part of the end of year show. The boys performed this adult musical in an admirable manner. Christopher Saluni played the important role of Saul. Other events at the end of year display included Maori action songs, gymnastics and an item from "Grease Lightning".

Finance: Donations from the women's organisations, the Youth Group and personal donations from church members have kept us afloat. We would be unable to have many of these boys if we did not supply the full uniform which costs around \$50 per Boy.

The Boys: There are a number from broken homes - 3 live with Dad rather than Mum. We have a good percentage of Maori, Samoan and Cook Island Boys and they are full of enthusiasm. About 10 are attending St. John's Sunday School, who would not be there if it wasn't for B.B. and two of them bring along their sisters.

Conclusion: Jesus said "Whoever receives one such child in My Name receives Me".

HARRIET JOHNSTON

FELLOWSHIP ROOM:

The transformation referred to in the Managers' Report has been achieved by various forms of beautiful art work - a "pottery" frieze of Noah's Ark, a screen printing, copper plate, embroidery and macrame - all lovingly done by families of the congregation.

ASSOCIATION OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Miss J. Williams, Secretary of the Linking Committee, reports that special activities for all the church women have been -

Arranging for home host and hostesses to provide lunch after Sunday morning services; providing lunches for Assembly, catering for 125 Celebrations, the congregational Christmas barbeque held at Queen Margaret College, a congregational lunch in March, afternoon teas for "Saturday at Two", and sending 3 teams to help at the Porirua Hospital Canteen. Many women also assist at "Care and Craft" centres helping with handcrafts or providing morning teas or transport.

MISSIONS: The past year has brought changes in our association with workers overseas. John and Barbara Cunningham finished their term of service in the New Hebrides and returned to New Zealand in January. They joined in our morning service on 28 January and at lunch following we were able to have a time of fellowship with them and their children. They are now settled in Matura and express the wish that St. John's will not lose touch as they warmly appreciated our interest and care.

Sister Margaret Bear, St. John's Own Missionary in northern India for over 20 years, also returned permanently to New Zealand and after doing deputation work during June, visited St. John's early in July. Dr. Sukhmanden, Superintendent of Philadelphia Hospital where Margaret was Nursing Superintendent and Director of the School of Nursing, has paid tribute to her fine contribution.

Our particular field of care and interest will now be in APLA, Western Samoa. Mr and Mrs Colin Nicholson and three children have been allocated to St. John's parish as Associate Missionaries. Mr Nicholson is a Presbyterian Elder from New Zealand working in a Methodist Land Development Scheme. He had at one time been a volunteer in a work party in the New Hebrides.

100 copies of the photographic brochure of all overseas staff were obtained for use of the congregation.

CHURCH FLOWERS: Mrs Poulton and Mrs Brown (conveners) and the ladies on the Flower Roster continue to arrange the flowers in the Church. It was a particularly busy time for them during Assembly and the 125th Celebrations.

HARVEST FIELD - Mrs Thomson reports that there are 50 subscribers to this interesting magazine (\$1.50 per annum)

P.S.S.A. Two representatives (Mrs Harris and Mrs Roberts) attend the Auxiliary meetings, and they extend thanks to all who so generously support the varied aspects of PSSA work - the Cuba Street shop (which is a wonderful source of income), the Lounge in Cuba Street, and the Hospital Accommodation home in Nikau Street. The main fund raising effort for 1979 will be a FAIR in the Town Hall in October - St. John's is to be in charge of the CAKES.

MISSION BIRTHDAY LEAGUE - There are now 200 'Birthday People' Miss MacKenzie reports that \$537.90 was collected this year.

STAMPS - Mrs Allan is very pleased that \$220 was realised. She thanks all who collected, cleaned and sorted the stamps.

TEA COUPONS - Has the use of tea bags depleted a source of revenue? Mrs McMillan redeemed 1,282 coupons which realised \$15.18.

MISSION BOXES - Mrs Harris distributes these, and this year the boxes yielded \$109.87.

AFTERNOON GUILD

The monthly meetings have covered a wide range of interest - Ludhiana Hospital, Litter Council, Raratonga, a Bible study, Christmas in Music and Verse, a bus outing to Kaitoke and TVI at Avalon, Dr. and Mrs Preetum Gideon of Jagadhri Hospital (we had as guests a number of women from other churches), Conference Report and "Future Indicative".

The special project of Anniversary Tea Towels has been most successful and we are very grateful to Mrs Helen Kidd (nee Woods) for her designs and printing of tea towels, which have been sold to a wide public - only a few are left.

Our Annual Christmas gifts to Te Hopai were again sent - the Evening Guild giving us assistance. A very happy lunch was held at the Manse in April to farewell Mrs Stevens who has shifted to Waikanae - we wish her well in her new home.

Before Assembly we arranged for the covering of the chairs in the Fellowship Room, the cost of which was met by most generous donations.

Annual Meeting time is a time for saying thankyou, and thanks this year are numerous and heartfelt as always. In particular we say thank you to Mrs Marilyn King who audits our books, to Mrs Steedman for her music and to our Minister for his concern and support of the work of the Afternoon Guild.

The support and prayers of all members contribute to the caring and concerned attitude which enables the Guild to be a worthwhile part of the family of St. John's in their effort to do something of the work which God places before them in the extension of His Kingdom on earth.

EVENING GUILD

We are rather sad to note that membership has declined from last year as many of our older members can no longer get out at night. We need new members.

The Gate Stall held in April raised a total of \$104.83.

The President arranged an interesting year's programme - An evening at the Manse - Robert Taylor, Senior Announcer on the National's "Early Bird" programme.

Audio Visual - Africa Inland Mission

Designing stained glass windows - Mrs Bennett

Village Life in Indonesia and the role of women in that country - Mrs P. Graham

A Christmas Party and Robyn Casely of the Nurses' Christian Fellowship

A heart-warming talk about children - Mrs Owen John

Audio Visual - Mission Hospital at Ludiahna

Floral Art Display.

The President thanks the Committee for their support, and also grateful thanks to our Minister and to Mrs Steedman for her assistance with the music.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF GENERAL ACCOUNTReceipts

<u>Credit Balance</u> as at 1.7.78		\$655.63	
<u>Congregational Giving:</u>			
Plate	\$10,267.87		
Envelopes	<u>26,833.20</u>	37,101.07	
<u>Donations:</u>			
Use of Rooms	502.00		
General	928.00		
Organ	189.30		
Youth Group	100.00		
Projector Fund	<u>546.68</u>	2,265.98	
<u>Interest:</u>			
Bank of New Zealand	74.93		
Endowment Fund	2,000.00		
Lockie Bequest	<u>31.76</u>	2,106.69	
<u>Refunds:</u>			
Tolls	7.11		
Assembly	37.00		
Forest Lakes Camp	30.00		
Sale Bowling Mat	10.00		
Maintenance	<u>24.30</u>	108.41	
<u>Budget Contributions:</u>			
Afternoon Guild	800.00		
Evening Guild	100.00		
Junior Church	<u>150.11</u>	1,050.11	

C/Forward:

43,237.891st JULY 1978 - 30th JUNE 1979PaymentsStipends:

D.M. Steedman:	Salary	8,854.92	
	Car Allowance	1,327.60	
	Expenses	<u>335.00</u>	10,517.52
J.A. Veitch	Honoraria	265.16	
	Expenses Allowance	<u>700.00</u>	965.16
R.J. Wilderspin	Organist		787.59
	Organ Supply		72.10
	Accident Compensation		68.27
	Beneficiary Fund Levy		1,195.32
	Seniority Allowance		698.10
	Presbytery Expenses		161.20

Outreach:

Budget Contributions	12,500.00
A.P.W. Fees	22.00
N.C.C. Appeal	396.62
P.S.S.A.	80.92
Wellington Baptist Association	280.70
Canon's Creek Opportunity Centre	482.09

Property:

Light and Heat	363.70
Cleaning and Refuse	1,328.42
Manse Telephone	177.58
W.C.C. Rates	820.45
Insurance	2,641.59
Electrical Repairs	59.15
Organ	357.06
Pianos, Recording Equipment, Projector	30.92
Church General Repairs	901.54
Manse General Repairs	273.33
Fire Equipment Service	90.28
Painting Provision	3,000.00
Manse Repayment	1,000.00
Plus Interest	500.00
Calculator	19.60
Gestetner, Typewriter repairs	<u>100.62</u>

C/Fwd.

39,891.83

Receipts

B/Forward: 43,287.89

Outreach:

N.C.C. Christmas Appeal	396.62	
P.S.S.A.	80.92	
Baptist Christmas Service	280.70	
Canon's Creek Opportunity Centre	<u>482.09</u>	1,240.33

General:

Estate B. Irvine	3,000.00	
Outlook	<u>19.10</u>	3,019.10

\$47,547.32

Payments

B/Forward: 39,891.83

Administration:

Printing, Stationery, Postage, Bank Charges	1,012.38
Advertising	277.15
Presentation Bibles	42.95
Communion Wine	23.76
Grant - Junior Church	156.05
Camp deposit	40.00
Tape	4.60
1979 Mission Expenses	8.60
Outlook	19.10

Deposits with Church Office:

Legacy B. Irvine Estate	3,000.00
On account 1980 Insurance Premiums	250.00
Organ Fund	200.00

Balance at Bank 30.6.79 2,620.90

\$47,547.32

Balance at Bank of New Zealand	\$2,620.90
Projector Fund	<u>546.68</u>

Balance in General Account	
30.6.79	<u>\$2,074.22</u>

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF RENTAL ACCOUNT
1st JULY 1978 - 30th JUNE 1979

RECEIPTS

Balances as at 1.7.78:	
Bank of N.Z. Church Office	2,357.69 <u>26,416.28</u>
Tenants' Rents	28,773.97
Refund A.P.W.	3,381.14
	1,447.00
Interest:	
Bank of N.Z. Church Office	28.68 2,486.89
Manse Loan	500.00
Manse Loan Repayment	<u>1,000.00</u>
	<u>\$37,617.68</u>

PAYMENTS

Cleaning	\$153.04
Electricity (Net)	101.38
W.C.C. Rates	1,206.13
Bank Charges	1.00
A.P.W. Tea Towel expenses	497.00
Insurance	401.25
Deposit with Church Office	3,000.00
Balance 30.6.79:	
B.N.Z. Church Office	1,854.71 <u>30,403.17</u>

\$37,617.68

LOAN FROM RENTAL ACCOUNT FOR MANSE PURCHASE

Balance owing 30.6.78	\$5,000.00
Less Repayment 1978.- 79	1,000.00
Balance owing 30.6.79	<u>\$4,000.00</u>

TRUST ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1979

<u>Account</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>30.6.78</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>30.6.79</u>
Benevolent	329.53	33.07	329.60
Centennial	348.88	34.90	383.78
Chairs for hall	325.16	32.50	357.66
Hymn Books	1,253.50	125.40	1,378.90
Church Rebuilding	1,044.17	104.40	1,148.57
New Hall Furnishings	639.67	64.06	1,203.73
Boys' Brigade	4.13	-	4.13
Insurance			250.00
Organ			200.00
B. Irvine Estate		50.00	3,050.00
All Sundry Trusts:	\$3,945.04	\$444.33	\$8,306.37
Hall Rebuilding:			
Special	13,961.52	1,396.15	15,357.67
General	8,825.75	882.58	9,908.33
Endowment	20,000.00	2,000.00	20,000.00
Lockie Bequest	380.00	31.78	380.00
Repainting Provision	3,689.74	484.35	7,174.09
Blake Legacy *	22,808.97	2,258.68	26,661.24
*(In addition shares held at market value of \$18,768.94 as at 5.11.75)			
	\$73,611.02	\$7,497.87	\$87,787.70

RECEIPTS

Interest as above	\$7,497.87
Painting Provision	3,000.00
Afternoon Guild:	
Hall Rebuilding (Gen.)	200.00
New Hall Furnishings	500.00
Insurance Provision	250.00
Organ Fund	200.00
Estate L. Blake	1,593.59
Estate B. Irvine	3,000.00

PAYMENTS

Benevolent Fund	33.00
Endowment Income	2,000.00
Lockie Bequest	31.78

\$89,852.48\$89,852.48

30. ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION AFTERNOON GUILDSTATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 1978/79Receipts

B/Forward:	\$1206.18
Allocated at Annual Meeting 1978:	
Mission Budget	800.00
Team Section B.B.	75.00
Boys' Brigade	25.00
Margaret Bear	25.00
	<u>925.00</u>
	\$281.18
Mission Birthday Gifts	537.90
Mission Boxes	109.87
Tea Coupons	15.18
Sales Table	18.29
Collections	6.50
Membership Fees	14.00
Donations	12.50
Recipe Books "Lively Lunches"	13.61
Donations recovering of	
Chairs	238.50
Assembly Lunches (Profit)	472.00
Tea Towels (125 Anniversary Project)	432.00
Bring and Buy	185.90
Profit from bus outing	4.50
Harvest Field subscriptions	20.00
P.O.S.B. Interest	25.62
Used Stamps	220.00
Contributions to Leper Missions	95.00
	<u>\$2,702.55</u>

Payments

Annual Meeting Exes.	\$9.00
Secretary's Exes.	10.00
Subscriptions -	
Soc. for Promotion of	
Community Standards	6.00
Friends of Turakina	3.00
New Hebrides Assn.	4.00
Nursing Mirror for	
Miss Bear	39.75
Gifts - Simon Rae	20.00
Miss Bear	10.00
Christmas	3.95
Mr van Zweeden - towards	
cost of recovering of	
chairs	100.00
Gift - Mr and Mrs	
Cunningham	10.00
Bus to barbeque	15.00
Cheque Book	50
Christmas lolly scramble	9.20
" gifts to life	
members	8.00
Donation - use of Iona	
Hall, Upper Hutt	2.00
Floral Gift	5.00
Harvest Field Refund	20.00
A.P.W. Used Stamps	220.00
Contributions to	
Leper Mission	95.00
	<u>\$590.40</u>
Cash in P.O.S.B.	112.15
	<u>\$2,702.55</u>

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH 125th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEEMONEYS RECEIVED:

Advance from Church Funds	\$100.00
Registration Fees and Donations	2,572.00
Sale of Photographs	11.25
	<u>\$2,683.25</u>

MONEYS PAID OUT:

Advertising - Outlook	\$9.60
Refund Church Advance	100.00
Photocopying	8.50
Flowers	26.00
Catering	289.35
Stationery	94.90
Travel	239.70
Tea Services - Hire	401.07
Hall Decorations and	
Soiree Expenses	121.48
Photography	121.40
Gifts	143.42
Bank Fees	2.30
	<u>1,557.72</u>

BALANCE: \$1,125.53

The Committee recommended to Session that the balance be applied to the purchase of a Projector. The balance was achieved through the generosity of many people, particularly the women. They had catered at the General Assembly and some of the profit enabled bulk purchasing, which considerably reduced costs for the Anniversary.

STOP PRESS: A Projector has been purchased and will give much pleasure to viewers and projectionists.

A very warm thank you to the family of Mrs Gregory for her bequest, to "Saturday at Two" appreciative guests, and to the 125th Anniversary Committee.

M.M. PIPER Audited and found correct -
Hon. Treasurer M.D. KING, Hon Auditor

ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH GROUP

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS YEAR ENDED 30.6.79

<u>Receipts:</u>		<u>Payments:</u>	
Balances 1/7/78 -		St. John's Church-General	100.00
Wgtn. Sav. Bank	689.45	St. John's Boys' Brigade	200.00
P.C.N.Z.	645.67	St. John's Mission Advtg.	111.20
Offerings	1,575.95	Amplifier	15.00
Donations -General	1624.10	Covenant Players	35.00
Work efforts		Camps	623.50
	172.00	Massey Summer School	760.00
Camps	527.50	Books	20.89
Massey Summer School		B.P. Caughley	25.00
	760.00	Intercessors for N.Z.	75.00
Books	47.24	Andes Evangelical Mission	75.00
Teas	36.71	Underground Evangelism	200.00
Interest -		Martha Kenbong	100.00
Wgtn. Sav. Bank	40.00	James Family (Wycliffe)	300.00
P.C.N.Z.	64.57	Wgtn. Y.F.C. Youth Guidance	250.00
		Bible Society -	
		Batu N.T.	1,250.00
		Pidgin Bible	800.00
		Cheque Book	50
		Balances 30.6.79 -	
		Wgtn. Sav. Bank	531.86
		P.C.N.Z.	710.24
	<u>\$6,183.19</u>		<u>\$6,183.19</u>

E. R. Brader,
Hon. Treasurer

K.M. Mullin (B.B.S. Accts. Prof)
Hon. Auditor

ST. JOHN'S PREBYTERIAN BIBLE CLASS

Income and Expenditure - year ended 30.6.79

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Balance -	30.678	Missions	60.00
Missions	\$123.03	Camp Fees	96.00
Coad Bequest	31.71	" travel	35.60
General	<u>85.56</u>	food	<u>147.32</u>
	240.30		278.92
Offerings	120.22	Gifts	10.00
Camp Fees	338.65	A.G.M. expenses	11.55
Interest	6.45	Concert bookings	
General	11.20	(to be refunded)	40.00
Wood Sales	20.00	By Balance as at	30.679
Mysterious deposit	29.00	Missions	183.25
		Coad	
		Bequest	51.71
		General	<u>20.39</u>
			355.35
	<u>\$755.82</u>		
			<u>\$755.82</u>

T. A. MILKOP

ST. JOHN'S JUNIOR CHURCH

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS - YEAR ENDED 30.6.1979

<u>Receipts:</u>		<u>Payments</u>	
Balance	1.7.78	Bibles	\$75.00
Interest on Bequests	31.16	Leaders/Students	
Bank Interest	1.22	material	110.10
Grants from Church	150.00	Contribution to	
Offerings for Missions	<u>150.11</u>	Missions	150.11
		Balance	30.6.79
	<u>\$344.67</u>		<u>9.46</u>
			<u>\$344.67</u>

E.R. Brader,
Hon. Treasurer

K.M. Mullin (B.B.S. Accounts
Hon. Auditor. Prof.)

IN MEMORIAM

MRS E. C. GREGORY
DR. A. H. HARVIE
MRS E. G. HOWCROFT
MR A. W. KEYES
MRS G. L. NICHOLSON

Extracts from Session Tributes -

DR. ADAM H. HARVIE

Dr Adam Harvie described his work at Jagadhri Hospital from 1925-1939 as a "tremendous privilege". At the 1939 General Assembly it was said - "Dr Harvie laboured with unceasing devotion and left his mark on the service of the hospital as well as proving himself a truly Christian friend to patients and staff".

Adam Harvie joined St. John's in 1947, and he showed by his regular attendance at worship that this was the central thing in his life; he was an elder and was concerned for his people with that warm christian love that was so evident in him; in his quiet determined way he was earnestly persistent for the things that mattered to him - but he was always gracious and loving. He was deeply committed to the Moral Re-armament Movement. This gave him a global vision and he had friends in many parts of the world.

One of his last bible readings was in Hebrews 13 which expresses his deep faith -

"There is no permanent city for us here on earth;
We are looking for the city which is to come
Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today and for ever."
We give thanks to God for Adam Harvie as a warm, loving friend and Christian brother.

MR ALF W. KEYES

"I have done my best in the race: I have finished the course: I have kept the faith". These are strong positive words. Mr Alf Keyes did his best always with the many gifts he possessed. He was a graduate of Auckland University and before his retirement was chief automotive engineer of the Transport Department. During the war years he commanded the Radar Training School at Levin.

He ran the full distance - he kept on - no giving up. But above all he was a man of faith. He lived deeply with God and God's love and goodness were evident throughout his life. He gave much service with meticulous care, we enjoyed his lively sense of humour and the quality of his home life was evident in the obvious love that bound Mr and Mrs Keyes together in a marriage of almost fifty years. These are facets which will be well remembered with thanksgiving by all at St. John's where he was an Elder for 17 years.

HISTORIC RECORD

MINISTERS OF ST. JOHN'S

Rev. John Moir	1853-1867
Very Rev. James Paterson (Moderator in 1902)	1868-1903
Very Rev. James Gibb, D.D. (Moderator in 1901)	1903-1926
Very Rev. Dr. J.R. Blanchard, B.A.	1927-1939
Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes, B.A.	1940-1947
Rev. Wm. P. Temple, M.A., B.D.	1948-1957
Rev. F.H. Liffiton, B.A. (Assistant)	1954-1955
Rev. J. Kingsley Fairbairn, M.B.E., E.A.	1957-1968
Rev. D.T.W. Kinloch	1968-1975
Rev. D.M. Steodman, M.A., B.D.	1976-
Rev. J.A. Veitch, B.A., M.Th., Ph.D. (Hon. Assistant)	1978-

ST. JOHN'S OWN MISSIONARIES:

Very Rev. George H. McNeur, of Chinese Mission Field (Moderator in 1926)	1913-1940
Sister Margaret O. Bear, India	1958-1979

DEACONESSSES:

Miss Lillian Lang	1905-1907
Miss Mabel Cartwright	1909-1911
Miss Norah Dick	1912-1915
Miss Nessie Morgan	1945-1948 and 1951-1959

BUILDINGS:

First Church opened (accommodation 200), "Willis Street, Presbyterian Church", 31 August	1856
Second Church opened (accommodation 600), "St. John's", 12 December	1875
First Manse erected, Woolcombe Street	1880
Second Church destroyed by fire, 9th May	1884
Sunday School building opened (Dixon Street), November	1884
Present Church opened (accommodation 900), 6th December	1885
Young Men's Bible Class Room opened	1896
Extension to Sunday School building (McDonald Crescent)	1902
St. John's Memorial Hostel for Men	1919-1937
Manse, 9 Wai-te-ata Road, erected	1928
St. John's Bible Class Institute erected, "Troup House"	1956
Manse sold, new Manse purchased at 2 Kelburn Parade	1957
Repiling of Church completed	1958
Church repainted and interior decorated	1959
The Cottage renovated and made extension of Troup House	1967

JUBILEES:

Diamond Jubilee of Church, November	1913
Women's Association Golden Jubilee, August	1937
Y.M.B.C. Golden Jubilee	1938
Y.W.B.C. Golden Jubilee, October	1942

Seventy-fifth Anniversary of present Church, 3-5 December	1953
Y.M.B.C. Seventy-fifth Jubilee, July	1953
One hundred and twentyfifth Celebrations of Church,	1960
November	1964
	1978

cial Events:

Free Church of Scotland petitioned to send Minister to Wellington, 15 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 N.Z.)	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

arch Newspapers:

"The Record"	1892-1896
"The Torch Bearer"	1930-1931
"The Review"	1936-1938
"The Messenger"	1941

ications:

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