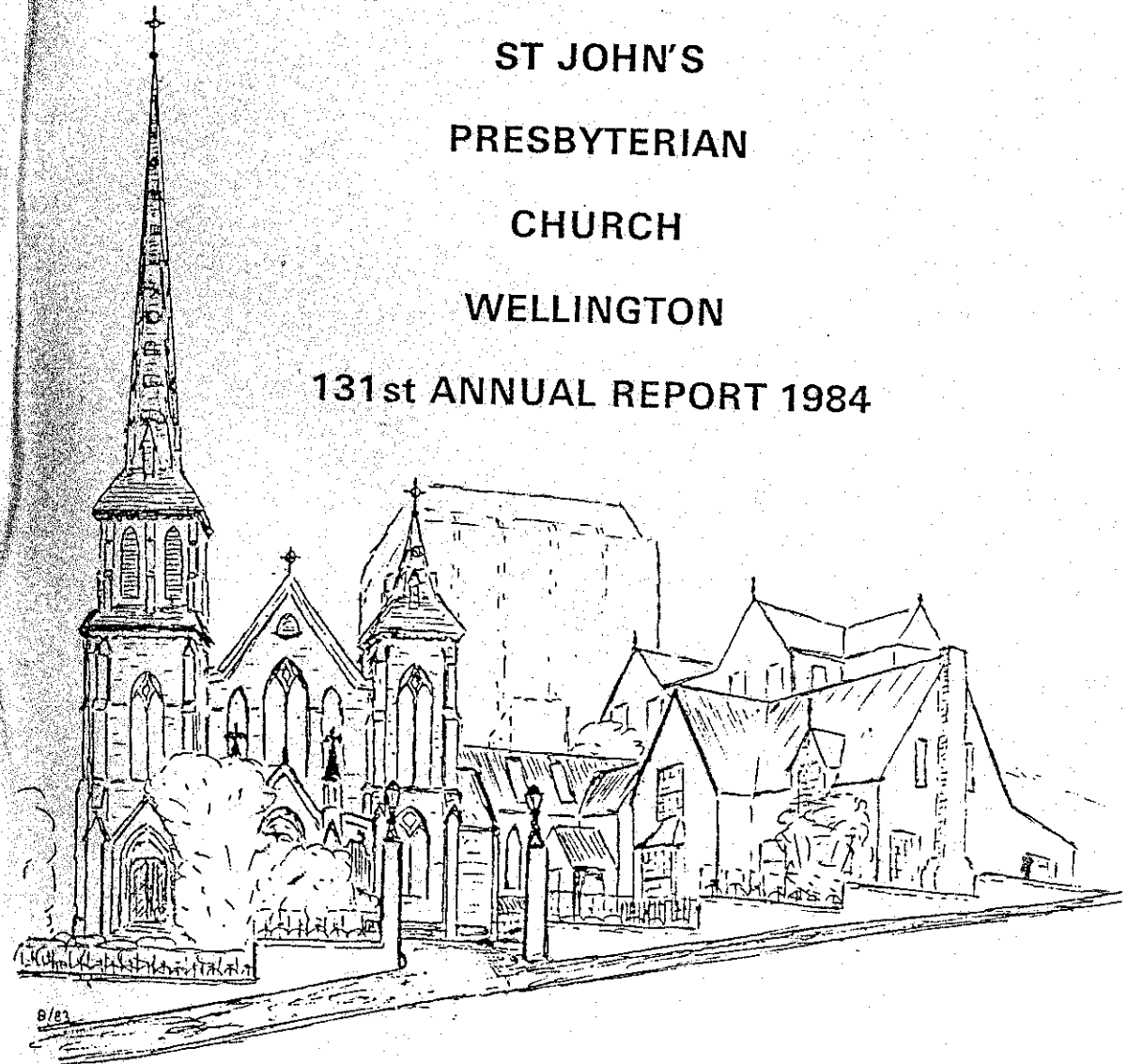


ST JOHN'S
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
WELLINGTON

131st ANNUAL REPORT 1984



CHURCH DIRECTORY

<u>Minister</u>	The Very Rev. David M. Steedman, M.A., B.D. 2 Kelburn Parade, 5	728.294
<u>Hon. Associate:</u>	The Rev. James A. Veitch, B.A. M.Th. Ph.D. 8 Canterbury Street, 5	769.490
<u>Session Clerk:</u>	Mr Roger T. Lloyd, 2 Stormont Place, 2	898.655
<u>Clerk to the Board of Managers:</u>	Miss Margaret Woods, 20 Barton Terrace, 1	730.033
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Mrs Mary Mortimer, 55 Madras Street, 4	797.023
<u>Organist and Choirmaster:</u>	Mr Raymond Wilderspin, 30 Raroa Road, 5	753.144

KIRK SESSION

		<u>Inducted</u>
Fowler, R.B.	48 Homewood Avenue, 5	July 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
McLellan, Dugald	20 Apuka Street, 2	1962
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, 4	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, Allan	50 Sefton Street, 1	1975
Mrs B.D. Harris	29 Mortimer Terrace, 2	1978
Jaquier, Errol	"Kilmara", Main Road, Makara	1978
Stanley, Major G.	14 Glen Alton Avenue, 4	1978
Mrs Noyle Brown	27 Beerehaven Road, 3	1979
Lloyd, R.T.	2 Stormont Place, 2	1979
Stewart, C.F.	117 Messines Road, 5	1979
Wright, N.P.	Homedale Schoolhouse, Wainuiomata	1979
Leggat, H.C.	9 Pitt Street, 1	1979
Aitken, P.	137 Barnard Street, 1	1980
McCay, R.D.	26 Robieson Street, 3	1980
Mrs Marilyn King	5 Vennell Street, 2	1980
Anderson, R.W.	137 The Ridgeway, 2	1980
Drees, G.H.	22 Hurman Street, 5	1981
West, J.K.	98 Upland Road, 5	1981
Dangerfield, Nick	101A Waipapa 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, I.F.	90 Melbourne Road, 2	1981
Mrs Marion Longstaff	43 Balfour Street, 2	1983
Miss Ailsa Salt	13 Williamson Way, 5	1983
Hollister-Jones, G.	13 Colombo Street, 2	1983
Shaw, D. H.	36 Montgomery Avenue, 5	1983
Rutherford, Gordon	32 Woburn Road, 5	1983

BOARD OF MANAGERS

Mr Richard Brader	Mr Gerry Janes
Mr Alexander Burton	Mr Bruce Jenkins
Dr David Burton	Miss Margaret Krebs
Mr Bill Clarke	Mr Sandy Lawson
Mrs Alison Dangerfield	Mr Malcolm Leitch
Miss Margaret Davidson	Miss Janice McCallum
Mr Cecil Duff	Mr Trevor McDonald
Mrs Joan Dunn	Mrs Margaret Mackay
Mr Arthur Elliott	Mr Graeme Mahoney
Mr David Ensor	Mr Allan Marshall
Mrs Margaret Galt	Mr Tom Shanks
Mr Allan Gibb	Mr Gavin Sutherland
Dr John Gommans	Mrs Kath Sutherland
Mrs Ros Gommans	Mr David Turner
Mr Paul Haggett	Miss Margaret Woods
Mr Michael Horvat	

COMMITTEES

<u>FINANCE</u>	Mrs M. Mortimer (Convener), R. Brader, D. Galt, D. Turner, Mrs M. King, N.G. Robertson	
<u>PROPERTY</u>	A. Elliott (Convener), S. Lawson, G. Janes, D. Ensor	
<u>ORGAN</u>	Mrs M. Mortimer (Convener), Mrs M. Hunt, Messrs M. Leitch and R. Wilderspin	
<u>TROUP HOUSE</u>	The Minister (Convener), Miss A. Salt, Mrs P. McCay, G. Hollister-Jones, I. Littleworth (Sec.), G. Janes, G. Sutherland (Treas.) and Bruce Welsh and Robert McBeth (Wardens)	
<u>ROLLS CLERK</u>	N.G. Robertson, 169 Karori Road, 5	768.118
<u>ENVELOPE</u>	Paul Haggett, 96 Central Park Flats	859.194
<u>SECRETARIES</u>	Gordon Stanley, 14 Glen Alton Ave.	784.548
<u>LETTING OF ROOMS/HALL</u>	Mrs C. Ferrier, 57 Wadestown Road	721.985
<u>WEEKLY INTIMATIONS AND DUPLICATING</u>	Mrs R.B. Fowler, 48 Homewood Ave., 5	768.187
<u>CHURCH FLOWERS</u>	Mrs Noyle Brown, 27 Beerehaven Rd.	886.180
	Mrs Doreen Woods, 38 Harrison St.	845.351
<u>"MESSENGER"</u>	Editor: Mr Errol Jaquiere, "Kilmara" Main Rd., Makara	767.537
<u>"SATURDAY AT 2"</u>	Mrs M. Hunt, 24 Krull St.	897.976
	Mrs B. Robertson, 169 Karori Road	768.118
	Miss M. Davidson, 118 Upland Road	759.895

<u>JUNIOR CHURCH</u>	Mrs Alison Horvat 16 Richmond Ave., Karori	769.027
<u>BIBLE CLASS</u>	Alexander Burton 115 Mornington Rd., Mornington	896.541
<u>JUNIOR BIBLE CLASS</u>	Andrew Dunn 4/70 Hataitai Road, Hataitai	861.307
<u>YOUTH GROUP</u>	Gregory Hollister-Jones 13 Colombo Street, Newtown	899.676
<u>CRADLE ROLL</u> (Also Sunday Creche)	Mrs Marion Longstaff	896.516
<u>BOYS' BRIGADE</u>	Miss Harriet Johnston 213 The Terrace. 1	722.774
	<u>Company</u> (Thurs. evening)	
	<u>Team Section</u> (Mon. evening)	
	<u>Anchor Boys</u> (Mon. afternoon)	Miss Jane Pack 11 Woodmancote Road, 5
		796.584
<u>GIRLS' BRIGADE</u>	Mrs Margaret Galt (Tues. afternoon and evening) 64B Pembroke Road, 4	758.358
<u>ASSOCIATION OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN</u>		
	<u>Linking Committee</u>	
	President: Mrs B. Harris	859.162
	Secretary: Miss J. Williams 4/83 Garden Road, 5	757.678
	<u>Women's Assn</u>	
	Meets 4th Tuesday, 11 a.m.	
	Pres. Mrs L. Reeves	797.976
	Sec. Miss J. Williams 4/83 Garden Road, 5	757.678
	<u>Evening Guild</u>	
	Pres. Mrs M. Longstaff	896.516
	Sec. Mrs G. Stevens 57 Wilberforce St., 3	882.952

Dear friends at St John's,

The story that follows is a story of a group of people who are bound together in a special way - they are a part of the church. What is written down of course only tells a small part of the story. It doesn't tell the Christian influence of the people who share in the making of our story.

Do you remember when Wesley Church, Taranaki Street had a fire which destroyed the front part of the church? Within the next few days a sign appeared over the damaged part - BUSINESS AS USUAL. But what is business as usual in the Church?

WHAT IS OUR BUSINESS?

A number of people could give you their answer. People write letters to the paper about the voice of the Church being silent when it should have been heard on some public issue. "Where is the voice of the Church against nuclear warfare?", others cry. Some want the Church to protest against immorality while others are concerned about the unemployed. All these and more are part of the life and witness of the Church, but our business is not any of them or all of them. IT IS THE SPREADING OF THE GOOD NEWS OF THE GOSPEL. I want to leave you a thought from Paul's letter to the Philippians, Chapter One. WE ARE PARTNERS IN THE WORK OF THE GOSPEL. I hope you can see that in the story of the different organisations of St John's.

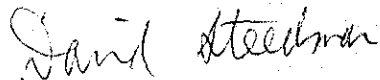
The GOOD NEWS is that God loves us and the world is His world. We can still hope and no power on earth can break the hold of God's love. God loves this world so greatly that He sent His Son and we know that He cares for the unemployed and the unjustly treated and we must care too in His name. WE ARE PARTNERS IN THE WORK OF THE GOSPEL.

Think of this as you read the reports. See how many people share in the work and how many are involved in the caring, supporting ministry of the Church. And pray for the influence of all the people from St John's and every church in the ongoing life of our city.

We proclaim in the Church - BUSINESS AS USUAL. It is God's business for we are PARTNERS with Him in the work of the gospel.

God bless you in your part in the life of our Church in the year ahead.

Yours,



David Steedman

SESSION

Our year began in a spectacular way with the visit of the California State University Choir - a very highly trained group who used our church for a concert. They sang both religious and secular numbers, and were very well received by the large attendance.

The 6 months when the W.P. Temples looked after us ended late August, when our Minister, David, and his wife, Elaine, returned to us following their period away on moderatorial duties.

We were delighted to have the Temples with us, their unbounded enthusiasm was remarkable, with everybody appreciating their efforts, their hospitality and their christian fellowship. Prior to their leavetaking, a congregational luncheon was held for them following morning service.

The Steedmans were warmly received back into the family of St. John's and they shared with us many of the highlights of their visits to our various Presbyterian churches and other areas of particular interest.

In August a delegate to the World Council of Churches Assembly at Vancouver was our Honorary Assistant, Jim Veitch. On his return, he shared with us many of his experiences.

We are very much indebted to the small band of helpers who achieved so much in restoring Spinks Cottage. The work performed was a credit to those involved, and we are sure will be appreciated by those fortunate to reside there.

The communicant roll stands at 300 after 22 additions, 20 disjunctions and 5 who died.

Elders - Personal: Don Shaw and Gordon Rutherford, both preparing to enter the ministry, were ordained as Elders. They were a welcome addition to Session.

Campbell Leggat was warmly received back into our midst following a 12 months' absence overseas.

The passing of Jim Thomson, a long serving and faithful Elder was felt deeply by so many of St. John's congregation. His special qualities of concern for those in his pastoral district and beyond were indicative of the man himself.

The publication of Sir John Marshall's Memoirs was an area for Session's congratulations.

Rev. D.T.W. Kinloch: The passing of 'Jock' Kinloch saddened many people throughout New Zealand as he was so very much loved and highly regarded, due not only by his pastoral ministry (St. John's 1968-75), but also by his hospital chaplaincy work and his 'Faith For Today' radio broadcasts, where he became widely known.

Miss Helen D. Clyde: Following 75 years of continuous association with St. John's, the long full life of Miss Helen Clyde came to a close in November. She will be remembered for her notable service to Christ and His Church.

Student for the Ministry: We are delighted that Ron Mills has settled in to his first year at Knox College.

Scholarship for Knox Theological College: A scholarship fund has been established, tenable to Knox College, for students going from St. John's. The support has been set for the next 3 years at \$1,000 p.a. The situation will be reviewed at the end of that period. \$1,000 has already been disbursed to Ron Mills.

Special Services: These have been varied with the customary Festival Services, various guest speakers, and a notable celebration when the Boys' Brigade celebrated their Centenary. This was a televised service in St. John's with 900 boys representing the B.B. from all over New Zealand. The P.S.S.A. celebrated 75 years' service over Queen's Birthday weekend. A Girls' Brigade service was held for those who had received the Queen's Badge.

Retirement of Session Clerk: At the end of February 1984, George Robertson retired after 10½ years of loyal, devoted service as Session Clerk. His total and absolute commitment to the endless tasks will not be forgotten. Few could possibly equal what he has given in time and energy. A presentation and a congregational luncheon was given for George and Betty Robertson following a morning service. A large attendance of wellwishers supported this special occasion.

Management of Session: There was a need to restructure Session, with the hope for a smoother operation. An Executive of 6 elders plus the Minister was formed whereby all material would be processed before submitting to Session. Responsibilities have been shared out with the result that we now have a Rolls Clerk, a Minute Secretary, a Communion Arrangements Elder, and a Session Clerk. Terms of appointment for all positions are 3 years only, but with retirements staggered.

Comprehensive Thanks: Session is very much aware of the tremendous amount of effort and work willingly given by so many members of St. John's. There are also a number who give of themselves in community organisations, and this is as it should be.

We have appreciated those within Session and the Youth Group who have conducted services. The publication of the "Messenger" is an ongoing task and we sincerely thank Errol Jaquier for all his efforts in this field. The weekly intimations are prepared by Mrs Anwyl Fowler and for this we thank her.

The amount of work involved by our Treasurer, Mary Mortimer, in looking after the financial affairs is mighty; no easy or simple task. With her forthcoming retirement we thank her most

To all our leaders in the young people's departments including those in Girls' Brigade and Boys' Brigade, we extend our heartfelt thanks for loyalty and enthusiasm. The work that they do is of paramount importance. It is in their hands that the future church lies.

To David and Elaine goes our heartfelt love and gratitude for all their unbounded enthusiasm and sharing in serving our Lord in this place. We thank them for their leadership in all departments of the St. John's family.

The Future: Society now lives in a time of great change the world over, and because of this we ourselves must be alive to the changes about us, be aware of new opportunities, accept the challenges as they come, regardless of our rather conservative attitudes, and be prepared to change.

ROGER T. LLOYD,
Session Clerk.

IN MEMORY

OF

MEMBERS AND ADHERENTS OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH
WHO DIED DURING THE YEAR

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date United with St. John's</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
HELEN DIANA CLYDE	September 1908	November 23, 1983
LAURENCE LAURENSEN	December 1931	January 21, 1984
DECIMA MEMBERY MILLS	December 1931	July 6, 1983
WILLIAM DEACON SQUIRE		November 11, 1983
EMMA ELIZABETH THOMSON	December 1964	September 16, 1983
JAMES ALEXANDER THOMSON	December 1964	April 3, 1984
WALTER STEWART THOMSON		August 3, 1983

CHOIR

This year has been somewhat quieter in so far as our musical activities were concerned. There were only 2 Royal School of Church Music events - a choral evensong and the annual carol festival - the latter drawing the largest choir yet with St. John's well represented.

Our carols to shut-ins was again very successful and was held earlier in the day than previously. This is one of the choir activities which is always enjoyable and we are glad to be able to add a little extra joy to the hearts of those we visit.

We have been involved in several sung communions and we extend our thanks to all concerned for these opportunities of greater involvement in the services.

We were saddened by the death of our oldest honorary member, Miss Helen Clyde, last November. Miss Clyde had had a long and active involvement with St. John's choir. She will best be remembered by her children's carol "And Did You See Him Little Star".

We 'lost' two valued members of our choir at the start of 1984, in the departure for Knox College of Di and Ron Mills. Di had served as choir secretary for some 8 years and Ron was one of our tenors. We wish them both God's blessings on Ron's studies and in their parish life.

We thank those interested members of the congregation for their support and also to Ray Wilderspin we say thank you for your hard work and your magnificent organ playing.

JOHN BUCHANAN.
Chairperson

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

A number of small Fellowship Groups meet weekly in homes and at the Manse for study, prayer, and sharing.

CRADLE ROLL

30 babies and small children are currently in our care.

Creche operates in the Fellowship Room during the Sunday morning service, when a happy little group play, or just watch or sleep.

We thank members of the congregation who take a regular turn on our roster, and those who help care for the little ones when we meet mid-week.

Regular opportunities to share fellowship continue, and this year the latter part of our 10 a.m. to 11.30 gatherings is spent learning crafts (2nd Tuesday of each month) and in group study/discussion (4th Thursday of each month).

Happenings over the past year included - our Easter Study, November party, pre-Christmas creche, a talk on safety in the home from an A.C.C. speaker, a beginning-of-the-year picnic with the Sunday School, and another to try kit-flying, a look at toys of interest from all around the world, and a visit from someone special at the congregational barbecue. We completed our major fund raising effort for the new hall - 1,020 recipe books sold for a profit of \$3,068.38, donations included.

Members of our group are most appreciative of the continuing caring and loving support of the Steedmans.

MARION LONGSTAFF
Convener

JUNIOR CHURCH

Junior Church is alive and well at St. John's. We now have a roll of 29 children, many of whom are very regular attenders.

As well as our usual classroom activities we have had several "extras" this year. The highlights were - a family picnic at the Dell, kite flying in Kelburn, a games afternoon in the Hall and, most recently, individual class trips to MacDonalds. We have also tried to take more part in the morning services and have enjoyed our opportunities of singing to you.

Many thanks to the other teachers, Mrs Carolyn Ferrier, Mrs Kathryn Smith and Mr Dick Burgess; our relief teacher, Miss Kathy Stobbs; Mrs Steedman and Mrs Irvine for their holiday programme and, of course, all the parents for their support.

We look forward with prayer to a year of further growth and fun.

Alison Horvat

The last year has been one of change. Not only within the committee but in the reopening of Spinks Cottage. Work on the cottage has virtually been completed and residents have been in for the past 6 months. We welcome them and new people in Troup House to the family of St. John's.

The major concern for the year has been the restoration of Spinks Cottage. This task has been completed apart from a few minor tasks at a cost of \$28,235 (exception of carpeting costs). Donations from the congregation of various items has been generous, making the project a whole church effort. But a lot of work has been done by individuals and is much appreciated. In particular the contribution of Ailsa Salt is worthy of mention. Spinks Cottage was officially reopened on Sunday 19 February 1984.

When the proposal for the erection of the new hall was being costed, provision was made for the expenditure of \$20,000 on restoration work on the cottage. The cost of moving the cottage, including the reinstatement of chimneys and the re-erection of the verandah were met directly by the Historic Places Trust.

When restoration work commenced after the moving of the cottage, it was found necessary to replace the roof \$5,000, reglaze all the windows \$1,000 and hire scaffolding \$1,000; items which were not expected when the removal was planned.

The costs of the restoration amounted to \$28,235, of which \$5,273 came from the Building Fund and the balance from donations \$11,709 and \$11,253 from the Troup House Committee Funds. The Committee has recently been informed that the late Miss Troup has provided in her will for a legacy for the benefit of the cottage restoration. This will be at least \$5,000 if not more. When this legacy is received it will be applied in reduction of the expenditure made from the Building Fund. The net cost to the congregation for the restoration work will then be very minimal, if anything at all.

Changes have also been taking place within the committee, with the retirement of three foundation members. Sir John Marshall, Mr Noel Woods and Mr George Robertson have all worked diligently for Troup House and the services of the years is much appreciated. We also farewelled Mrs Robertson and thank her for her help and guidance while on committee. New faces on the committee include Mrs P. McCay, Messrs G. Hollister-Jones, I. Littleworth, and B. Welsh (Warden for the Cottage). Their contribution is appreciated.

We look forward to another successful and rewarding year.

IAN LITTLEWORTH
Secretary.

ST. JOHN'S BIBLE CLASS INSTITUTE

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1984

Balance 1.7.83		Maintenance -general	61.89
Bank of N.Z.	1,185.98	Repaint Troup House	533.73
Church Office	9,892.37	Insurance	155.68
		Rates	436.18
	11,078.35	Telephones	552.90
Rents	3,390.00	Electricity	421.24
Interest -		Gas	43.24
B.N.Z.	36.30	Bank fees,	
Church Office	669.09	stationery	13.80
Insurance refund	154.45	Recommissioning	
(1983 claim)		expenses	1,413.01
Donation	5,304.00	Reconstruction	
Advance Managers	1,500.00	expenses	13,123.80
			<u>16,755.52</u>
		Balances 30.6.84	
		B.N.Z.	648.94
		Church	
		Office	4,727.73
			<u>5,376.67</u>
	<u>\$22,132.19</u>		<u>\$22,132.19</u>

Source of Funds for Restoration of Cottage

Donations - Wellington City Council	5,000.00
Miss Troup	5,000.00
Former residents	1,405.00
Open Day	134.00
Other	170.00
	<u>11,709.00</u>
Troup House Committee	11,252.88
Advance from Church Funds	1,500.00
Accounts paid by Board of Managers	3,772.86
	<u>28,234.74</u>

BOARD OF MANAGERS

With the completion of the new Hall managers would have been forgiven if they had thought that the 83/84 year was to be a quiet one. But this was not to be so and there has been a lot of activity. The contribution of all managers has been appreciated. The new year saw the departure of John Buchanan from the Board. John had served as Clerk to the Board for 6 years and his work was much appreciated. The Board would take this opportunity to thank him for his excellent work over the 6 year period which he served. The new year also meant a number of new faces on the Board. The following people were appointed to the Board at the annual meeting: Margaret Davidson, David Ensor, John Gommans, Bruce Jenkins, Janice McCallum, Margaret Mackay, Ros Stewart, and Margaret Woods. Margaret Woods was appointed to the position of Clerk of the Board.

1. Church Hall

The Hall complex has now been in use for over a year and after a few teething problems things have settled down and the complex is used every day of the week. A number of outside organisations use the facilities for meetings and this provides a useful income in donations.

A number of modifications were required to the hall complex, these included:

- a. Strengthening of the Fellowship Room roof. This was required to compensate for the rattle that was apparent when the hall was being used.
- b. Additional hot water heating in Hall kitchen: a large zip was installed to meet the additional need for hot water when catering for large groups. The cost was met from trust funds, namely the W. Kraft Estate and 125th Account.
- c. Gas Heating in the Hall: the electrical heating in the hall proved to be inadequate and very vulnerable to damage and this necessitated its replacement. Managers decided that gas heating would best meet the needs and a contract for the installation of gas heating has been let at the time of writing. Two generous gifts, one from the estate of W.S. Thomson and another from the H.D. Clyde estate, enable the cost of the installation to be met. The Board would like to thank Arthur Elliott for all the work he has put into this project.

2. Vacant Lot: The Board had entered into negotiations with the Parks and Recreation Department of the City Council to have a park put in on the vacant lot. Financial considerations have meant that this plan cannot go ahead. The Board now propose to use the land as a parking lot, which will be leased out during the week and made available to church members in the weekend.

3. Spinks Cottage: Work has continued on the restoration of the Spinks Cottage. An open day was held in February and tenants have moved in. The Board wish to thank again those people involved in the restoration of the Cottage. The Spinks Cottage can now be looked on with an element of pride for all those involved in its restoration.
4. Security: As reported last year a new keying system has been introduced, with new locks being installed throughout the complex. Very few problems have been experienced since the change over. The Board, would, however, take this opportunity to remind users of the complex that it is their responsibility to check that all doors are locked prior to departure.
5. Envelope System: There are 216 people in the envelope system. During the year 13 people left and 11 people joined the system. If you wish to join please ring:
Paul Haggett, Tele. 859.194
The Board wishes to thank Paul Haggett for his continuing efforts in administering the envelope system.
6. Finances: This has been a difficult financial year, but in retrospect, no more difficult than previous ones. We started the year with a credit balance of \$1,231.98 and a budget deficit of \$4,000. The credit balance soon disappeared and it looked as if the budget deficit of \$4,000 would be a reality. The credit balance for this year is indeed gratifying and managers sincerely thank you all for such a splendid effort.
Receipts for the year showd an increase over budgeted amount in envelope and plate giving of \$1,000, donations for the use of rooms of \$1,500 and endowment fund of \$700. Budgeted expenditure was decreased by minimal amounts in many areas by careful spending, but the main saving was in Church and Manse maintenance and repairs. We saved \$2,000 here. Manager's policy has been to hold maintenance in these areas during the time of the building appeal. Our property com. advises that the much overdue repairs to the front porch of the church is included in their budget of \$5,500 for the new financial year. We can give ourselves a pat on the back for a small credit balance to start the new year, but we have a hard year in front of us and the rate of giving must be increased to meet our foreseeable commitments. We do not know what the country's economic situation holds for us, but we do know the 'extra mile' giving in our church life has to be faced. Thank you all for the 1983/84 effort.
7. Building Finances: You will see from the Building Fund statement that we owe \$14,868.85 to complete the building programme. This is made up of \$2,868.85 still owing to our Repair Account, and the \$10,000 interest free loan made to the Building Fund in its early stages, and the estimated \$2,000 for the installation of the gas heaters. We have \$4,242.86 in the Trust Account, leaving us a cash balance of \$10,625.99 to raise. Basically we still have the \$10,000 interest free loan to repay and this we must start working on. What a marvellous achievement to have our lovely building being so constantly in use for such a variety of events - our \$400,000 project and only \$10,000 left to raise. Can we do it by this time next year?

GENERAL:

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

MARGARET WOODS,
Clerk to the Board

ST. PETER'S PANTRY

For over a year now many of the congregation have been making regular weekly food and money contributions towards the much needed help for the unemployed in the inner city area.

This project was initiated by members of our neighbouring parish of St. Peter's. The organisation of distribution of food parcels to people struggling to make ends meet and provide for their families is a big and continuing job, but one which has given tremendous support to families in real stress in our present economic situation.

Our box in the church porch receives regular donations from many of us and our St. Peter's friends are very grateful for the contributions we have made for 18 months now. Unemployment and the lack of money to buy ample food for families unfortunately seems to be here to stay, and our continuing support of a project that is well organised and of tremendous value to families within our parish area is essential.

MARY MORTIMER

RENTAL ACCOUNT

<u>RECEIPTS:</u>			
5281	Tenants' Rents	6,757.52	
-	Keys	28.00	6,785.52
<u>LESS PAYMENTS:</u>			
(332)	Overdrawn BNZ Account 1.7.83	331.72	
2228	Rates	2,538.78	
179	Cleaning	289.76	
117	Electricity (after deduction of refunds)	250.21	
777	Insurance	1,082.11	
	Bank charges (less interest)	39	
23	Repairs	392.16	4,892.13
			1,893.39
2000	Transfer to Rental account - PCNZ		1,500.00
(332)	<u>BALANCE AT BANK NEW ZEALAND:</u>		<u>\$393.39</u>

<u>RENTAL ACCOUNT AT CHURCH OFFICE:</u>			
53149	Balance at 1.7.83		38,183.15
8432	Plus: Interest	527.51	
22278	" Building Appeal credits	11,184.93	
-	" Direct transfer to repaint account	533.73	12,246.17
85860			50,429.32
47677	Less Withdrawals to BNZ account	44,090.47	
	" Interest on loan	259.13	
	" Loan Repayment	2,033.73	46,383.33
38183	<u>BALANCE IN RENTAL ACCOUNT:</u>		4,045.99
(332)	<u>BALANCE IN BANK NEW ZEALAND:</u>		393.39
37831	<u>TOTAL CASH BALANCE:</u>		<u>\$4,439.38</u>

ST JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF GENERAL ACCOUNT
1ST JULY 1983 - 30TH JUNE 1984

RECEIPTS

982-83	Balance at Bank of New Zealand			
2769	as at 1.7.83		1,231.98	
	<u>CONGREGATIONAL GIVING:</u>			
10117	Plate	11,537.06		
48135	Envelopes	<u>49,874.68</u>	61,411.74	
	<u>DONATIONS:</u>			
264	Use of Rooms		1,780.00	
1162	General	430.00		
100	Evening Guild	140.00		
200	Youth Group	<u>200.00</u>	770.00	
153	Organ	119.60		
50383	Building Appeal	9,702.18		
695	Gifts	888.75		
-	Hall Refurnishing	50.00		
-	Legacies - to Build. Ap.	<u>2,000.00</u>	12,760.53	
-	Wider Work Appeal	301.50		
	<u>Missions:</u>			
1100	Womens' Association	900.00		
41	Evening Guild	42.45		
6	Junior Church	<u>3.53</u>	1,247.48	16,558.01
	<u>PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND</u>			
2388	Repaint Account	8,155.44		
47677	Rental Account	44,090.47	52,245.91	
	<u>Sundry Trusts:</u>			
40	Benevolent Fund	74.00		
	J.C. Trusts	73.26		
	Hall Furnishing	3,137.94		
	Pianos	228.00		
	Camp Balance	103.57		
	125th Account	326.92		
	Kraft Estate	<u>348.38</u>	4,494.07	
3413	Insurance	<u>3,455.51</u>	60,195.49	
	<u>OUTREACH:</u>			
1283	NCC Christmas Appeal	1,634.43		
129	PSS Harvest	98.25		
	Southland Flood Relief	604.35		
	Knox Students' Fund	<u>1,810.00</u>	4,147.03	
	<u>INTEREST:</u>			
80	Bank of New Zealand	13.13		
47	E.J. Lockie Estate	26.61		
3300	Endowment Fund	<u>2,900.00</u>	2,939.74	
	<u>GENERAL:</u>			
163	Outlook		112.00	
				<u>\$146,595.99</u>

ST JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF GENERAL ACCOUNT
1ST JULY 1983 - 30TH JUNE 1984
PAYMENTS

1982-83	<u>STIPENDS:</u>			
	D.N. Steedman:			
	Salary	17,243.35		
	Car Allowance less			
	refunds	2,950.60		
20625	Expenses	<u>676.00</u>	20,869.95	
	J.A. Veitch:			
	Honarium	249.92		
1250	Expenses	<u>1,000.00</u>	1,249.92	
	R.J. Wilderspin:			
	Salary	585.03		
1040	Expenses	<u>468.00</u>	1,053.03	
	V.P. Temple:			
	Salary	1655.56		
	Car	357.60		
	Expenses	<u>75.12</u>	2,088.28	
	Less Assembly refund	1,730.68	357.60	
	Organ Supply	220.00		
150	Accident Compensation Levy	120.50		
2313	Beneficiary Fund Assessment	2,585.88		
995	Seniority Allowance	<u>1,151.25</u>	4,077.63	27,608.13
	<u>OUTREACH:</u>			
18190	Wider Work		18,900.50	
1263	NCC Christmas Appeal		1,634.43	
129	PSS Harvest		98.25	
75	Chaplaincy Trust Board		150.00	
1084	Gifts		654.70	
-	St Enoch's, Tauranga		100.00	
-	P.I. Student Fares		66.80	
-	R. & D. Mills		427.00	
-	Knox Students' Fund		1,810.00	
-	Southland Flood Relief		<u>604.35</u>	24,446.03
	<u>PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND:</u>			
	J.C. Trusts		47.56	
4133	Repaint Account		4,153.73	
3000	Insurance Provision		3,200.00	
3600	Re-roof Account		3,600.00	
50383	Building Appeal - transfers to			
	Rental Account		11,184.93	
200	Organ account		200.00	
	Furnishing account		<u>50.00</u>	22,516.22
	<u>NEW HALL:</u>			
8712	Architect		2,088.00	
6266	Paint etc		2,015.31	
249894	Builder		26,127.00	
	Fire Service Connection fee		198.00	
	Locks		1,607.46	
2475	Scaffolding		2,863.00	
	Cottages		7,573.50	
1243	Sundries		426.73	
	Furnishing		3,137.94	
36938	Sprinklers		9,295.00	
	Zip		<u>826.52</u>	56,228.46
	<u>PROPERTY:</u>			
1561	Cleaning and Rubbish		2,340.04	
514	Organ		426.06	
576	Nurse General Repairs		379.19	
288	Church General Repairs		257.46	
1780	Rates		1,661.28	
516	Electricity		972.95	
42	Toilet equipment		150.87	
16	Fire Equipment and Servicing		165.30	
3733	Insurance		3,455.51	
272	Gestetner		126.50	
	Piano Tunings		<u>228.00</u>	10,163.16
	<u>ADMINISTRATION:</u>			
297	Nurse Telephone and tolls		301.74	
773	Stationery, Printing, postage		243.80	
1459	Advertising		1,599.80	
184	Outlook		112.00	
20	Bank charges		57.64	
274	Messenger		284.35	
467	Presbytery Expenses		307.00	
86	Cradle roll, J.C., Brigades		409.30	
55	Communion Wine		26.76	
40	Benevolent Fund		74.00	
41	APW fees		40.00	
	Camp Balance to Mission 184		<u>105.57</u>	3,561.96
				\$144,523.96
1232	<u>BALANCE AT BANK OF NEW ZEALAND:</u>			2,072.03
				<u>\$146,595.99</u>

TRUST ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 1984

	<u>Balance</u> 30.6.83	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Withdrawals</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Benevolent	275.44	39.94		74.00	241.38
Centennial	640.73	92.91			733.64
Chairs	429.00	62.21			491.21
Hymn Books	2,105.61	352.58			2,458.19
Church Rebuilding	1,915.96	277.96			2,194.92
Hall Furnishing	3,158.11	126.70	50.00	3,137.94	196.87
Organ	1,593.71	231.09	200.00		2,024.80
W. Kraft Estate	304.26	44.12		348.38	-
125th Account	460.19	66.73		526.92	-
Insurance Claim	46.27	1.73		48.00	-
Piano Repairs	344.82	30.38		228.00	147.20
Camp Balance	92.20	13.37		105.57	-
Sir A. Gillies	527.50	76.49			603.99
J.C. Trusts	77.18	8.09	101.68	25.70	161.25
	<u>11,971.98</u>	<u>1,424.30</u>	<u>351.68</u>	<u>4,494.51</u>	<u>9,253.45</u>
Endowment	20,000.00	2,900.00		2,900.00	20,000.00
Reroof account	3,889.02	730.92	3,600.00		8,219.94
Lockie Estate	380.00	26.61		26.61	380.00
Repaint Account	26,789.54	4,196.12	5,633.73	8,155.44	28,463.95
Insurance Prov.	-	246.35	3,503.68	3,611.19	138.84
Knox College Stud.	-	9.91	810.00		819.91
	<u>\$63,030.54</u>	<u>\$9,534.21</u>	<u>\$13,899.09</u>	<u>\$19,187.75</u>	<u>\$67,276.09</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 30th June 1984, 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 1984, and the schedule of Trust and Special Accounts correctly records the balances held in these accounts as at the 30th June 1984. 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

BUILDING FUND

Balance in hand as at 31.8.83		6,216.11
Receipts to 30.6.84	9,168.45	
Plus Troup House Refund	533.73	
Plus Thomson and Clyde Estates	2,000.00	
Plus Interest on Rental Account to 30.6.84	<u>527.51</u>	12,229.69
Furnishing Account	50.00	
Plus Interest to 31.6.84	<u>126.70</u>	176.70
Balance of loan from Repaint Account		<u>2,868.85</u>
		21,491.35
Less Building Payments 1.7.83 - 30.6.84		<u>17,248.49</u>
Balance in hand		<u><u>\$4,242.86</u></u>
Cash available from:		
Rental Account	4,045.99	
Refurnishing account	<u>196.87</u>	
		<u><u>\$4,242.86</u></u>

ESTIMATED FURTHER PAYMENTS REQUIRED:

Repayment of loans		12,868.85
Installation of Gas heaters		2,000.00
Cash available	4,242.86	
To be raised	<u>10,625.99</u>	
		<u><u>\$14,868.85</u></u>
		<u><u>\$14,868.85</u></u>

BUILDING APPEAL LOANS AS AT
30TH JUNE 1984

Interest free loans	10,200.00	
Less forgiven	<u>200.00</u>	10,000.00
Loan from Repaint Account	4,902.53	
Less repaid to date	<u>2,033.73</u>	2,868.80
LOANS OUTSTANDING 30.6.84:		<u><u>\$12,868.85</u></u>

"SATURDAY AT TWO"

Throughout the years, "Saturday at Two" has developed a neighbourhood spirit which breaks over denominational lines. It cares for those who are in need of companionship. As a congregation many have participated in this outreach. Many, many of you have shared your talents in music, song, and photography, you have baked delicious cookies, given time and the miracle ingredient of listening. These are very much appreciated by the folk who so thoroughly enjoy their Saturday afternoons spent in our attractive new Fellowship Room. Their donations have enabled extra amenities to be bought for the church kitchens, e.g. trays and a contribution towards the blue tablecloths.

Special thanks to Ros Stewart who led the programme for part of the year, and in particular to Elaine and David Steedman who are always there sharing their time and talents and giving encouragement to everyone.

BETTY ROBERTSON

BIBLE CLASS

The Bible Class have had a successful year. The Church has been fortunate to have had youth leaders of the calibre of Robert and Dayle Anderson, who stood down after five years of successful leadership of the group. We are very grateful for their tremendous input over the years and thank them for their continued concern for the youth at St. John's.

At the end of 1983 we began to adjust our programme, integrating more often with the Youth Group study programme, as well as maintaining our own group identity with studies and social activities of our own. We have had an enjoyable time together this year and look forward to another successful year ahead.

ALEX BURTON

YOUTH GROUP

Within the last year attendances at our Sunday morning meetings have almost halved with the current average attendance being between thirty and forty.

In the last few years the average age of those in the youth group has increased as those who joined the group in the late 1970's have remained and grown older, without there being a significant influx of younger people. Many of these "older" people have married and some are having families which means that "youth group" no longer adequately caters for their needs. However, a significant number of these people remain in the youth group because they feel there is nowhere else in our church for them to go. By the same token, I believe student age people have not been joining our ranks because they see a group consisting of people in their mid to late twenties and decide it is not for them.

It is imperative that St John's realises that it must meet the needs of singles and marrieds in the twenty five to thirty five age group who feel the need for more freedom and worship, and more intimate fellowship than is at present possible in our Sunday services. We ignore this group to our peril. otherwise St John's will lose a generation.

We do not wish to convey the impression that Session are ignoring this problem because they have not. For instance. Session have agreed that people in the twenty five to thirty five age bracket are to be more involved in the evening services. This problem has been given such emphasis in our report because we believe it is of the utmost importance to the future youth work of St John's that the whole congregation should understand the nature of this problem.

In order to adapt to the changing nature of the youth group, the structure of the youth group committee changed at the end of last year. Instead of one committee which met weekly to organise everything there is now an administrative committee which meets every two weeks and is responsible for finances, social events, and organisational matters together with a studies committee which meets about once a month and consists of three elders who are involved in the youth group (one of whom is chairman of the youth group committee) and a studies co-ordinator. This change has worked well.

At the same time, we have attempted to incorporate the senior bible class into the group by creating a student age section of the youth group. For many reasons, especially the problem discussed above, this has not been successful.

During the year there have been some excellent studies with a series on the sermon on the mount. "Knowing God" (including prayer) "Striving for God" (including the use of our gifts and abilities), apologetic topics.

We have also had two worthwhile camps, one on inter-personal relationships and the other on whole-heartedness.

The social highlight of our year remains the mid-winter dance which was well attended and of an excellent standard. Other social activities have included a snow trip, the Hardie progressive dinner, barbecues and a car rally.

We wish to sincerely thank Mr and Mrs Steedman for their continued support. They were camp parents at our March camp which is symbolic of the high esteem in which the youth group holds them.

Despite the current problems of identity we remain convinced of the uniqueness the youth group has to play in imparting a vital faith to students and newcomers to Wellington.

GREG HOLLISTER-JONES
Chairperson

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT OF ST JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH GROUP

		for the year ending 30 June 1984	
RECEIPTS			
<u>Opening Balance</u>		384.45	
Offerings	6,204.54		
<u>Gifts to Organisations & Individuals</u>			
Anastasis - Craig & Isabel Boyes	777.90		
<u>Camps</u>			
Kiwi Ranch	1,053.50		
Forest Lakes	963.00		
Waikanae Christian Centre (retreat)	37.00	2,053.50	
<u>Social Activities</u>			
Sweat shirts	638.90		
Larry Norman Concert	126.00		
Silverwind Concert	304.40		
Haymakers Ball	475.22		
Tom Howard Concert	123.50		
Winter Waltz	577.14	2,245.16	
<u>Miscellaneous</u>			
St. John's Youth Group Deposit Account	1,300.36		
Bank Interest	23.65	1,324.01	
			12,605.11
PAYMENTS			
<u>Mission from the Church</u>			
Boys Brigade			200.00
Girls Brigade			250.00
St. John's Scholarship Fund			100.00
Use of hall			275.00
Upgrade of hall			53.28
Youth services			29.53
Flowers for church			15.00
Seminar manual			66.40
Sundry Youth Group expenses			158.57
			1,145.78
<u>Gifts to Organisations & Individuals</u>			
Bible Society of N.Z.			200.00
BMM International (NZ)			250.00
Radio Rhema			1,482.75
Tertiary Students Christian Fellowship - General Fund			100.00
Wycliffe Bible Translators - James Family			1,000.00
Youth for Christ - General Fund			700.00
Anastasis - Ross & Stephanie Eridson			600.00
Anastasis - Craig & Isabel Boyes			1,702.90
Rev. Duncan Graham			60.00
Mark Johnston			200.00
Wayne Kirkland - Youth for Christ			100.00
Malcolm Leuthwaite - TSCF			250.00
Tom Marshall			100.00
Ann MacKey - TSCF			50.00
Gavin McIntosh - TSCF			7.90
Rev. John Niven			155.00
Mr & Mrs Patterson			100.00
Mr & Mrs Robertson			23.25
			7,081.80
<u>Camps</u>			
Kiwi Ranch			994.00
Forest Lakes			939.50
Waikanae Christian Centre (deposit)			40.00
			1,973.50
<u>Social Activities</u>			
Sweat shirts			638.80
Games afternoon			21.50
Silverwind concert			306.25
Haymakers Ball expenses			241.66
Tom Howard concert			123.50
Winter Waltz expenses			366.37
Ski trip deposit - 1984			100.00
			1,798.08
			12,003.16
Closing balance			986.40
			\$ 12,989.56
			\$ 12,989.56

Jane L. Hubble B.Ec. A.
Treasurer

Strength: The Brigade is in 3 sections -

Anchor Boys	Age 6-7 years	10 Boys
Team Section	" 8-11 "	36 "
Company Sec.	"12-18 "	25
		<u>71 Boys</u>

This is a good number for an inner city company and it is perhaps the most cosmopolitan in the country. The boys are Maori, Tongan, Fijian, Samoan, Greek, Malaysian, Vietnamese, Kampuchean, Nuiean, Chinese as well as Pakaha.

Outreach: The Brigade is the main outreach of St. John's church and gives the 71 Boys some spiritual teaching on a week night as well as in a special B.B. class on a Sunday where there's an attendance of around 16 Boys.

Programme: The weekly programme for each Section is balanced with physical, spiritual, social, and educational activities and the badge work is based on St. Luke 2: verse 52.

Queen's Men: It was a proud moment this year when 2 Boy gained their Queen's Badge - Corporal Stephen Nicholls and Corporal Tom Etuata. Tom is just the 7th Nuie Islander to receive this Award. An ex 2nd Wellington Boy, now living in Palmerston North, Raymond Bell, also received the Queen's Badge.

Drill Competition: Two squads were entered in the Battalion Competition - a Novice grade and an 'A' grade. After competing in the western zone both squads went forward to the finals. Competition was keen and the Boys did well to come 4th and 5th out of a total of 26 Companies.

Boys: There are 4 18-year old Boys in the Company Section and naturally they are the N.C.O.'s. Special mention must be made of Sergeant Stefan Tiefenbacher who has been in St. John's B.B. for 10 years. He's a young man of outstanding leadership ability and has done much to hold our Company together in 1984.

Leadership:

Anchor Boys:	Jane Pack Gordon Rutherford	Team Section	Arthur Carter Craig Dawson Meredith Etuata Peter Hazelwood Harriet Johnston Roger Miller Michael Sinclair
	Company Section	Charles Anson Andrew Dunn Harriet Johnston Michael Sinclair	

Parents' Night: For the first time ever the three sections of the Brigade joined together and 54 Boys were on parade. It was a beautiful sight. The Boys were inspected by the Chaplain and the Session Clerk and the Chaplain presented the Awards.

Conclusion: It is a privilege to help to advance Christ's Kingdom among the Boys in Wellington's inner city.

HARRIET JOHNSTON
Captain

8th WELLINGTON GIRLS' BRIGADE

The Girls' Brigade has had another year of activities on Tuesday nights and the occasional Saturday. We wish to thank the leaders, all of whom have put in many hours of dedicated effort into making the programme interesting and appealing to all the girls. We were sorry to lose Mrs Raewyn Nazif, Mrs Ruth Stoddart and Mrs Cheryl Wye from the leadership last year; but have been very pleased to welcome Mrs Stephanie Bridson, Miss Christine Simpson, Miss Ann Arnold, Miss Margaret McKay, and Mrs Burgess to the team. Mrs Fiona Bayliss, Miss Rhonda Leslie, Miss Kristen Hammerich, and myself have continued on for another year.

The end of last year saw six girls transfer from the Juniors to the Seniors, and four more transferred up at the Parents Night in mid-year. This has brought the number of Seniors to 19 girls, but naturally has depleted the number of Juniors. Both sections run their programme on Tuesday, the Juniors from 4.30 to 6 o'clock; and the Seniors from 6 o'clock till 8. In both cases the programme is based on the "four square" principle of equal quantities of physical, social, educational, and spiritual activities, as is suggested by Jesus's development as a boy in Luke 2: 52. We have covered a wide range of topics as this list below suggests:

	<u>Seniors</u>	<u>Juniors</u>
<u>Spiritual</u>	The Bible "Healthy Attitudes"	God's Book
<u>Physical</u>	Scottish Country Dance Jazzercise	Singing Games
<u>Social</u>	Cooking	Saturday at 2 Cooking Samoan Culture
<u>Educational</u>	Acting Macrame	Acting Fun with Flowers Care of Pets

The Senior section especially wish to thank Mrs Pat McCay, Ms Ros Stewart, and Miss Julie Baird, who have come in to teach the girls various skills.

We also wish to thank the ladies of the Church who have sewn the uniforms, and especially Mrs Janet Hayden who organised the sewing for the Brigade. This year has not been as hectic as last, but the growth in the Senior section has meant that ten new uniforms have been required.

We value very highly the support we receive from the members of the congregation. We see the Girls' Brigade as an outreach of our church, as it brings us into contact with girls and their families who have no other link to Christ. We ask that you continue to support us with your prayers.

MARGARET GALT
Captain

During the last 12 months, Linking Committee (chaired by Mrs. Betty Harris) has met 5 times, the objective being to plan various activities and to unite the women of the congregation in fellowship.

Some of the special functions during the year have been :-

1983

- 6th August Market Day, proceeds going to the Building Fund.
- 14th " Women's Service with a congregational tea at 5 p.m.
- 28th " Congregational lunch to farewell Mr. and Mrs. Temple.
- 4th September Congregational lunch to welcome home Mr. and Mrs. Steedman, together with the Church Annual Meeting.
- 4th December Christmas Barbecue lunch.
- 18th " Congregational tea.

1984

- 30th March Gate Stall
- 17th April Programme for the Easter Meditation.

Every second Saturday afternoon, tea and entertainment is provided for "Saturday at 2", Home Hospitality is also arranged for visitors after morning service, and food parcels are collected every Sunday for the Inner City Mission.

This year a Catering Committee was formed to organise catering for outside functions; with many willing helpers this has proved very successful and a very good contribution has been made to the Building Fund, together with the purchase of equipment for the Hall.

In March Mrs. Pat McCay was elected our representative on the Troup House Committee.

FLOWERS:

We were sorry to hear of the illness of Mrs. Doreen Woods, who with Mrs. Noyle Brown convenes the Flower Roster, but we are pleased that she is making good progress towards recovery. We are grateful that Mrs. Brown will continue as Convenor and thanks go to her and the ladies on the Roster who arrange the flowers in the Church each week.

A.P.W.

The Regional Conference was held in Masterton on 6th/8th April and St. John's was represented by Mrs. Margaret MacKay and Miss Helena Taylor.

P.S.S.A

Mrs. Harris and Miss Williams attend the Auxiliary Meetings once a month, the purpose of these meetings being to liaise with the congregations and keep them informed of what the PSSA is doing. Arrangements are being made for the 75th Jubilee in June, the service on Sunday to be held at St. John's. In October a Fair was held in the Town Hall and St. John's were convenors of the Cake Stall. Members are helping in the Shop and Lounge and grateful thanks are extended to all who have helped so willingly during the year.

LEPER MISSION:

Mrs. Stewart, the Convenor, reports that \$230 has been collected.

MISSIONS:

The Mission Convenor, Mrs. Sandra Ensor, reports as follows :-

For the past 12 months the Mission Department of APW designated as a special project REHABILIM. We have received newsletters and material publicising the work of Colin McLennan which were handed out during this time. A slide show of the work in Indonesia was shown at an Evening Guild Meeting on May 21st. We have been able to give \$500 towards the REHABILIM Project. I am presently distributing 20 copies of the "Mission Together" magazine, and would be pleased to arrange a copy for any-one interested in reading of the work overseas. We continue to write to a group in Vanuatu, but as the correspondence is one way, it is not a very rewarding contact. However, we now have the address of an Associate Missionary, thanks to Mrs. Veitch. We look forward to news from Di Caldwell, teaching in Lahore, Pakistan.

Members of St. John's supported the Mission Budget through the following :-

Sale of Tea Coupons	\$16.44	(Convenor Miss Greig)
" Used Stamps	205.24	" Mrs. Allan
Mission Birthday Gift	458.47	" Mrs. West
Mission Boxes	221.75	" Mrs. Harris.

J. WILLIAMS

Secretary
Linking Committee

PRAYER CHAIN

The prayer chain provides a channel through which people can request special prayers in times of need for themselves, their family and friends.

Requests for prayers should be telephoned to Mavis Johnston, Tel. 856.403 (evenings), or Pearl Brodie, Tel. 879.158. Persons desiring to share in this ministry of intercession may contact Mrs Johnston.

EVENING GUILD

We wish to record that monthly meetings have been well attended throughout the year. Membership, while having declined over previous years, seems to have stabilised. Efforts have been made to recruit younger members and throughout the year new faces have appeared frequently.

We were deeply grieved this year by the death of Em Thomson, a devoted member of the Guild, and one who was a dearly loved friend of all who knew her.

Our programme included:-

A social evening when we took time to say farewell to Mrs Temple, and shared memories of 'Roots'.

'Following the Rainbow' with Mrs Elaine Steedman giving us insights varied and colourful from her recent travels.

Mrs Pat McCay's Ikebana demonstration, and Miss Julie Baird's talk on Nutrition expanded and revised our knowledge of these subjects.

The Christmas party - fellowship, music, and items, thought provoking and otherwise.

An open tea meeting - Ross and Stephanie Bridson, "The Anastasia".

Learning from Mrs Joan Gibson of new work at the Presbyterian Support Services' Centre in Cuba Street, and from Mrs Sandra Ensor, our Missions Convener, of the Rehabilim project in Indonesia.

Members have assisted Linking Committee endeavours, and joined in the wider work of A.P.W.

We thank committee members for their work, and record our appreciation of the dedication of Miss Margaret Krebs and Miss Josie Williams who are retiring from the committee.

We express our loving appreciation to our Minister, the Very Rev. Steedman and Mrs Steedman for their interest and assistance.

In concluding this report we give thanks to God for His guidance, and ask His blessing for the years to come.

GAIL STEVENS,
Secretary.

President's note: To Gail Stevens, our secretary for the past three years, we extend our grateful thanks. To her secretarial duties Gail has added enthusiasm and a breadth of ideas, and already made valued contributions to our guild.

Marion Longstaff, President

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Meetings have continued to be held every 4th Tuesday in the month, commencing at 11 a.m., followed by a shared lunch which has proved most successful.

Programmes during the year have been as follows:-

Mrs Julia Buck Bread making demonstration
Mrs Jan Bromley Unemployment in our city and
the distribution of food
parcels to the needy.

Mrs Miriam Armstrong "The Peoples of Southern Africa"
Mr and Mrs Steedman "Reflections on the year as
Moderator

Christmas Programme with Heather Morris entertaining
on the violin and flute, and Jean Abbie accompanying
on the piano.

Lunch at Mrs Mortimer's home. Opportunity was taken
to welcome home Mrs Lily Reeves

Mrs Fiona Thomas "Living at ground zero and
loving it"

Easter Meditation followed by lunch

Miss Erica Brodie "Welfare in our cities today"

We are grateful to these speakers who have helped to make our meetings interesting and informative.

It is with regret that we record the passing of 2 Life Vice Presidents - Miss Helen Clyde and Miss Hannah Wilson, and also Mrs Em Thomson who had been a very active member of Women's Association. We express our loving sympathy to their families.

Women's Association has given its full support to all the activities in the Linking Committee report which covers the many ways in which all the women have worked together.

We have provided and served afternoon tea at "Saturday at 2", and at Christmastime sent gifts and cards to the residents and staff of Te Hopai Home. In March, with Evening Guild, a Gate Stall was held. We helped with contributions to the stall at the PSSA Fair and also with goods contributed each Sunday for St. Peters Pantry. Everyone has willingly helped with congregational lunches, teas etc. and with the catering for outside functions.

We thank our Minister and Mrs Steedman for all they have done for us through another year, and to Mrs Mary Mortimer and Mrs Betty Robertson our grateful thanks for agreeing to lead our meetings on alternate months until a President is elected.

J. WILLIAMS
Secretary.

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS - 1983/84

Receipts

Brought Fwd.	1,387.27
Allocated at Annual Meeting 1983:	
Mission Budget	1,100.00
Boys' Brigade	25.00
Team Section	25.00
Anchor Boys	25.00
Girls' Brigade	25.00
APW Project	50.00
	<u>1,250.00</u>
Mission Birthday Gift	137.27
Mission Boxes	458.47
Tea Coupons	221.75
Sales Table and Collections	16.44
Membership	42.10
Harvest Field subs.	30.00
Donations	118.80
Stall at Gate	76.50
P.O.S.B. Interest	240.00
Donation from family of the late J. Thomson	10.29
	200.00
"Rehabilim Collection" - A/W Project	436.33
Used Stamps	205.24
Leper Mission	230.00
	<u>\$ 2,423.19</u>

Payments:

Subscriptions - Soc. for Promotion of Community Standards	10.00
"Friends of Turakina"	5.00
Annual Meeting Exps.	10.00
APW - Wgtn. Presbyterial Special Purposes Fund	2.00
Annual Reports	3.00
"Harvest Field"	121.00
Gifts and Flowers	30.00
Evening Guild - share of Gate Stall	120.00
share of donation from the family of late J. Thomson	100.00
Used Stamps	205.24
Leper Mission	230.00
	<u>836.24</u>
Balance at P.O.S.B.	1,586.95
	<u>\$2,423.19</u>

M. M. PIPER
Hon. Treasurer

Audited and found correct
M.D. King
21/6/84.

For your interest the allocation at the 1984 Annual Meeting was -

Mission Budget	\$900.00
Boys' Brigade	25.00
Team Section	25.00
Anchor Boys	25.00
Girls' Brigade	25.00
A.P.W. Project - "Rehabilim"	500.00
	<u>\$1,500 00</u>

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
Very 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
Cottage renovated and made extension of Troup House		1967
Cottage moved to Dixon Street frontage and restored		1982-1983
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
75th Anniversary of present Church,	3-5 December	1960
Y.M.B.C. 75th 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
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		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
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

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