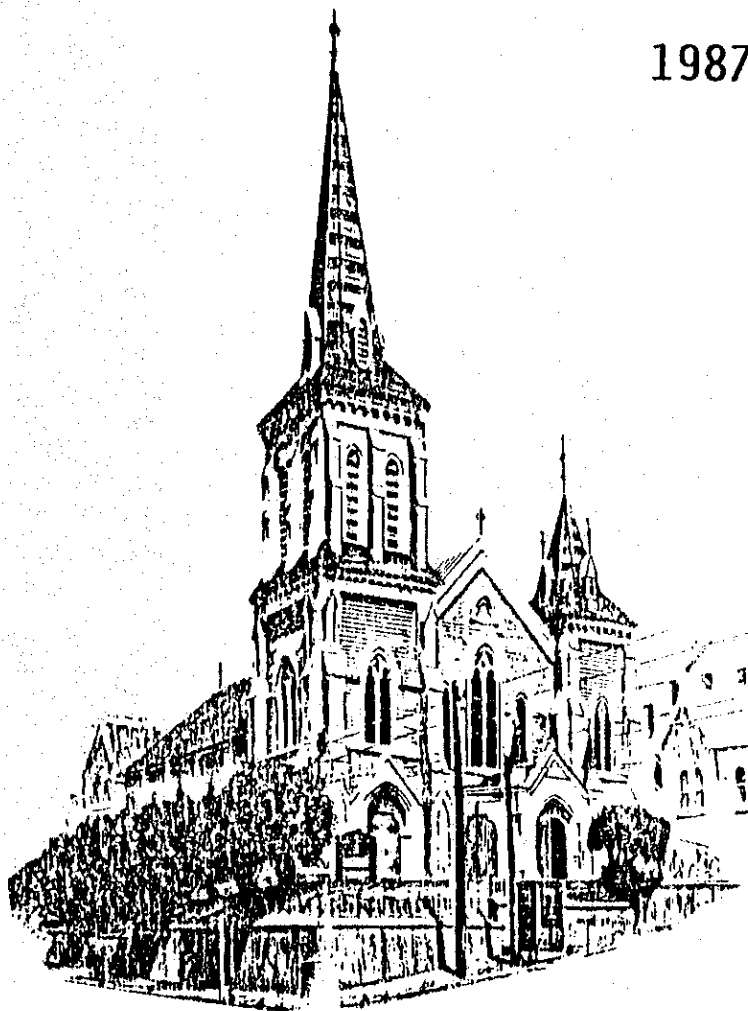


ST JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,

WILLIS STREET, WELLINGTON

134TH ANNUAL REPORT

1987



CHURCH DIRECTORY

<u>Minister:</u>	Rev. Maurice A. Brown 32 Ngatoto Street, Khandallah	792-041
<u>Session Clerk:</u>	Mr. Alan W Darroch 50 Sefton St. Madestown	724-727
<u>Chairperson, Board of Managers:</u>	Miss Ailsa Salt 13 Williamson Way, Karori	768-103
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Mr. Philip Carew 119 Wallace St. City	850-765
<u>Organist and Chalmaster:</u>	Mr. Raymond Wilderspin 30 Karoa Road, Kelburn	753-144

KIRK SESSION

		<u>Inducted</u>
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, A.	65 Trellissick Crescent, 4	1960
McLellan, D.	20 Apuka Street, 2	1962
Shiels, A.Y.	19 Fernhill Terrace, 1	1965
Robertson, N.G.	169 Karori Road, 5	1968
Hunt, J.	24 Krull Street, 2	1968
Owen John, Mrs. N.	35 Phillip Street, 4	1970
Brodie, Miss E.M.	98 Duncan Terrace Flats, 3	1972
Gilmour, R.M.	14 Norwich Street, 4	1972
Mortimer, Mrs. M.W.M.	33 Spencer Street, 4	1972
Piper, Mrs. M.M.	31 Bidwell Street, 2	1972
Ferrier, R.J.	57 Wadestown Road, 1	1974
Aickin, K.B.	20 Manuka Street, 3	1974
Darroch, A.	50 Sefton Street, 1	1975
Harris, Mrs. B.D.	29 Mortimer Terrace, 2	1978
Jaquiere, E.	"Kilmara", Main Road, Makara	1978
Stanley, Major G.	14 Glen Alton Avenue, 4	1978
Brown, Mrs. N.	27 Beershaven Road, 3	1979
Lloyd, R.T.	2 Stormont Place, 2	1979
Stewart, C.F.	117 Messines Road, 5	1979
Wright, N.P.	38 Holland St. Wainuiomata	1979
Leggat, H.C.	9 Pitt Street, 1	1979
McCay, R.D.	11A Salamanca Road,	1980
King, Mrs. M.	5 Vennell Street, 2	1980
Anderson, R.W.	137 The Ridgeway, 2	1980
Drees, G.H.	22 Hurman Street, 5	1981
Dangerfield, N.	101A Waipapa Road, 3	1981
Dunn, A.	26 Arawa Road, 3	1981
Galt, D.	20 Pembroke Road, 5	1981
West, I.F.	427 Karaka Bay Road, 3	1981
Longstaff, Mrs. M.	50A Monaghan Avenue, 5	1983
Salt, Miss A.	13 Williamson Way, 5	1983
Shaw, D.H.	36 Montgomery Avenue, 5	1984
Rutherford, G.	32 Woburn Road, 5	1984

BOARD OF MANAGERS

Miss Rona Bailey	Mr Richard Brader
Mr Philip Carew	Mr Ross Chesney
Miss Margaret Davidson	Mr Cecil Duff
Mr Andrew Farmer	Mr Gerry Jones
Mr Sandy Lawson	Mr Colin Lewis
Ms Christine McCay	Mr John McKinlay
Mr Allan Marshall	Mr Ross Milner
Mr Tom Shanks	Mr David Smith
Mr Gavin Sutherland	Mrs Katherine Sutherland
Mr David Turner	Mr Bruce Welsh
Miss Margaret Woods	Chairperson: Miss Ailsa Salt

COMMITTEES

FINANCE: Philip Carew (Treasurer), Richard Brader, Ross Chesney, Christine McCay, David Turner.

PROPERTY: Mike Horvat (Convenor), Margaret Davidson, Andrew Farmer, Sandy Lawson, Tom Shanks, Bruce Welsh.

INVESTMENT ADVISORY: Ray Wilderspin (Convenor), Bob McCay, David Smith.

REDEVELOPMENT: Ailsa Salt (Convenor), Maurice Brown, Michael Benge, John Comesky, Alan Darroch, John Hunt, Roger Lloyd, Andy Marshall, John Marshall, Ross Milner, Philip Carew, Barry Spencer, Bruce Welsh

ENVELOPE SECRETARY: Dale Anderson (897-586)

ENVELOPE TREASURER: Judi Fergusson (758-867)

LETTING OF HALLS AND ROOMS: Church Office, (851-546)

INTIMATIONS/DUPLICATING: Church Office (851-546)

CHURCH FLOWERS: Mrs N Brown (886-180), Mrs J Darroch (724-727)

MESSSENGER: Editor: Andrew Dunn, 26 Arawa Rd, Hataitai. (861-307)

TROUP HOUSE: Rev. M Brown (Chairman), Ross Milner (Secretary), Gavin Sutherland (Treasurer), Pat McCay, Ailsa Salt, Colin Lewis, 2 Resident Representatives.

SATURDAY AT TWO: Betty Robertson (768-118), Lily Reeves (797-976)

JUNIOR CHURCH: Dick Burgess, 129 Owen Street, Newtown (848-743)

BIBLE CLASS: Margaret and David Galt (758-358)

FLAME GROUP: Johnathon Bayliss (898-707)

YOUTH GROUP: Katherine Brown (792-431)

CRADLE ROLL: Marion Longstaff, 50A Monaghan Ave. (767-102)

BOYS BRIGADE: Anchor Boys: Rense Gilmour (720-817)
Team Section: Harriet Johnston, (722-774) Captain
Company Section: Harriet Johnston

GIRLS BRIGADE: Katherine Sutherland, (783-792) Captain

FELLOWSHIP GROUP: Adrienne Carley (767-781)

ASSOCIATION OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:

Linking Committee: Mrs Betty Harris (859-162), Convenor
Miss Josie Williams (757-878), Secretary

Women's Association: (Meets 4th Tuesday at 11 a.m.)
Mrs Lily Reeves (797-978), President
Miss Josie Williams (757-878), Secretary

Evening Fellowship: (Dates Advised in Intimations)
Mrs Betty Robertson, (768-118)

FOREWORD.

St. John's congregation may look back on 1987 as the year when the Lord let manna fall from the sky above the church. In many ways it has seemed to us incredible and impossible yet it has happened and the reality of it is now slowly sinking in. We sincerely thank God for His continuing providence and for continually surprising and challenging us.

I suggest that we also look at this another way. We have released some of the frozen assets of the church and are now able to use these for the kingdom of God in new creative ways. In fact, I believe God is urging us to break out of autonomous concepts and limitations into exciting new possibilities for ministry in the city. Now there is nothing to stop us entering into an outreach ministry in the inner city; youth ministry is urgent. Training in ministry skills both for lay people and students for full time ministry can be based at St. John's. St. John's can promote Biblical and Theological study which is at a low ebb in the Presbyterian Church today.

My mind boggles at all the possibilities and the only obstacle I see is our need to allow the Spirit of God to expand our spiritual horizons. God has great things for us now we must do great things for God.

May God bless you all.

Maurice A. Brown.

ROBERT BRUCE FOWLER.

This minute records the long devoted and outstanding service of Robert Bruce Fowler in St. John's Church Wellington

Bruce Fowler first worshipped in St. John's in 1912 when he stayed with the Hon. J.G.W. Aitken then an Elder of St. John's. He served in the First World War and was twice wounded. Returning to New Zealand at the end of the war he took up farming in Middlemarch in Otago but returned to Wellington to set up in business as an electrician and electrical retailer.

He and his wife joined St. John's in September 1927. In 1932 he was elected to the Board of Managers and two years later he was ordained as an Elder. He had also been teaching in the Sunday School and in 1935 he became the Sunday School Superintendent a position he held for the next 22 years. On his retirement as Superintendent the Session of the day recorded their gratitude for the way he had continued to serve the Sunday School with a conscious loyalty which the years had not dimmed. Many of his former scholars had testified to the gracious Christian influence he brought to bear on their lives. The Session went on to say that they and the Congregation had the utmost confidence that the children under his care would be truly brought up in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord".

Throughout this period he had continued to contribute to the life and work of the Church as an Elder being at various times on the Seat Letting, Envelope Finance and Property Committees until he was appointed Session Clerk in November 1961. He held that office until ill health forced his retirement in 1973. The Messenger at that time in a tribute to Bruce Fowler recorded that he had put his heart and soul into the discharge of his duties. He was thorough and meticulous. He displayed a profound knowledge of procedure and a happy knack of being able to anticipate problems and reduce them to size. He set a standard which was an inspiration to others.

Bruce Fowler was loyally supported by his wife Meg a charming and understanding lady and also by their five children all of whom were active in the life of the Church. After the death of his first wife Bruce married in 1963 Anwyl Hughes the daughter of the late Rev. Gladstone Hughes a former Minister of St. John's. They supported each other in the service of St. John's and in later years Anwyl gave devoted and sacrificial Christian love in caring for Bruce in his long and debilitating illness until his death on the 20th. February 1987.

Those who knew Bruce Fowler will remember a kindly happy man with a deep understanding of the young and with a caring heart for everyone, busy in good works and constant in the service of his Lord and Master. A fine example of a Christian man.

Session minute 1 April 1987.

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IN MEMORY OF MEMBERS

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

Miss Jean Armstrong Abbie	6-7-86
Robert Bruce Fowler	20-2-87
Miss Barbara Mary Jenkins	21-8-86
George Leitch	7-8-86
Mrs. Mabel Elizabeth Lindsay	11-2-87

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Last year Reverend Maurice A. Brown took up his appointment and this year has been his first full year as our Minister. During the year many of us have had the opportunity of visiting the Manse as various Elders and their groups of members have accepted the invitation. It has been a treat to see the Manse, and have morning tea with Mary and Maurice and their Co host and hostesses Katie, Jenny and Graham. It is hoped that the remaining Elders and their groups and anyone else who has not yet been able to accept the invitation will be able to do so during the coming summer.

Maurice has not spared himself in his Ministry to us from the pulpit and in countless personal ways to those of us who have needed special support. He has also been heavily involved with some difficult Presbytery matters and the Council of Wellington Churches where he is Vice-Chairman. Maurice is also the current President of Victoria House Society and is Honary President of the Boys and Girls Institute.

The Communion Roll now stands at 263 which is 6 less than last year following 5 deaths, 15 disjunctions and 14 additions. There are also 101 on the roll of adherents.

Elders Personal: It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mr. Bruce Fowler who was inducted as an elder in 1933. His exceptional contribution to the life of St. John's spanning 54 years is recorded separately.

During the year Alan Marsh resigned and transferred to a church nearer to his home and Peter Aitken left to take up an appointment in Auckland. Both of them played an active leadership roll in the life of the church and we wish them well for the future.

Services: After a trial period of three months the congregation agreed by an overwhelming majority to change the time of worship from 11 a.m. to 10 a.m. and while the earlier start does not suit everyone there are many advantages provided by the earlier time.

Church Office: The establishment of a church office in Spinks Cottage has been a great asset in centralising the church activities in a position where it is readily accessible to anyone by telephone or to casual callers who make their way to Dixon Street. It is hoped that this centre will be expanded to meet the increasing needs of the parish.

Presbytery Visitation: In April we had the 5 yearly Presbytery visitation conducted by The Very Rev. N.F. Gilkinson, Rev.M.Baker, Mrs. M. Robinson and Mr.I.Steel.

Since the previous visitation the hall building had been rebuilt on its new site, Spinks Cottage repositioned and redecorated and the church office and study set up on the ground floor. The Church building had been re-roofed and repainted and the Manse in Kelburn sold and a new Manse purchased in Khandallah. The committee congratulated the congregation for achieving so much, most of which was due to the enthusiasm and efficiency of the Board of Managers. The conclusions of the committee are printed in this report.

Comprehensive Thanks: Session is grateful to all who have led the organisations and groups and given their support throughout the year. Our thanks also to the individual members who do so much for others in a quiet way and help gain for St. John's a reputation of being a "friendly church".

The Year Ahead: There is no doubt that the year ahead will present many ideas and challenges that we must face up to and examine carefully as we proceed to expand our work into areas that we could not previously contemplate.

I am sure that with a good measure of tolerance, love and understanding and Gods help we will be able to set our goals and achieve much during the year.

Alan W. Darroch - Session Clerk

REPORT ON THE PRESBYTERY VISITATION

of
ST JOHN'S CHURCH,
WELLINGTON
April 1987

Presbytery sends its greetings to you, the members and adherents of St Johns Church. We are encouraged by the very evident signs of spiritual life and vitality in the Congregation.

In the past five years you have been served by able ministers, David Steedman, Jim Veitch and now Maurice Brown. Even in these days of declining membership, many people are still attending worship. We hope and pray that more people, young and old, will come forward to membership by profession of faith.

The numbers attending Boys' and Girls' Brigades are an indication of your outreach amongst young people, especially from families in the parish. We are grateful to those who are active in helping Presbyterian Support.

As it is with many churches, the numbers of children and young people have dropped but it is good to know that the Session has resolved to put greater emphasis on youth work and to provide training for teachers and youth leaders.

The organisations of St Johns appear to be active in support of the church and its mission. You are aware of the needs of travellers who visit your church and make sure that they are given a warm welcome and hospitality. The Session is to be congratulated for the far-seeing task-group report on "The Mission of St Johns - the Way Forward." We pray that God will give you wisdom and strength to follow in these directions. You will always be challenged by the needs of ministry in the inner city and in your parish. May we remind you that you share this with other congregations in your area. This ministry is yours in St Johns even though you might live outside the parish.

A great deal has been done within the last five years with your buildings. We are impressed with what has been achieved and also with the plans you have for the immediate future. It is hardly necessary to remind you that the property and buildings are not there for their own sake but as instruments to be used for the work of God's Kingdom and for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This should be borne in mind in the management of money raised by the sale of the plot ratio.

As a church you have been faithful in supporting the Budget for Assembly Enterprises and have responded to many appeals. There is always need for all members to examine themselves and ensure that they are good stewards of God's gifts to them.

May you remain true to the inheritance you have received in the church through Christ Jesus and continue to bear fruit to his glory.

APPOINTMENT OF ELDERS.

The following report on the question of elders being appointed for a three year tenure instead of the present unlimited tenure was adopted by Session on 1 April 1987. The Book of Order provides for either alternative.

The three-year tenure suggestion might, of course, arise from a misunderstanding of the activities of Session, namely from the view-point that the modus vivendi of Session membership is participation in mainly routine meetings and periodic distribution of cards and other printed material. While we would not expect such an uninformed view-point we cannot entirely disregard the possibility.

Setting aside any such misconception, there are two main arguments for a three-year tenure. The first is that without such limitation Session tends, with the passage of years, to become overloaded with spent elderly people. One look at the membership of St. John's Session, of course, disposes of this argument as far as St. John's is concerned.

The other argument for three year tenure is that where members of Session have a longer tenure they may get into a rut which loses initiatives. In St. John's we have been alive to this possibility and our internal system of rotation of service in the offices and committees of Session ensures recurring new approaches without loss of continuity.

In the St. John's situation, therefore, the arguments for a three-year tenure do not carry so much weight. This does not deny that there can be other situations in which they could carry more weight.

All the arguments for a three-year tenure, however, overlook the fact that the most basic function of an elder is, or should be, the extension of the pastoral ministry of the Minister. An elder's prime function is the pastoral care of the members in his or her district. This is essentially the building up of a warm relationship based on knowledge of the people concerned, their backgrounds, their experiences, their problems, and resting on mutual confidence between them and their elder. This sort of relationship is not a hastily assembled arrangement built and dismantled within a three-year stint. At its best it becomes a close life-long bond of enduring Christian care and confidence.

While the pastoral relationship is the overwhelming argument in favour of unlimited tenure of eldership, there are of course other considerations of which experience is highly important. Within a three-year period an elder is not likely to accumulate any great store of experience in problem situations and cases, in the practical applications of principles and procedures, in the work of Presbytery, and so on.

An elder may, of course, resign from Session at any time, or seek leave for a period, or be relieved of some of his or her duties, or be retired from active office though remaining available in whatever capacity may be called for. All of these options are exercised appropriately by elders in St. John's so that Session remains a strong and active body without losing the resources of knowledge, experience, wisdom and faith which are so often the fruits of long service.

BOARD OF MANAGERS

Sale of Plot Ratio: There is little doubt that the sale of part of the Church's surplus plot ratio, or development rights, has been the most momentous item of business for the Board of Managers in this last year. We give thanks that we have been blessed with sufficient funds to take the burden of maintenance of our historic site from the shoulders of the congregation and to allow for the upgrading of the McDonald Crescent building and vacant part of the Church site, as well as providing funds for the outreach and other activities of the Church within this parish and wider. We are indeed a fortunate congregation and now have much to challenge us in the wise use of the funds and in responding to the opportunities that they bring us to increase our witness to the Lord. The sale of the plot ratio did not take place without a great deal of work by a number of people and the Board expresses its thanks to them, and in particular to Mr Jim Lynch our Lawyer whose advice and work on our behalf was invaluable. It was essential that the correct legal procedures were followed for such a sale, particularly with sums of over \$7 million involved.

Management of the Capital and Income: As we have reported to the congregation, the money received from the sale of the plot ratio is regarded, under the Church Property Trustee Act, as Capital, and therefore can only be used for capital purposes such as the purchase of property or building, or it can be invested. It is only the income from the investment that is available for non-capital expenditure. The Board is concerned that it has the appropriate documentation and structures in place to manage the capital fund and the income it generates. To this end it set up a committee under the convenorship of Sir John Marshall to consider and recommend on these matters. In the interim the Board has established an Investment Advisory Committee to advise the Church Property Trustees on the investment of the capital sum.

Office Development and Equipment: In our last Annual Report, we forecast a Church Centre in a small wing attached to the north side of the hall. It was decided not to go ahead with this when it became clear that we would have funds to upgrade the McDonald Crescent site and our architect advised the proposed centre could spoil the future integration of the whole site. The office was made in the northern end of the Fellowship Room for an interim period, but as this was not entirely suitable, it was agreed that it be moved to the lounge and study of Spinks Cottage. It was possible to retain the student flat and separate it from the offices and this has proved an acceptable interim solution. It is presently the Board's intention that purpose built offices, giving space and flexibility, will eventually be included in the upgraded McDonald Crescent site. Office equipment and furniture was acquired at extremely advantageous cost, and we are grateful for the gift of an answerphone.

Property Maintenance: The Board had intended to refurbish the Bible Class hall this year, but with the advent of the plot ratio sale decided to wait until it was known what funds would be available, and integrate the whole upgrading of the property. General maintenance has continued and we are grateful for all those who have given time to this. To assist it with long term planning of the ongoing maintenance of the whole site the Board commissioned the Ministry of Works and Development to examine the whole property and provide us with a Cyclical Maintenance plan. This will programme the major maintenance for the next 20 years, and give estimates of cost, so that long term budgeting and management plans can be put in place.

The Board was encouraged by the congratulations of the Quinquennial Visitation team on the manner in which it was maintaining the property and the approach it was taking to management.

Other Property Matters: We were advised during the year that the Historic Places Trust had given a B Rating to Spinks Cottage, which is the same rating as the Church. The Trust are impressed with the standard of restoration and the work the Church has put into achieving this. The Catering Group during the year organised and paid for the upholstering of the cream vinyl metal framed chairs (which we had owned for some 20 years) in the Fellowship Room, and for the green wool upholstered chairs which we obtained second-hand (in near new condition) at a very favourable price and we would record this gift.

Annual Accounts: We are able to report that we have finished the year with a deficit of \$1,182 which is a better situation than was anticipated in our 1986/87 Budget which forecast a deficit of \$13,635. The picture is somewhat misleading however, as the Board ceased the monthly \$1000 transfer to maintenance reserves in December, thus the maintenance reserve has been underfunded by \$7,000. This was only agreed to because of the pending plot ratio sale. We would note, with appreciation, the sterling efforts of those who assisted with the fair which raised \$4,000, as this was \$2,500 more than budgeted. We are pleased that St John's was able to meet its Assembly Budget contribution in full, despite the projected deficit and that St John's members also contributed through special individual gifts as a result of the Moderator's appeal.

Bequest: We were gratified to receive a bequest of \$2,500 from the estate of Miss Barbara Jenkins. The Board is still to decide how this generous gift will be used, but has asked the Christian Education Committee of Session to give some thought to uses for training of adult leaders.

Membership: We welcomed Rona Bailey and Ron Chesney to our membership this year and regretfully farewell Trevor McDonald, Paul Haggett, Gillian Woodward and Margaret Krebs. David Smith, our Treasurer, resigned toward the end of last year, and the Board would especially mention the work that he undertook in this position. The Treasurer's work in St John's is demanding and time consuming and we record our thanks to David for his wise management and advice. Philip Carew is our present Treasurer.

Thanks: A special thankyou to Bob and Pat McCay who hosted a very successful social and fund raising evening at the BNZ to raise funds for the Ngatiawa Camp site. We are grateful for the support of those who came and contributed to St. John's commitment to the camp development. Our appreciation to the Manse family for progressively inviting the congregation to very enjoyable morning teas at 32 Ngatoto St., so that you have the opportunity of seeing our new Manse. No voluntarily run organisation with property and commitments as sizable as St John's can operate effectively without the help and contributions of many people and the Board acknowledges with thanks all the support it has received during the year.

Ailsa Salt, Chairperson, Board of Managers.

Accounts subject to Audit.

Audit Report to be presented at

the Annual General Meeting.

ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1987

INCOME		
Balance @ 1/7/86		364.49
Plate		13,371.06
Envelopes		52,204.67
Donations:		4,146.31
Rooms	1,809.14	
General	827.17	
Mission Donations	653.09	
A.P.W.	106.91	
Sat. at 2	50.00	
Evening Guild	100.00	
Catering Cttee	600.00	
Car Parks		10,968.00
Interest:		3,564.73
Scott Prizes	17.50	
Aitken Gift	8.75	
W. Hopkirk	22.40	
W. Hopkirk Memorial	8.75	
Endowment Fund	3,500.00	
Sundry	7.33	
Appeals:		5,531.05
Christmas Appeal	1,960.69	
Budget Appeal	829.96	
Wells for Botswana	115.00	
Kay Wilkinson	669.87	
Youth Work	465.85	
Harvest Service	29.68	
Boys Brigade	50.00	
B.N.Z. Fund Raise	1,410.00	
Troup Houses:		2,811.84
Electricity	244.76	
Cttee Advance	2,000.00	
Insurance Refund	567.08	
Estates:		2,500.00
Barbara Jenkins	2,500.00	
Weddings:		420.00
Sundry:		10,291.93
Bookstall	42.65	
Fair	4,059.47	
Manse Fence Refund	1,100.00	
Outlook	82.12	
Supply Fee Correction	7.69	
Tender Fees - Plot Ratio	5,000.00	
Insurance Provision A/c		5,495.23
		1,882.50
G.S.T.	1,666.77	
G.S.T. Refund	215.73	
Total Income		113,551.81
Defecit 30-6-87		521.88
		\$114,073.69

EXPENDITURE		
Staff:		37,809.23
Salaries	32,336.79	
Beneficiary Fund	3,245.50	
Seniority Allowance	1,331.55	
A.C.C.	334.80	
Supply fees	560.59	
Christian Education:		1,818.21
J.C. Books	7.95	
Boys Brigade	1,250.00	
Girl's Brigade	100.00	
Teaching Materials	277.39	
A.P.W. Fee	182.87	
Office Expenses:		2,084.54
General Expenditure	530.98	
Office Equipment	709.39	
Phones	716.89	
P.O. Delivery Service	127.28	
Printing:		1,565.50
General	487.62	
Communion Cards	140.00	
Messenger	345.62	
Letterhead & Cards	272.70	
Giving Envelopes	319.56	
Advertising:		2,359.70
Church Maintenance:		10,399.59
Rates	2,432.48	
Heat and Light	1,937.03	
Cleaning and Refuse	2,996.63	
General	1,965.35	
Organ Tuning	181.56	
Office/Furniture	886.54	
Manse Expenditure:		1,365.99
Plumbing/Drive/Garden	910.59	
Curtain Deposit	455.40	
P.C.N.Z.		39,716.59
Budget	23,370.00	
Building Maintenance Acc	4,000.00	
Insurance Provision	4,800.00	
Outlook/Crosslink	242.12	
Budget Appeal	818.66	
Insurance	5,827.72	
Mission Gifts	658.09	
Presbytery:		2,141.50
Levy	941.50	
Ngatiawa Appeal	1,200.00	
Appeals:		2,786.11
Kay Wilkinson	669.87	
Wells for Botswana	115.00	
Christmas	1,960.69	
Ron Mill's Presentation	40.55	
Weddings:		270.00
Sundry:		165.96
Architect's Fees	125.00	
Bookstall	40.96	
Bank Charges		278.29
B.N.Z. Term Deposits:		9,500.00
Troup House Funds	2,000.00	
Est. Barbara Jenkins	2,500.00	
Tender Fees	5,000.00	
G.S.T.		1,812.53
G.S.T. Payment	43.57	
G.S.T.	1,768.96	
Total Expenditure		114,073.74
		\$114,073.74

RENTAL ACCOUNT - No. 2 ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30-6-1987

INCOME	
Balance 1/7/86	60.70
Rent	8,623.82
Electricity Refund	1,360.20
Bank Interest	112.91
Ex Rental Acc	1,000.00
G.S.T.	717.12
Total Income	11,874.75
	\$11,874.75

EXPENDITURE	
Previous Monthly Balance	
Cleaning	825.65
M.E.D.	1,313.87
Plumbing	414.00
Rates	3,894.03
Hall Screens	54.00
Feasibility Study	1,000.00
Fellowship Room Division	392.90
Troup House Window	85.72
Toilet Rolls	52.00
Projector Repairs	81.34
Redevelopment	715.00
Insurance	1,440.23
G.S.T.	702.68
G.S.T. Payment	180.56
Total Expenditure	11,151.98
Balance as at 30-6-87	722.77
	\$11,874.75

TRUST ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30-6-87

DETAILS	BALANCE 1-7-87	INTEREST	RECEIPTS	WITHDRAWALS	BALANCE 30-6-87
Endowment	20000.00	3500.00		3500.00	20000.00
Insurance Provision	216.86	478.37	4800.00	5495.23	0.00
Knox College Student	770.21	134.79			905.00
Rental Account	5118.99	716.45		1300.00	4535.44
Reroof Account	7266.41			7266.41	0.00
Repaint Account	8238.05			8238.05	0.00
Building Maintenance	0.00	3176.06	19405.46		22680.52
Mrs G.H. Scott Prize	100.00	17.50		17.50	100.00
Aitkens Gift	50.00	8.75		8.75	50.00
V. Hopkirk Bequest	128.00	22.40		22.40	128.00
V. Hopkirk Memorial	50.00	8.75		8.75	50.00
Sundry Trust	364.31	226.85	1366.85	150.00	1808.11
B. N. Z. Deposit:					
Barbara Jenkins Estate			2500.00		
Troup House Advance			2000.00		
Tender Fees			5000.00		
					9500.00

During the last 12 months chaired by Mrs. Harris we have met six times. The object of these meetings is to plan functions and to unite women of the congregation in fellowship.

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

6	July	1986	Congregational lunch.
31	August	"	Women's service.
21	September	"	Congregational lunch before the Annual Meeting.
18	October	"	Market Day.
21	December	"	Christmas morning tea before church service.
24	April	1987	Gate Stall.

As well as the above activities, home hospitality is arranged for visitors after morning service. Food parcels are collected every Sunday, and children's knitted jerseys and woollen quilts are made by members of the congregation for St. Peter's Pantry.

Saturday at 2 is still proving very popular when entertainment and afternoon tea is arranged by the various organisations in the church.

St. John's women took their turn in helping at "Busy Fingers", and during the year have helped Boys Brigade with sewing and mending.

Catering:- The Catering Committee has had a busy year and through their efforts have contributed \$600 to the church for up-grading the chairs in the hall, \$270-79 was spent on new equipment for catering purposes, and a large print Bible for the lectern costing \$273 was given to the church. This money was raised through catering for 2 small functions for the Assembly Committee, 2 weddings, a luncheon for a party of Shetland Islanders, and Girls Brigade functions.

Flowers:- in the church are arranged each week special thanks go to the convenors, Mrs. Noyle Brown and Mrs. Joyce Darroch, and to the roster of willing assistants.

P.S.S.:- St. John's representatives on Auxiliary, Mrs. Harris and Miss Williams, attend meetings once a month. During the year the Opportunity Shop and Lounge moved further down Cuba Street. Thanks are extended to St. John's members who helped at both the shop and lounge. Auxiliary Meetings this year have been planning for the Fair to be held in October.

A.P.W.:- Representatives from St. John's women attend the Wellington A.P.W. meetings each month.

Harvest Field:- Mrs. Reeves reports there are 47 subscribers to this very fine "new look" monthly magazine.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE.

Introduction:- The work of the B.B. and G.B. in our church is the main outreach to the young people in the near community and is of considerable value.

<u>Strength at 30 June.</u>	Boys	Officers
Anchor Boys	8	1
Team Section	24	4
Company Section	22	3
	<u>54</u>	<u>8</u>

The number of Boys for a down town Company is very good indeed. Although 8 people for 54 Boys may appear to be a lot, badge work is broken up into various age groupings each requiring an officer and a back-up person. There is, in fact, a shortage of 3 Officers in the Team Section.

Activities:- The combined camp at Paekakariki in March with 27 Boys in attendance was a huge success. Handiness to the beach was a great help. Recently the Company Section had a day with the 14th Company (Karori) when they went fishing in the morning, played games in the afternoon, and watched videos until 2 a.m. in the hall. The Team Section has also had a "sleep-in" in the hall and watched videos. The Company Section has entered most Battalion sporting activities during the year. The Team Section again won the soccer shield.

Leadership Development Course:- Due to the generosity of St. John's people L/Cpl. Raman Lal attended part 1 of this course in the May holidays and Colour Sergeant Christopher Lane and Cpl. Adie Etuata and L/Cpl. David Adams attended part 11. These Boys later spoke of their experience at a Church Parade at St. John's. They are a credit to the Company.

B.B. Bible Class and Sunday School:- There are 16 Boys on the roll and a regular attendance of 12.

The Anchor Boys:- The Anchor Boys has had another good year under the efficient leadership of Mrs. Gilmour. Although numbers are small a need is met.

Boys:- Of the 54 Boys in the total Company less than one third are pakeha. This year we have two Russian Boys as well as Indian, Fijian, Chinese, Samoan, Cook Island, Niuean and Maori Boys.

Appreciation:- I wish to record my appreciation to the many people who have helped with transport, donations, classwork, parties and in other ways during this past year. Especially I should like to thank the officers for their hard work and devotion.

Harriet Johnston. Captain.

CHOIR.

It is said that "Music is the language of the Universe" and this is very much in evidence in the choir gallery these days. Although it might not be apparent in the singing voices, there are no fewer than four nations represented - England, New Zealand, Scotland and the United States of America. The most recent addition is Deitrich Stewart from Santa Barbara, California, who has just commenced a two year spell of work in Wellington.

The disbandment of the Wesley Church choir last year was to St. John's advantage and we welcomed Annette, David and Syd. We had a tenor section once more! We were happy to sing at Syd's wedding in May and enjoyed a social evening at Syd and Roma's home a month later.

The choir has participated in several "special" services over the past twelve months, including the licensing service of former choir member Ron Mills. It was good to have Dianne and Ron and the boys back with us at St. John's for the short period.

The usual annual events came and went with the same level of participation and enjoyment - singing carols to the housebound, entertaining Saturday at 2, and the end-of-summer picnic at Te Horo.

We look forward to another year of harmony, although in these days of 'ratios' the female voices are in danger of being drowned out by the ever-increasing number of male choristers. New members are always welcome - in any section.

Our grateful thanks to Ray Wilderspin for his enthusiasm and encouragement (not to mention patience) and Maurice Brown for his support and appreciation of our music. The combined ideas of the organist and minister could make for an interesting year ahead.

Finally we thank the congregation for its acknowledgement of our efforts week by week.

Margaret Davidson.

CRADLE ROLL

We currently have 33 babies and small children in our care. During the Sunday morning service a creche operates in the Fellowship Room. Thanks are due to the 11 people who take a turn in phoning and reminding those 40 volunteers who are rostered to assist in caring for our little ones. Older children in the group now participate in worship, in particular, learning new songs to share.

Morning meetings are held regularly on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at St. John's, while informal gatherings are held in the homes of members on the remaining Wednesdays. Studies over the past year have included the series "Living in Christ", a workbook for new Christians, and a study led by Rev. Maurice Brown. On other mornings we have held a pre-Christmas shopping creche, a party, and a chocolate making demonstration. Strengths evident within this group are the fellowship shared, and the support given each other.

Marion Longstaff - Convenor.

"SATURDAY AT TWO".

Interesting holiday slides, medical help to Afghanistan refugees, the earthquake in the Bay of Plenty, children playing Indonesian musical instruments and others singing nautical songs, together with a variety of films, musical and vocal programmes have all added interest and enjoyment to the regular Saturday at 2 gatherings. The Fellowship Room continues to be a very welcoming place for nearby residents and others to gather on alternate Saturday afternoons. The programmes and afternoon teas provided by many members of the congregation are very much appreciated, and this has been expressed in a tangible way by the valuable monetary contribution made towards the refurbishing of the Fellowship Room chairs.

Betty Robertson. -

EVENING GUILD.

Fiftyone years ago there is mention in the annual report of St. John's congregation of a happy fellowship of women meeting in homes to support the work of the PWMU and Women's Association. From that small beginning, the Evening Guild has a wonderful record of steady, faithfully work and witness. It has been an integral part of the life of St. John's, but the changing structures of society have brought many difficulties. During the past 3 years it has not been possible to appoint executive officers. The answers to a widely distributed questionnaire were closely studied and it was evident that there was a desire for the Evening Guild to continue in its present form. We are very grateful and record our thanks to the present committee for their continuing efforts, and for what they have been able to arrange over the past year.:-

A demonstration on chocolate making was the forerunner to many new and innovative sweets appearing on the Market Day sweet stall.

An activity evening held in Betty Robertson's home.

Mrs. Wendy Gould hosted in her home a delightful evening when fragrant tussie mussies were made from spring flowers.

A "Come as You are" congregational tea and entertainment arranged at the end of the year was a very pleasant evening.

Early in 1987 a discussion was held to find out what was expected from the group. There seemed to be nudges to move into new patterns and challenging ways.

The Guild years are full of memories of warm fellowship and have provided many opportunities for relaxation, service, and spiritual growth. There has been much patience, sharing and caring in the combined efforts. The memories of the unseen cloud of witnesses fill us with humility and challenge us to new ways, to love more worthily, and they point us to the Christ, whose grace was sufficient for them, and is today sufficient for us.

Betty Robertson.

MISSIONS.

On a fairly regular basis we hear from Anne and Max Cope with the Sudan Interior Mission in Kenya. They have been busy learning the language, getting involved in village life and preaching the gospel. We also hear from Di Caldwell who has recently moved to the United Arab Emirates to work in a hospital. She had previously spent 9 months in Cyprus. We recently heard from Friends of Jagadhri that the Christian Hospital now has an X-ray machine, making life a lot easier for staff and patients.

Members of St. John's supported the Mission Budget through the following:		
Sale of Used Stamps	\$117-29	Convenor Miss M. Krebs.
Sale of Tea Coupons	\$ 16-60	" Miss I. Greig.
Mission Birthday Gift	\$523-20	" Mrs. F.M.Robertson.
Mission Boxes	\$103-29	" Mrs.C.Goudswaard.

C. Goudswaard. - Convenor.

ST. PETER'S PANTRY

The organisers of St. Peter's Pantry are very grateful for the support given by St. John's members. The need for help in the Aro Valley does not diminish and over the year a large number of families have been helped by our contributions to have sufficient to meet their day to day needs. When circumstances change and either mother or father become employed their weekly support foodwise is cut out, but help continues with budgeting and the organisation of their needs. So, a very special thank you to St. John's members who so faithfully bring their contribution each week, and to those who have been knitting and making patchwork blankets an extra thank you. Such support is greatly appreciated and your help is making a very real contribution to the needs of the unemployed in our parish bounds.

Mary Mortimer - Convenor.

FELLOWSHIP GROUP.

Several more miles have been walked by the group and two theatre parties have enjoyed local productions this year. Our walks have taken us to the Belmont Regional Park, on hills around Wellington and Johnsonville, to see the seals at Palliser Bay, and into the Orongarongas to climb Mt. Matthews. This last trip was an "overnighter" thanks to friends of the trip's leader. Weather wasn't quite as good as we've often had but the climb was very worthwhile. Numbers on the trips have varied and we do appreciate our trip leaders efforts. Thank you Bill Roberts, Cecil Duff and John Hunt and of course all who participated.

Adrienne Carley. Co-ordinator.

TROUP HOUSE.

Spinks Cottage and Troup House have both been extensively renovated in recent years and therefore only minor ongoing maintenance of furniture and appliances was required during 1986-87. An inspection of the interior of the properties by the committee in June 1987 showed them to be in excellent condition.

In November 1986 a downstairs bedroom and the lounge of Spinks Cottage were converted into a Church office. The alteration is of a temporary and reversible nature pending the development of an office centre in the proposed Church building complex. As there was a vacancy at that time no one was required to vacate the bedroom.

The Historic Places Trust has granted Spinks Cottage a B rating which will protect it from major alterations and disposal.

The usual situation of more applicants than vacancies available happened again at the beginning of 1987. The establishment of a Church office means that the capacity of Spinks Cottage is now 5 people in 3 single rooms and 1 double room. Troup House continues to have 2 single room. A departure from Spinks Cottage in June 1987 has left one vacancy there at the end of the financial year. There were several temporary residents over the Christmas holiday period.

Ross Milner - Secretary.

TROUP HOUSE ACCOUNTS.

<u>EXPENDITURE.</u>		<u>INCOME.</u>	
Maintenance - Cottage	651-12	Board	7410-00
Troup House	137-57	Interest from	
		B.N.Z.	224-93
Insurance	623-78	from Church	
		Office	1668-26
Phone	800-60		
Rates	1706-91		
Bank fees	1-50		
Gas	70-89		
Electricity	403-07		
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Total Expenditure	4395-44		
Excess of Income over			
Expenditure	4907-75		
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TROUP HOUSE BALANCE SHEET.

Accumulated Funds 1-7-86	10843-90	Funds held at Church	
		Office	11826-15
Less advance to St. John's	2000-00	Funds held at B.N.Z	1642-59
		Debtors	282-91
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	8843-90		
Plus surplus for year	4907-75		
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FLAME GROUP REPORT.

This year has been a testing one for the Flame Group. The numbers have dropped, putting a lot of pressure on the people remaining in the group. One of the main reasons for this has been the large number of babies within the group and the extra pressure this brings to the families.

In spite of this drop in numbers there is still a keen outreach interest in the group as seen in the financial statement. Three of the gifts were for people within the group going out to some kind of Christian work, which is extremely encouraging. As well as this there are many people doing things which don't show up in the finances. Both Brigades and the Board of Managers are two areas in which several Flame Group people serve within St. John's, and most members are also involved in a House Group. The Flame Group keenly backed Mission Wellington with almost all our members getting involved in some active way as well as financial giving. This would have been one of the high points for the year. While numeric growth didn't occur because of it there was much personal growth for most people.

We have only held one camp this year which was very worthwhile and well attended. Its aim was to get people moving in the different areas of service in ministry teams. These got off to a good start, taking several services at St. John's and two in the Porirua area, but about half way through the year they fizzled a bit. There are two more in the pipeline at present and we are planning to make this more of a priority for the coming year. Thanks to everybody for your contribution to the group, particularly the committee and spouses (where applicable!).

A special thanks to those who have been working behind the scenes in prayer. God bless you all.

Jonathan Bayliss.

Receipts and Payments Account of St Johns Presbyterian Flame Group
for the year ending 30 June 1987

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>PAYMENTS</u>	
Opening Balance	638.20	Mission from the Church	880.38
		Boys Brigade	200.00
		Reverend Brown	200.00
Offerings	8189.08	Miscellaneous expenses	480.38
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Camps	348.20	Gifts to individuals and organisations	7835.00
Elsdon	348.20	Radio Rhema—J. and F. Bayliss	1800.00
		TEAR Fund—Kay Wilkinson	600.00
Miscellaneous	247.66	Reverend Douglas Pa'u	600.00
Interest	87.66	Janet Smith	650.00
Work Effort	160.00	SIM International—M. and A. Cope	1040.00
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		Mission Wellington	500.00
		Wycliffe Bible Translators—G. James	300.00
		Gifts for Camp Helpers	45.00
		Richard Brader	300.00
		Wellington Youth for Christ	500.00
		Wellington Youth for Christ—Ross Pilkington	1000.00
		Mission to Asia	250.00
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		Camps	218.72
		Elsdon	218.72
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		Balance 30/6/87	489.02
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			\$9423.12
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			\$9423.12

Ross N. Bailey

R. N. Bailey
Treasurer

ST JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,

WILLIS STREET, WELLINGTON

135TH ANNUAL REPORT

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CHURCH DIRECTORY.

<u>Minister:</u>	Rev. Maurice A. Brown 32 Ngatoto Street, Khandallah.	792-431
<u>Session Clerk:</u>	Mr. Alan W. Darroch 50 Sefton Street, Wadestown.	724-727
<u>Clerk to Board of Managers</u>	Mr. Ian West 427 Karaka Bay Road.	889-714
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Miss Judi Ferguson 129 Northland Road.	758-867
<u>Organist and Choirmaster.</u>	Mr. Raymond Wilderspin 30 Raroa Road, Kelburn	753-144

ELDERS EMERITIS

			Inducted.
Smith	Mr. H.B.	25 Maida Vale Road, 3.	1941
Shaw	Mr. J.	110 Grafton Road, 3. (Roseneath)	1944
Brown	Mr. B.	27 Beerehaven Road. 3 (Seatoun)	1956
Robertson	Mr. N.G.	169 Karori Road. 5	1968
Brodie	Miss E.M.	"Woburn"	1972
Boyd	Dr. J.	8 Lower Watt Street, 1.	1974
Stanley	Major G.	14 Glen Alton Avenue, 4.	1978
Brown	Mrs. N.	27 Beerehaven Road, 3.	1979
Lloyd	Mr. R.T.	2 Stormont Place, 2.	1979

KIRK SESSION.

Woods N.S.	38 Harrison Street, 2	1950
Marshall Sir John	22 Fitzroy Street, 1.	1950
Dornan A.	65 Trelissick Crescent, 4.	1960
Shiels A.Y.	19 Fernhill Terrace, 1.	1965
Hunt J.	24 Krull Street, 2.	1968
Owen John Mrs. N.	35 Phillip Street, 4.	1970
Gilmour R.M.	14 Norwich Street, 4.	1972
Mortimer Mrs. M.W.M.	33 Spencer Street, 4.	1972
Piper Mrs. M.M.	31 Bidwell Street, 2.	1972
Ferrier R.J.	57 Wadestown Road, 1.	1974
Aickin K.B.	20 Manuka Street, 3	1974
Darroch A.W.	50 Sefton Street, 1.	1975
Harris Mrs. B.D.	29 Mortimer Terrace, 2.	1978
*Jaquiere E.	"Kilmara" Main Road, Makara	1978
Stewart C.F.	117 Messines Road, 5.	1979
Wright N.P.	38 Holland St. Wainuiomata	1979
Leggatt H.C.	9 Pitt Street, 1.	1979
*McCay R.D.	11A Salamanca Road, 1.	1980
King Mrs. M.	5 Vennell Street, 2.	1980
Anderson R.W.	137 The Ridgeway, 2.	1980
Drees G.H.	22 Hurman Street, 5.	1981
Dangerfield N.	101A Waipapa Road, 3.	1981
Dunn A.	26 Arawa Road, 3.	1981
Galt D.	20 Pembroke Road, 5.	1981
West I.F.	427 Karaka Bay Road, 3.	1981
Longstaff Mrs. M.	50A Monaghan Avenue, 5.	1983
Salt Miss A.	13 Williamson Way, 5.	1983
Shaw, D.H.	36 Montgomery Avenue, 5	1984
Dobbie B.	37 Kaihuia Street, 4.	1987
Ferguson Miss J.	129 Northland Road, 4.	1987
Galt Mrs. M.	20 Pembroke Road, 5.	1987
*Gibson W.	3 Westleigh Way.	1987
Gourdsward Mrs. C.	20A Epuni Street, 2.	1987
Horvat Mrs. A.	16 Richmond Avenue, 5.	1987
Lawson Mr. S.	200 Pembroke Road, 5.	1987

* On Extended Leave.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Miss Rona Bailey	Mr. Michael Benge.
Mr. Philip Carew	Mr. Ross Chesney.
Miss Margaret Davidson	Mr. Cecil Duff.
Mr. Andrew Farmer	Mr. Gerry Janes.
Mr. Sandy Lawson	Mr. Colin Lewis.
Ms. Christine McCay	Mr. John McKinlay.
Mr. Tim Main	Mr. Ian McQueen.
Mr. Allan Marshall	Mr. Ross Milner.
Mr. Brian Miller	Miss Ailsa Salt.
Mr. Tom Shanks	Mr. David Smith.
Mrs. Margaret Steel	Mrs. Katherine Sutherland.
Mr. Gavin Sutherland	Mr. Bruce Welsh.
Mr. David Turner	Mr. David Zuppich.

COMMITTEES.

FINANCE: Judi Ferguson (Treasurer) Ross Chesney, Christine McCay, David Turner.

PROPERTY: Margaret Steel (Convenor) Margaret Davidson, Andrew Farmer, Sandy Lawson, Tom Shanks, Bruce Welsh.

INVESTMENT ADVISORY: Ray Wilderspin (Convenor) Bob McCay. David Smith.

BUILDING: John Hunt (Convenor) Maurice Brown, Michael Benge, John Comesky, Alan Darroch, Tim Main, Elaine Pearse, Ailsa Salt, Barry Spencer, Bruce Welsh, Ian West.

ENVELOPE SECRETARY: Dale Anderson (897-586)

ENVELOPE TREASURER: Judi Ferguson (758-867)

LETTING OF HALLS AND ROOMS: Church Office (851-546)

INTIMATIONS/ DUPLICATING: Church Office (851-546)

CHURCH FLOWERS: Mrs. N. Brown (886-180) Joyce Darroch (724-727)

MESSENGER: Editor: Andrew Dunn, 26 Arawa Road, Hataitai (861-307)

TROUP HOUSE: Rev. M. Brown (Chairman) Ross Milner, Gavin Sutherland, Pat McCay, Ailsa Salt, Colin Lewis, 2 resident representatives.

SATURDAY AT TWO: Betty Robertson (768-118) Lily Reeves (797-976)

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Mary Irvine (898-398)

BIBLE CLASS: Margaret and David Galt (758-358)

YOUTH GROUP: Kate Brown.

FLAME/MISSION GROUP: Jonathon Bayliss (898-707)

CRADLE ROLL: Marion Longstaff, 50A Monaghan Ave. (767-102)

BOYS BRIGADE: Anchor Boys: Renee Gilmour (720-617)
Team Section: Peter Hazelwood.
Company Section: Harriet Johnston (732-774)

GIRLS BRIGADE: Katherine Sutherland (783-792)

FELLOWSHIP GROUP. Adrienne Carley (767-761)

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Dale and Robert Anderson (797-586) Mary
Brown, Eluned Fitzjohn.

ASSOCIATION OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:

Linking Committee: Mrs. Betty Harris (859-162)
Miss Josie Williams (757-678)

Women's Association: (Meets 4th Tuesday at 11 a.m.)
Mrs. Lily Reeves (797-976)
Miss Josie Williams (757-678)

Evening Fellowship: Dates advised in Intimations)
Mrs. Betty Robertson (768-118)

FOREWARD.

Dear Friends,

As I write this foreward I have just received news of the death of Sir John Marshall in London, and our thoughts and prayers turn to Lady Marshall and all her family.

We are a privileged congregation to have had so many years of wisdom, strong Christian values, loyalty, and the warmth and love of God expressed through one life. St. John's Bible Class, Boys' Brigade, Session and congregational life have all been enriched immensely through Sir John Marshall.

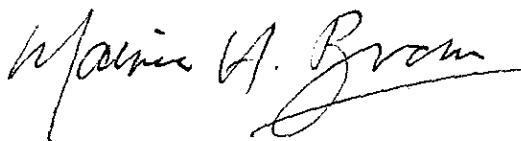
I record with gratitude my personal thanks for his wonderful support in my ministry, and I'm sure I speak for many St. John's ministers who have also experienced that freely given genuine encouragement.

As a parish we are also indebted to Sir John's forward thinking and the greater vision of the Kingdom of God in this place based on the sure promises of God. I think of Hebrews 6: 17-20.

He is our hope and our future our strength in His strength. We give thanks for all the Saints who from their labours rest.

May God bless us all as we follow or lead.

Maurice A. Brown.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maurice A. Brown". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

IN MEMORY OF MEMBERS.

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

Mrs. Jessie Bissett Spence-Williams	4 - 8 - 87
Mrs. Florence Manthel	12- 8 - 87
Mrs. Emmeline (Emily) McKenzie	14-11 - 87
Mrs. Helen Mary Laurenson	19- 1 - 88
James Frederick Wyber	22- 1 - 88
Miss Airini MacKay	24- 1 - 88
Dugald McLellan	3 - 6 - 88

SESSION REPORT.

Session is mindful that the life of the church relies on the fullest participation of its members. The reports of the various committees and groups recorded in the 135th Annual Report are an indication that very many people are working in a wide variety of ways within the church and in the community.

Our minister has continued to lead us by example and with thought provoking sermons challenging us to greater service in our every day lives.

The location of the church office attracts a considerable number of people, both parishoners and non-parishoners seeking help with stressful problems many of which result from the present economic climate. This side of Maurice's work is something that is demanding and is an area that he must handle with confidentiality. Consequently we do not hear much about it.

Session has been deeply concerned at the workload Maurice has been carrying and we are grateful to the congregation for their agreement to seek Presbytery authority to engage assistance.

Maurice has been ably supported by Mary and by Kate, Graeme and Jennie and we thank them for their tolerance and for taking good care of their husband and father.

The Communion Roll. now stands at 259. After 26 additions, 23 disjunctions and other reasons, and 7 deaths. There are also 18 on the supplementary roll and 108 on the adherents roll. The additions include 12 former members of the Roseneath congregation and we hope that after the disappointment at the closure of their church, they now feel at home in St. John's.

Elders Personal. It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mr. Dugald McLellan who was inducted as an elder in 1962. Dugald resigned from Session in April because of difficulties in carrying out his pastoral duties.

Mrs. Noyle Brown retired in September 1987 after serving for 7 years.

Mr Roger Lloyd retired in February after 30 years as an elder. Roger joined our Session in 1979 and was Session Clerk from 1984-1986.

Mr. George Robertson retired in June but is still continuing to keep our roll and prepare the Communion cards. George was inducted in 1968 and was Session Clerk from 1973 to 1984.

Mr. Gordon Rutherford resigned to attend a church nearer to his home.

The strength of Session was increased in November 1987 with the induction of Brian Dobbie, Judi Ferguson, Bill Gibson, Margaret Galt, Carolyn Gourdsward, Alison Horvat and Sandy Lawson.

Elders Emeritus. This year we have listed separately the Elders who have given distinguished service and have retired from Session. We were pleased to be able to include Mr. John Shaw who retired from Session at Roseneath and Mr. Bruce Brown who retired from Seatoun.

Summer Supply. We were pleased to have Mrs. Gaye Churchill with us for 10 weeks from November to February during her summer break from Knox College. Gaye arrived as a stranger and quickly slotted in to the work assisting Maurice in the pastoral care of the parish. In January she ably led us in worship for three weeks while Maurice was on holiday and when she returned to Knox early in February she left as a very dear friend. We wish her every success as she continues her studies at Knox.

Christian Education. In November Ian West was appointed clerk to the Board of Managers and relinquished the position of Convenor of the Christian Education Committee. It is an important post which Ian worked hard at and provides immediate session support for all youth work. We were pleased when Margaret Galt agreed to replace Ian as Convenor.

Life and Work. Part of the work of this committee was being undertaken by the Mission committee so it was decided to have the remaining area taken over by a new Social committee which is not part of Session. Robert Anderson was convenor of the Life and Work committee and is now convenor of the Social committee.

Mission Committee. With Robert Gilmour as convenor has worked during the year on our St. John's Mission and Outreach and has put forward a variety of ideas. One of the difficulties is personnel to carry out the Mission recommendations.

Comprehensive Thanks. We extend our grateful thanks to all leaders of organisations and groups and the many helpers who have extended themselves to keep our programmes running throughout the year. We appreciate your efforts and want you to know that you have our continued support.

The Year Ahead. New ideas to be progressed in the coming year will require very careful consideration and tolerance as individual proposals are dealt with. It is important that all of our discussions are carried out in the spirit that God would wish of us, and the conclusions are sound and the best that we are guided to do.

Other churches have envied the friendly atmosphere of St. John's and it is well worth the effort to keep it that way to make our worship an enriching and pleasant experience.

Alan W. Darroch.

BOARD OF MANAGERS

Membership: The Board welcomed Micheal Benge, Tim Main, Brian Miller, Ian McQueen and David Zuppich as new managers this year. We were sorry to accept Mrs Margaret Mackay's resignation. Margaret has retired and no longer works in the city.

The Minister of St John's, Rev Maurice Brown, has chaired the Board since the 1987 A.G.M. In July we were delighted to note Ailsa Salt's appointment as Deputy Clerk of The House of Representatives. Ailsa formerly chaired The Board. After Managers we are sure The House can offer few new procedural surprises.

The Congregational Treasurer, Philip Carew, indicated at the 1987 A.G.M. that he wished to step down from the position. He generously agreed to act in a temporary capacity until another treasurer was appointed. In March your board was pleased to appoint Judi Ferguson as Treasurer. We thank Philip for his sacrificial service; Treasurership at St John's is time consuming and exacting.

The Board was also unable to elect a Clerk until December when Ian West agreed to accept the responsibility. The Minute Clerk, Rona Bailey, was granted leave from The Board to study at the Bible College in 1988, and in her absence Margaret Davidson has recorded the minutes.

Congregational Finances - i) General: The Accounts are dominated by the income and costs associated with the sale of the plot-ratio entitlement. Without the plot-ratio monies we would be in a difficult financial position. The 1987/88 budget was for a deficit of \$13360 even with a \$12000 advance from Troup House reserves and a cessation of payments to our maintenance reserves (usually \$20000 each year). This deficit included a \$10000 provision for the purchase of a computer and software which has not been bought.

We are pleased that giving is \$3000 above budget. In future we wish to structure our accounts so congregational giving is clearly associated with ministry and outreach spending. We intend building maintenance costs (including insurances) will be met from plot-ratio fund income.

There was one large unexpected expenditure: we needed to bring the drainage at the manse up to satisfactory standards. Unfortunately the funds withheld from the manse builder were insufficient to cover all the work required.

ii) Format of the Accounts. Auditing: Assumption of financial control part way through a financial year is difficult and The Board is appreciative of the work that Judi Ferguson has done on our behalf and of the new reporting she has implemented. In future we will operate a computerised general ledger rather than a cashbook. The increased sums passing through our accounts make this more appropriate.

In June we adopted the policy of two signatures on each cheque drawn on the Board accounts. Previously only one was required. The new policy is more usual for organisations of our type. Late in the year Mr J.B. Craven, who has been our auditor for many years, indicated that he would not be able to audit the current accounts and would like to retire. Because of the increased complexity of our accounts The Board thought it appropriate to employ paid public-practice auditors. These accounts have been audited by the public practice of Peter Willis.

iii) Plot-Ratio Monies (St John's Capital Trust): The Board established an Investment Advisory Committee of Ray Wilderspin (convener), Bob McCay and David Smith, to advise the Church Property Trustees on investment of