

*St. John's*

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
WELLINGTON

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127<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL REPORT  
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CHURCH DIRECTORY

<u>Minister:</u>	The Rev. David M. Steedman, M.A. B.D., 2 Kelburn Parade, 5	728.294
<u>Honorary Associate</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	894.457
<u>Finance Convener:</u>	Mrs M. Mortimer, 55 Madras Street, 4	797.023
<u>Organist and Choirmaster:</u>	Mr Raymond Wilderspin, 30 Raroa Road, 5	753.144

KIRK SESSION

		Inducted
Fowler, R.B.	48 Homewood Avenue, 5	1933
Smith, H.B.	25 Maida Vale Road, 3	1941
Woods, N.S.	38 Harrison Street, 2	1950
Marshall, Sir John	22 Fitzroy Street, 1	1950
Dornan, Alford	65 Trelissick Crescent, 4	1960
van Zweeden, M.H.	33 Rata Road, 3	1960
McLellan, D.	20 Apuka Street, 2	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 N. Owen John	35 Phillip Street, 4	1970
Miss E.M. Brodie	98 Duncan Terrace Flats, 3	1972
Gilmour, R.M.	14 Norwich Street, 1	1972
Mrs M.W.M. Mortimer	55 Madras Street, 4	1972
Mrs M.M. Piper	31 Bidwill Street, 2	1972
Ferrier, R.J.	57 Wadestown Road, 1	1974
Aickin, K.B.	20 Manuka Street, 3	1974
Mrs B. Arnold	2 Maurice Terrace, 1	1975
Darroch, Alan	50 Sefton Street, 1	1975
Patterson, Ray	34 Orchy Crescent, 2	1975
Mrs B. Harris	29 Mortimer Terrace, 2	1978
Jaquier, Errol	Kilmara, Main Road, Makara	1978
Stanley, Major Gordon	14 Glen Alton Avenue, 4	1978
Brown, Mrs. N.	27 Beerehaven Road, 3	1979
Lloyd, R.T.	2 Stormont Place, 2	1979
Stewart, Charles	117 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
Aitken, Peter	137 Barnard Street, 1	1980
McCay, Robert	26 Robieson Street, 3	1980
King, Mrs. M.	5 Vennell Street, 2	1980
Anderson, Robert	77A Wilton Road, 5	1980
Mills, Ron	134B Raroa Road, 5	1980

BOARD OF MANAGERS

Mr Richard Brader	Mr Malcolm Leitch
Mr John Buchanan	Mr Allan Marsh
Mrs Raewyn Buchanan	Mr Allan Marshall
Dr David Burton	Mr John Marshall
Mr Bill Clark	Mr Graham Paterson
Mr Cecil Duff	Mr William Roberts
Mr David Galt	Miss Ailsa Salt
Mr Paul Haggett	Mrs Kath Sutherland
Mr Michael Horvat	Mr Sandy Yule
Mr Brad Imrie	
Miss Jessie Johnston	
Mr Sandy Lawson	

COMMITTEES

Session Clerk and Clerk of the Board are ex-officio members of all committees

<u>FINANCE:</u>	Mrs M. Mortimer (Convener), R. Brader, J. Hunt, and Mrs M. King	
<u>PROPERTY:</u>	J. Hunt (Convener), N.S. Woods	
<u>NEW BUILDING:</u>	J.L. Marshall (Convener) N. Prior (Sec.) N.S. Woods, J. Hunt, Mrs M. Mortimer	
<u>ENVELOPE</u>	Paul Haggett, 96 Central Park Flats	843.783
<u>SECRETARIES:</u>	Gordon Stanley, 14 Glen Alton Ave.	784.548
<u>ROLLS:</u>	Mrs Betty Robertson, 169 Karori Rd.	768.118
<u>HISTORICAL RECORDS:</u>	Miss Mary MacKenzie, 31 Cooper St.	766.260
<u>LETTING OF ROOMS:</u>	Mrs Carolyn Ferrier, 57 Wadestown Road, 1	721.985
<u>ORGAN:</u>	Mrs Mortimer (Convener), Mrs M. Hunt, Messrs. M. Leitch and R. Wilderspin	
<u>TROUP HOUSE:</u>	The Minister (Convener), John Buchanan (Treas.) Mrs B. Robertson (Sec.), Messrs. N.S. Woods, K. Aickin, E. Jaquiere, R. Bridson (Warden) Sir John Marshall	
<u>"SATURDAY AT TWO":</u>	Mrs Dianne Mills, 134B Raroa Road, 5	757.912
<u>WEEKLY INTIMATIONS AND DUPLICATING:</u>	Mrs R.B. Fowler, 48 Homewood Ave., 5	768.187
<u>CHURCH FLOWERS:</u>	Mrs Hazel Poulton, 23 Hurman St., Karori	768.600
	Mrs Noyle Brown, 27 Beerehaven Rd., Seatoun	886.180

<u>"MESSENGER"</u>	- Editor, Mr. E. Jaquiere, Kilmara, Main Road, Makara	767.537
<u>JUNIOR CHURCH</u>	Co-ordinator -	
(Sunday 11 a.m.)	Mrs. C. Ferrier, 57 Wadestown Rd.	721.985
<u>YOUTH GROUPS</u>		
(Sunday 9.45 a.m.)		
<u>Bible Class</u>	Robert and Dayle Anderson, 77A Wilton Road	728.133
	Allan Marsh, 26 Totara Road, Miramar	881.638
<u>Youth Group:</u>	Co-ordinator -	
	Peter Aranyi, 333 The Terrace	844.469
<u>"LANTERN"</u>		
(Meets after evening service)	Mr David Galt, 32 Woburn Rd., 5	758.427
<u>CRADLE ROLL:</u>	Convener -	
Also Sunday creche	Mrs Marion Longstaff	896.516
<u>BOYS' BRIGADE:</u>		
<u>Company Section:</u>	Mr Robert Gilmour, 14 Norwich Street, 1	720.671
(Meets Thursday evening)		
<u>Team Section:</u>	Miss Harriet Johnston, 213 The Terrace	722.774
(Meets Monday evening)		
<u>The Tuis:</u>	Miss Janie Pack, 11 Woodmancote Rd., 4	796.584
(Meets Wednesday 4.30 - 5.30 p.m)		
<u>ASSOCIATION OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:</u>		
<u>Linking Com.Sec.</u>	Miss J. Williams, 20 Maarama Cres.	846.728
<u>Afternoon Guild:</u>	(Meets 4th Tuesday, 2 p.m.)	
<u>President</u>	Mrs Mary Mortimer, 55 Madras St., 4	797.023
<u>Secretary</u>	Mrs Noyle Brown, 27 Beerehaven Road, 3	886.180
<u>Evening Guild:</u>	(Meets 3rd Monday, 7.30 p.m.)	
<u>President</u>	Mrs Margaret Mackay, 6 Lynda Avenue, 4	786.031
<u>Secretary</u>	Miss Helena Taylor, Flat 1, Gordon Wilson Flats, The Terrace	859.252

Dear friends at St. Johns,

I was very interested to read that a very free translation of the Air Force motto "Per ardua ad Astra" in Pacific island terms is "NO COCONUTS WITHOUT CLIMBING THE PALM TREE". And if you want the very refreshing drink from green coconuts you have to climb to get them. It's only the brown ones that fall - good for copra only. When you look at a church annual report you see a great deal of work and effort. I'm not giving out coconuts, but I do want to underline that it takes many people to keep a Church as a real living ongoing part of the Kingdom of God.

When you get this report what do you read first? I hope a few say, the minister's letter - but I guess most people read the balance sheet first. And when you read about a small credit balance do you say - ah! a good year.

But perhaps we shouldn't have a credit balance if we are really at work for Christ in the needs of the inner city. I think a surer guide would be dealings with people. One of the newer activities in St. John's which was continued from the last Assembly, is the Home Hospitality Scheme to take people, particularly visitors, home for a meal after morning service. This has been greatly appreciated by visitors, and I know has also been a happy experience for those who take visitors. Or you think of the Boys' Brigade and the fine outreach they have among people in our area (and don't forget the newest part of this - the Tuis). And aren't you all glad that this year we have been able to bring two Vietnamese refugees to N.Z. and we give thanks to the small committee that worked hard to bring this about.

Or do you simply look first for the organisation to which you belong? Fair enough. That's where YOU can really share.

And my appeal is to share somewhere where you can. If you get ideas about ways we could do our task better please let me or the Session know. And together we can do something worthwhile for the kingdom. There is a small chamber

music group which practises at our manse - violin, cello and piano. We hear the pianiste practising, and sometimes one of the instrumentalists, but just a short time ago we heard a final practice before a performance and we listened with real appreciation to the lovely harmony that came when people gave of their best together.

THAT'S MY PICTURE OF THE CHURCH THIS YEAR - God's group in harmony, giving of their best that God may be glorified.

God bless you all in your homes.

Yours

DAVID STEEDMAN

## SESSION

Session, in presenting the 127th Annual Report, gives thanks to God for His continuing guidance and blessings.

It is difficult to adequately express tribute to our Minister, the Rev. David Steedman, and also to his wife Elaine. They work as a "team", and are always available to all in need of special help and understanding. The conduct of services of worship and sacraments continues to be an inspiration to all. Our Honorary Assistant, the Rev. Dr. Jim Veitch, adds a further breadth of teaching and leadership to worship. His interest and support are greatly appreciated.

Statistics: 21 members were added to the communicant roll, 5 by confirmation of baptismal vows, and 16 by transfer from other congregations. 37 names were removed from the roll, leaving 327 members as compared with 343 a year ago.

Four Elders resigned from Session during the year - Messrs Gordon Oed, Andre Milkop, Harvey Lade, and Dr. John Boyd. We will greatly miss the fine contributions that these members gave to the work and fellowship of Session and the congregation. To retain the strength of Session, Messrs Peter Aitken, Robert Anderson, Robert McCay, and Ron Mills, and Mrs Marilyn King were inducted on 18 May 1980. Mr Ray Patterson returned from a 2-year term of duty in Tanzania, while Dr and Mrs Arnold have been given leave of absence of several months, while Dr. Arnold is on sabbatical leave.

Under the chairmanship of Mr Errol Jaquiery, a parish mission was held during September. The missionaries, the Rev. John Brook, now of Mosgiel, and Mrs Margo Greenway of Palmerston North, in a very thoughtful and sensitive way related the needs of our every day happenings to the Word of God. The teaching, fellowship and sharing of the mission services brought many people together and gave them time to learn to know and trust each other.

A mission for the children was held during the August school holidays. This was under the leadership of the Scripture Union, and many of the congregation gave freely of their time and expertise to make the programme stimulating and interesting.

Weekday bible studies on Philipians, the Holy Spirit, and Peter have been held, together with combined Lenten Studies with the Inner City Churches. Members also participated in a series of four services arranged by Victoria University Chaplains and held at Central Baptist Church.

We have had several visiting speakers, among them were Miss Margaret Bear, Mr Tame Tako the Moderator of Maori Synod; Mr Tevita Nawadroaf of Fiji, Messrs John Evans, Keith Overend, Ben Webster, Chris Nichol, Jean Fischer of World Council of Churches, representatives from the m.v. Logos, and the Very Rev. Dr. Alan Brash, who preached at an evening service arranged by Presbytery. The only broadcast from St. John's was on 22 July 1979.

There was a good attendance of both pupils and parents at an evening service for Scots and Queen Margaret Foundays Day. The church was almost full when the combined Baptist Churches joined with us for a festival of Christmas carols and music. On Good Friday morning the congregation met at Central Baptist Church for a combined service.

A Family Camp was held at Kiwi Ranch Camp, Kaitoke, during February and the happy time of fellowship together was enjoyed by the 50 campers.

At the request of Roseneath Session, some of our Session have been attending their meetings and proposals concerning ways in which Roseneath and St John's congregations could co-operate together are now under consideration.

Remits from 1978 General Assembly "Placement of Licentiatees", "Reform of Parliament", "To drink or not to drink", and the "Church and Investments" have been considered and comments forwarded to the appropriate Assembly Committee. A further remit "The Rise and Fall of a dream" (youth work) is still under consideration.

Session recommended the sponsorship of a refugee family from Vietnam. A congregational committee set this in motion and early in June two young men (brothers) arrived in Wellington and are now living in a flat in Kilbirmie. One is employed at his trade in a nearby workshop, and the other brother is attending language classes at Polytechnic, and during the evenings doing casual work in restaurants. They are settling quite well and meeting more of their own countrymen. Session thanks all who so willingly made this possible.

Three nurses associated with St. John's, Misses Robyn Caseley, Margaret Marshall, and Wendy Woodward, joined relief teams in Thailand to care for the Kampuchean refugees who were camping on the Thai borders. These young women have been showing loving care and concern for the suffering people.

Miss Mary Mortimer joined a work party of 43 people who at their own expense spent a month in Vanuatu (New Hebrides) working on projects for the local church.

We are indeed fortunate that our organist, Mr Raymond Wilderspin, and our choirs continue to contribute so much to our worship. Session expresses its thanks to all who enrich our worship with music and song.

The 1980 General Assembly will be held in St. John's and we rejoice that the incoming Moderator, the Rev. Tom Corkill, attended St. John's Sunday School and Bible Class, and it is fitting that he will be installed as Moderator in the Church in which he has had such close associations.

Session is aware that as years pass, members of the congregation suffer bereavement with the passing of loved ones. To all members who in this year have suffered in this way, Session, on behalf of all in the parish, express their sincere sympathy.

This report can touch only a fragment of the work being carried out in our parish. The Church does not consist of buildings or organisations, however necessary these may be, it consists of people. By God's grace we are part of the people of God, the family of faith, and so we share and support each other in our joys and sorrows. May our worship and service together warm through us and spread further into the community around us.

George Robertson,  
Session Clerk

### IN MEMORIAM

Lady Alice Harper  
Mrs Nancy Glew  
Mrs Gladys Kirkwood  
Miss Jean MacKenzie  
Miss Wyn Millar  
Mr: William Kraft

## CHOIR

St. John's Choir has again had an enjoyable and busy year. Being a member of a church choir is demanding, particularly in a church where the choir sings at both services. When the weekly practice is also included on Sunday there seems to be little left in the day. However, the commitment made is one that contributes to the fullness of worship at St. John's and is part of our using our talents to serve our Lord. There may be occasions when some of us would wish we had been given five talents instead of perhaps two, but we do hope to be "good and faithful servants" with what we have. While we hope the congregation has enjoyed our singing we have gained something special in our participation and not the least a feeling of achievement when an anthem has been sung well enough to bring a satisfied smile to our choirmaster's face. We also enjoy each other's company and have a happy relationship so that choir activities can be fun whether at practice or on social occasions.

"Choir weather" again blessed us for our afternoon and evening of Christmas caroling, and choir and supporters thoroughly enjoyed their day which ended with a delicious meal and fellowship at the Hunts. The weather also favoured us for our picnic at Te Horo. A pleasant stroll along the beach was called for by some, while others followed more gentle pastimes.

This year we have entertained at the 1979 Church Annual Meeting, Saturday at Two, and Kilmarnock home.

There hasn't been as many new faces this year as last, but we were pleased to welcome Liz and Gordon. It is probably time we considered having another membership drive for although our total strength is good if we are all attending, there are often occasions when people have other commitments.

In a small group such as our choir, the contribution of each member is important. In fact over half the members have an official task apart from the contributions to the singing. Everyone is called on frequently to help in various capacities through the year. Thank you for all you have done. As a

choir we are encouraged by the interest and support we receive from our past members and those of the congregation who take take to say when they have liked what we have done. We particularly appreciate the interest of Mr and Mrs Robertson, and of our Minister and Mrs Steedman for their support and for hospitality extended to us.

And finally our special thanks to Ray for what he contributes to enable us to enjoy our music and to extend our ability. We know it is not always an easy task for him.

AISLA SALT,  
Chairman.

## SAINTS AND SINGERS

Saints and Singers continue to enjoy praising God by making music together and sharing in worship.

Like the words, the music of the songs we sing covers a wide range of contemporary style, and within this diversity we try to say something relevant to worship and meditation in the musical language of our time.

## BOARD OF MANAGERS

At the last Annual Meeting four new members were appointed, Miss M. Arnold, Messrs D. Galt, S. Lawson, and G. Paterson. During the year Messrs J. Espie, R. Milner and C. Thomson left Wellington, and tendered their resignation. Mr J. Wilson also resigned from the Board. Misses Less and MacKenzie and Mr I. McQueen are retiring at the end of their term. To all these people the Board expresses its grateful thanks for their contribution to the work of the Board, and to the Church during the time they have been associated with the Board. Our longest serving Manager, Mr William Kraft, passed away during the year and we greatly miss his cheerful company at the Church doors. Bill was elected to the Board in 1956 and represented St. John's on the Management Committee of the Boys' Institute for over 20 years.

FINANCE: The Envelope Secretary reports that there are 185 members on the rolls. 25 members have left the district. The Board appreciates very much the generous givings through this system and commends it to others. The knowledge that the weekly givings are a known factor makes the meeting of financial commitments much easier.

12 months ago the Board asked each one of you to increase your weekly giving by 50c., and it is with gratitude that we realise you have indeed done just this, and consequently, once again we are able to report to you that we have a credit balance of \$1,801.58 to show this year. The amount is \$272.64 less than at the same time last year; but we are pleased to be able to report that we have paid for the manse repaint out of current funds, and that is indeed creditable. Our known estimated increase in spending for 1980/81 is \$4,500 (wider work budget and salary increases account for this amount), so once again we request 50c. per week per member which will go a long way towards next year's expenditure, but it is a conservative estimate and does not provide for any expansion in our work. On the other hand, your Board of Managers never ceases to be amazed at the generous response to appeals for outreach that are made from time to time.

PROPERTY: During the year the Manse was repainted and sundry repairs effected. A speaker connected to the Church public address system has been installed in the Fellowship Room and this allows members of the creche committee to hear services and feel more a part of the Church.

In March a short dedication service took place at the Dixon Street entrance where a Historic Places plaque was installed by the Historic Places Trust commemorating St. John's as an historic building.

Because of the disappearance of several items of brassware and other small items from various parts of the Church, it has become necessary to keep the doors at the south end of the Church locked when the Church is open during daylight hours.

A new 16mm projector has been purchased to replace the old machine acquired in the early 1950s. Funds for the purchase came from a legacy left by Mrs Gregory, other special gifts and from surplus moneys from the 125th Anniversary celebrations.

REDEVELOPMENT: The committee is currently awaiting the outcome of a study to determine if the cottage can be resited on the southwest corner of the property. This area is where the rented accommodation of the hall is sited. The cottage was offered to the City Council, which however does not desire to acquire it. Proposals for redeveloping the site now occupied by the hall are being examined.

GENERAL: The Board wishes to record its appreciation of all members of the congregation who assist in many ways - the Flower Committee, the creche, recording of services, catering at functions, preparation of weekly intimations, and to those who give of their expertise to keep the buildings and grounds in order.

John Buchanan.  
Clerk to the Board.

TRUST ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 1980

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>30.6.79</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>WITHDRAWALS</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Benevolent	329.60	37.08	-	51.00	315.68
Centennial	383.78	43.18	-	-	426.96
Chairs for Hall	357.66	40.24	-	-	397.90
Hymn Books	1,378.90	132.06	-	119.55	1,391.41
Church					
Rebuilding	1,148.57	129.21	-	-	1,277.78
New Hall					
Furnishing	1,203.73	135.42	75.00	-	1,414.15
Boys' Brigade	4.13	47	-	-	4.60
Insurance	250.00	156.73	3,000.00	2,750.00	656.73
Organ	200.00	20.62	200.00	-	420.62
B. Irvine Est.	3,050.00	405.00	1,600.00	-	5,055.00
I. McArthur Gift	-	750.00	8,000.00	-	8,750.00
M. Paterson Est.	-	42.18	500.00	-	542.18
L. Gurney Est.	-	84.36	1,000.00	-	1,084.36
W. Kraft Est.	-	3.75	200.00	-	203.75
125th Account	-	5.65	301.09	-	306.74
Insurance claim	-	30.94	1,650.00	1,650.00	30.94
Piano repairs	-	-	300.00	-	300.00
	8,306.37	2,016.89	16,826.09	4,570.55	22,578.80
Hall Rebuilding:					
Special	15,357.67	1,727.74	-	-	17,085.41
General	9,908.33	1,112.82	75.00	-	11,096.15
Endowment	20,000.00	2,250.00	-	2,250.00	20,000.00
Lockie Est.	380.00	36.78	-	36.78	380.00
Repainting A/c.	7,174.09	928.59	3,000.00	-	11,102.68
Blake Legacy *	26,661.24	2,965.20	1,834.71	-	31,461.15
(*In addition shares held at market value of \$18,768.94 as at 5/11/75)					
	\$87,787.70	11,038.02	21,735.80	6,857.33	113,704.19



General Account		2,074.22	
Projector Fund		<u>546.68</u>	2,620.90
CONGREGATIONAL GIVING:	Plate	10,451.49	
	Envelopes	<u>30,380.64</u>	40,832.13
DONATIONS:			
Use of Rooms		490.00	
General	1,110.00		
Evening Guild	100.00		
Bible Class	150.00		
Youth Group	<u>100.00</u>	1,460.00	
Organ		170.60	
Mission		8.84	
Microphone		70.00	
Film fee		<u>30.00</u>	2,238.44
BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS:			
Afternoon Guild		800.00	
Evening Guild		71.10	
Junior Church		<u>136.89</u>	1,007.99
CHURCH OFFICE:			
Hymn Book Account		119.55	
Insurance Provision		<u>2,750.00</u>	2,869.55
OUTREACH:			
W. Woodward		35.00	
World Vision - R. Caseley		736.00	
N.C.C. Christmas Appeal		578.74	
P.S.S.A. Harvest		80.15	
Baptist Association - Christmas		482.69	
Canon's Creek Opportunity Centre		110.00	
Vietnamese Relief		411.00	
Pacific Island Student		35.00	
Kampuchea Relief		<u>1,371.56</u>	3,840.14
GIFTS AND LEGACIES:			
Estate B. Irvine		1,600.00	
Estate W. Kraft		200.00	
Estate L. Gurney		1,000.00	
Mrs I. McArthur		8,000.00	
125th Account		<u>1,125.53</u>	11,925.53
INTEREST:			
Bank of New Zealand		121.05	
Endowment Fund		2,250.00	
Lockie Bequest		<u>36.78</u>	2,407.83
GENERAL:			
Outlook		87.75	
Car Stickers		6.10	
Sale of Projector		50.00	
Sale of Tapes		32.50	
Refund electricity account		28.27	
Insurance claims:			
Expenses	2,513.79		
Less reimbursement	<u>2,464.71</u>	49.08	253.70

Balance at Bank of N.Z. \$2,012.58  
 Vietnamese Appeal 211.00  
 BALANCE IN GENERAL  
 ACCOUNT 30.6.80: \$1,801.58

\$67,996.21

STIPENDS:		PAYMENTS	
D.M. Steedman	Salary	10,306.20	
	Car allowance	1,793.60	
	Expenses	<u>335.00</u>	12,434.80
J.A. Veitch	Honoraria	251.24	
	Expenses Allowance	<u>700.00</u>	951.24
R.J. Wilderspin	Organist		826.20
Organ Supply		55.55	
Pupit Supply		<u>29.80</u>	85.35
Accident Compensation			77.31
Beneficiary Fund Levy			1,387.92
Seniority Allowance			<u>754.60</u>
OUTREACH:			
W. Woodward		35.00	
World Vision - R. Caseley		751.00	
N.C.C. Christmas Appeal		578.74	
P.S.S.A. Harvest and General		80.15	
Wellington Baptist Association		482.69	
Canon's Creek Opportunity Centre		110.00	
Kampuchea and Vietnamese Relief		1,721.56	
Pacific Island Student's Fares		76.50	
Mission Expenses		451.46	
Tertiary Students' Christian Fellowship		25.00	
Victoria Chaplaincy Trust		20.00	
Zimbabwe Relief		<u>50.00</u>	4,382.10
CHURCH OFFICE: Legacies and Donations -			
Estate B. Irvine		1,600.00	
Estate W. Kraft		200.00	
Estate L. Gurney		1,000.00	
Mrs I. McArthur		8,000.00	
125th Account (balance after Mission expenses deducted)		<u>301.09</u>	11,101.09
ADMINISTRATION:			
Budget Contributions		12,000.00	
A.P.W. Fees		22.00	
Presbytery Expenses		89.50	
Printing, Stationery, Postages,			
Bank Charges		584.54	
Advertising		618.66	
Presentation Bibles		67.80	
Communion Wine		32.40	
Grants: Cradle Roll		23.60	
Junior Church		150.00	
Outlook		87.75	
Film Fee		<u>38.00</u>	13,714.25
PROPERTY:			
Light and heat		566.29	
Cleaning and refuse		1,405.81	
Manse telephone		228.65	
W.C.C. Rates		927.03	
Insurance		3,637.77	
Electrical repairs		425.12	
Organ tuning and repairs		350.36	
New projector: Recording equipment and piano maintenance		1,245.03	
Church General Repairs		137.30	
Manse General Repairs and repaint		3,227.41	
Fire Equipment Service		148.00	
Manse Loan Repayment		1,000.00	
Plus Interest		450.00	
Church Office: Repainting provision		3,000.00	
Insurance provision		3,000.00	
Organ fund		200.00	
Piano repairs fund		300.00	
Collection plates		20.00	
BALANCE AT BANK NEW ZEALAND 30.6.80			20,268.77
			<u>2,012.58</u>
			<u>\$67,996.21</u>

RENTAL ACCOUNT RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS1 JULY 1979 to 30 JUNE 1980BANK OF NEW ZEALAND ACCOUNT:Receipts

Balance at Bank New Zealand 1.7.79		1,854.71
Plus: Bank Interest	28.15	
Rents from Tenants	<u>2,851.93</u>	<u>2,880.08</u>
		4,734.79

Less Payments:

Property Expenses:		
Cleaning	166.95	
Electricity (net)	1.18	
Rates	1,347.69	
Plumbing	65.00	
Insurance	<u>540.96</u>	<u>2,121.78</u>

Transfer to Church Office Rental Account

2,613.01  
2,000.00

Balance at Bank New Zealand 30.6.80

\$613.01RENTAL ACCOUNT AT CHURCH OFFICE:

Balance 1.7.79		30,403.17
Plus Interest: Church Office	3,528.18	
Manse Loan	<u>450.00</u>	<u>3,978.18</u>
		34,381.35
Plus Transfer from BNZ Account	2,000.00	
Manse Loan repayment	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>
		<u>\$37,381.35</u>

TOTAL CASH BALANCE 30.6.80:\$37,994.36LOAN FROM RENTAL ACCOUNT FOR MANSE PURCHASE

Balance owing 30.6.79	\$4,000.00
Less repayment 1979-1980	<u>1,000.00</u>
	<u>\$3,000.00</u>

I report to members of St. John's Church, Wellington, that I have examined the Church books of account and records for the year ended June 30, 1980, and that I have received all the information and explanations that I have required. In my view the General and Rental Receipts and Payments Accounts are a correct record of the transactions which have taken place during the year ended June 30 1980, and the schedule of Trust and Special Accounts correctly records the balances held in these accounts as at June 30, 1980.

(Sgd.) J.G. Craven, A.C.A.  
Auditor.

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BIBLE CLASS

Our lesson format has remained the same in that half an hour is spent with the senior Youth Group with the remainder spent in some form of study or lesson. The Scripture Union series "Teaching Teenagers" has formed the basis of our lesson material with a balance kept between Old and New Testament studies.

It has been our intention as leaders to provide not only a spiritual education on Sundays but also to encourage the young people to meet together for social activities whenever possible, as we feel that it is important for them to develop a balanced Christian life that is operative in all areas. We have therefore tried to meet together at least once a fortnight on a Saturday for some form of activity, and have enjoyed such things as skating, horse riding, tenpin bowling, games evenings, movies and a progressive dinner, together with attendance at the monthly Youth for Christ rallies. We have also enjoyed participating in the "Saturday at Two" programme. We are very grateful to all those who have welcomed us into their homes on various occasions and special mention must be made of the Jaquierys who have had the young people to meals in their home many times.

We have also welcomed the opportunity of becoming involved with the Roseneath Bible Class over the last few months and in the last weekend in June enjoyed a very successful camp together at the Forest Lakes Homestead which was attended by approximately 30 young people. We are shortly to begin meeting with the Roseneath Bible Class from time to time on a Sunday morning and look forward to this opportunity to develop a joint work.

We are able to look back over the last 12 months with a sense of gratitude for those young people who have entrusted their lives to Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour and look forward to another rewarding year.

R. and D. ANDERSON  
A. MARSH

## YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group this year is continuing in its mission of encouraging growth in faith, knowledge and experience of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This year we have had stressed to us guidance at a camp led by Duncan Graham studying God's Word and actively doing the will of our Father.

We had a 5-week study on the Sermon on the Mount which led most of us to see that even a 5-week continuous study would not be enough to adequately cover it, nevertheless we were blessed as we delved into God's Word in such depth.

Another aspect of Christian Life we are learning is the experience of a Christian "Family" - supporting one another and doing things together which brings us closer together.

Socially things have not been dormant - the biggest was our recent Rock 'n Roll dance - car rallies are not on for economic reasons.

In the near future we are having another camp - this one on a smaller scale giving us a chance to spend some time more with our Heavenly Father. Also a training weekend on evangelism, with music and drama workshops led by a Youth with a Mission team, early in September.

All in all our Father has been good to us.

PETER ARANYI.  
Co-Ordinator.

## YOUNG MARRIEDS

"YOUNG MARRIEDS" have continued to meet informally at the Manse. This is a Fellowship which is an on-going Joy.

## JUNIOR CHURCH

We have a dedicated and enthusiastic group to teach our six classes. The Church, therefore, is most grateful for Alison Horvat, Nick and Alison Dangerfield, Barbara Stewart, Jane Askew, Jim Hutchison, and Carolyn Ferrier for all the time given. We have about 30 on the roll with an average attendance of about 26.

Our relationship with the Team Section of the Boys' Brigade continues and we hope it will continue to develop over the years.

We should like to express our gratitude to all the help from part-time teachers, and to the Board of Managers and the Session for their support.

## CRADLE ROLL

There are 24 children on the Cradle Roll this year. We keep in touch with these children through our committee members. We have gathered together on six different occasions in the past year - for our special party in October, sharing with S.S. in after-church lunches, and sharing in fellowship on coffee mornings, at one of which we expressed our thanks to Mrs Vera Burton for her valued contribution as convener of our committee over more than six years.

Many of our little ones meet regularly at Sunday morning creche, where there are always two members of the congregation on duty. We do thank all those who are on the roster for their help. The recent installation of a speaker in the fellowship room has enabled those on creche duty, and any workers in the kitchen, to hear the service and we do thank the board of managers for this added facility.

MARION LONGSTAFF,  
Convener.

## A.P.W.

LINKING COMMITTEE:

Representatives of all women's groups pool information and help to distribute certain duties through the parish -

By arranging the home host and hostess Sunday hospitality, catering for Sunday congregational lunches, for an after-church supper for the Scottish Society, a christmas lunch for children and parents, a christmas family tea, meeting baking requests for "Saturday at 2" and Care and Craft. The Committee also arranged the Jumble Sale which realised \$592 for the Canons Creek Opportunity Centre and then all the unsold articles were sent out to the Centre.

These times of working together help to deepen the fellowship within our Church.

We are grateful to Mrs Steedman, Mrs Veitch, Mrs Longstaff and Mrs McKay for reporting so vividly the Regional Conference which they attended in New Plymouth.

The PSSA has been assisted in a variety of ways, namely by convening the Fair Cake Stall, helping with other stalls and with the Street Day Appeal, and giving regular help in the Cuba Street Shop, Lounge and at the Newtown Hospital Accommodation house.

MISSIONS: This year has seen changes in our concern for Mission as both the Cunningham family and Margaret Bear returned home. Our replacements in the Associate Missionary scheme are Colin and Grace Nicholson and their children Connie, David and Erana. Margaret Bear visited St. John's in July and to both hear her speak and to see her slides helped us to see the conditions she had been working in. Although there are many difficulties still, it was easy to see that her years of service at Ambala were greatly appreciated. She is now on the staff of Meadowbank Home for the elderly at Auckland. Unfortunately we have not had a continuous contact with the Nicholson family but we felt we knew them better after the visit of Alford Dornan in October. This personal link has

given a better understanding of their work and as a result a gift of tools was sent to Colin early in the New Year. We also sent Christmas gifts for the family. Ben and Winsome Webster visited St. John's in April and in worship and Sunday School we were all able to hear of their work in Uganda.

These folk serve the Church abroad, we can help their services by our constant prayers for them.

Practical support for the mission budget is received from -  
Mission Birthday Gift - 198 members contributed \$612.50  
(Miss MacKenzie, convener)

Mission Boxes distributed throughout the congregation brought in \$124.86 (Mrs Harris, convener)

Stamps: Used stamps were collected, cleaned and sorted, and sold for \$210. (Mrs Allan, convener)

General - Harvest Field subscribers enjoy the latest and concise news of the wider work of the Church

Flowers: The Conveners, Mrs Poulton and Mrs Brown, are sincerely thanked for their quiet service in arranging the roster for the church flowers. They also arranged the distribution of over 30 bunches of flowers which were taken to the sick and elderly folk after the Spring Flower Service.

## AFTERNOON GUILD

We give thanks for many faithful members in office of various kinds for their continuing devoted service, as well as to members who have helped the Guild with their talents and time in any way whatsoever. We thank the Rev. and Mrs. Steedman for their interest and their warm hospitality, and Mrs. Steedman's willing sharing of her talent of music.

With sadness we record the death of Miss Wyn Millar, Miss Jean MacKenzie and Mrs Gladys Kirkwood, members who have served the church faithfully over many years and to their relations we express our sympathy. (The Evening Guild Report also paid tribute to these three much loved members).

Afternoon Guild (Continued)

Our horizons were widened as we travelled to many countries, heard of the work of Child Care Centres, enjoyed the skill of dying home spun wool. The speakers were much appreciated. We also visited Kilmarnoch with a Christmas programme and served afternoon tea and presented an Easter Meditation to our members.

Christmas gifts were distributed to the residents of Te Hopai and two gate stalls were held.

We thank Mrs Marilyn King for the auditing of our books.

The Afternoon Guild participates fully in the overall activities of the women of the church.

Noyle Brown, Secretary.

EVENING GUILD

The 44th Annual Report notes with regret that membership is declining, though fellowship remains strong.

As in previous years, groups have taken turns to organise the supper and lead in devotions, so that there has been an interesting variation in our spiritual moments at each meeting.

Subjects dealt with by our speakers have ranged from Life in Indonesia and the New Hebrides, a film depicting the work of the Mission to Lepers, the work with handicapped children enrolled with the Correspondence School, modern religious music and members enjoyed happy social evenings together.

A sale at the church gate realised \$104.75

It is with regret that Mrs King and Mrs Klaassen have resigned as committee members - they are sincerely thanked

Evening Guild (Continued)

for their loyal support.

The President would like to thank all for their continued support in making this a successful year.

Margaret McKay.  
President.

TROUP HOUSE

Several vacancies occurred at the end of the 1979 academic year, but these were quickly filled. In fact it very much looked like an "Auckland take-over". The cottage is in need of a facelift with fresh paint, but until its future is known, this has been held in abeyance.

The Committee would like to record its appreciation of the work of Dugald Wilson who was Warden during 1979. He showed a very real care and understanding for all the residents.

Ross Bridson, the present Warden, is also thanked for his assistance.

SATURDAY AT 2

The past year's programmes have certainly been successful and most enjoyable for those who attend. This is due to the tremendous support and contribution given by the various church groups and individuals as well as other groups. To all who have helped sincere thanks.

A special work of appreciation to Ross Milner who, before his posting to Suva, regularly arranged for the films to be collected and returned.

My personal thanks to the sterling work of those "backroom" team without whom this outreach would be impossible.

DEANNE MILLS, Co-ordinator.

# ANNUAL STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNTS

Session has received audited statements of Receipts and Payments from all organisations. There has been much careful stewardship, and here are items gleaned from these accounts recording the very generous giving of all members -

<u>Junior Church:</u>	Offerings given to Missions	\$136.89
<u>Bible Class:</u>	From offerings, carwashing/odd jobs and donations - to	
	Youth Guidance Sponsorship	50.00
	O.M.F. - Brenda Holton	50.00
	Paint for Hall	40.67
	St. John's Church	80.00
	Robyn Caseley	70.00
<u>Youth Group:</u>	From offerings, work efforts and donations - to St. John's Church	100.00
	Boys' Brigade	200.00
	Bible Society - Pidgin Bible	1,050.00
	Radio Rhema	120.00
	Martha Kombong	300.00
	Scripture Union	65.00
	John Brook	100.00
	Jesus Celebration	100.00
	Intercessors for N.Z.	50.00
	Wycliffe Bible Translators	400.00
	m.v. Logos	120.90
	Covenant Players	70.00
	Wellington Y.F.C.	100.00
	Robyn Caseley	130.00
	Jesus Centre	200.00
	Giddalti	200.00
<u>'Saturday at 2':</u>	Christmas gifts to 2 nurses working with refugees	70.00
	Film hire	30.00
<u>Evening Guild:</u>	St. John's Church	100.00
	Mission Budget	42.70
<u>Afternoon Guild:</u>	Mission Budget	800.00
	Margaret Bear	50.00
	Boys' Brigade - Company section	25.00
	Team section	75.00
	Projector Fund	100.00
	Furnishing Fund	500.00
	New Building Fund	200.00
	Refugees	100.00
	Sale of Used Stamps	210.00
	Children's Mission	50.00
	Leper Mission	80.00

# 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., B.A.	1957-1968
Rev. D.T.W. Kinloch,	1968-1975
Rev. D.M. Steedman, 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

## DEACONESSES:

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, 9 May	1884
Sunday School building opened (Dixon Street), November	1884
Present Church opened (accommodation 900), 6 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

Sunday School 100th Anniversary, November	1953
Centennial Jubilee of Church, November	1953
Seventy-fifth Anniversary of present Church, 3-5 Dec.	1960
Y.M.B.C. Seventy-fifth Jubilee, July	1964
125th Celebrations of Church, November	1978

#### SPECIAL 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 Churches 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

#### CHURCH NEWSPAPERS:

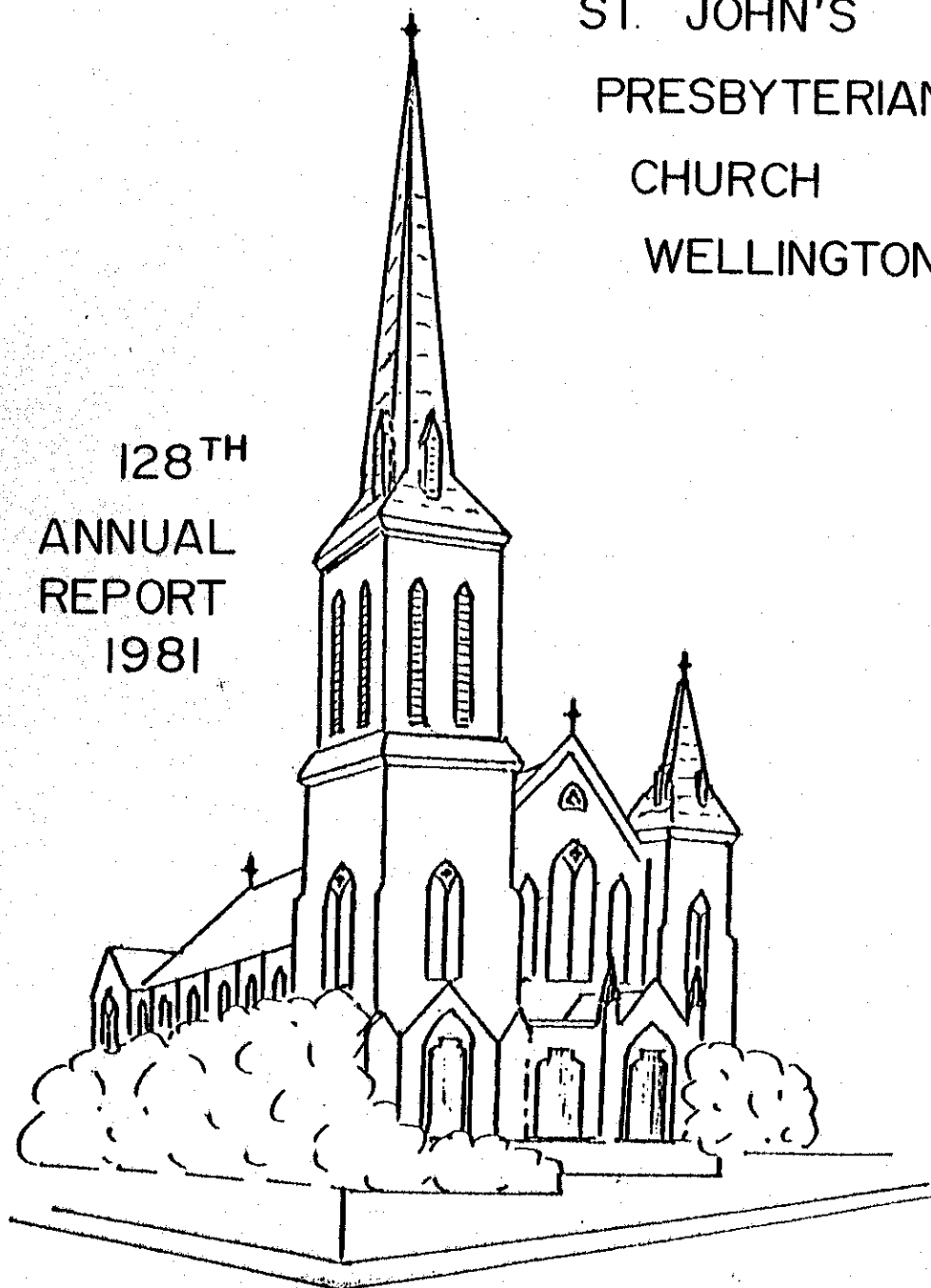
"The Record"	1892 - 1896
"The Torch Bearer"	1930 - 1931
"The Review"	1936 - 1938
"The Messenger"	1941 -

#### PUBLICATIONS:

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

ST. JOHN'S  
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Minister:

The Rev. David M. Steedman, M.A. B.D.,  
2 Kelburn Parade, 5 728.294

Honorary Associate:

The Rev. James A. Veitch, B.A. M.Th. Ph.D.,  
8 Canterburn Street, 5 769.490

Session Clerk:

Mr N.G. Robertson,  
169 Karori Road, 5 768.118

Clerk to the Board  
of Managers:

Mr John Buchanan,  
94 Volga Street, 2 838.911

Finance Convener:

Mrs M. Mortimer,  
55 Madras Street, 4 797.023

Organist and  
Choirmaster:

Mr Raymond Wilderspin,  
30 Raroa Road, 5 753.144

KIRK SESSION

	Inducted
Fowler, R.G.	1933
Smith, H.B.	1941
Woods, N.S.	1950
Marshall, Sir John	1950
Dornan, Alford	1960
van Zweeden, M.H.	1960
McLellan, D.	1962
Thomson, J.A.	1965
Shiels, A.Y.	1965
Arnold, Dr. R.D.	1966
Robertson, N.G.	1968
Hunt, John	1968
Mrs N. Owen John	1970
Miss E.M. Brodie	1972
Gilmour, R.M.	1972
Mrs M.W.M. Mortimer	1972
Mrs M.M. Piper	1972
Ferrier, R.J.	1974
Aickin, K.B.	1974
Mrs B. Arnold	1975
Darroch, Alan	1975
Patterson, Ray	1975
Mrs B. Harris	1978
Jaquiere, Errol	1978
Stanley, Major Gordon	1978
Brown, Mrs N.	1979
Lloyd, R.T.	1979
Stewart, Charles	1979
Wright, N.P.	1979
Leggat, H.C.	1979
Aitken, Peter	1980
McCay, Robert	1980
King, Mrs M.	1980
Anderson, Robert	1980
Mills, Ron	1980

### BOARD OF MANAGERS

Miss Margaret Arnold	Mr Malcolm Leitch
Mr Richard Brader	Mr Trevor McDonald
Mr John Buchanan	Mr Graham Mahoney
Dr David Burton	Mr Allan Marsh
Mrs Alison Dangerfield	Mr Allan Marshall
Mr Cecil Duff	Mr John Marshall
Mr David Galt	Mr Graham Paterson
Mr Paul Haggett	Mr Gordon Rutherford
Mr Michael Horvat (on leave of absence)	Mr Tom Shanks
	Mr Don Shaw
Mr Brad Imrie	Miss Ailsa Salt
Miss Margaret Krebs	Mrs Kath Sutherland
Mr Sandy Lawson	

### COMMITTEES

Session Clerk and Clerk of the Board are ex-officio members of all committees

FINANCE: Mrs M. Mortimer (Convener), R. Brader, J. Hunt, and Mrs M. King

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

NEW BUILDING: J.L. Marshall (Convener), Mesdames A. Dangerfield, M. Mortimer, B. Robertson, Messrs. J. Bayliss, N. Dangerfield, J. Hunt, N. Pryor, B. Spencer, N.S. Woods

ENVELOPE Paul Haggett, 96 Central Park Flats 843.783  
SECRETARIES: Gordon Stanley, 14 Glen Alton Ave. 784.548

ROLLS: Mrs Betty Robertson, 169 Karori Rd. 768.118

LETTING OF ROOMS: Mrs Carolyn Ferrier, 57 Wadestown Road, 1 721.985

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

TROUP HOUSE: The Minister (Convener), John Buchanan (Treas.)  
Mrs B. Robertson (Sec.), Messrs. N.S. Woods,  
K. Aickin, E. Jaquiere, Sir John Marshall

"SATURDAY AT TWO" Mrs Dianne Mills, 78 Oban Street, 1 730.022

WEEKLY INTIMATIONS AND DUPLICATING:  
Mrs R.B. Fowler, 48 Homewood Ave., 5 768.187

CHURCH FLOWERS:  
Mrs Noyle Brown, 27 Beerehaven Rd., Seatoun 886.180  
Mrs Doreen Woods, 38 Harrison Street, Brooklyn 845.351

"MESSENGER" Editor: Mr Errol Jaquiere, Kilmara, Main Road, Makara 767.537

JUNIOR CHURCH Co-ordinator:  
(Sunday 11 a.m.) Mrs C. Ferrier, 57 Wadestown Rd. 721.985

YOUTH GROUPS  
(Sunday 9.45 a.m.)  
Bible Class Robert and Dayle Anderson, 137 The Ridgeway, 2 897.586

Youth Group Co-ordinator -  
Ross Paterson, 3 Wilkinson St. 849.483

CRADLE ROLL: Convener -  
(Also Sunday Mrs Marion Longstaff 896.516  
creche)

BOYS BRIGADE  
Company Section : Mr Nick Dangerfield, 101A Waipapa Road, 3 861.153  
(Meets Thursday evening)

Team Section : Miss Harriet Johnston 722.774  
(Meets Monday evening)  
213 The Terrace

Tuis: Miss Janie Pack, 11 Woodmancote Road, 4 796.584  
(Meets Wednesday 4.30-5.30 P.M.)

### ASSOCIATION OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:

Linking Committee Secretary:  
Miss J. Williams 846.728  
20 Maarama Cres., 2

Afternoon Guild: (Meets 4th Tuesday, 2 p.m.)  
President Mrs E. Thomson, 843.252  
89 Dixon Street Flats, 1

Secretary Mrs L. Reeves, 793.413  
9 Whitu Street, 4

Evening Guild: (Meets 3rd Monday, 7.30 p.m.)  
President Mrs E. Steedman, 728.294  
The Manse, 2 Kelburn Pde., 5  
Secretary Mrs G. Stevens, 882.952  
57 Wilberforce Street, 3

FOREWORD

Dear Friends at St. Johns,

Greetings to you all with these reports. I wonder what you read first - the Minister's foreword? Or perhaps the financial statement to see if we have finished with a credit balance? Well I'm glad we have a small credit this year thanks to your support, but there are also many other things that make up a good year.

One of these is the faithful Christian witness of a congregation in all its activities. Faithfulness is a good word to think about. It's not only important to start a new venture but to carry it through to the end. A short time ago I was thinking of Paul's claim that he was not disobedient to the heavenly vision and that meant keeping on through dark and difficult days no matter what happened. I am thankful for faithfulness in St. Johns that is keeping on week by week with a faithful witness to Christ. And I pray we may all be able to take the spirit of Christ into our community and all our activities. I have always believed that the great characteristic of Christians is the love of Christ and perhaps this is why a card from Atlanta with a quote from Martin Luther King meant so much to me. I hope it may say something also to you -

"Hatred and bitterness can never cure the disease of fear; only love can do that. Hatred paralyses life; love releases it. Hatred confuses life; love harmonises it. Hatred darkens life; love illuminates it."

Can we help to illuminate the life of our community with more of the love of Christ.

And I want to add a footnote about how glad I am that we are going ahead with our building programme - we hope to see real progress this year.

And from Elaine and me -

God bless you and keep you.

DAVID STEEDMAN

S E S S I O N

The 128th Annual Report represents the work, prayer, and fellowship of a congregation reaching out to all areas of the city. Session records with appreciation the contributions of organisations, members and adherents. There is a long impressive list of teaching, leading, sharing of musical talents, preparation of weekly intimations, editing the "Messenger", church flowers, stamp cleaning, care of communion linen, laundering of towels, care of grounds and property - as well, there is wide community service.

We have been challenged spiritually and physically to meet the calls on our expression of faith by the fine preaching from our pulpit. Our Minister, David Steedman, expressed a desire to have a period of overseas study leave and Session was pleased to support this as both David and Elaine put so much energy and conscientious attention into every aspect of our parish life. During their time overseas our Honorary Assistant, the Rev. Dr. James Veitch, sought to help the Church by his zeal and willingness. He has a full-time university post, yet he was always available for our pastoral needs.

Statistics:

Our Communion Roll now stands at 326 members. 4 were added to the Roll by confirmation of baptismal vows and 29 by transfer from other congregations. Disjunctions and other removals were 34. Last March an official Adherents Roll was set up so that adherents attending St. Johns could participate in the vote on Church Union. 28 names were placed on this Roll.

There were 11 baptisms.

It was with very great regret that last December the Rev. Roy McKenzie and his family (because of Roy's continuing illness) moved to Auckland. As a consequence the names of Roy and Ruth were removed from the Session Roll. There were no other changes in Session during the year.

Visiting preachers during the year included Professor Cheyne of Edinburgh, the Rt. Rev. T. Corkill, the Revs. Ian Bayliss, Don Elley, David Evans, Isaac Gadebo, Duncan Graham, Chris Nichol, and Richard Randerson; Miss Robyn Caseley; Messrs N. Hopkins, I. Morris, C. Nicholson, L.W. Rushbrook, and T. Salisbury. Scots and Queen

Margaret Colleges' pupils attended a Founders Day Service and the Wellington Association of Scots Societies also joined with us one evening. Other services were led by Elders of the Karori and Wadestown Districts, and by our young people. On 5 October 1980 we had the pleasure of welcoming to morning service the retiring Governor-General, the Rt. Hon. Sir Keith and Dame Norma Holyoake. Harvest Festival and Spring Flower Services were held during the year. On Good Friday 1981 we were joined by members of Central Baptist Church for an early morning Communion Service. 90 people attended this service. Other special communion services have been held on World Communion Sunday, mid-week Lenten Service, Easter Day, and the first Sunday in May. This latter service was followed by breakfast.

A family barbeque lunch in the grounds of Queen Margaret College on 7 December was enjoyed by many of our members. A family camp was again held at Kiwi Ranch Camp during the last weekend in February and was attended by 35 adults and 10 children. Those who attended the camp considered it was well worthwhile and commented that there was a sense of being a family rather than a group of individuals.

Last year we reported that some members of our Session had been attending meetings of Roseneath Session. This continued until the retirement of the Rev. Arthur Kitto. One member of our Session is on the Roseneath Board of Nomination.

Remits from General Assembly for consideration by Session and dealing with 'Casinos in New Zealand', 'Guide Lines for Investment' and 'Unemployment and Ethnic Relations' were considered. Appropriate replies were sent to the Assembly Committees concerned.

A national referendum was held in June on three Sundays on church union with one or more of the negotiating churches on the basis of the 1971 Plan for Union.

Various groups met for regular Bible Study at the Manse and in members' homes. A Young Marrieds group also meets regularly at the Manse for discussion and fellowship.

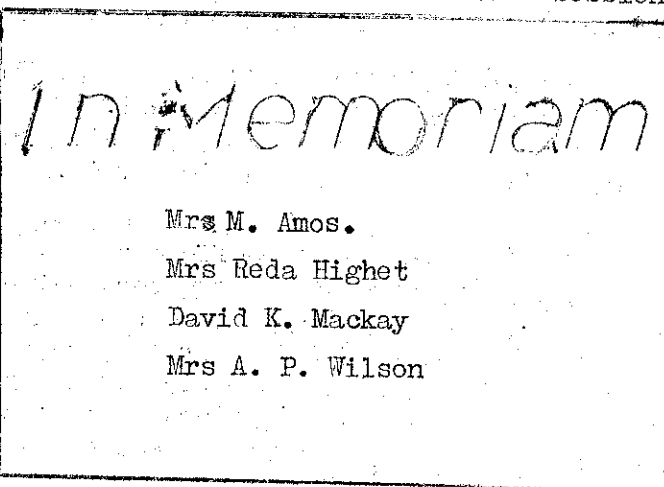
The 2 Vietnamese brothers who came to New Zealand early in 1980 and who were cared for by our congregation have settled into positions here and have found the company of fellow countrymen. Endeavours are being made to bring to New Zealand the wife and 3 children of the older brother, while the younger brother has recently married here. Session places on record its appreciation of the assistance given by Mr Allan and Mrs Joyce Darroch and the many others who helped to introduce these brothers to the New Zealand way of life.

At the end of October the General Assembly met in St. John's for a week. Many members of the congregation assisted in various ways to ensure that every facility was available to delegates and that the arrangements for Assembly went smoothly and in a dignified manner. It was fitting that the Rt. Rev. T. Corkill was inducted as Moderator in the church in which he grew up to manhood.

Some of our members have been ill and we miss them. St. John's has lost 4 members by death. We give thanks for their faithful witness. Other families have suffered bereavement and our loving sympathy is extended to them all.

May the gifts of faith, wisdom, love, and understanding come alive within us as we again commit ourselves to a relationship of faith and trust in Jesus Christ our Saviour.

George Robertson  
Session Clerk



C H O I R

1981 must be nearly a record year for the Choir - we regularly have 17 members at services and have been known to have 23 on some occasions. Choir practices have become even more interesting and the sound we produce much more satisfying for us and the congregation. It was certainly noticeable at the RSCM Festival that the average age of St. John's choir was considerably lower than any of the other choirs and we were probably the largest there - something that must give a degree of pleasure to us all and particularly our Choirmaster.

The Choir seems to be blessed with good weather for its outside activities. We had 'bathable' weather for our picnic at Te Horo, and an enjoyable Carols to Shutins afternoon finished with another delicious choir meal at Ray's where a slightly weary choir wound up one of the most looked forward-to of our annual activities.

The last 2 weeks have been an active time for us with an afternoon at the Wellington Royal School of Church Music annual festival, followed the next week by 'Saturday at Two'. It was a good experience to sing with a large group of people and feel the extra support from those around. The Evensong service was beautiful and we appreciated Jan and Jim Veitch's support.

During the next few months all groups in the Church will be asked to raise funds for the new hall. The choir is one of those groups and we will have to give thought to how we can help, possibly in a musical vein.

A small group such as our Choir needs the help of all its members to continue to function effectively - we do continue to do just that because of the personal commitment each one makes. Your willingness to spend much of Sunday at Church and practices, expresses your loyalty and desire to serve our Lord in music and to share this with the congregation. Our Ministers must also appreciate us on Sunday evenings when we sometimes make up almost half of the congregation.

One reason the choir is going to remember the Rev. Catherine Hollister-Jones's visit is because of her appreciation of our organist's ability - Ray really made an impression. We'd just like Ray to know that he can make an impression with us too - particularly when he insists we can tackle pieces beyond our ability - and suddenly we find they aren't. Thanks for encouragement and determination to see us meet challenges.

We now look forward to another year of fellowship and music in which we can express our love for each other and for our Lord.

AILSA SALT,  
Chairman.

"S A I N T S     A N D     S I N G E R S"

The Saints and Singers have enjoyed a happy year sharing their Christian music with the St. John's congregation.

Other highlights were participating in the wedding service of Leah and Errol Key; and taking part in Toc H's Festival of Light.

We are glad to welcome home our conductor, Elaine Steedman, after her holiday overseas.

New faces and voices are always welcome to join us.

MARY DUNN

"S A T U R D A Y     A T     T W O"

The past year has been a great success in the outreach of "Saturday at Two". The success is due to the tremendous support of the various groups and individuals of this church who give so willingly of their time and energy. Also those who provide food for the afternoon tea.

Sincere thanks to all. A special word of thanks to those who work so hard behind the scenes and who are so regular fortnight by fortnight.

DIANNE MILLS



## BOARD OF MANAGERS

At the last Annual Meeting the following new members were elected: Mrs Alison Dangerfield, Miss Margaret Krebs, Messrs Trevor Macdonald, Graham Mahoney, Gordon Rutherford, Tom Shanks, and Don Shaw.

Mike Horvat was granted leave of absence as he was taking up a position in Australia. We extend to Mike and Alison our sympathy in their loss of a loved father and father in law earlier this year. Mr Bill Roberts and Bill Clarke have resigned from the Board whilst Miss Jessie Johnston and Mrs Raewyn Buchanan are not seeking re-election, and we thank these people for their contribution to the Board during their time with us. In doing so we would like to place on record the service of Miss Johnston over the last twentyfive years.

Property: As you will be aware St. John's has had the unwanted attention of some in the community who find others property irresistible. This has led to the locking of all parts of the church with the exception of the main sanctuary. All removal items around the Church have been or are to be marked in order to assist in identification. The Board feels it is important to keep the Church open during the day and hopes that the steps taken will solve the problem.

Finance: The annual accounts show a credit balance of \$2,314 which is \$513 better than last year. The Board is most appreciative of the dedicated giving of our envelope subscribers. We are pleased to report that we have been able to give an additional \$500 to the wider work budget of our Church, thus being able to help the smaller churches struggling to meet their budget. Since the books were closed at the end of June we have received a most welcome donation of \$400 from the Youth Group. This amount will show in our next year's accounts.

With the continuing increase in the cost of running the Church it is a great relief to finish the year with a

## Board of Managers (Continued)

credit balance thus giving us a good start for the new financial year; and the new financial year looks as horrifying financially on paper as it did last year - but we have confidence that again we will be able to make ends meet. It appears that our outgoings for 1981/82 will be \$450 per month greater than last year, and once again your Board feels we need to ask you to consider increasing your weekly giving by 50c (salary and wage earners could perhaps think in terms of a 20% increase of their present giving) - such an increase will help to keep us solvent and we trust you will be able to see your way clear, once again, to help us keep pace with inflation. Thank you all for your prayerful and practical support.

The Envelope System: There are 187 members on the rolls. Last year 15 members left, and from January of this year until June, 18 new members have joined. Now how about making our roll up to 300 by joining? It will help in your income tax rebate! So let us 'Give as God has prospered us'.

Rebuilding: As you will be aware, after many months of working with the architects King and Dawson on the new hall their scheme was abandoned because of the cost. A member of the committee introduced us to Allan Morse who in a very short time has produced very imaginative plans and has kept costings within our resources. Allan Morse's proposal involves the careful dismantling of the old hall to enable parts of it to be reused. This method of construction has not been tried in New Zealand before so St. John's may well be creating a precedent which surely will be applauded by all interested in retaining our fine old buildings.

The convener of this committee, John Marshall, has for quite some time had a very heavy workload. Barry Spencer has been appointed deputy convener and we thank both John and Barry along with the rest of the committee for all the work they have done on the building.

Marshall Room: In recognition of his long association with St. John's, Sir John Marshall very generously donated a sum of money to upgrade the choir room making it a very attractive room for many purposes. It was officially opened earlier this year and is greatly appreciated by all who use it.

General:

Pre-Communion Service Suppers: For many years these have been provided by the Misses MacKenzie. From last December members of the Board have taken it in turn to provide the supper. We thank the Misses MacKenzie very much for so willingly undertaking this task for so long.

Laundering of Towels: Another long serving worker this time laundering the church towels each week has handed over to new hands. Mrs Betty Harris has weekly laundered 6 towels, and our grateful thanks are extended to her for this small but important task. Thank you Betty for your efforts and to your successors, Miss Greig and Mrs Allan, for your willingness to assist in this way.

The Board extends its appreciation to everyone involved in any way in the numerous tasks around the church. Without your willingness things would not have run as well as they did. Thank you one and all.

JOHN BUCHANAN  
Secretary.

T R O U P     H O U S E

Troup House continues to be fully occupied, and the assistance these young men give to a number of organisations is appreciated. The Committee and the Boys had a meal together to say thank you and extend best wishes to the Warden, Ross Bridson, before his marriage to Stephanie Black. Ross has shown a deep concern for the wellbeing of the residents.

Only essential items are being replaced at this stage, as during the next months the House will probably be closed for a period while redevelopment work proceeds.

RENTAL ACCOUNTRECEIPTS:

Balance at Bank New Zealand 1.7.80		613.01
Plus: Bank Interest	27.31	
Tenants' Rents	3,875.42	
Electricity Refunds	95.20	
		<u>3,997.93</u>
		4,610.94

LESS PAYMENTS:

Property expenses:		
Cleaning	166.95	
Rates	1,309.77	
Roller Towels	21.00	
Glazing	39.50	
Insurance	606.67	
Cheque Book	3.00	
		<u>2,146.89</u>

Transfer to Church Office - Rental Account      2,464.05  
2,000.00

Balance at Bank of New Zealand 30.6.81      \$464.05

RENTAL ACCOUNT AT CHURCH OFFICE:

Balance 1.7.80		37,381.35
Plus Interest:		
Church Office	4,699.24	
Hanse Loan	375.00	
		<u>5,974.24</u>
Plus Transfer from BNZ Account	2,000.00	\$42,455.59
Hanse Loan Repayment	1,000.00	
		<u>3,000.00</u>
		\$45,455.59

TOTAL CASH BALANCE 30.6.81:      \$45,919.64

LOAN FROM RENTAL ACCOUNT FOR HANSE PURCHASE

Balance owing 30.6.80	\$3,000.00
Less repayment 1980-81	1,000.00
	<u>\$2,000.00</u>

BUILDING APPEAL DISBURSEMENTS ACCOUNT  
(POST OFFICE SAVINGS ACCOUNT)

<u>RECEIPTS:</u>		
Advance from appeal funds		100.00
<u>LESS DISBURSEMENTS:</u>		
Postages	10.00	
Record cards and files	38.65	
		<u>48.65</u>
<u>BALANCE HELD 30TH JUNE 1981:</u>		\$51.35

# ST JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 1981

## GENERAL ACCOUNT

### RECEIPTS

Balance at Bank of New Zealand as at 1.7.80		2,012.58
<b>CONGREGATIONAL GIVING:</b>		
Plate	9,650.49	
Envelopes	33,513.46	43,163.95
<b>DONATIONS:</b>		
Use of Rooms	1,081.00	
General	1,056.00	
Evening Guild	65.00	
Organ	341.25	
Mission	24.00	2,567.25
<b>BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS:</b>		
Afternoon Guild	860.00	
Evening Guild	27.24	
Junior Church	48.82	936.06
<b>CHURCH OFFICE:</b>		
Estate L. Gurney	1,118.25	
Estate H. Paterson	559.12	
Planos Expenses	70.00	
Hall Rebuilding - Valuation fee	284.00	
Fire Insurance Provision	3,396.38	5,427.75
<b>OUTREACH:</b>		
N.C.C. Christmas Appeal	1,221.46	
P.S.S.A. Harvest	121.00	
Aroha Home	1,041.73	
World Vision - R. Caseley	180.00	
East Africa Appeal	844.00	
P.I.C. - Invercargill	50.00	
Boys' Institute	307.31	
Nokise House	108.94	
Refugee Family	89.00	
Camp Collection - Bibles, Vanuatu	86.20	4,049.64
<b>INTEREST:</b>		
Bank of New Zealand	104.81	
Endowment Fund	2,500.00	
Lockie Bequest	40.40	2,645.21
<b>BUILDING APPEAL:</b>		14,944.42
<b>HALL REFURNISHING:</b>		535.00
<b>GIFT - SIR JOHN MARSHALL:</b>		2,000.00
<b>GENERAL:</b>		
Outlook	87.10	
Sale of Tapes	12.40	
Camp fees	524.80	
Car Stickers	5.00	
Assembly refund	47.13	676.43

### PAYMENTS

#### STIPENDS:

D.H. Steedman:	Salary	12,098.00	
	Car Allowance	2,399.23	
	Expenses	500.00	14,997.23
J.A. Veltch:	Honorarium	250.00	
	Expenses	701.28	951.28
R.J. Wilderspin:	Organist - Salary	465.71	
	Expenses	468.00	933.71
	Organ Supply		41.75
	Accident Compensation Levy		87.10
	Beneficiary Fund Levy		1,633.20
	Seniority Allowance		768.45
			19,412.72

#### OUTREACH:

Budget Contributions	14,220.00	
A.P.W. Fees	41.00	
N.C.C. Christmas Appeal	1,221.46	
P.S.S.A. Harvest Appeal	121.00	
Aroha Home Appeal	1,041.73	
World Vision - R. Caseley	180.00	
East Africa Appeal	844.00	
P.I.C. - Invercargill	300.00	
Boys' Institute	307.21	
Pacific Islander's Fares	85.50	
Mission Expenses	75.00	
Victoria University Chaplaincy	25.00	
Nokise House	110.00	
Refugee Family	300.00	
Bibles - Vanuatu	157.40	19,029.30

#### PAYMENTS TO P.C.N.Z.:

Repaint Account	3,000.00	
Insurance Provision	2,500.00	
Building Appeal	14,944.42	
Hall Furnishing	535.00	
Organ account	390.00	
Manse Loan Repayment & Interest	1,375.00	22,744.42

#### PROPERTY:

Duplicator, ink and repairs	519.25	
Church & Hall general repairs	531.52	
Manse general repairs	171.22	
Manse telephone	220.00	
Cleaning and refuse	1,486.43	
W.C.C. Rates	1,064.63	
Light and heat	477.28	
Planos - Tuning and repairs	90.00	
Organ Tuning	321.89	
Valuation fee - new building	284.00	
Insurance	4,087.33	
Marshall Room expenses	3,692.25	12,945.80

#### ADMINISTRATION:

Printing, Stationery, Postages etc.	527.88	
Advertising	879.23	
Outlook	94.10	
Messenger	160.00	
Grants: Cradle Roll \$25.40, Junior Church \$50	75.40	
Confirmation Gifts	11.00	
Communion Wine	58.12	
Presbytery Expenses	120.05	
Gifts	115.25	
Camp fees and expenses	453.61	
Tapes	16.80	2,511.44

BALANCE AT BANK OF NEW ZEALAND

2,314.61

\$78,958.29

\$78,958.29



TRUST ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 1981

ACCOUNT	BALANCE 30.6.80	INTEREST	RECEIPTS	WITHDRAWALS	BALANCE
Benevolent	315.68	35.00	-	-	-
Centennial	426.96	53.37	-	53.40	297.28
Chairs	397.90	49.50	-	-	480.33
Hymn Books	1,391.41	173.40	-	-	447.40
Church Rebuilding	1,277.78	159.30	-	-	1,564.81
Hall Furnishing	1,414.15	217.70	-	-	1,437.08
Boys' Brigade	4.60	14	535.00	-	2,166.85
Insurance	656.73	-	-	4.74	-
Organ	420.62	64.40	-	656.73	-
B. Irvine Estate	5,055.00	723.63	390.00	-	875.02
I. McArthur Gift	8,750.00	1,093.75	2,290.04	-	8,068.67
M. Paterson Est.	542.18	16.94	-	-	9,843.75
L. Gurney Est.	1,084.36	33.89	-	559.12	-
W. Kraft Estate	203.75	24.35	-	1,118.25	-
125th Account	306.74	38.25	-	-	228.10
Insurance Claims	30.94	3.75	-	-	344.99
Piano Repairs	300.00	28.50	-	-	34.69
Camp Balance	-	6.50	62.62	70.00	258.50
Refugees	-	31.25	300.00	-	69.12
					331.25
	22,578.80	2,753.62	3,577.66	2,462.24	26,447.84
Hall Rebuilding:					
Special	17,085.41	2,135.68	-	-	19,221.09
General	11,096.15	1,731.38	14,944.42	284.00	27,487.95
Endowment	20,000.00	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	20,000.00
Lockie Estate	380.00	40.40	-	40.40	380.00
Repainting A/c	11,102.68	1,502.22	3,000.00	-	15,604.90
Blake Legacy	31,461.15	6,560.45	18,768.94 (1)	-	67,379.40
			10,588.86 (11)	-	
Insurance Provision	-	239.65	3,156.73	3,396.38	-
	\$113,704.19	\$17,463.40	\$53,656.73	\$8,683.02	\$176,521.18

- (1) Book value of shares at date of transfer to Church 5.11.75  
(11) Profit on sale of shares.

I report to members of St John's Church, Wellington, that I have examined the Church books of account and records for the year ended 30th June 1981, and that I have received all the information and explanations that I have required. In my view the General and Rental Receipts and Payments Accounts are a correct record of the transactions which have taken place during the year ended 30th June 1981, and the schedule of Trust and Special Accounts correctly records the balances held in these accounts as at 30th June 1981. However in the case of some appeals it was not possible to verify cash receipts beyond what is shown in the books of account.

(Signed) J.B. Craven, A.C.A.  
Auditor.

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Y O U T H G R O U P

The group commenced the year under a new committee, more than ever determined to work in closely with the Church. We have enjoyed visits to our meetings from several of the elders and other church folk and in return have taken part regularly in worship and various activities at St. John's. Numbers attending remain good, and average about 40 each week. Our members include young workers and students, many living in Wellington for the first time. For these people the youth group provides a place to worship and to share with other young Christians.

Our Sunday morning activities have included a series on encouragement in ongoing Faith in Jesus, Colossians, major doctrines and several other topics, where we have looked at the applications of our faith to everyday life. Many of our speakers have come from St. John's and we are very grateful to our Minister, the Rev. David Steedman, for his love and wise leadership at all times. In addition we have brought in a number of outside speakers from other churches to benefit from their wider experience.

Our annual camp earlier in the year brought together 70 young people at Forest Lakes, Otaki. The speaker was the Rev. Don Elley from the Bible College. This camp helped to weld the group into a unity in Christ. Many of the lessons learned at Forest Lakes have been applied in our relationships and in our outreach in subsequent months.

As usual the youth group has conducted numerous social events. In fact most weekends some of us are together letting our hair down somewhere in the city. This feature has continued to provide company and support for many young people.

We are very grateful for the strength of St. John's and want to look increasingly to the Church for support and leadership as we try to fulfil our major aims of bringing young people in the city to a personal knowledge of the Saviour and of providing a warm fellowship so that each of us can grow in our love for each other and Him.

This report wouldn't be complete without mentioning our singing group GIDDALTI for the way they are using their talents to reach out and bring many to a closer and complete relationship with Christ through their ministry in song. I'd like to take this opportunity to

acknowledge Dayle Anderson's work with Giddalti and also thank her especially for her wonderful piano playing week by week at morning youth group.

And lastly I'd like to thank my committee - Kathy Gannon, Murray Broom, Craig Boyes, Jenni Webb, Trevor Macdonald, Ross Bridson, Peter Hazelwood, and Errol Jaquiere - for really taking the task of running the group to heart. It was not always plain sailing, but those times were made easier by the unity and love which were always evident in the committee. Bless them all they made my task so much easier.

I could find no better way to close - Romans 12:4 and 5 (The Living Bible) -

Just as there are many parts to our bodies, so it is with Christ's body. We are all parts of it, and it takes every one of us to make it complete, for we each have different work to do. So we belong to each other, and each needs all the others.

ROSS PATTERSON,  
Committee Chairman.

### B I B L E      C L A S S

The Bible Class has continued this year with an average attendance on Sunday mornings of approximately 15 young people. The lesson format has remained the same in that half an hour is spent with the senior Youth Group, with the remainder spent in some form of lesson or study. The material used has provided a balance of both Old and New Testaments and enables a variety of methods to be used in presentation.

It has again been the leaders' intention to provide for both the spiritual and social areas of the young peoples' lives to enable a balanced christian life to be presented to them. We have therefore met together

### Bible Class (Continued)

at least once a fortnight on Saturdays and have enjoyed such activities as tenpin bowling, skating, horse-riding, movies, barbeques and other meals together. We have also continued to attend the monthly Youth for Christ rallies.

Our annual camp was held at the Forest Lakes homestead over the weekend of 11/13 April, and provided a valuable time of fellowship for approximately 30 young people. Our guest speaker was Mike Garland, a Youth for Christ worker, who is extremely gifted in communicating with secondary school age students.

We have been able to continue our involvement with the Roseneath Bible Class and as well as welcoming them to our camp have been able to meet jointly with them for activities such as table tennis. On several occasions we also joined with them for a joint lesson on Sunday and look forward to a continuing association as it appears to be for the mutual benefit of both groups.

As we look back over the last 12 months it is with a sense of gratitude to our God and trust that over the next year we will continue to see many more young people acknowledging Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

A.G. MARSH  
R.W. and D.M. ANDERSON

### J U N I O R      C H U R C H

In spite of decreasing numbers, the Junior Church has continued to play an important role in the life of St. John's. We have 35 on the roll including our Boys' Brigade class and our average attendance is about 22. The teaching has been done by Jim Hutchinson, Nick and Alison Dangerfield, Barbara Stewart, Harriet Johnston, and Carolyn Ferrier. We are most grateful to the teachers for their time and devotion.

We would like to express our thanks to the Board of Managers who provide the equipment and to the Session for their support.

CAROLYN FERRIER, Co-ordinator Junior Church

## C R A D L E   R O L L

We currently have about 25 babies and toddlers in our care. Through our committee members we keep in touch with these little ones and their families. In addition to the fellowship shared in our regular informal gatherings, during the past year we have shared in our annual party, in "An Easter Walk", and twice we have directed our efforts to fund-raising - proceeds from one gate stall going to African Famine Relief, and the other to the New Building Appeal.

To the congregation our most obvious function is the running of the creche on Sunday mornings when we plan to have 2 people always on duty. We do thank all those on the roster for their assistance.

MARION LONGSTAFF, Convener.

## B O Y S'   B R I G A D E

### COMPANY SECTION:

The Company Section has grown to 27 Boys compared with 14 last year. We have also seen the appointment of 2 NCO's and a third is presently undertaking a training program. The Company is now one of the bigger companies in Wellington region and its future prospects look extremely promising and exciting especially since we are still a relatively young company (our oldest boy is only 15).

We hope to provide a parade night program which gives a balance of christian education, physical development, general education and service to others. Besides these activities we have a program of activities held outside the normal parade night and included in these have been 2 camps which proved highly successful. The first camp was held at Elsdon Youth Camp, Porirua, and the second was an Easter Camp on Mr Bill Jamieson's farm in Greytown. We have also taken part in various battalion run activities including athletics and drill competitions.

## Company Section (continued)

Leadership this year has been Graham Majoney and Gordon Rutherford (Lieutenants), Jonathon Adams and Ian Hamilton (Instructors) and Nick Dangerfield (Captain). We have been ably assisted by Alison Dangerfield (cooking, modelling and assistance with general administration), and Mr Alford Dorman (drill). Thanks to Alford especially since we had 2 teams entered in the drill competitions and for the extra effort he put into this. Lastly to Mr Steedman whose interest as our Chaplain is always so very much appreciated. I sincerely thank all these people for their interest and active support. I also wish to thank those who have so patiently assisted me in learning the ropes of captaincy. I look forward to doing a better job next year.

Our Boys' Brigade (Tui Club, Team and Company Sections) gives us unique opportunities for outreach to Boys in the city and we are concerned to be as effective as possible in "Advancing Christ's Kingdom" among them. We do this through all our activities and also most importantly through the relationships developed between Christian leaders and individual boys.

We give very many thanks for the continued practical, financial, and prayer support of the congregation of St. John's who without, we could not be effective in our work.

NICK DANGERFIELD, Captain.

### THE TEAM SECTION:

Strength: At the beginning of 1981, 12 Boys were transferred to the Company Section. We gained 21 new Boys but already 4 have moved, leaving a total of 42 on the roll. About 3 of those attend rather spasmodically but the remainder are keen and enthusiastic. The breakdown is - 17 pakeha, 11 Maori, 8 Samoan, 3 Cook Islanders, and 1 Vietnamese.

Leadership: We have a full complement of very good staff - Lts. Timothy Wye, Meredith Etuata, Peter Hazelwood, Janet Hay, Arthur Carter, and W/O. Kevin Clarke. Those designated Lieutenant have undertaken formal leadership training. Miss Hay is also the Team pianist.

Activities: Soccer - We won the battalion soccer competition for the 3rd successive year. There were 25 Teams.  
'Sleep In' - 30 Boys slept in the church hall on a Saturday in July

Linking Committee (Continued)

Although not on the missions staff, Robyn was very much our overseas representative as she worked among refugees in Thailand for more than a year. The Rev. Neal Whimp paid a surprise visit one evening to Evening Guild and gave a good insight into his work at Alua Theological College in Vanuatu.

However, while we as individuals involve ourselves in our own congregations, we must remember that we belong to a wider church and have a special responsibility to our overseas partners. Members of St. John's have supported the mission budget through -

Mission Boxes - Mrs Harris reports 17 boxes yielded \$124.14

Tea Coupons - \$16.19 received

Stamps - \$274.50 was raised and Mrs Allan wishes to thank all who saved, cleaned, and sorted.

Mission Birthday League - Miss MacKenzie has 181 names on the roll and the amount contributed this year was \$713.

Harvest Field - 52 subscribers (Mrs Thomson convener)

Thanks are expressed to Mrs Mary Mortimer who has retired from chairing the Linking Committee. Her careful attention to all arrangements has been very much appreciated. Mrs Elaine Steedman now chairs the Linking Committee meetings.

JOSE WILLIAMS, Secretary

AFTERNOON GUILD

Programmes for this group have included speakers on - life in Iran, Nepal Leprosy Mission, Obermagau, Papua New Guinea, Where Man Worships, and the regional APW Conference at Hastings.

Members had the pleasure of taking an entertainment to Kilmarnock, and christmas gifts to the residents and staff of Te Hopai Home.

Afternoon Guild (Continued)

Other activities have included assisting at all functions arranged by Linking Committee, holding a very successful 'Stall at the Gate', and a sewing bee to make oven cloths and aprons for the victims at Henley on the Taieri Plains in Otago following their disastrous floods.

Thanks are expressed to Mrs MacMillan for her tea-making each meeting day and her collecting of tea coupons, two areas of assistance she has given so willingly and conscientiously to Guild over many years.

Special tribute is paid to Mrs Mary Mortimer as she hands over leadership to Mrs Em Thomson. The effectiveness of the Guild owes much to Mary's loving concern for all members.

Thanks are recorded to our Minister, the Rev. David and Mrs Elaine Steedman, for their continued help and support.

One of the great joys of the year was a special Lenten service followed by a lunch to which our elderly members were invited, and this proved to be a time of true fellowship.

NOYLE BROWN, Secretary

EVENING GUILD

Despite attempts at recruiting new members, it is with regret that once again we have to report that our membership is declining. However, fellowship still remains strong and our President, Mrs Margaret Mackay, arranged an interesting programme. We thank her for all she has given to the Guild.

Devotions are taken by a different group each meeting, who also organise and serve supper.

A gate stall was held and the Cradle Roll Mothers assisted.

The programme for the year covered - a macrame demonstration held at the Manse, Missions to Seamen, a Philippine evening, Epworth Books, a christmas party, care of pot plants, life in New Guinea, and the work of the Leprosy Trust Board.

Thanks are expressed to our Minister for his continued interest and to Mrs Steedman for her music, and to all who helped throughout the year.

MARGARET Mackay, President.

### ANNUAL STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNTS

Session has received audited statements of Receipts and Payments from all organisations. These all record very generous giving. Space does not permit printing all the accounts but set out below is a summary of how this giving is distributed -

<u>Junior Church:</u>	Offerings given to Missions	\$48.82
<u>Bible Class:</u>	Full Flight Gospel Group	50.00
	Youth Guidance Sponsorship	50.00
	O.M.F. Brenda Holton	50.00
	Y.F.C. Tickets	30.00
<u>Youth Group:</u>	St. John's Church	400.00
	St. John's Building Fund	100.00
	St. John's Boys Brigade	100.00
	Bible Society	800.00
	Johnathan Bayliss (Radio Rhema)	640.00
	Youth with a Mission	150.00
	Covenant Players	40.00
	Intercessors for N.Z.	300.00
	Full Flight Gospel Group	200.00
	Duncan Graham	25.00
	James Family (Wycliffe)	400.00
	Ben Webster	100.00
	Marcus Arden	365.00
	Don Elley	265.00
<u>Evening Guild:</u>	St. John's Missions	27.24
	St. John's General Fund	65.00
<u>Afternoon Guild:</u>	Mission Budget	800.00
	Bicycles for India (APW Project)	100.00
	Boys' Brigade -	
	Company section	50.00
	Team section	100.00
	New Building Fund	500.00
	Furnishing Fund	500.00
	Sale of Used Stamps	274.00
	Leper Mission	135.00
	Henley APW - Flood relief	138.00
<u>"Saturday at Two":</u>	St. John's Building Fund	35.00
<u>Cradle Roll Mothers:</u>	East African Famine Relief	220.00

### 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., B.A.	1957-1968
Rev. D.T.W. Kinloch,	1968-1975
Rev. D.M. Steedman, 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

#### DEACONESSES:

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, 9 May	1884
Sunday School building opened (Dixon Street), November	1884
Present Church opened (accommodation 900), 6 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

#### JUBILBES:

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

Sunday School 100th Anniversary, November	1953
Centennial Jubilee of Church, November	1953
Seventy-fifth Anniversary of present Church, 3-5 Dec.	1960
Y.M.B.C. Seventy-fifth Jubilee, July	1964
125th Celebrations of Church, November	1978

#### SPECIAL 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 Churches 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

#### CHURCH NEWSPAPERS:

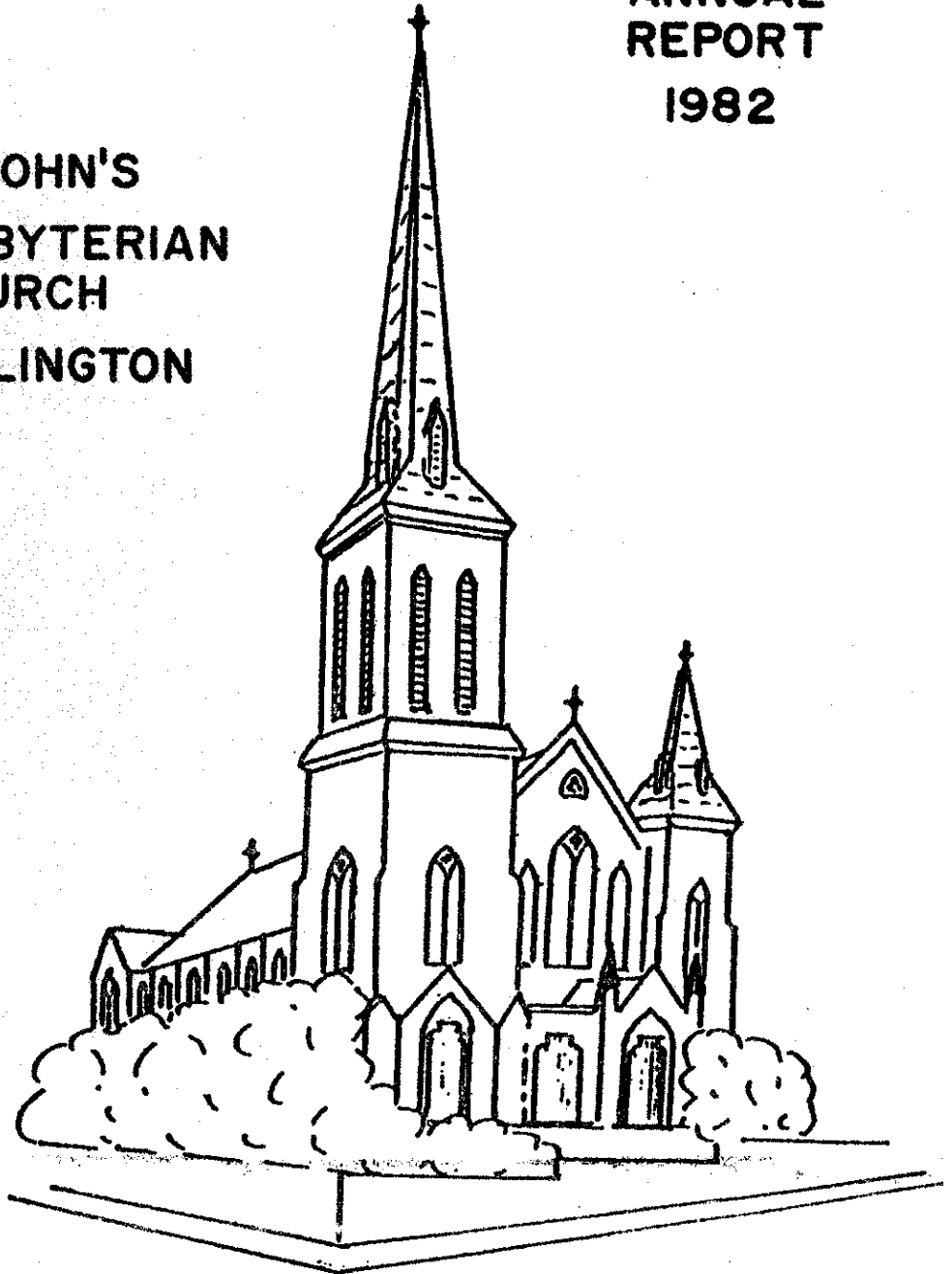
"The Record"	1892 - 1896
"The Torch Bearer"	1930 - 1931
"The Review"	1936 - 1938
"The Messenger"	1941 -

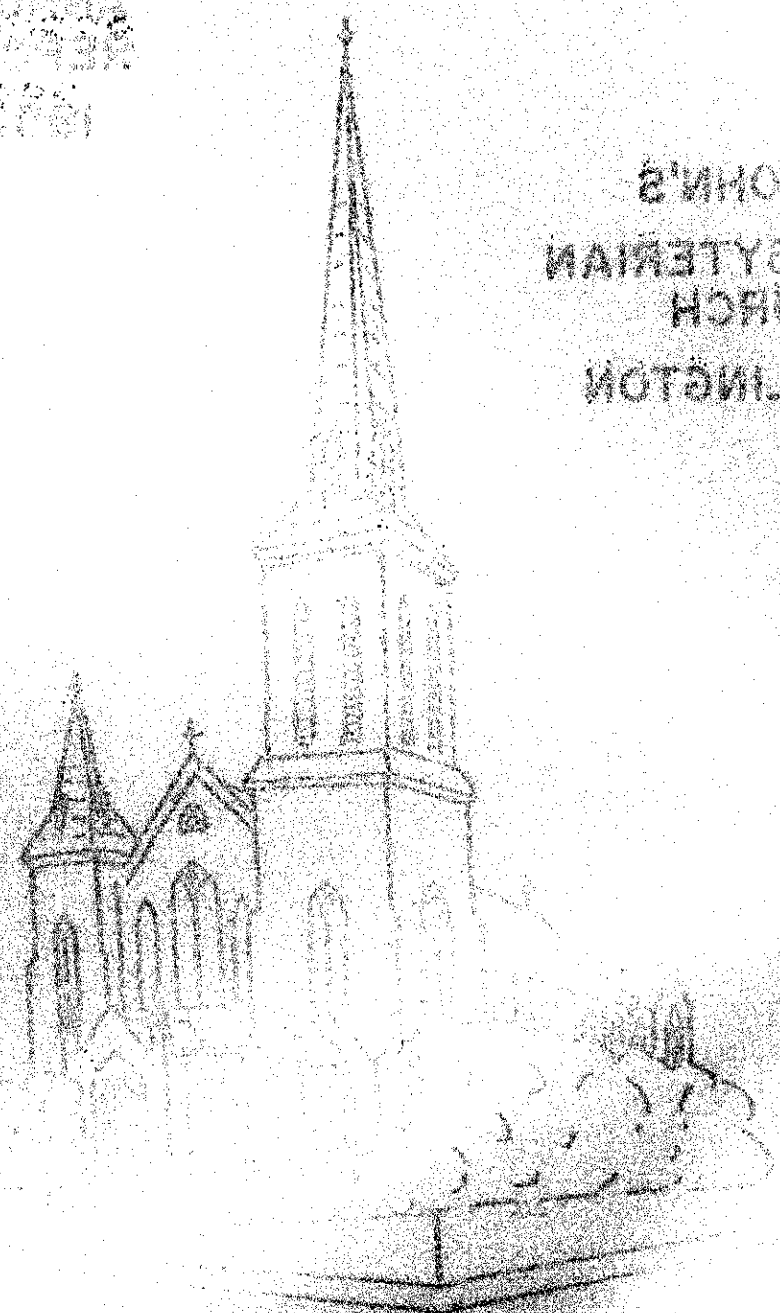
#### PUBLICATIONS:

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

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ST. JOHN'S  
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WILLIAMSON  
CHURCH  
BYSTERYAN  
JOHN'S

<u>Minister:</u>	The Rev. David M. Steedman, M.A. B.D., 2 Kelburn Parade, 5	728.294
<u>Honorary Associate:</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, 160 Karori Road, 5	768.118
<u>Clerk to the Board of Mangers:</u>	Mr John Buchanan, 94 Volga Street, 2	838.911
<u>Finance Convener:</u>	Mrs Mary Mortimer, 55 Madras Street, 4	797.023
<u>Organist and Choirmaster:</u>	Mr Raymond Wilderspin, 30 Raroa Road, 5	753.144

		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 Trellissick Crescent, 4	1960
McLellan, D.	20 Apuka Street, 2	1962
Thomson, J.A.	89 Dixon Street Flats, 1	1965
Shiels, A.Y.	19 Fernhill Terrace, 1	1965
Robertson, N.G.	169 Karori Road, 5	1968
Hunt, John	24 Krull Street, 2	1968
Mrs N. Owen John	35 Phillip Street, 4	1970
Miss E.M. Brodie	98 Duncan Terrace Flats, 3	1972
Gilmour, R.M.	14 Norwich Street, 1	1972
Mrs M.W.M. Mortimer	55 Madras Street, 4	1972
Mrs M.M. Piper	31 Bidwill Street, 2	1972
Ferrier, R.J.	57 Wadestown Road, 1	1974
Aickin, K.B.	20 Manuka Street, 3	1974
Darroch, Alan	50 Sefton Street, 1	1975
Mrs B. Harris	29 Mortimer Terrace, 2	1978
Jaquetry, Errol	'Kilmara', Main Road, Makara	1978
Stanley, Major Gordon	14 Glen Alton Avenue, 4	1978
Brown, Mrs N.	27 Beerehaven Road, 3	1979
Lloyd, R.T.	2 Stormont Place, 2	1979
Stewart, Charles F.	117 Messines Road, 5	1979
Wright, N.P.	Homedale Schoolhouse, Wainuiomata	1979
Leggat, H.C.	9 Pitt Street, 1	1979
Aitken, Peter	137 Barnard Street, 1	1980
McCay, Robert B.	26 Robieson Street, 3	1980
King, Mrs. M.	5 Vennell Street, 2	1980
Anderson, Robert W.	137 The Ridgeway, 2	1980
Mills, Major R.G.	78 Oban Street, 1	1980
Drees, Graham H.	22 Hurman Street, 5	1981
West, John K.	98 Upland Road, 5	1981
Dangerfield, Nick	101A Waipapa Road, 3	1981
Adams, J. M.	67A Pirie Street, 1	1981
Dunn, Andrew	4/70 Hataitai Road, 3	1981
Galt, David	32 Woburn Road, 5	1981
Marsh, A. G.	26 Totara Road, 3	1981
West, Ian F.	90 Melbourne Road, 2	1981



# BOARD OF MANAGERS

Miss Margaret Arnold	Mr Sandy Lawson
Mr Richard Brader	Mr Malcolm Leitch
Mr John Buchanan	Mr Trevor McDonald
Mr Alexander Burton	Mr Graham Mahoney
Dr David Burton	Mr Allan Marshall
Mrs Alison Dangerfield	Mr John Marshall
Mr Cecil Duff	Mr Ross Mills
Mrs Joan Dunn	Mr Gordon Rutherford
Mr Arthur Elliott	Mr Tom Shanks
Mr Paul Haggett	Mr Don Shaw
Mr Michael Horvat (on leave of absence)	Miss Ailsa Salt
Mr Brad Imrie	Mr Gavin Sutherland
Miss Margaret Krebs	Mrs Kath Sutherland

## COMMITTEES

Session Clerk and Clerk of the Board are ex-officio members of all committees

<u>FINANCE</u>	Mrs M. Mortimer (Convener), R. Brader, J. Hunt, and Mrs M. King	
<u>PROPERTY</u>	A. Elliott (convener), J. Hunt, I. West, N.S. Woods	
<u>NEW BUILDING</u>	J.L. Marshall (convener), Mesdames A. Dangerfield, M. Mortimer, B. Robertson, Messrs. G. Paterson, N. Dangerfield, J. Hunt, N. Pryor, B. Spencer, N.S. Woods	
<u>ENVELOPE</u>	Paul Haggett, 96 Central Park Flats	843.783
<u>SECRETARIES</u>	Gordon Stanley, 14 Glen Alton Ave.	784.548
<u>ROLLS:</u>	Mrs Betty Robertson, 169 Karori Rd.	768.118
<u>LETTING OF ROOMS:</u>	Mrs Carolyn Ferrier, 57 Wadestown Rd.	721.085
<u>ORGAN:</u>	Mrs Mortimer (Convener), Mrs M. Hunt, Messrs M. Leitch and R. Wilderspin	
<u>TROUP HOUSE:</u>	The Minister (Convener), J. Buchanan (Treas.), Mrs B. Robertson (Sec.), Messrs N.S. Woods, K. Aickin, E. Jaquiere, Sir John Marshall, Mrs J. Dunn	
<u>"SATURDAY AT TWO"</u>	Miss Sue Bateup, 20 Barton Terrace	730.033
<u>WEEKLY INTIMATIONS AND DUPLICATING:</u>	Mrs R.R. Fowler, 48 Homewood Ave., 5	768.187
<u>CHURCH FLOWERS:</u>	Mrs Noyle Brown, 27 Beerehaven Rd., 3	886.180
	Mrs Doreen Woods, 38 Harrison St., 2	845.351

## "MESSENGER"

Editor: Mr Errol Jaquiere, Kilmara, Main Road, Makara

767.537

## JUNIOR CHURCH

(Sunday 11 a.m.)

Mr Andrew Dunn, 4/70 Hataitai Road, 3

861.307

## YOUTH GROUPS

(Sunday 9.45 a.m.)

### Bible Class

Robert and Dayle Anderson, 137 The Ridgeway, 2

897.586

### Youth Group

Co-ordinator: Ross Paterson, 3 Wilkinson St.

849.483

## CRADLE ROLL:

(Also Sunday Creche)

Convener: Mrs Marion Longstaff

896.516

## BOYS' BRIGADE:

### Company

(Thursday evening)

Mr Nick Dangerfield, 101A Waipapa Road, 3

861.153

### Team Section

(Monday evening)

Miss Harriet Johnston, 213 The Terrace, 1

722.774

### Anchor Boys

(Monday afternoon)

Miss Janie Pack, 11 Woodmancote Road, 4

796.584

## GIRLS' BRIGADE:

### Senior

(Friday evening)

Mrs Debbie Adams, 67A Pirie Street,

843.370

### Junior

(Wednesday afternoon)

Miss Margaret Arnold, 15 Hauraki Street, 5

768.320

## ASSOCIATION OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:

### Linking Committee

Secretary:

Miss J. Williams, 20 Maarama Crescent, 2

846.728

### Afternoon Guild:

President:

(Meets 4th Tuesday, 2 p.m.)  
Mrs L. Reeves, 9 Whitu Street, 4

793.413

### Evening Guild:

President:

(Meets 3rd Monday, 7.30 p.m.)  
Mrs B. Steedman, The Manse, 2 Kelburn Parade, 5

728.294

Secretary:

Mrs G. Stevens, 57 Wilberforce Street, 3

882.952

Dear friends at St. Johns,

Greetings to you all as we send out the annual reports of all that is happening around the Church.

I'm very conscious of all the loyal loving service that is so freely given to the life of the Church of Jesus Christ our Lord. Paul expresses to the Church that we all have some special God-given gift and says "there are different abilities to perform service but the same God gives ability to everyone for their particular service". The strength of the Church is in the way people use the gifts they have. Thank you for all the gifts - some humble and unsung but in the eyes of God a gift of loving service.

The good news that has thrilled us is the rebuilding, and we look forward to a new hall hopefully by the end of the year. There is considerable interest in the recycling of a great part of the old hall. It's an age of recycling, and surely that makes good sense. Glass is a menace if it is just broken and left on beaches or in parks. What a mass of paper we use. A friend of ours recycles and makes her own notepaper. And now with buildings. There are two things I feel are worth mentioning about this. Some parts of the old hall were rotten and unsafe. (We were very sorry indeed that the builder found this out when he fell through some of the rotten parts and broke bones in his foot). The rotten parts were just thrown out - a good thought there that there are things in our community that are better thrown out. But we kept what was worth keeping. I hope we can watch that, not only in our recycling but in the deeper sense of the standards and values that matter to us as Christian people and which we desire to see preserved in the life of the community.

Here is a thought for the ongoing work of the Church - Paul to the Thessalonian Church - "PUT ALL THINGS TO THE TEST. KEEP WHAT IS GOOD."

Elaine and I thank you for all many kindnesses shown to us. After November we will be away quite a bit visiting the Church. Please keep using your gifts this year that we may prove again that the real strength of a congregation is not in its ministry but in its people's faith and loyalty.

God bless you all.

David Steedman

### SESSION

Session gives thanks and praise to God. The Annual Reports of the congregation record how a group of people gathered from all parts of the city to worship together and to discover God in their lives, are trying to live out that discovery as they encounter the every day world.

Our ministers strengthen and support all aspects of congregational life. The Rev. David Steedman has special gifts of preaching and pastoral care, and he is wonderfully supported by Elaine who fully shares his concerns and is warmly hospitable to all newcomers and others. The Rev. Jim Veitch further enriches us with differing gifts. Jim, with the assistance of his wife Jan, ably looked after the needs of the congregation at the beginning of the year when David and Elaine were absent on study leave.

The congregation feels greatly honoured that our Minister is to be Moderator of the General Assembly for 1982-83. It is appreciated that there will be many pressures for Mr and Mrs Steedman as they travel around New Zealand, and careful thought is being given to ways in which we can help them. Our prayers and thoughts are with them during this time of preparation. Previous ministers of St. John's who have held this high office were the Very Revs. James Patterson and James Gibb in the years 1902 and 1901 respectively. In 1917 one of our Elders, the Hon. J.G.W. Aitken, MLC, was also Moderator of the General Assembly.

Statistics: The Communion Roll is now 311 - 15 less. 9 people joined by Confirmation and another 16 came by transfer from other congregations. Disjunctions and other removals totalled 40. The Adherents Roll is now 21, the decrease mainly due to adherents joining by confirmation.

Session membership: Early in 1982 Dr Rollo and Mrs Betty Arnold tendered their resignations from Session, following taking up residence in Karori. Dr. Arnold joined Session in 1966 and Mrs Arnold in 1975. Both took an active part in the work of Session and in other groups in St. John's. Mr Martin van Zweeden resigned in April when they moved to Paremata. Martin was superintendent of the Junior Church for 3 years and his warm loving concern influenced many young lives. He has not enjoyed good health recently. Mr Ray Patterson resigned at the end of June when he and Jill and family moved to Hamilton. Ray did a lot of useful work in co-ordinating the efforts of the various youth and children's work in the congregation. All these people will be missed by Session.

Miss Brodie was granted Emeritus status during the year, and Mr Jim Thomson and Mr Campbell Leggat were granted leave of absence because of ill health and overseas travel respectively.

We congratulate Mrs Norah Owen John, MBE, on attaining the highest award in the NZ Girl Guide movement, the Silver Fish.

It is good to record the ordination and induction of new Elders. We received and welcomed Messrs Jonathan Adams, Nick Dangerfield, Graham Drees, Andrew Dunn, David Galt, Allan Marsh, Ian West, and John West.

Visiting Preachers and Special Services: The pulpit was filled by 12 visiting ministers, most of these visitors came during the period when Mr and Mrs Steedman were overseas. Special services were arranged for the Turakina Maori Girls Choir, YMCA/YMCA members, Wellington Association of Scottish Societies, Presbyterian Harrier Club, Spring Flower Sunday,

Harvest Festival, Boys' Brigade Queen's Men, and a radio broadcast on 16 May 1982. Good Friday Service was shared with the Central Baptist in their church in Boulcott Street. Mrs Nancy Jansen, who is now the National President of APW, led an Easter Meditation, which was followed by Communion, and then lunch.

5 early morning communion services were held, and warm fellowship is enjoyed at the breakfasts following these services.

Church Union Poll: The voting of St. John's members in favour of the acceptance of the 1971 Plan for Union was 82 communicant members and 6 adherents. The number against acceptance was 166 communicant members and 7 adherents.

Pacific Islands student: Each year a student from the Pacific Islands Theological College, Suva, comes to St. Davids, Auckland, and to St. Johns. In 1981 Mr Salu Epati who is a Samoan student was particularly interested in Urban Ministry and his Wellington visit was arranged to include Inner City Ministry and the Samoan congregation at Porirua.

Presbytery Visitation: A Presbytery committee visited St. Johns on 28 April and met with St. Johns office bearers. There was full discussion on matters affecting the congregation and its outreach into the city. (The Presbytery Report has just been received)

Church Security: Following some vandalism in the Church and the number of strangers about while redevelopment work is in progress it was regretfully decided to keep the Church closed during the day. If sufficient members could establish a roster to be in attendance it is hoped that the Church could be opened for restricted hours.

Boys' Institute: Mr Barry Spencer, a member of the congregation, has been elected chairman of the Management Committee of the Boys' Institute. He is supported on this committee by the Minister and other St. Johns representatives.

General: To widen members' knowledge of the concerns and issues which come before Session, the first of a series of 'Happenings' was held in April. (The very last function held in the old Fellowship Room - demolition had started that day.) Mr Amster Reedy spoke on "Development in the Maori Community".

To further outreach, "Mission '82" is a series of special evening services and leadership in these services of worship is widely shared.

Bible knowledge and prayer is being strengthened by regular housegroups meeting at the Manse and several homes. The Manse also hosts two other discussion groups - the Young Marrieds and a Youth Forum.

We grieve for the loss of loved members. We give thanks for their willing service and example, and we express our sympathy to all who have suffered bereavement.

Session is conscious that no report can cover completely the activities of a parish. We record with appreciation the contribution by members of the congregation, and in particular our organist, Ray Wilderspin, and the choir members who so faithfully attend and enrich our worship services. There is a long list of teaching, leading, sharing of singing and musical talents, church flowers, care of church linen, stamp and coupon collecting, maintenance of church property and equipment, bookkeeping, taping of church services.

Mention should be made too that Mrs Anwyl Fowler week by week prepares the church intimation sheet, and Mr Errol Jacquier continues to edit and arrange the publication of the "Messenger".

The Annual Report covers the past. With God's guidance may our mission be reflected in everything that the Church does through its worship, study and prayer, to its service projects and community actions.

George Robertson,  
Session Clerk.

### CRADLE ROLL

28 babies and small children are currently in our care. We have welcomed 10 new arrivals. We miss the Ackland family who returned to Australia last spring, and the Patterson family who have just moved to Hamilton.

We thank those members of the congregation who take a regular turn at Sunday morning crèche and enjoy meeting the little ones and their mothers at that time. The children have enjoyed the extension of their Sunday morning activities, planned and led regularly by one mother of our group, and they have settled happily into our new temporary 'home' in Troup House Lounge.

Regular opportunities to share fellowship at informal morning gatherings continue, and during the past year we held once more our Easter Study, our party in October, and our pre-Christmas shopping creche for mothers. Our Hall Fund-Raising this year took the form of a series of tupperware parties.

The mothers have organised a regular morning study gathering, meeting most months with the exception of winter time.

The continuing caring and support of the Steedmans and their hospitality is much appreciated by our group.

MARION LONGSTAFF  
Convener

BOARD OF MANAGERS

This past year has been one of intense activity culminating in the demolition of the old hall, the shifting of the Cottage and a start being made on the foundations of the 'new' hall. Much time and effort have gone into this project and the committee has been ably led by John Marshall. We must also thank Barry Spencer for introducing us to the Architect, Allan Morse, who produced the proposal reusing the old hall. Work will shortly commence on bringing the Cottage back to a habitable condition.

New managers appointed last year were Mrs Joan Dunn, Messrs Arthur Elliott, Ian West, Gavin Sutherland, Ross Mills, and Alexander Burton.

Finance: Our credit balance \$2,768 for the 1981/82 year is \$400 greater than last year, and it is indeed a relief to finish the year with a credit balance, when each year seems to become more and more difficult to make ends meet as prices for everything rise and there seems so many demands on our money.

We exceeded our "wider work" Assembly Budget by \$371 (a drop in the bucket but every little helps). "Outreach" giving has increased by \$1,217, church maintenance has increased by \$2,400 (which includes repairs to the south east corner of the roof of the Church), and we have repaid the 'manse loan' by paying an additional \$1,000. This clears the debt incurred some 10 years ago when the manse property was freeholded. Funds for freeholding were "borrowed" from the rental account. In addition to these larger payments the Building Fund keeps growing steadily but slowly - it is apparent that the giving of our congregation is thoughtful and generous, as is reflected by a 27% increase in plate and envelope giving.

Looking ahead - the price freeze may hold running costs; fortunately the increase in the minister's salary had been approved before the freeze, so our increase in outgoings will be same as last year. In addition to normal expenditure we plan to put aside \$300 a month against the reroofing of the Church. And, of course, we will have to service the loan that is raised to complete the new hall.

Not an easy year in front of us and a challenge to us all. Once again we ask you to consider an extra 50c per person per week in your giving. This has been our appeal for the past 4-5 years and it has worked! Such increase should cover our day to day expenses and we will have to meet the challenge of the other expenses as they happen. Thank you for your generous giving and loving practical support of the work of God's Kingdom in our small corner.

Envelope subscribers total 225 - 13 members left during the year, but since January 27 new members have been gained.

Property: Work on the Glover Memorial Porch is being done to remedy the leaks which have caused problems. The ceiling is to be raised and the gutterings enlarged. The plumbers who fixed the leak on the south east corner of the church roof advised that the general condition of the roof was poor and we will be facing major expenditure here in the next few years. Some cracking has occurred on the bank of the Willis/Dixon Streets corner and regular checks and measurements are being made on this to prevent any possibility of slipping.

After a long period on the property committee and as convener, Mr John Hunt relinquished the position earlier this year. John has very generously given a considerable amount of his time and energies in maintaining the church buildings and manse in first class order, and we are deeply indebted to him. That we have buildings in such good condition is a tribute to his efforts. We trust that John will enjoy having weekends to himself. He has certainly earned them. Arthur Elliott has taken over the convenership of the Property Committee and we are indeed fortunate to have his services. We wish Arthur a speedy recovery from his recent illness.

The Board takes this opportunity of expressing its gratefulness to everyone who has assisted during the year in the various activities around the church. Your help does not go unnoticed and is greatly appreciated by all. Thank you for your willingness to help.

JOHN BUCHANAN

Clerk to the Board

CHOIR

Being a member of St. John's Church Choir these last 12 months has meant a considerable commitment for members. As well as practices and usually singing at both Sunday services, there have been a number of other activities, probably the most outstanding of which was our contribution to the RSCM combined choirs Carol Service at the Cathedral. That was by far the largest congregation we have sung to, and the request for us to sing acknowledged the efforts over recent years of both choirmaster and members to develop the choir's ability. While it was a slightly nervewracking occasion it was one that also helped encourage us in our singing. The request that we also sing at the RSCM service at the Basilica was gratifying as was the sound we made, assisted by the acoustics.

When in the last Annual Report I said we would have to consider fund raising for the choir contribution to the new hall, I certainly did not anticipate that we would raise over \$700. The Garage Sale was a great effort on everyone's behalf and we were also thankful for the help with contributions from our Honorary Members and the congregation. It was also good to be able to give the PSSA and the Scouts our excess clothing and books.

Our visit to Woburn Home seemed to give the residents a good deal of enjoyment, as did the annual visit to our shut-in members at Christmas to sing carols. Their pleasure more than repays us for our time and makes the occasions looked for events.

The success of the year's activities are because of the efforts of each choir member, so thank you for all you have done. To Ray, who sometimes has a lot to bear with us, our thanks for perseverance and patience. I hope we make the effort worthwhile on our good days.

We've been glad to welcome Jane and Robert to our number since the A.G.M., but sad to lose Helen when

she went to Christchurch. A very joyful occasion for us all was Gwen and David's wedding and we trust they enjoyed their "tin canning" surprise evening as much as we did. Our "meet and marry in the choir" reputation seems to be continuing with Margaret and David's engagement and we wish them many years of happiness together.

As well as work, we've had some very happy social occasions together. Dinner at the Stanley's after the carols to shut-ins; a lovely relaxing picnic at the Robertsons; a feast of desserts at Ray's; tea as Malcolm's guests before he left on his overseas trip, and dinner at Mary's following our Woburn visit, while the last AGM was a warm and convivial evening at the Hunts.

Probably one of the nicest questions I get asked regularly each Sunday each January by congregation members is "When will the choir be back"? It is good to know we are missed and that evidently our contribution is valued. May we look forward to another year of fellowship and service in the Lord's work in St. Johns.

AILSA SALT

Chairman

SAINTS AND SINGERS

In a simple and direct way we sing 20th century Christian songs from different cultures and traditions. We hope they say something relevant to our day in the language of our time.

This adventure of faith has ever broadening horizons, as together we honour God in song.

Two programmes have been presented at "Saturday at Two". Special thanks to Bill, Phillip, and David.

ELAINE STEEDMAN

TROUP HOUSE

As soon as it became a reality that the Cottage was to be moved to its new site, the residents of the Cottage found other accommodation. For several weeks folk coming to work in Wellington for short-term periods were able to be accommodated. (Several Radio Rheema engineers came from Christchurch for a short period.)

When the Cottage was finally empty there was a grand clean-up. (Also in Troup House kitchen to bring it back into use.) A new gas cooker was installed and a new hoovermatic was put in the bathroom, but there is nowhere at present to put up a clothes line. Sincere thanks to the group of ladies who did the cleaning.

Robert McBeth, Stephen Moore, and Ian Littleworth are the present residents of Troup House. They are surrounded by mud, dust and noise, but they are a cheerful group. As soon as possible work will begin to get the services re-connected to the Cottage to bring it back into use again. There will be many hours of hard work ahead for volunteers.

"SATURDAY AT TWO"

Every alternate Saturday afternoon from April to December, St. John's stretches out a hand in friendship and offers its hospitality. Many of the congregation are involved, and in particular David and Elaine Steedman who give unfailing encouragement and practical interest. David always closes the programme with "a thought for the week", and this has become a special part of the day. There is no doubt that the local community very much appreciates the happy afternoon of fellowship.

It has been a year of change - change of venue (it is rather cramped in the Troup House Lounge) and change in our "front line". We wish to pay a very sincere thank you to Dianne Mills. For 7 years Dianne has been co-ordinating the programmes, and we miss her warmth and lively interest. Sue Bateup, with helpers Joanne Hood and Maire Elliott, are continuing to host this parish outreach programme.

RENTAL ACCOUNTRECEIPTS:

Balance at Bank of New Zealand as at 1.7.81		464.05
Plus: Bank Interest	16.12	
Tenants' Rents	4,070.12	
Presbyterian Church of N.Z.	2,643.23	6,729.47
		<u>7,193.52</u>

LESS PAYMENTS:

Cleaning	178.20	
Rates	1,727.16	
Electricity (after deduction of refunds)	65.92	
Repairs	2,850.36	
Insurance	238.19	
Keys	14.00	
Boys' Brigade Rent	228.00	
Valuation fee	73.50	5,375.33
		<u>1,818.19</u>
Transfer to Rental Account - P.C.N.Z.		1,500.00

BALANCE AT BANK NEW ZEALAND 30.6.82	\$318.19
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RENTAL ACCOUNT AT CHURCH OFFICE:

Balance 1.7.81		45,455.59
Plus Interest: Church Office	6,546.82	
Manse Loan	290.00	6,836.82
		<u>52,292.41</u>
Plus: Transfer from BNZ Account	1,500.00	
Manse Loan Repayment	2,000.00	3,500.00
		<u>55,792.41</u>
Less: Withdrawal 24.5.82 - Roof Repairs		2,643.23
		<u>\$53,149.18</u>

TOTAL CASH BALANCE 30.6.82:	\$53,467.37
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LOAN FROM RENTAL ACCOUNT FOR MANSE PURCHASE

Balance owing 30.6.81	\$2,000.00
Less Repayment 1981-1982	<u>2,000.00</u>

# ST JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 1982

## GENERAL ACCOUNT

### RECEIPTS

Balance at Bank of New Zealand as at 1.7.81		2,314.61	
<b>CONGREGATIONAL GIVING:</b>			
Plate	11,168.28		
Envelopes	43,834.21	55,002.49	
<b>DONATIONS:</b>			
Use of Rooms		425.00	
General	1,364.87		
Evening Guild	100.00		
Youth Group	600.00	2,064.87	
Organ		141.85	
Building Appeal		15,217.77	
Girls' Brigade		60.00	17,909.49
<b>BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS:</b>			
Missions:			
Junior Church	23.07		
Afternoon Guild	800.00		
Evening Guild	47.40	870.47	
Wider Work Appeal		45.00	915.47
<b>PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND:</b>			
Hall Rebuilding (General)	24,338.70		
Blake Estate	15,300.00		
Insurance Claims	605.00		
Insurance Provision	3,075.00	43,318.70	
<b>OUTREACH:</b>			
Turakina Appeal	647.04		
N.C.C. Christmas Appeal	1,345.30		
P.S.S.A. Harvest	77.68	2,070.02	
<b>INTEREST:</b>			
Bank of New Zealand	112.02		
Estate E.J. Lockie	69.45		
Endowment Fund	2,900.00	3,081.47	
<b>GENERAL:</b>			
Outlook	160.90		
Car Stickers	6.00		
Hall Furnishing: (Sat. at 2 \$120 Aft. Guild \$50)	170.00		
Sale Communion Wine	2.00		
Sale of Shed	300.00	638.90	

\$125,251.15

### LOANS INCLUDED IN BUILDING APPEAL RECEIPTS

1980/81	(2 years)	\$200.00
1981/82		
		<u>\$200.00</u>

### PAYMENTS

#### STIPENDS:

D.M. Steedman:			
Salary	15,180.00		
Car Allowance	2,708.86		
Expenses	500.00	18,388.86	
J.A. Veitch: Honorarium	250.04		
Expenses	1,000.00	1,250.04	
R.J. Wilderspin:			
Salary - Organist	572.04		
Expenses	468.00	1,040.04	
Organ Supply		40.00	
Accident Compensation Levy		107.25	
Beneficiary Fund Levy		2,049.36	
Seniority Allowance		929.10	23,804.65

#### OUTREACH:

Budget Contributions	17,800.00		
N.C.C. Appeal	1,345.30		
P.S.S.A. Harvest	77.68		
Gifts	270.00		
Pacific Islander's Fares	94.22		
St Patrick's, Napier	100.00		
Chaplaincy Trust Board	60.00		
Bus - Turakina Maori Girls	274.00		
I.C.C.I. Refugee Resettlement	125.00		
Tongan Relief	100.00	20,246.20	

#### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND:

Repaint Account	3,600.00		
Insurance Provision	3,000.00		
Building Appeal	15,217.77		
Hall Furnishing	170.00		
Manse Loan Repayment (\$2000) + interest \$290	2,290.00		
Organ Account	200.00	24,477.77	

#### NEW HALL:

Architects' Fees	24,273.70		
Advertising	65.00		
Shifting Expenses	56.75		
Building - Peyjay Construction	15,300.00	39,695.45	

#### PROPERTY:

Cleaning and Rubbish	1,519.12		
Organ and Pianos	530.25		
Glazing	94.04		
Manse General Repairs	303.56		
Church and Hall General Repairs	2,967.75		
W.C.C. Rates	1,245.44		
Electricity	615.79		
Gas	40.29		
Towels, Soap etc.	120.69		
Vases and Engraving	98.00		
Fire Equipment and Servicing	223.10		
Insurance	3,075.00	10,833.03	

#### ADMINISTRATION:

Stationery, Postage etc.	480.65		
Advertising	1,116.16		
Manse telephone	280.00		
Outlook	160.90		
Bank charges	27.40		
Annual Meeting Expenses	71.65		
Messenger Expenses	219.28		
Presbytery Expenses	179.85		
Grants: Cradle Roll	27.75		
Barbeque	9.10		
Boys' Brigade	298.39		
Girls' Brigade	346.35		
Living Faith	160.20	841.79	
Communion Wine	47.76	3,425.44	
BALANCE AT BANK OF NEW ZEALAND		2,768.61	

\$125,251.15



ACCOUNT	BALANCE 30.6.81	INTEREST	RECEIPTS	WITHDRAWALS	BALANCE
Benevolent	297.28	41.99		68.50	270.77
Centennial	480.33	69.65			549.98
Chairs	447.40	64.87			512.27
Hymn Books	1,564.81	226.90			1,791.71
Church Rebuilding	1,437.08	208.38			1,645.46
Hall Furnishing	2,166.85	317.32	170.00		2,654.17
Organ	875.02	121.30	200.00		1,196.32
B. Irvine Estate	8,068.67	1,169.96			9,238.63
I. McArthur Gift	9,843.75	1,427.34			11,271.09
W. Kraft Estate	228.10	33.07			261.17
125th Account	344.99	50.02			395.01
Insurance Claims	34.69	5.03			39.72
Piano Repairs	258.50	37.48			295.98
Camp Balance	69.12	10.02			79.14
Refugees	331.25	48.03			379.28
	26,447.84	3,831.36	370.00	68.50	30,580.70
Hall Rebuilding:					
Special	19,221.09	2,787.06			22,008.15
General	27,487.95	3,303.83	15,217.77	24,338.70	21,670.85
Endowment	20,000.00	2,900.00		2,900.00	20,000.00
Lockie Estate	380.00	69.45		69.45	380.00
Repainting A/c	15,604.90	2,523.71	3,600.00		21,728.61
Blake Estate	67,379.40	9,585.13		15,300.00	61,664.53
Insurance Prov.	-	217.50	3,000.00	3,075.00	142.50
Clachan Estate	-	3,364.00	83,400.00		86,764.00
	\$176,521.18	\$28,582.04	\$105,587.77	\$45,751.65	\$264,939.34

I report to members of St John's Church, Wellington, that I have examined the Church books of account and records for the year ended 30th June 1982, and that I have received all the information and explanations that I have required. In my view the General and Rental Receipts and Payments Accounts are a correct record of the transactions which have taken place during the year ended 30th June 1982, and the schedule of Trust and Special Accounts correctly records the balances held in these accounts as at the 30th June 1982. However in some cases it was not possible to verify cash receipts beyond what is shown in the books of account.

J.B. CRAVEN, A.C.A.  
Auditor

ST. JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP.

The last year has been a busy one for members of the Youth Group. We have had 2 weekend camps. The September camp was held at the Salvation Army camp in the Akatarawas. Marcus Arden was the speaker. The March camp was at Forest Lakes with John Niven from Palmerston North as speaker. Both camps were very successful with many people being encouraged to move on with God and a number of people becoming Christians.

Apart from these 2 camps a number of Youth Group attended a beach mission at Oakura in the Christmas holidays.

Youth Group has continued to meet on Sunday mornings with an average attendance of 70. The morning programme has covered a wide variety of topics with the central theme being "Growth". People have been encouraged to strive towards a deeper commitment to Christ and His work in our world. The majority of the speakers have been drawn from within the group. A highlight of the morning programme was a Communion Service at which Mr Steedman spoke on prayer. A number of the Session attended and prayed for individual members of the group. Members of the group have been involved in the Mission '82 services which have been held every 6 weeks.

During the week there are a number of 'home groups' meeting in various parts of the city. Attendance has increased at these groups and as a result three new groups have been formed this year.

'Gaddalti' have continued to have outreach programmes in the prisons and in addition have sung at a number of other meetings during the year. This year they also went to the Combined Presbyterian and Methodist Easter Camps and led the worship.

During the year we have had a number of social events. These included a tramp, a progressive dinner, and a sports evening. Most Friday nights there has been an Open House at someone's flat. This provided an opportunity to mix

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socially and also to introduce our non-christian friends to our christian friends. To keep fit the girls have formed a basketball team which plays in the Central City league.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Elders and Mr Steedman for their continued support and encouragement during the year.

MARGARET WOODS

Secretary

### BIBLE CLASS.

The Bible Class has continued to meet over the last 12 months with an average attendance of approximately 10 people. While the numbers attending are down on the previous year, this simply appears to be a reflection of the lack of families within the church with secondary school age children.

We have continued to meet on Sunday mornings and spend the first half hour with the senior Youth Group, with the remainder of the time spent in some form of lesson or study. A variety of material has been used including the new Christian Education curriculum and this has enabled a balance to be maintained in presentation.

It has again been the leaders' intention to provide for both the spiritual and social areas of the young peoples' lives in an effort to present a balanced christian life to them. We have therefore met together on Saturdays and have enjoyed a range of activities including horse riding, movies, ten-pin bowling, and sharing meals together. We have continued to attend the monthly Youth for Christ rallies.

Our annual camp was again held at Forest Lakes Homestead over the weekend of 24/25 April and provided a valuable time of fellowship for 25 to 30 young people. While our association with the Roseneath Bible Class has not been on such a formalised basis this year, a number of their young people attended the camp with us. The guest speakers at the camp were 2 youth group members, Messrs Murray Broom and Peter Aranyi, both of whom provided challenging messages and to whom we express our thanks.

As we look back over the last 12 months, it is with a sense of gratitude to our God as we see young lives maturing in their Christian faith and we look forward to another rewarding year.

R.W. and D.M. ANDERSON,  
A.G. MARSH

### JUNIOR CHURCH

This year we commenced our programme with all the classes meeting with parents for a time of worship. We enjoyed sharing together and the teachers hope to make it a regular feature of the teaching programme.

There are 10 children on the roll, and we hold 2 classes on a Sunday morning, a junior class (5 - 8 years), and senior (9 - 12 years).

Curriculum materials being used come from the Scripture Union and Living Faith books. Both series are proving beneficial.

Present staff are Junior: Mrs C. Ferrier  
Senior: Mr A. Dunn

We are grateful for the assistance during the year of Julie Baird, Lorraine Bartlett and Alison Childs. Members of the congregation are asked to consider seriously sharing in the task of christian education in our Sunday School. As a church let us pray for the children He has entrusted to us.

ANDREW DUNN

BOYS' BRIGADECOMPANY SECTION:

The company section continues to grow in strength of leadership and numbers. The company roll now stands at 30 boys and 6 leaders. Our leaders are Nick Dangerfield (Captain), Graeme Mahoney and Gofdon Rutherford (Lieutenants), Jonathan Adams, Ian Hamilton, and Charles Anson (Assistant leaders).

The company draws boys mainly from the inner city area and assists them with the providing of uniforms etc. The financial support from the loving congregation of St. Johns is very much appreciated as this allows for the ongoing work of the Brigade.

The Brigade operates a four sided programme; spiritual, physical, social and education from which we try to further the object which is "The advancement of Christ's Kingdom among boys and the promotion of habits of obedience, discipline and reverence and all that leads to true christian manliness".

I greatly appreciate the work from the leadership team and also those who from the church have given us help in specialist areas; Alford Dornan and Bill Nisbett (Drill), Alison Dangerfield (model making), David Turner (Seamanship), Kathy Gannon (leatherwork), Agnes McCracker (cane work).

We are looking forward to another successful year next year and with your continued support a growth in this outreach work of the church.

NICK DANGERFIELD,  
Captain.

TEAM SECTION:

Boys: There are 37 of them - "They come in assorted sizes, weights and colours, but they all have the same creed: to enjoy every second of every minute of every hour of every day". That is very evident when visiting the 2nd Wellington and although they may appear to be noisy, it is an organised noise, stemming from enthusiasm. They are keen and lively, better at things physical rather than mental. This is evident by the winning of the Battalian Soccer Competition for the 4th successive year in September 1981.

Leadership: We continue to have the assistance of Meredith Etuata, Peter Hazelwood and Arthur Carter, and this year we have added Jacquie Shatford and Craig Dawson.

Activities: The weekly meetings consist of badge work based on Luke 2, verse 52, physical activities, music, games and handcrafts. The Boys are naturally musical and successfully performed "The Music Machine" at the end of the 1981 session.

Accommodation: Whilst the new hall is being built the Team Section has transferred itself over the road to St. Peter's church hall. Although the hall is not as big as what we have been used to there are advantages in that the siderooms for classwork are on the same floor and there is the savings of time between classes. The disadvantages are that there is not enough room for some games and no matter how often the floor is swept and washed it is always dirty. This doesn't do much for the boys' navy-blue pants and shirts.

B.B. Sunday School: In 1981 there was an average attendance of 20 Boys and this year it is 12. The class is more manageable with the lesser numbers and progress is being made.

Finance: We continue to supply the B.B. uniform to all Boys free of charge, at a cost of around \$50 per Boy. This could not be done without the generosity of some of the St. John's folk and appreciation to them is recorded.

Future: 1983 will be a great year for the B.B. as it is it is 100 years old then. There will be celebrations in all countries which have B.B. New Zealand is starting with an international camp on 28 December which will be attended by two Team Section Officers. We are proud to be part of this great Movement which has stood the test for all these years and which still stands since its inception, on the two pillars of religion and discipline.

HARRIET JOHNSTON  
Lieutenant-in-Charge

#### ANCHOR BOYS:

These are the little fellows, and there are 12 on the Roll with an average attendance of about 8.

The Boys have a variety of backgrounds, and many come from broken homes. The way they see things is like an eyeopener. At first they are very rough and ready, but gradually weld into a cohesive unit.

They meet for 1 hour on Monday afternoon, play games and make craft items. A little bribery in the way of sweets does a lot to maintain order. In this work the leader, Janie Pack, is now assisted by Margaret Arnold.

#### GIRLS' BRIGADE

##### SENIORS:

After a shaky start at the beginning of the year, when we had only 4 girls on the roll, the Senior Brigade has shown real growth, and is now well-established. We have now 9 girls on the roll and attending our Friday night programme. We do a variety of activities both for fun and towards badgework, and the girls have made steady progress. We have been most pleased that the increase in leaders in the Junior Section has released our Captain, Mrs Deborah Adams, for more involvement in the Senior Brigade, and that the addition of Miss Kristin Hammerick to the team has enabled us to do more wide-ranging activities. Mrs Adams deserves thanks for running both sections of the Brigade for almost all of the first year. We are thankful however that this has now been changed, as running two programmes in a week for lively girls such as we attract, was certainly a difficult task. The additional leaders provide a more satisfactory situation from which we hope we can extend our activities.

A working bee by the women of the Church meant that most of the girls in both Sections of the Brigade are now in uniform. We wish to thank the ladies very much as their efforts substantially reduced the cost of outfitting our girls. We have found, as the Boys' Brigade have before us, that we cannot charge the families in this area the \$25 it costs to provide a uniform and so we have had to provide uniforms for hire to the parents. We wish to thank the Church for funding these uniforms, and for the other many donations we have received. We will be running a "Brigade Week" fund raising programme in the second week of September to raise funds for the anticipated increase in numbers at the beginning of the new year.

We have been most grateful for the many expressions of support we have received during the year. We appreciate your prayers greatly, as we are as yet only feeling our way in our programme. In a very real sense the leaders are learning as much as the girls the true meaning of the Girls' Brigade motto - "Seek, Serve, and Follow Christ".

For the Senior Brigade, M.M. ARNOLD

JUNIORS:

After almost a year in operation, the Junior Brigade is steadily progressing towards making the contribution to the outreach of the Church for which the Team Section of the Boys' Brigade has been noted. We have 14 girls on our roll, with an average weekly attendance of 10. The girls have shown a great improvement in their 'brigade behaviour' in recent months and they now appear clean and tidy in their uniforms and have a fall-in ceremony which would not disgrace a more established Brigade. They have also shown diligence in their activities and most will have finished sufficient work to be awarded their first badge at the Church Parade at the end of the year. As with the Boys' Brigade, we have a set programme of spiritual, social, educational, and physical activities which the girls must complete with adequate proficiency before they gain an award. The standard is such that those girls who do pass have a right to be proud of themselves.

At mid-year we had a change in leadership, with Miss Margaret Arnold becoming the Lieutenant-in-charge of the Junior Section. Since then we have recruited a number of helpers, whose assistance is most gratefully appreciated. The leadership is now as follows:

Lieutenant in Charge; Miss Margaret Arnold  
 Helpers: Miss Ruth Munro, Miss Christine McCay, Miss Fiona Lister, and Miss Melanie Martin.

In the following few months we will be undertaking leadership training programmes etc. and we hope that the new year will find us a well-trained and well-organised team that will enable us to expand our numbers substantially.

We wish to thank the congregation for its support of the Junior Brigade, especially those ladies who helped us with our knitting project and those many people who have donated paper, cardboard, wool, needles and many other useful things. It always takes time to establish youth work in an area, and we are pleased with the progress we have made even if our numbers are still small. Your continued prayers and other support will no doubt help us grow.

M. M. ARNOLD

ASSOCIATION OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Linking Committee, which comprises representatives of all the women's groups in the Church, have arranged various functions, some of which were:-

Congregation dinner and social on 8th August  
 Providing afternoon tea and hospitality for the Turakina girls' visit to Wellington  
 Christmas functions, being a barbecue and Family Tea and Carols  
 Easter Mediation followed by lunch  
 A Jumble Sale in November, and catering for St. Giles' 75th Anniversary in April (These 2 functions raised over \$2,000 for the Hall Building Fund).  
 Sewing uniforms for the Girls' Brigade.

Every second Saturday, afternoon tea and entertainment is provided for "Saturday at Two".  
 Breakfasts were provided after early morning Communion services, and there were several after-church lunches during the year. Home Hospitality is also extended through the Linking Committee for visitors after morning service.  
 The flowers in the Church are arranged each week by the ladies on the Flower Roster (Conveners Mrs Noyle Brown and Mrs Doreen Woods).  
 The APW Conference was held in Dunedin in April and Mrs Steedman represented St. John's. Mrs Jan Veitch and Mrs Lauris Shaw have been elected to the National Executive of the APW which is now based in Wellington Presbyterian for the next 3 years.

PSSA: Sincere appreciation goes to the wonderful band of voluntary workers who give so faithfully of their energy and time to maintain the Opportunity Shop, to those who sell, and those who sew on the buttons, do the mending, the packing, and the unpacking and all the behind-the-scenes jobs that enable the Opportunity Shop to function. The shop serves a deep need in the community at the present time, as does the Lounge, which staffed too by voluntary and willing workers, provides a haven for many people in the inner-city area. To all of these workers, we extend our deepest thanks.

Missions: The APW administers several schemes which involve many in the congregation. Examples of how worthwhile these schemes are can be seen in the following:

Sale of Tea Coupons	\$14.95	(Convener Miss I. Greig)
Sale of Used Stamps	275.22	" Mrs M. Allan
Mission Birthday Gift	584.70	" Miss MacKenzie
Mission Boxes	174.83	" Mrs B. Harris

All the money raised by these schemes goes to the total mission of the Church. Each scheme requires organisation and effort and we are grateful to the ladies who use their talents in this way.

The APW projects for the year were Bicycles for Indian children and reprinting of the Maori Service Book, and we were able to give \$100 towards these.

Our associated EAGU group in Vanuatu has not yet replied to letters but we knew this was a possibility when we agreed to be associated. Many thanks to those who have taken the trouble to write. Further volunteers are always welcome and all that is required is a chatty letter giving church and family news.

In mid 1961 members of the congregation contributed generously to a fund for an Indonesian pastor who was ill. Money given was used to bring her heart/blood condition under control and she and her husband have expressed grateful thanks to all who helped make that possible. 'Mission' is a word which can have many meanings and this report shows just a few of the ways APW members are involved. Each effort may be small; when combined they represent the ongoing work of the church in response to Christ's call to service through love and care.

J. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

#### EVENING GUILD

We are pleased to report that attempts to recruit younger members into the Guild have been successful. Fellowship has been strong and a happy group of women have enjoyed a varied and interesting year's programme. Devotions are taken by a different group each meeting

who also organist and serve the supper. Each group is headed by a committee member whose responsibility it is to keep in touch with her group and inform them of forthcoming meetings.

A very successful gate stall raised a total of \$285.65. During the year we were sorry to receive the resignation from the committee of Noeline Johnson, nevertheless she is to remain a member of the Guild and we take this opportunity of thanking her for her valued support.

We would like to thank our Minister for his continued support and interest, and to all who have helped to make this a successful and worthwhile year.

GAIL STEVENS,  
Secretary.

#### AFTERNOON GUILD.

From a roll of 34 active members there has been an average attendance of 22 members.

We wish to thank the Rev. and Mrs Steedman for their continued help and support to our group, and wish them well in Mr. Steedman's forthcoming role as Moderator.

We would add our thanks to Mrs Em Thomson for her time as President, but all very sorry that she had to relinquish it owing to illness, as she is such a loyal and outgoing person.

To all conveners we would say thank you for your work throughout the year.

It is with sadness we record the death of Mrs Isobel McArthur, a member who had served the church faithfully over many years. She will be sadly missed.

We thank all who have led our devotions, giving time and thought to this important part of our meeting. Our programmes have been varied and full of interest and activity.

L. REEVES

## I N M E M O R I A M

Sir Alexander Gillies

Sir Arthur Harper

Lilian Martha Jennings

Isabel McArthur

Helen Mackay

Elizabeth Mabel Nicholson

Mavis Marjorie Petrie

Clive William Wallis

## 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., B.A.	1957-1968
Rev. D.T.W. Kinloch,	1968-1975
Rev. D.M. Steedman, 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

### DEACONESSES:

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,	9 May	1884
Sunday School building opened (Dixon Street)	November	1884
Present Church opened (accommodation 900)	6 December	1885
Young Men's Bible Class Room opened		1896
Extension to Sunday School building (McDonald Cres.)		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
Cottage moved to Dixon Street frontage		1982
Sunday School building demolished for 'recycling'		1982

### 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	1942
Sunday School 100th Anniversary, November	1953

Centennial Jubilee of Church, November	1953
Seventy-fifth Anniversary of present Church, 3-5 Dec.	1960
Y.M.B.C. Seventy-fifth Jubilee, July	1964
125th Celebrations of Church, November	1978

#### SPECIAL 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 window at south end dedicated to the memory of St. John's B.C. men who fell in the 1914-18 War, given by the Hon J.G.W. Aitken	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 Churches in NZ)	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 Organ rebuilt	1975

#### CHURCH NEWSPAPERS:

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

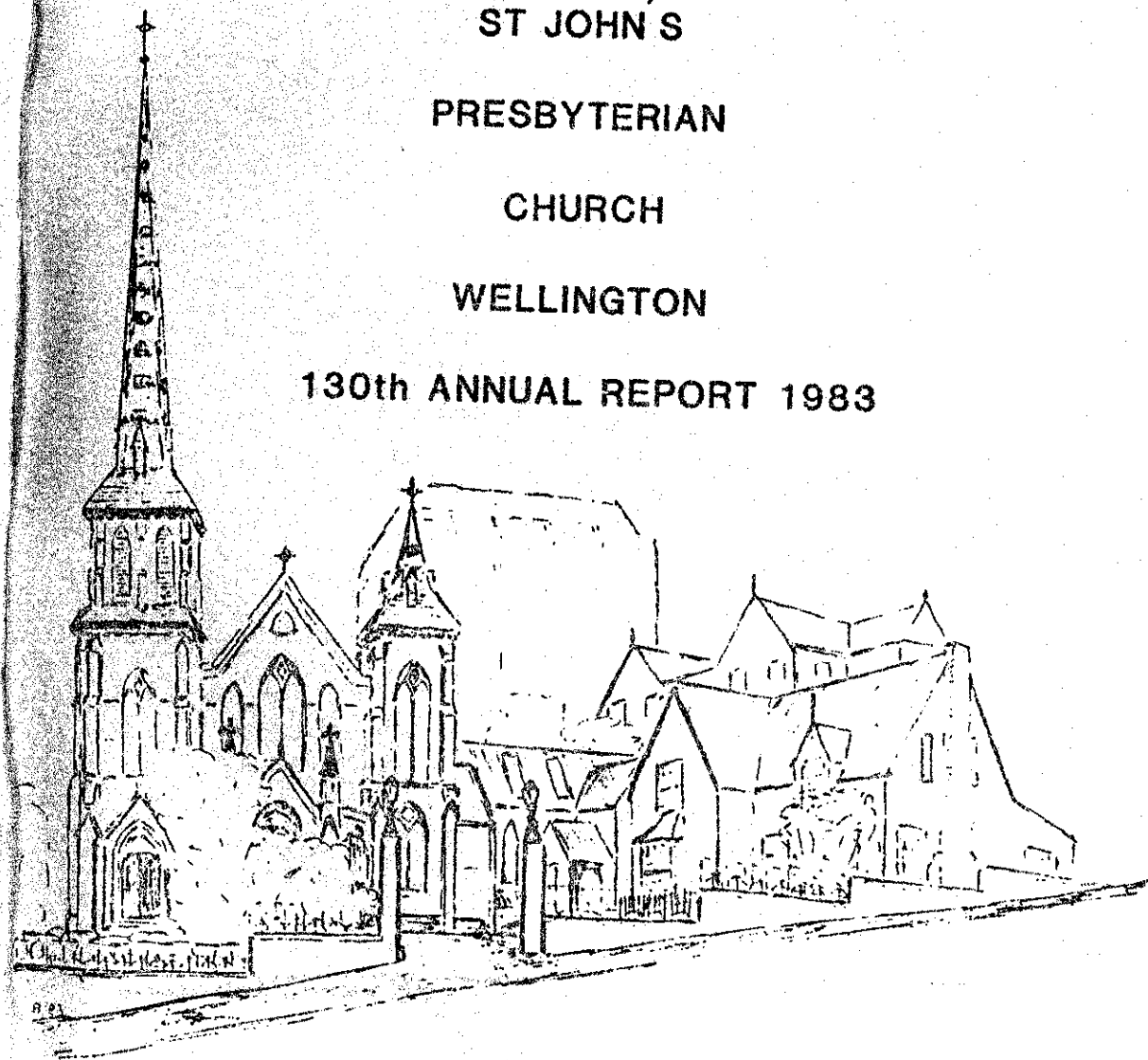
#### PUBLICATIONS:

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



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**CHURCH DIRECTORY**

<u>Minister:</u>	The Rt. Rev. David M. Steedman, M.A. B.D., 2 Kelburn Parade, 5	728.294
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<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, 94 Volga Street, 5	838.911
<u>Finance Convener:</u>	Mrs Mary Mortimer, 55 Madras Street, 4	797.023
<u>Organist and Choirmaster:</u>	Mr Raymond Wilderspin, 30 Baron Road, 5	755.144

**KIRK SESSION**

		Inducted
Fowler, R.B.	48 Homewood Avenue, 5	16 July 1933
Smith, H.B.	25 Malden Vale Road, 3	1941
Woods, N.S.	38 Harrison Street, 2	1950
Marshall, Sir John	22 Fitzroy Street, 1	1950
Dorman, Alford	65 Trellisnick Crescent, 4	1960
McLellan, D.	20 Apuka Street, 2	1962
Thomson, J.A.	89 Dixon Street Flats, 1	1965
Shiels, A.Y.	19 Ferrisill Terrace, 1	1965
Robertson, H.G.	169 Karori Road, 5	1968
Hunt, John	24 Krull Street, 5	1968
Mrs N. Owen John	35 Phillip Street, 4	1970
Miss E.M. Brodie	98 Duncan Terrace Flats, 3	1972
Gilmour, R.H.	14 Norwich Street, 1	1972
Mrs M.M.M. Mortimer	55 Madras Street, 4	1972
Mrs M.M. Piper	31 Ridgill Street, 2	1972
Ferrier, R.J.	57 Wadestown Road, 1	1974
Aickin, K.B.	20 Manuka Street, 3	1974
Darroch, Alan	50 Sefton Street, 1	1975
Mrs B. Harris	29 Mortimer Terrace, 2	1978
Jaquetry, Errol	'Kilmara', Main Road, Makara	1978
Stanley, Major Gordon	14 Glen Alton Avenue, 4	1978
Brown, Mrs N.	27 Breckhaven Road, 3	1979
Lloyd, R.T.	2 Stormont Place, 2	1979
Stewart, Charles F.	117 Messines Road, 5	1979
Wright, N.P.	Homedale Schoolhouse, Wairuaomata	1979
Leggat, H.C.	9 Pitt Street, 1	1979
Aitken, Peter	137 Barnard Street, 1	1980
McCay, Robert D.	26 Robieson Street, 3	1980
King, Mrs M.	5 Vennell Street, 2	1980
Anderson, Robert W.	137 The Ridgeway, 2	1980
Mills, Major R.G.	78 Oban Street, 1	1981
Drees, Graham H.	22 Thurman Street, 5	1981
West, John K.	98 Upland Road, 5	1981
Dangerfield, Nick	101A Walpapa Road, 3	1981
Dunn, Andrew	4/70 Hataitai Road, 3	1981
Galt, David	64b Pembroke Road, 5	1981
Marsh, A. G.	57 Beauchamp Street, 5	1981
West, Ian F.	90 Melbourne Road, 2	1981
Longstaff, Mrs M.	43 Ralfour Street, 2	1983
Galt, Miss Ailsa	13 Williamson Way, 5	1983
Hollister-Jones, G.	137 Kelburn Parade, 5	1983

# BOARD OF MANAGERS

Mr Richard Brader	Mr Gerry Janes
Mr John Buchanan	Miss Margaret Krebs
Mr Alexander Burton	Mr Sandy Lawson
Dr David Burton	Mr Malcolm Leitch
Mr Bill Clarke	Mr Trevor McDonald
Mrs Alison Dangerfield	Mr Graham Mahoney
Mr Cecil Duff	Mr Allan Marshall
Mrs Joan Dunn	Mr John Marshall
Mr Arthur Elliott	Mr Gordon Rutherford
Mrs Margaret Galt	Mr Tom Shanks
Mr Allan Gibb	Mr Don Shaw
Mr Paul Haggett	Mr Gavin Sutherland
Mr Michael Horvat	Mrs Kath Sutherland
Mr Brad Imlie	Mr David Turner

## COMMITTEES

Session Clerk and Clerk of the Board are ex-officio members of all committees

<u>FINANCE</u>	Mrs M. Mortimer (Convener), R. Brader, D. Galt, J. Hunt, D. Turner, and Mrs M. King	
<u>PROPERTY</u>	A. Elliott (Convener), J. Hunt, I. West, N.S. Woods	
<u>NEW BUILDING</u>	J.L. Marshall (Convener), Messdames A. Dangerfield, M. Mortimer, B. Robertson, Messrs H. Dangerfield, J. Hunt, N. Pryor, R. Spencer, N.S. Woods	
<u>ENVELOPE</u>	Paul Haggett, 95 Central Park Flats	859.194
<u>SECRETARIES</u>	Gordon Stanley, 14 Glen Alton Ave.	784.548
<u>ROLLS:</u>	Mrs Betty Robertson, 169 Karori Road	768.118
<u>LETTING OF ROOMS</u>	Mrs Carolyn Ferrier, 57 Wadestown Road	721.985
<u>ORGAN</u>	Mrs Mortimer (Convener), Mrs M. Hunt, Messrs M. Leitch and R. Wilderspin	
<u>TROUP HOUSE</u>	The Minister (Convener), Mrs B. Robertson (Sec.), Sir John Marshall, Miss A. Salt, Messrs E. Jaquiere, G. Sutherland (Treasurer), N.S. Woods, G. Janes	
<u>"SATURDAY AT TWO"</u>	Miss Ros Stewart, 20 Mitchell Street	847.278
<u>WEEKLY INTIMATIONS AND DUPLICATING:</u>	Mrs R.B. Fowler, 48 Homewood Ave., 5	768.187
<u>CHURCH FLOWERS:</u>	Mrs Noyle Brown, 27 Reclhaven Road	886.180
	Mrs Doreen Woods, 38 Harrison Street	845.351
<u>"MESSENGER"</u>	Editor: Mr Errol Jaquiere, Kilmara, Main Road, Makara	767.537

## JUNIOR CHURCH

Mr Andrew Dunn,  
4/70 Hataitai Road, 3 861.307

## YOUTH GROUPS

(Sunday 9.45 a.m.)

### Bible Class

Robert and Dayle Anderson,  
137 The Ridgeway, 2 897.586

### Youth Group

Co-ordinator:  
David Turner, 67 Overtoun Tce. 862.192

## CRADLE ROLL

(Also Sunday Creche)

Mrs Marion Longstaff 896.516

## BOYS' BRIGADE

### Company:

(Thurs. evening)

Mr Nick Dangerfield,  
101A Waipapa Road, 3 861.153

### Team Section:

(Mon. evening)

Miss Harriet Johnston  
213 The Terrace, 1 722.774

### Anchor Boys:

(Mon. afternoon)

Miss Jane Pack,  
11 Woodmancote Road, 4 796.584

## GIRLS' BRIGADE

(Tues. afternoon  
and evening)

Mrs Margaret Galt,  
64b Pembroke Road, 5 758.358

## ASSOCIATION OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:

Linking Committee  
Secretary

Miss J. Williams,  
4/83 Garden Road, 5 757.678

### Women's Assn.

#### Shared Pres.

Meets 4th Tuesday, 11 a.m.  
Mrs M. Mortimer 797.023  
Mrs B. Robertson 769.118

### Secretary:

Miss J. Williams  
4/83 Garden Road, 5 757.678

### Evening Guild:

#### President:

#### Secretary:

Meets 3rd Monday, 7.30 p.m.  
Mrs M. Longstaff 896.516  
Mrs G. Stevens,  
57 Wilberforce Street, 3 882.952

## "FORUM"

Discussion group:  
Miss Ros Stewart 847.278

## SESSION

DEAR FRIENDS AT ST JOHNS

Greetings to you all with the annual reports. The big moment for me this year was the opening of the new hall. What a fine building - I hope it's all you hoped it would be. The comment that pleased me most at the opening was that we have a warm building in the sense that people felt at home in it. It's a good congregational effort - thanks to everyone for making it so.

How splendid the cottage now is after the skills of so many people have restored it to something of its former glory! It will really look fine when completely restored - due in large measure to the voluntary efforts of a few people who have kept on in a long job. We are very grateful.

The recycling of the hall has been a very interesting exercise. It needed an architect with imagination, a builder with courage to do something unusual and a congregation prepared to back it. Because we had all these we now have a grand new hall which has kept the feel of the old. I want to say how much we enjoyed having Mr Peter Delaney around while he was completing the hall. He made many friends over the period the hall was being built.

I think we learned from the hall that you can do anything if you want it enough. But it's never easy. Elaine and I were at Methven over Easter and saw the High School entrance gates on the Main Street. The motto is the motto of the airforce - Per ardua ad astra (Through toil to the stars) I was told that some Samoans in a school in the North Island had given a simple translation - no climb, no coconuts. How true! Put some effort in and we get results.

God help us to keep doing that, not just in buildings, but in the use we make of the new hall, and in all we seek to do for the Kingdom of God at St Johns.

God Bless you all

Yours

David Steedman

Session is mindful that the life and work of the church relies on the fullest participation of its members. The reports of the various committees and groups recorded in this 130th Annual Report are an indication that very many people are working in a wide variety of ways within the church and in the community.

In our historical notes we record a very special event - our minister, David Steedman, was installed as Moderator, at the General Assembly held in Auckland in November 1982. The Moderator in his address to the Assembly reminded the people that God is in our midst to renew the Church and that vital living is rooted in prayer. David and Elaine have undertaken a very strenuous programme visiting many parishes throughout New Zealand, and they also attended the opening of the new obstetrics and gynaecology block at Ludhiana in India. On the return journey they were able to visit partner churches in Singapore and Vanuatu and meet some wonderful people.

Our Honorary Assistant Jim Veitch and Jan have been very supportive to the life of the congregation, and we were delighted that Jim was chosen to be one of the N.Z. delegates to the World Council of Churches Assembly to be held in Vancouver in August.

The Rev. W.P. Temple happily accepted the invitation to return to St. John's for the months the Steedmans would be away, and both Jean and Bill slipped easily into the life in and around St. John's - from their first weekend with us they immediately became family and we are grateful for the opportunity to have them share their ministry with us.

Much of the activity of the congregation, however, centred on the completion of the new church hall recycled imaginatively from timbers of the old Sunday School building. Despite atrocious weather conditions, it was a very happy and historic occasion to have the new hall officially opened on 22nd May by the Moderator, the Rt. Rev. D.M. Steedman. Miss Helen Clyde and Miss Dorothy Chappell who both have had 75 years of continuous communicant membership were able to assist in the opening celebrations.

Spinks Cottage is still being restored, and when completed we will have the necessary buildings and plant for an even greater involvement in and outreach of caring concern for the community around us.

With 20 additions and 24 disjunctions or removal by death our communicant roll, apart from adherents, records 307 members. To all who have left our fellowship, we extend our thanks for their contribution and best wishes for the future.

We regret that we have lost the services of several Elders and we sincerely thank them for their considerable help. Mr Johnathan Adam resigned, and Leave of Absence has been granted to Jim Thomson because of continued ill health, to Mrs Marilyn King for pressure of family care, and to Campbell Leggatt who is still working overseas. Mrs Marion Longstaff, Miss Ailsa Salt, and Mr Gregory Hollister-Jones have been ordained and we welcome these new Elders.

Visiting Preachers and Special Services: On 11 occasions we had visitors to fill the Pulpit. The Wellington Baptist Assn. held their Centennial Service in St John's and the Rev. Raymond Brown, Principal of Spurgeons College, London, was the guest preacher. Special services were arranged for Scots and Queen Margaret Colleges Founders Day, Girls' Brigade Queen's Badge holders, Combined YMCA/YWCA members, Combined Scottish Societies, Palm Sunday Festival of Music, University Christian Union, Spring Flower Sunday, Harvest Festival, and on Good Friday Central Baptist members worshipped with us. Our Elders Mrs N. Owen John and Mr E. Jaquier also conducted services. Five early morning Communion Services followed by breakfast were held.

"Happenings": At informal gatherings considerable interest and discussion followed talks given by Dr. David Stone, Director of Volunteer Service "To Life or to Die?", and Professor Lloyd Geering "Why a Moderator?".

Neighbouring Churches: Our Ministers conducted two services at St. Andrews-on-the-Terrace while their minister was overseas, and Mr Steedman also preached at St. James' Centennial Service. Tahaka Church has had a long vacancy and Dr. Veitch spent several weeks there during December and January assisting the parish, and Mr Ron Mills also assisted for two weeks.

Students for the Ministry: Messrs Ron Mills, Don Shaw, and Gordon Rutherford have indicated their desire to enter full time service in the Ministry of our Church. Session has supported their applications and commends them to the congregation. Dugald Wilson, a former member, is now in his second year of study at Knox College.

New Hymn Book: The proposal to purchase the new hymn book "With One Voice" has been deferred in the meantime.

Church Records: To lessen the risk of loss, all the old church records have been deposited with the Turnbull Library. Arrangements can be made for members to inspect any particular record.

Food Parcels: We are now operating a pantry to help local people who are experiencing difficult times. Non-perishable food items are being placed in a box in the vestibule each Sunday, and we are working closely with the Inner City Ministry and our Brigades in this outreach.

Commitment: In March, members were challenged to renewal and recommitment by Mr Godfrey Bowen of Levin. The response to a brochure on commitment was disappointing, and it was agreed to prepare, after consultation with the Minister, a suitable leaflet to place in the pews for members and visitors.

A number of families have suffered sadness and bereavement and we ask that these be upheld in prayer as we remember them in friendship and sympathy.

We record with appreciation the contribution of our faithful Choir, under the leadership of Raymond Wilderspin. Our worship is greatly enriched by the many musical talents shared by instrumentalists and singers.

Mention should be made too that Mrs Mary Mortimer, our Finance Convener, has had a very heavy work load with extra responsibilities with the building programme. Mrs Anwyl Fowler continues to prepare the weekly intimations and Mr Errol Jaquier edits and arranges the publication of the 'Messenger'.

We are grateful for what our membership in the life of St. John's means for each one of us personally, and we pray for the courage to respond to the opportunities and challenges which the coming year will lay upon us.

GEORGE ROBERTSON, Session Clerk.



CH O I R

Choir activities these last 12 months have followed a similar pattern to previous years, all enjoyable occasions that give us so much pleasure that we don't tire of repeating them. One thing we would prefer not to repeat, however, is "singing in the rain" - last year's Carols to Shutins certainly dampened hair and clothes even it didn't our voices and spirits. Swimming weather at Te Horo was much more appreciated.

We have been through one rather nerve racking time this year - waiting for the arrival of Mills Minor. As honorary aunts and uncles we were delighted with his eventual safe arrival and congratulate his proud parents. Other happy occasions have been the engagements of Glenda and Grant, Helen and Alan, Cheryl and Tim, and were pleased to sing at Glenda and Grant's wedding. We wish them all blessed and rewarding years together.

Two of the Choir's Honorary Members took a leading role in the opening of our recycled hall. Miss Chappell opened the doors, while Miss Clyde unveiled the commemorative plaque. We congratulate them and give thanks for their years of service to St. John's and their continued interest in the Choir. When we sang carols at Miss Clyde's we were able to sing for her the children's carol she wrote the words for.

The organist and choir can make a special contribution to the worship of a congregation and we know that Ray certainly does that, as Catherine Hollister-Jones so warmly reminds us. As well as the regular service in worship it has been gratifying for the Choir to be asked to provide special music for the June Communion Service and to contribute to the services led by Youth Group members.

We do indeed have many good friends in the congregation who encourage and thank us for our contribution to worship - we appreciate that support very much. My thanks to all the choir for the help you have given me during the year, with special thanks to our secretary, Helen, our treasurer, David, our Librarian and Sustenance Lady, Mary, and our wardrobe people Margaret and Gordon.

(Choir continued)

Finally our special thanks to Ray, for what we achieve is mainly due to his perserverance and encouragement, sometimes in the fact of daunting odds. We look forward to another rewarding year under his leadership as we share in the fellowship of worship and music at St. John's.

AILSA SALT, Chairman.

SAINTS AND SINGERS.

The Saints and Singers have had an enjoyable year although for the last six months, Elaine Steedman, our leader, has been away from Wellington. Our theme this year has been to teach new congregational songs and much of what we have sung has been recently written by New Zealand composers.

As a part of Sunday worship we hope to contribute a new song on the theme of each morning service. Anyone can join in this which we give as a small offering to God.

ALISON DANGERFIELD

SATURDAY AT TWO

There have been very happy and successful programmes this year. We have had a regular attendance of approximately 30 elderly folk each fortnight.

We thank Sue Bateup and her helpers who led the programme for the first half of the year, and also Mr Temple who has, with a ministry of song, continued Mr Steedman's 'thought for the week'.

The entertainment continues to be stimulating, amusing, and also relaxing.

Thanks to the various talents from all of St John's groups.

ROS STEWART



CRADLE ROLL.

36 babies and small children are currently in our care. During the past year we have welcomed 9 new arrivals. Was Cradle Roll history made with the arrival at . . . Wellington Women's Hospital on February 1st, 2nd, and 3rd respectively, of Penelope Laurenson, Julia McCarthy, and Clementine Marshall?

A willing band of helpers assist in the creche during the Sunday morning services. We thank them and trust they enjoy fellowship with other helpers, and the time spent with the little ones.

The hall building programme has imposed some restrictions on morning creche activities, with the Troup House Lounge at times quite crowded with the adult helpers and 14 or 15 busy, mobile children.

With the completion of the new Fellowship Room, we plan to provide activities to prepare the older children for the youngest Junior Church class, and to use the facilities more regularly again for our monthly gatherings.

Members of the group have worked steadily in fund raising for the new hall joining wholeheartedly in the Market Day efforts, the September Garage Sale, and making a significant contribution from their own special project - the creation and sale of books - "Quick 'n' Easy Healthy Recipes".

Highlights of the year have been our Easter Study led by the Rev. Temple, and our October Party.

Our sincere thanks to all who have helped and encouraged our group during the past year.

We look forward to the coming year - sharing in fellowship, and in our congregation's worship and service.

MARION LONGSTAFF, Convener

JUNIOR CHURCH

Our little group has grown considerably this year, with a welcome addition of Girls Brigade members. Mrs Ferrier and Mr Dunn continue to lead the two classes with ages ranging from 6 years through 11 years.

We are enjoying the new hall facilities and find it more satisfying to have smaller and cozier rooms. With the interest of new children plus wide age range it is essential that extra teaching staff are found now so that all levels are catered for adequately. How about you?

We enjoyed a worship session with the Cradle Roll folk one morning and a mid-winter treat at McDonald's too.

ANDREW DUNN

FORUM

Forum has started again and will be held fortnightly on Friday nights over a relaxed supper. We have a curriculum of topics to discuss - starting with Moral Education in Schools, and moving to a Christian's role in Nuclear Power and World Peace. We hope for a practical result from these discussions for the good of the community.

ROS STEWART

PRAYER and STUDY GROUPS

Throughout our wide Parish there are a number of house groups meeting regularly for prayer and study, and a strong caring fellowship flows from these groups.

A series of lunch hour prayer meetings commenced early in the year. These have been held mainly in a room at St. Andrews and their concern has been for the life and work of St. John's.

Mid-day bible studies have also been held in the Marshall Room led by Mr Temple.



BOARD OF MANAGERS

This past year has been one of intense activity and has resulted in lengthy meetings each month. The contribution of all Managers has been appreciated. Messrs Bill Clarke, Alan Gibb, Gerry James, and David Turner came on to the Board at the last annual meeting and have become fully involved in the work of the Board.

CHURCH HALL In the minutes of the August 1982 meeting the following entry appears "Progress on the 'new' hall is on schedule with the concrete foundations being almost completed". Now a year later we are using a building which not only has received a new lease of life, but also complements the other buildings around it. To John Marshall and his committee we extend our thanks and congratulations on a job so well done. We also owe Barry Spencer a thank you for introducing us to so able an architect as Allan Morse. Without his vision we would not have had such a pleasing outcome.

SPINNS COTTAGE With the resiting of the hall the Cottage was relocated and is currently undergoing a complete restoration. Many people have been extremely generous in giving freely of their time in assisting with the restoration and the Board extends its appreciation to you. To Ian McQueen, Tom Shanks, George Pauley, Bert Shiels, Bruce Welsh, Ailsa Salt, and Betty and George Robertson, in particular we are deeply indebted for the effort and time you have put in. To everyone who has in any way assisted with both the cottage and the hall the Board extends a thank you, your assistance has been greatly appreciated.

PAINTING All the buildings apart from the Church have been repainted over recent months. Through the efforts of John Hunt we have had labour supplied free by the City Council Works Skills programme. This has resulted in a considerable saving over the budgeted amount for painting and enabled us to get everything done at the one time. The results are very pleasing.

PA SYSTEM This continues to provide problems now and again and the Board is constantly monitoring the situation. The

speakers placed above the hymn boards will remain, but to eliminate all the dead spots in the church is too costly.

SECURITY The Board is in the final stages of reviewing overall security and anticipates having a security plan implemented shortly. Once arrangements have been finalised we will be contacting all groups and issuing keys.

ENVELOPE SYSTEM There are 206 members on the envelope system. During the year 12 people left and 13 people have joined. If you wish to join, please ring -

Paul Haggett, Tel. 859.194

We need more envelope subscribers..

FINANCES A credit balance of \$1,231.98 (\$1,500 less than last year) for the current year is a very creditable result after a year of tremendous activity on our financial front. All sorts of factors contribute towards this difference - we have put away \$3,000 towards the reroofing of the Church, which could need to be undertaken at any time; donations from use of the rooms are considerably lower as there have not been the rooms available due to the building; the Cottage rates have been shared by the general account and the rental account until the Cottage is receiving an income again; and the building programme has, naturally, caused extra general expense. On the other hand, maintenance of the Church, and Manse has been kept at a minimum - only necessary work being carried out. The new year holds challenges to be met - our lovely new hall demands extras in the way of cleaning, electricity, and equipment - but we hope for an increase in donations for its use to help cover these costs. New valuations for the total property have been received and objections lodged, but if our objections are not upheld we face huge increases on our rateable property. The present price freeze has been greatly to our advantage, especially with the building programme, and there will be no increase in ministers' salaries until the freeze is lifted.

So there are all sorts of unknowns, possibilities and challenges for the new financial year, and Managers are confident that St. John's members will meet all these challenges as they come. Thank you for your giving to the work of God's Kingdom in this Church.

BUILDING FINANCES It is difficult at this stage of our building operations to give you a final figure as there are still some extras to the contract. The painting is only just finished, and some accounts still to be received. There is much work to be done in the Cottage still, and even taking into account all the wonderful voluntary work there are massive bills.

We have been most fortunate in having a works skills painting team from the Wellington City Council who have painted the inside and outside of the hall and all the outside of the remaining parts of the complex (not the Church). We have had to pay only for the paint and scaffolding. The cost of painting the commercial block has been met from the Repaint Account, and how lovely it all looks.

The use of the 'vacant' land has still to be decided - unfortunately our idea of a car park is not practicable as we would then be charged full rates and the letting would not meet the rates bill.

A full financial statement will be given you when all building operations are completed.

GENERAL The Board extends its appreciation to all who assist in the upkeep and operation of the Church. Your work is noticed and we thank you for your efforts.

JOHN BUCHANAN,  
Clerk to the Board

# RENTAL ACCOUNT

## RECEIPTS:

Balance at Bank of New Zealand as at 1.7.82		318.19
Plus: Bank Interest	20.75	
Tenants' Rents	<u>5,281.43</u>	5,302.18
Overdrawn at Bank of New Zealand as at 30.6.83		331.72

## LESS PAYMENTS:

Cleaning	179.36	
Rates (including Cottage)	2,228.48	
Electricity (after deduction of refunds)	116.61	
Insurance	777.14	
Repairs	23.00	
BB & GB Rent	621.50	
Cheque Books	<u>6.00</u>	3,952.09
		2,000.00
Transfer to Rental account - PCNZ		2,000.00

## BALANCE:

## RENTAL ACCOUNT AT CHURCH OFFICE:

Balance 1.7.82		53,149.18
Plus: Interest	8,432.90	
Building Appeal	22,277.90	
Transfer from BNZ Account	<u>2,000.00</u>	32,710.80
		85,859.98
Less: Withdrawals to BNZ account (buying)		47,676.83
		<u>\$38,183.15</u>

TOTAL CASH BALANCE 30.6.83:

\$37,851.43

# RECEIPTS

Balance at Bank of New Zealand as at 1.7.82		2,768.61	
<b>CONGREGATIONAL GIVING:</b>			
Plate	10,117.50		
Envelope	48,138.26	58,252.76	
<b>DONATIONS:</b>			
Use of Rooms	264.00		
General	1,162.00		
Evening Guild	100.00		
Youth Group	200.00	1,462.00	
Organ	152.78		
Sprinklers	1,000.00		
Building Appeal	50,383.07		
Drive Repairs	10.00		
Gifts	693.30	52,241.02	58,907.02
<b>BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS:</b>			
Missions:			
Junior Church	6.28		
Afternoon Guild	1,100.00		
Evening Guild	41.00	1,147.28	
<b>PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND:</b>			
Benevolent Fund	40.00		
Insurance Claims	45.20		
Insurance Provision Account	3,412.51	3,499.71	
Sundry Trusts:			
Chairs	155.00		
McArthur Gifts	11,407.28		
Irvine Estate	2,260.56		
Refugees	441.56	21,264.70	
Repairs Account	2,388.45		
Rentals Account	47,676.83		
Election Estate	92,268.59		
Hall Rebuilding - Special	23,957.15		
Hall Rebuilding - General	54,888.49		
Blake Estate	63,666.30	306,110.51	
<b>OUTREACH:</b>			
NCC Christmas Appeal	1,283.00		
PSSA Harvest	128.99		
Lebanon Appeal	283.82		
H. Marshall	196.54		
Nigeria Appeal	20.00	1,912.35	
<b>INTEREST:</b>			
Bank of New Zealand	80.45		
Estate C.D. Locke	47.03		
Endowment Fund	3,300.00	3,427.48	
<b>GENERAL:</b>			
Outlook	163.50		
Car Stickers	7.50		
Police Fine	55.00		
WLC refund on shed	100.00		
Sale of Gas Stoves	40.00		
Balance Sunday School Trust	3.11	369.19	
		\$431,454.91	

# PAYMENTS

## STIPENDS:

D.H. Smedman:			
Salary	17,135.00		
Car Allowance - less			
Assembly allowance	3,813.57		
Expenses	676.00	20,624.97	
J.A. Valtch:			
Honorarium	249.95		
Expenses	1,000.00	1,249.95	
R.J. Wilderstein:			
Salary	572.04		
Expenses	468.00	1,040.04	
W.P. Tomlin:			
Salary and Expenses less			
Assembly allowance	698.89		
Organ Supply	150.00		
Accident Compensation Levy	130.00		
Beneficiary Fund Assessment	2,313.24		
Seniority Allowance	535.20	27,201.89	
<b>OUTREACH:</b>			
Budget Contributions	18,190.03		
NCC Christmas Appeal	1,283.00		
PSSA Harvest	128.99		
Gifts	1,048.30		
Chaplaincy Trust Board	75.00		
Lebanon Appeal	283.82		
H. Marshall	196.54		
Nigeria Appeal	20.00		
ICCM Refugee Appeal	50.00		
Refugee account	541.85	21,712.41	
<b>NEW HALL:</b>			
Architect	8,712.00		
Builder	249,094.00		
Paint	6,207.79		
Sundries	1,243.23		
Scaffolding	2,474.50		
Sprinklers	36,536.80	325,598.80	
<b>PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND:</b>			
Repairs account	3,600.00		
Insurance Provision	3,850.00		
Garage Account	3,600.00		
Building Appeal	50,383.07		
Sprinklers	1,068.00		
Organ account	200.00		
Sundry Trusts - Sir A. Gillies	500.00	62,203.07	
<b>PROPERTY:</b>			
Cleaning and rubbish	1,560.60		
Organ tuning	514.35		
Minor General Repairs	575.91		
Church General Repairs	287.99		
Rates	1,779.88		
Electricity	515.77		
Toilet Equipment	42.42		
Fire equipment servicing	15.70		
Insurance	3,753.46		
Gastebner Int. and repairs	272.30		
Projector	285.42	9,663.90	
<b>ADMINISTRATION:</b>			
House telephone and tolls	297.00		
Stationery and postage	773.21		
Advertising	1,458.74		
Outlook	104.30		
Bank charges	20.01		
Annual Report Expenses	7.80		
Messenger	273.60		
Presbytery Expenses	466.50		
APV fees	41.00		
Cradle Roll, Junior Church, Brigades	86.32		
Communion Wine	54.72		
Film	23.64		
Assembly Expenses	50.00		
Laprosy Fund (Insurance refund)	10.00		
Benevolent Fund	10.00	2,785.84	
<b>BALANCE AT BANK OF NEW ZEALAND:</b>		1,231.98	
		\$431,454.91	

TRUST ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 1983

	Balance	Interest	Receipts	Withdrawals	Balance
	<u>30.6.82</u>				
Benevolent	270.77	44.67		40.00	275.44
Centennial	549.98	90.75			640.73
Chairs	512.27	71.73		155.00	429.00
Hymn Books	1,791.71	313.90			2,105.61
Church Rebuilding	1,645.46	271.50			1,916.96
Hall Furnishing	2,654.17	503.94			3,158.11
Organ	1,196.32	197.39	200.00		1,593.71
B. Irvine Est.	9,238.63	21.93		9,260.56	-
I. McArthur Gt	11,271.09	136.19		11,407.28	-
W. Kraft Est.	261.17	43.09			304.26
125th Account	395.01	65.18			460.19
Insurance claims	39.72	6.55			46.27
Piano repairs	295.98	40.84			344.82
Camp balance	79.14	13.06			92.20
Refugees	379.28	62.58		441.86	-
Sir A. Gillies		27.50	500.00		527.50
S.S. Trusts		8.93	179.59	111.34	77.18
Herroof Account		289.02	3,600.00		3,889.02
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	30,580.70	2,216.75	4,479.59	21,416.04	15,861.00
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Hall Rebuilding:					
Special	22,003.15	1,949.00		23,957.15	-
General	21,670.05	4,112.47	29,105.17	54,880.49	-
Endowment	20,000.00	3,300.00		3,300.00	20,000.00
Lockie Estate	380.00	47.03		47.03	380.00
Repainting a/c	21,728.61	3,849.38	3,600.00	2,338.45	26,789.54
Blake Estate	61,664.53	2,001.77		63,666.30	-
Insurance prov.	142.50	271.01	3,000.00	3,413.51	-
Clachan Estate	86,754.00	5,409.80	338.74	92,512.54	-
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	\$264,939.34	\$23,157.21	\$40,523.50	\$265,589.51	\$63,030.54
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I report to members of St John's Church, Wellington, that I have examined the Church books of account and records for the year ended 30th June 1983, and that I have received all the information and explanations that I have required. In my view the General and Rental Receipts and Payments Accounts are a correct record of the transactions which have taken place during the year ended 30th June 1983, and the schedule of Trust and Special Accounts correctly records the balances held in these accounts as at the 30th June 1983. However in some cases it was not possible to verify cash receipts beyond what is shown in the books of account.

J.B. CRAVEN, A.C.A.  
AUDITOR

ASSOCIATION OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

All the women's organisations have had a busy year of service and have continued the task of uniting our women in fellowship. Many activities were planned, some of which were -

Christmas functions which included a Barbecue and a Family Tea

Lenten Communion Service followed by lunch

Fund raising for the new church hall -

catering for weddings, lunches etc.

congregational sale, gate stalls, and garage sales

A coffee and dessert evening at the Manse when \$103 was raised for Lebanon Relief.

Assistance with afternoon teas and entertainment is provided every fortnight for 'Saturday at Two'

Home Hospitality is arranged every Sunday for visitors after morning service

Beautiful flowers continue to be a feature of worship at St. John's and special thanks go to the Flower Conveners, Mrs Brown and Mrs Woods, and their roster of willing assistants.

The APW Regional Conference held in Wanganui in April was attended by Mrs Longstaff and Mrs MacKay.

P.S.S.A. Our representative, Mrs Betty Harris, reports that the Opportunity Shop continues to be a wonderful source of revenue for the PSSA. The Lounge recently moved to the premises of the old shop and is very comfortable. Thanks go to all helpers at both the Shop and the Lounge.

A contract has been accepted for the construction of Berhampore Home and should be in use early 1985.

Rev. Feata Hanipale has been appointed to undertake social work with the Pacific Islanders.

The PSSA bought the Blind Institute Hostel at Tawa and a new name for the Home is still to be selected.

We wish to thank Mrs Roberts who has resigned from representing St. John's on the Auxiliary for 18 years.

MISSIONS: The Mission Convener, Mrs Jan Veitch, reports -

In the past, women of St. John's have had a good record for interest in mission. In recent years this has mostly been due to the close relationships formed with our associate missionaries. However, the decision to be associated with a PWMU group in Vanuatu has changed this and it has been difficult to adjust to a situation where we can learn nothing of our associates and it is increasingly difficult to find people to write. Although I realise our friendship may be more meaningful to the group in Vanuatu, I wonder whether the time has come to request a second associate who would provide a more personal contact.

Our 2 projects of short duration are -

1. Four 2-way radios for outlying islands in Papua New Guinea
2. Renovations to a staff house in Niue to enable a New Zealand Pastor to live in the area where he works.

There will be a new Project which will be tied to the financial year and the National Executive are hopeful that this will be the first joint project with the Methodist Women's Fellowship.

Support to the Mission Budget has been through -

Sale of Tea Coupons	\$23.68	{ Convener Miss Greig
" " Used Stamps	235.25	{ " Miss Allan
Mission Birthday Gift	797.00	{ " Miss MacKenzie
Mission Boxes	175.84	{ " Mrs Harris

J. WILLIAMS,  
Secretary.

EVENING GUILD

Despite an effort to recruit younger members into the Guild, it is regretted that membership is continuing to decline. However, fellowship is strong and a real effort has been made to provide a programme suitable to all ages and interests -

- The art of cooking with yoghurt, and cake icing skills
- Rehabilitation programme of the National Society of Alcoholism and Drug Dependence
- Teaching in Vanuatu - A South Korean's impressions of life in New Zealand - a New Zealander living and working in an Australian industrial town
- Exciting and enlightening travels in India and Vanuatu (At this gathering a collection amounting to \$191.00 was sent to Margie Marshall to help with relief work in Thailand)
- A Christmas Pary
- Conference Highlights

The practice has continued of devotions being taken by a different group each month, the group also being responsible for supper arrangements at that meeting.

The unity of the committee is worthwhile commenting on as there is definitely a spirit of purpose and interest shown by all who serve on it. We are extremely sorry to receive the resignation from the committee of Agnes McCracken who has given us a continuous supply of ideas and enthusiasm for a wide variety of activities. However, she is to remain a member of Guild and we are certain we will continue to benefit further from her inspirations. We take this opportunity of saying a sincere thank you.

We would record our appreciation and grateful thanks to our past President Elaine Steedman for her terrific contribution to the Guild and we look forward to her continued support.

Our sincere and loving thanks to the Rev. and Mrs Temple for their interest and assistance. To the Rt. Rev. Steedman from us all at Evening Guild we extend our good wishes and thanks. In conclusion, we pray that God may guide us in the planning of our activities and enable us to glorify Him with our love and joy.

GAIL STEVENS, Secretary.

AFTERNOON GUILD(Now known as WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION)

The time of meeting varied, and members were asked to consider which suited them. It was unanimously agreed that the time of the meeting be changed to 11 a.m. followed by a "bring your own" lunch. It is hoped that this time will suit young mothers as well as all non-working folk.

It is with sadness that we record the death of one of our loved Life Members, Mrs Jean McKenzie, and also of Miss Turner, and to their relatives we express our sympathy. We wish to thank the Rt. Rev. and Mrs Steedman for their continued help and support and we wish them well during their travels visiting the Church in New Zealand. Our thanks also to the Rev. and Mrs. Temple for their interest and encouragement.

In February our President Mrs Reeves returned to the U.K. and we wish to record our grateful thanks for her leadership. Mrs Robertson and Mrs Mortimer agreed to take alternate meetings until a new President is elected.

We have taken our turn with afternoon tea at Saturday at Two, and we participated in the special Lenten Service led by Mr Temple and the Meditation given by Mrs Veitch. This was followed by lunch which proved to be a time of true fellowship.

Mrs Noyle Brown embroidered and designed a special stole which we wished to give to our Minister and this was presented to him at a morning worship service.

The programmes have been very varied and interesting, particularly the Roots Rally at the Manse. We prepared work for "Care and Craft", had a 95th Birthday Party (held at the home of Mr and Mrs Fowler), listened to speakers on the carding and spinning of wool, the work of the Parish Development and Mission Dept., Bible 600, and saw slides when Margie Marshall spoke of her work with the Red Cross team on the Thailand-Kampuchea border. We sent Christmas gifts to the staff and residents of Te Hapai Home, and the picnic day at Mrs Mortimer's home was a special highlight.

Women's work in the Church challenges us to widen our horizons and to widen our vision of mission.....

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION - AFTERNOON GUILDSTATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 1982/83Receipts:

Brought Fwd. 1,131.58  
Allocated at Annual Meeting 1982 -  
Mission Budget

800.00  
Boys' Brigade 25.00  
Team Section 50.00  
Anchor Boys 20.00  
Girls' Brigade 50.00  
Furnishing Fund 50.00  
A.P.W. - Houses at Vila 50.00

1,045.00

\$86.58

Mission Birthday Gift 878.00  
Mission Boxes 175.84  
Tea Coupons 23.68  
Sales Table and Collection 45.15  
Membership 25.00  
'Harvest Field' Subs. 114.00  
Donations 34.00  
Stole - Moderator 23.00  
New Building (catering) 1,400.88  
Stall at Gate 327.10  
P.O.S.B. Interest 17.87  
Used Stamps 235.25  
Leper Missions 150.00

\$3,536.35

M.M. Piper, Hon. Treasurer

Payments:

Subscriptions -  
Soc. for Promotion of Com. Stds. 10.00  
Friends of Turakina

5.00  
Annual Meeting Exp. 8.00  
APW - Special Purposes Fund 1.00  
Gifts 12.70  
New Building 1,400.88  
Stole 23.20  
Vanuata Parcel 8.00  
Aft. Tea Exps. 10.00  
'Harvest Field' 120.00  
Evening Guild -  
(1/2 Stall profit) 163.55  
Cheque Book 1.50  
Used Stamps 235.25  
Leper Missions 150.00

\$2,140.08

Deposit at Church Office 800.00  
Balance at POSB 587.27

\$3,536.35

Audited and found correct:  
M.D. King

## 2nd WELLINGTON BOYS' BRIGADE

### TEAM SECTION:

This is an important year in B.B. history, as it celebrates its 100th birthday, having been founded by William Smith on 4 October 1883 in Glasgow. Two officers attended the International Camp near Hamilton over the Christmas/New Year period which was part of New Zealand's celebrations. Another International Camp is being held at Scone in Scotland in August, 1983, to which I hope to attend. Mr Temple was the Founder of the B.B. in St. John's in 1948.

Strength - It is fitting that numbers have been increased in this important year, and, at present, there are 47 Team Section Boys in uniform. We are striving to hit the 50 mark. In February, 10 Boys transferred to the Company Section and 3 Boys were received from the Anchor Boys.

Leadership: This is strong - there being 7 of us this year - with Lieutenants Meredith Etuata, Peter Hazelwood, Arthur Carter, Gordon Rutherford, Warrant Officer Alan Gibb, and Assistant Craig Dawson.

Activities: In May, for the first time ever, we went to a weekend camp at Nikau Lodge. 31 Boys attended and enjoyed a very full programme. This activity was so successful that it is worth repeating next year. Appreciation is recorded to those who assisted with transport and cakes.

For the first time in 4 years the Team Section lost the Battalion Soccer Competition, and it was also the first time we let a goal through during that period. We hope to win this coming September.

The Boys have undertaken the normal badgework under the four square system of Spiritual, Physical, Social and Educational.

Music continues to be an important part of our programme and this year we are happy to have Mr Alexander Burton leading the Boys in this area.

B.B. Sunday School: Unless it is cold and wet the attendances keep us to around 12-15. We now have 4 sisters of the Boys who attend.

The Hall: Although "we managed" over in St. Peter's it is good to be "back home" in our own very fine hall.

Uniform: Ours is probably the only Team Section in New Zealand which supplies the whole of the uniform for the Boys. If we didn't do that we would not have the Boys in the B.B. It takes \$50 to outfit each Boy. Donations from members of the congregation have been much appreciated.

Conclusion:  
God is blessing us and we praise Him for this and for the privilege of working with the inner city boys.

HARRIET JOHNSTON  
Lieut. in Charge.

### ANCHOR BOYS 1983

1983 has proved a year of great blessings for Anchor Boys - the role has grown, attendance is up and two tremendous leaders have appeared. Alan Gibb and Gordon Rutherford.

At the average weekly meeting upwards of a dozen 7-8 year old boys will attend. Favourite games are played week after week while drawing and craft activities provide a challenge for many.

While St. Peter's was a good temporary home and one we were glad to have, it was a real thrill moving into the new hall. The generous space and adjoining rooms now make possible a wide range of games and activities previously outside our scope.

As ever Harriet Johnston keeps a much appreciated eye on the direction and running of the group, while the additional leadership given by Alan and Gordon has boosted morale. Thanks go to these people.

Anchor Boys (Continued)

Most importantly however are the boys themselves - each contributes his own personality, abilities, learns to share and live with his brother - to each of these children go our prayers.

JANE PACK

COMPANY SECTION:

The Boys' Brigade Company Section has spent a large part of this last year using the YMCA facilities. Although changing the venue was disruptive in some ways we are delighted to be back at St. John's and hope soon to have all facilities available.

The Company made milestone history this year by the appointment, the first in at least 20 years, of a Sergeant. Stefan Tiefenbacher was presented with his red sash at a morning service by Miss Johnston who knew him first as an 8-year old.

The highlight of the 1983 Senior Programme was the participation in the ICL Business Management Game, for Schools. The company won the first round against four secondary schools and the Board of Directors (Chairman - Stefan) is confident of success in a period of recession.

We have had help from -

Alison Dangerfield	-	company magazine
Julie Baird	-	macrame
Mrs Anson	-	Danish cooking
Alford Dornan	-	Drill
and Officers	-	Graham Mahoney, Charles Anson, Andrew Dunn, and Paul Pearson

NICK DANGERFIELD, Captain.

8th WELLINGTON GIRLS' BRIGADESenior Section:

The Senior Section was restarted in February after it finally collapsed in October. We have, therefore, still only one year's intake into the Section, 8 girls. However, this year the girls are showing every sign of staying with the Brigade, and it is a rare night that less than 7 of them come.

Our weekly meetings are based on Luke 2:52, which gives the four ways a balanced child develops - educationally, physically, socially, and spiritually. So far we have completed the following badge work:

Social - first aid with St. John's Ambulance

Physical - Scottish country dancing

Educational - drama

flower arranging, taken by Mrs Pat McCay  
and of course, we have more planned

Our leaders are Margaret Galt (Captain), Raewyn Nazif (Lieut.) and Cheryl Partington (Helper). We have also had many visiting helpers and we wish to thank them all.

Junior Section:

We have about 25 girls on the roll, and between 15-20 usually attend. We find the youngest girls' attendance varies depending on the weather. Our programme is, like the Senior Section, based on Luke 2:52, and so far this year we have done - how to be a good hostess, drama, singing games, a trip to the Zoo and the country side.

We moved into the new Hall in June, having been at St. Peter's Church Hall for the first term. The facilities are wonderful; the children are able to do more, and the leaders have less worry and strain.

The Junior Section leaders are Margaret Galt (Capt.), Fiona Lister (Lieut.), Ruth Stoddart, Christine McCay, Kristen Hammerick, and Rhonda Leslie (Helpers). Stephanie Bridson also was a helper until she left on the Anataxis.

We must especially thank Janet Hayden, and the many ladies who have sewn uniforms this year. The Brigade should shortly get its hats, and then our major outfitting job will be completed.

M. N. GALT.



## Y O U T H     G R O U P

The Youth Group has been involved in many different activities and aspects of church life. During 1982, the emphasis in the teaching times on Sunday mornings and at the camp in September at Nikau Lodge, was on encouraging spiritual growth of the group and of each individual in the group.

Building on last year's spiritual growth, we began 1983 believing the overall goal for the Youth Group was "realising our potential in Christ". In particular, the teaching has concentrated on the basics of our faith and on the areas of pastoral care, discipleship, unity, and evangelism. The speaker at the Forest Lakes camp in March, Wilbur Wright, was concerned particularly with the part the Holy Spirit plays in our lives and about how we should use our spiritual gifts.

We have been blessed with the quality of speakers who, over the year, have been willing to give up Sunday mornings to speak to us and teach us. - Brian Caughley, Graeme Carley, Stuart Leake, Wilbur Wright and others. We have also been fortunate in being able to learn from those within our church - the Revs. Steedman and Temple, John West, Errol Jaquiere, and Rob Anderson, and youth group members who have the gift of teaching. Worship and singing times on Sunday mornings have been uplifting, a highlight of the year. Once again these groups have been the central part of the Youth Group although these are open to all in the church. 6 house groups meet once or twice a fortnight for bible study, worship, and fellowship and prayer, which is only possible in smaller groups.

We have also been involved in a number of church activities and groups. These include helping with Boys' Brigade; Girls' Brigade, fundraising for the new Hall, Saturday at Two, regular Youth Services, the Church Fair, and helping support the Boys' Brigade with their camp. Some members spent Christmas/New Year at Oakura at a beach mission. The mission aimed to reach children and young people with the gospel and those who went found it demanding, exhausting, but rewarding.

On the social side, the last year has seen a great variety of activity. A progressive dinner lightened up the winter around August, numerous concerts were attended, including Full Flight, Toymaker and Son, Diuma, Barry McGuire and Larry Norman, films were viewed; dinners were consumed at the Greenstone Room; bowls were rolled at the ten pin bowling alley; a softball tournament with other Wellington Youth Groups was contested; and a trip to Butterfly Creek on a hot summer's day was walked. But the highlight would have to be the St. John's Presbyterian Church Old Time Dance in our new Hall. A tremendous time was had by all dancing the night away.

During April, the Youth with a Mission (YWAM) ship mv. Anastasis arrived in Wellington and three teaching/training sessions on evangelism were held on board the ship for St. John's people. This provided the preparation for current outreach in our parish where people would be going out in pairs to knock on doors and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. Session was approached and gave their support and blessing to this venture. This was followed by further weeks of preparation and prayer. Prayer support from the congregation is seen to be crucial as the outreach proceeds in the second half of the year.

We would like to thank Giadalti, a group of talented singers and musicians made up from mainly Youth Group people. Giadalti has had a varied and busy year, performing in our church, at the Old Time Dance, at churches in Newtown, Wadestown, Masterton, at prisons and at a recent Youth for Christ Rally amongst other things.

Finally we would like to extend our thanks to people in the church who have been involved in helping, supporting, and praying for the Youth Group.

BRIAN DOBBIE;  
Secretary,  
Youth Group Committee

# BIBLE CLASS

1982-83 saw another active year for the Bible Class. We have continued to meet regularly on Sunday mornings for our Bible study and have also enjoyed some memorable Saturday evenings together. Allan Marsh 'retired' as leader at the end of 1982. We would like to record our thanks for all that he has done over the years in particular the last term of 1982 during which time he had sole responsibility while Dayle and Robert were away - an onerous task.

During Anzac weekend we had our annual camp at the Horstead Forest Lakes. Yet again we experienced "camp weather", driving out of a miserable Wellington Southerly into two days of perfect weather enabling us to make full use of the aquatic pursuits available. Murry and Jenni Webb were camp speakers and their very practical teaching provided good spiritual food for thought.

The Bible Class have been making their presence heard before church on Sunday mornings - the boys and sometimes the girls having taken keenly to their new responsibility of bell ringing.

Numbers are down on the past few years, as we have had no new input from the Sunday School and our older members have had to 'graduate' to the Youth Group. We are eagerly awaiting 1993 when those from the large and rapidly expanding creche begin secondary school!!

However, in the immediate future we look forward to another year of studying God's work and enjoying the fellowship He provides as a group of young people.

R.W. and D.M. ANDERSON

## RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT OF ST JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH GROUP for the year ending 30 June 1993

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
<u>Opening Balance</u>		387.92
<u>Offerings</u>		
Gifts to Organisations and Individuals		5,814.38
NZ representative to World Intercession Conference	482.52	
Rev David Staehman	513.05	
Rev William Wright V.P.C.	205.52	
Anzac 1915 Pass & Staff Bridson	1,231.20	
	<u>2,512.30</u>	
<u>Comeos</u>		2,037.00
<u>Social Activities</u>		
Progressive Dinner	188.00	
Full Flight Concert	140.50	
Card	71.00	
June	115.50	
Capital Teen Convention	83.00	
Berry Redburn Concert	150.00	
Dance	805.00	
Larry Norman Concert	14.00	
	<u>1,821.00</u>	
<u>Sundry</u>		
Interest	41.53	
Work Effort	150.00	
	<u>191.53</u>	
		12,166.51

### PAIDMENTS

Mission from the Church		
Teeth Services	21.64	
Saturday at the	45.00	
Young Youth Group Expenses	40.77	
Boys Brigade	180.00	
Life of a Presbyterian	25.00	
Outreach Love Corps	300.00	
Rev Hall	200.00	
Cardinal	100.00	
For the use of the hall	200.00	
Secure Association Station	35.56	
	<u>1,153.29</u>	
<u>Gifts to Organisations &amp; Individuals</u>		
Rev's Dinner	1,400.00	
NZ Intercession to World Conference	830.00	
Bible Society in China	1,000.00	
Anglican Evangelical Mission	300.00	
William Bible Translators - Jones Family	1,550.00	
Victoria Christian Union	50.00	
Anzac 1915 Pass & Staff Bridson	1,312.20	
Rev Graham Farley	100.00	
Rev Doug Turner V.P.C.	250.00	
Rev David Staehman	100.00	
Rev David Staehman	150.00	
Rev William Wright V.P.C.	205.00	
Rev Brian Langley	100.00	
	<u>7,512.20</u>	
<u>Comeos</u>		
Wilton Lodge	837.00	
Extensive Large Concert	202.00	
Forrest Lane	1,081.50	
Full Flight Concert	100.00	
	<u>2,220.50</u>	
<u>Social Activities</u>		
Progressive Dinner	198.00	
Full Flight Concert	140.50	
Card	115.48	
June	75.00	
Capital Teen Convention	150.00	
Berry Redburn Concert	77.00	
Larry Norman Concert	180.00	
Dance Expenses	488.00	
	<u>1,443.98</u>	
		12,148.99
		34.45
		<u>12,183.44</u>

## IN MEMORIAM

FRANCIS WILLIAM AICKIN

JEAN MILLER MCKENZIE

JESSIE ELIZABETH McLEAN

WINIFRED ISOBEL TURNER

## 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., B.A.	1957-1968
Rev. D.T.W. Kinloch	1968-1975
Rt. Rev. D.M. Steedman, M.A., B.D. (Moderator in 1982)	1976-
Rev. Dr. 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

### DEACONESSES:

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	9 May	1884
Sunday School building opened (Dixon Street)	November	1884
Present Church opened (accommodation 900)	6 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
Troup House erected		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
Cottage moved to Dixon Street frontage		1982
Sunday School building demolished for "recycling"		1982
New Church Hall, recycled from old timbers opened	22 May	1983

### 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	1942
Sunday School 100th Anniversary, November	1953

Centennial Jubilee of Church, November	1953
Seventy-fifth Anniversary of present Church, 3-5 December	1960
Y.M.B.C. Seventy-fifth Jubilee, July	1964
125th Celebrations of present Church, November	1978

# SPECIAL 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
First Service at Wadestown, by Rev. James Paterson	1874
Mission Started at Newtown, now St. James, under Mr Robert Hopkirk	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 dedicated to the memory of St. John's B.C. men who fell in the 1914-18 War, given by the Hon. J.G.W. Aitken	1920
Stained glass window at north end dedicated to the memory of the Hon. J.G.W. Aitken, first layman Moderator, 1917	1925
Church Praise introduced 1884, New Church Praise 1910, and Church Hymnary	1937
Choir gowned (first of Presbyterian Churches in NZ)	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
First Women Elder inducted	1968
Communion Plates in memory of Mary Chappell dedicated	1970
Church Organ rebuilt	1975
Marshall Room (choir room redecorated)	1980

# CHURCH NEWSPAPERS

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

# PUBLICATIONS

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