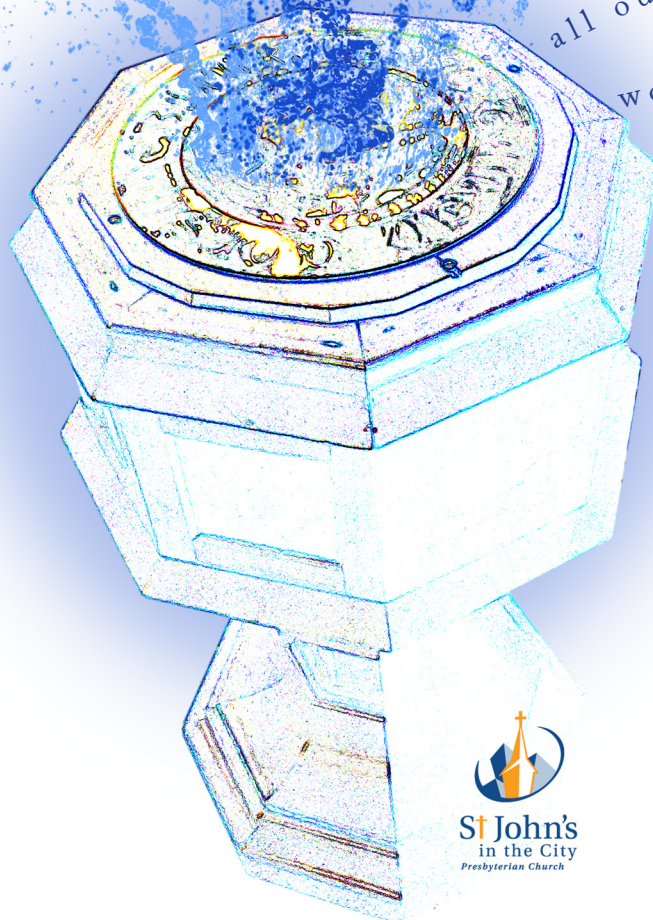


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*We seek to follow the way of Jesus and grow in understanding of the Bible and the Christian faith.*

*We are a restless community.*

*Discontent with the status quo, we grapple with questions of life and faith as we search for new and more effective ways of conveying the Gospel of Jesus to the people of greater Wellington and beyond.*

*We are a caring community.*

*We are committed to the well-being of those who are hurting in body, mind or spirit.*



## Foreword, 157th Annual Report 2009/10

I am a reluctant dancer. It takes a lot of matrimonial pressure to get me up on the dance floor at a New Years Eve party, or the occasional wedding reception.

The current annual theme for St John's is 'The Year of Movement: Body and Soul'. Many of our regular activities harmonise with the physicality of this theme; Music and Movement, Move It or Lose It, ConfiDance, and GuiDance. And, as a worshipping community, many other activities connect to the movement of our spirits.

One image of God as Trinity is the Father, Son and Spirit in a dynamic movement; a divine dance. This image presents God not only as alive and active, but in such an intimate dance that the three divine persons are mutually indwelling. There are not always clear distinctions of where one starts and the other stops; three and yet one. The life of God is a dynamic unity where each divine person is eternally giving themselves over into one another.

In John's Gospel Jesus prays about this divine mutual indwelling and how it overflows to humanity: "As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me." (John 17:21)

All humanity is embraced in the movement of God which emerges in our midst. In Jesus, we, the Church, are drawn into this divine dance as the human partner. We are recipients of God's abundant and overflowing love in a perpetual dance, where God leads.

This past year God has led St John's in an exciting dance of continued ministry and mission.

Rev Stuart Simpson was called to St John's as the second minister, strengthening and complementing the ordained ministry in service of our congregational life and witness.

Ryhan Prasad has been our ministry Intern this year. Ryhan's reflection and scholarship has stimulated us, while also forming him for the ministry of Word and Sacrament.

David Coplon joined the St John's Office as the Finance and Administration Manager in November and has already made an impressive contribution applying his experience and expertise in property, as well as the (very) occasional flash of humour.

We have intentionally fostered a team approach to ministry this year, which has been particularly successful in mutually encouraging and coordinating our commitment to ministry with Children & Families, Youth, and Young Adults. These ministries have grown in vitality and vigour because of the involvement of you all, and I commend you for your contributions as a people who are gathered, learning, restless and caring.

My deep thanks to Paul Ramsay our Session Clerk, and to Ted Cizadlo our Chair of St John's Council. They have served faithfully throughout the year with their commitment of time, energy, and attentive wisdom.

*Yours in Christ*  
*Allister Lane*

# Minister's Report

The year has flown by and by the time you read this the Simpson family would have been in Wellington for approximately ten months. So much has happened over that time, such as St John's buying a new manse and our family moving in, sad occasions, fun events and brilliant auctions. As pages are limited in this report, I thought it only prudent to focus on a couple of things that I have had the good fortune to be involved in, in 2010.

## *Evening Service*

The evening service has been going extremely well with an average of 40 people attending every week. The core people of this congregation remains the same, however there have been a number of new people.

The style of the service continues as last year, with some of the key elements being the discussion time after the sermon and the fellowship meal following the worship service. However both Allister and I have tried some reflective services, which have also been well received. Communion services will be held in the same months as the morning service. We are starting to have a number of the senior youth attend, which is wonderful. It is great to see the transition from youth group to the evening service take place.

The music team, with Sam Bennett and Matt Potts at the helm, has increased in size and musical instruments. The instruments have included a double bass, a flute, a cello, electric guitar and a piano.

Recently we had an evening service leadership meeting, where a number of things were discussed, such as, what it means to be missional. We also talked about outreach both locally and internationally. One question that came out of this meeting, in recognition of the partnerships that St John's, through the outreach committee, has decided to support, was 'how do we keep these relationships going?' These relationships are the Church of North India and the Presbyterian Church of Myanmar. It was discussed that these relationships need to have a champion, someone who promotes the relationship. Therefore it was decided that the evening service would become the champions, on behalf of St John's of one of these relationships. These champions would keep in constant communication with the partner, the evening service and the outreach committee, which would report to session.

## *Weddings*

In the last three months I have had the privilege of taking the services at three weddings. These were all wonderful occasions and yet all quite different events. The couples married were, Supavinee and Jenjoptiti Siripin, Rory and Amanda Nelson-Moores, and Treena and Eli Madar, Treena is the daughter of Mila and Poutalie Poutoa.

## *English as a Second Language*

The study is going very well and we now have a new member, who was originally from Serbia but has lived in New Zealand for 10 years. The group is averaging around eight per fortnight. It is a time of studying the bible, often the biblical verses that are used on Sunday are the focus of the study. It is also a time of fellowship and support. Recently, Lala and I had a number of the group around to the manse for dinner and to get to know each other better. Allister and I have been sharing this wonderful ministry of St John's. Anyone else who has English as their second language is most welcome to come along and enjoy the warm fellowship and engaging studies.

## *Men's Breakfast*

This also has been going really well with the group averaging on 10 men per fortnight coming for breakfast. We have taken enjoyment in the food provided, where such food has included cinnamon buns, scrambled eggs, toast, hash brown, fresh juice and of course healthy muesli. It has also been a time of fellowship. Recently we have begun to share the work we do and how our faith affects, inspires and challenges that work. This time had become a very beneficial time as we support each other in faith and life. The cooking and the sharing are shared through a roster system. A warm welcome greets any men who would like to join us, for good food, good company and good coffee!

It is a joy to be part of St John's in the city and I would like to say thank you to all of you for making our settling in so much easier. Thank you so much for your support, your encouragement and your generosity and may God continue to bless you and the ministry of St John's in the city as we care for each other, as we grow in our faith and as we proclaim the love of God and the good news of Jesus Christ to Wellington and beyond.

## *God Bless*

*Stuart Simpson*



## Session Report

Well, another year, another minister!

At the beginning of 2010, we welcomed Stuart Simpson as our second minister at St John's. Stuart completes our Ministry team, and his gifts and talents have enabled us to continue to reach out into the wider community. Stuart's ministry, and his experience in mission and outreach and pastoral care, has already made a difference. It is wonderful to have Stuart, Lala, Aina, Manda and Harena as part of our St John's family.

It is also important to acknowledge the Ministry Settlement Board that helped guide us to this point. We are very grateful to the Presbytery representatives – Chris Nichol, Sharon Ensor and Helen Beaumont – for their unfailing commitment, wisdom and patience. Together with our representatives from St John's – Muriel Ewan, Margaret Galt, Anna Davis, Rob Anderson and Ryhan Prasad – the Board met for three years, and its work is now complete. Thank you to you all.

My thanks, too, to Allister for his continued leadership throughout the year. His good humour and commitment to ministry brings blessings to us all.

This year has been both busy and rewarding, and sometimes it is only on reflection that you realise how much has been done – and how much still remains to be done!

In July 2009, the Church Organ Refurbishment Committee gave an update to Session on their work and on-going investigations. The timeframe for undertaking any work on the organ is quite long (several years) given the limited number of firms available to do this work and their current workload. A further update was given in April 2010, and the



*Rev Allister Lane welcomes Rev Stuart and Lala Simpson on behalf of the congregation, February 2009*

congregation will be consulted when it comes to making a final decision.

The following month, Carlton Johnstone, Youth Ministry Development Leader at the Assembly Office, presented "The PYM (Presbyterian Youth Ministry) Road Show" which he went on to deliver to Presbyteries throughout the country. During the course of his presentation, Carlton noted:

- + There is often a "stage of life" disconnect when many young people "grow out" of the church
- + Sunday morning is often the first – and sometimes the only – point of contact with many people
- + Many churches seek to provide programmes for young people ("youth focused") rather than actively getting involved with them ("youth integrated"), and it is important to integrate young people into all aspects of the life of the church
- + A quarter of Presbyterian churches have no youth presence at all. The intention is for PYM to reach out to these churches through their local Presbytery
- + PYM's focus is to provide a sounding board, guidance and resources to the wider church
- + We are glad to be able to encourage Carlton in this work.

Session also unanimously approved a one-year internship for Ryhan Prasad as part of the Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership internship programme. It has been a privilege to support Ryhan in this way, as he completes his training to become a Minister of the Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian church.

The focus of our September meeting was on pastoral care, and we are very grateful for the ongoing work of all those involved in this important ministry. Thanks were also expressed to Margaret Gilkison for her work as our Pastoral Care Worker. Margaret cares deeply for the well-being of others, and has a real gift for pastoral care. Margaret stepped down at the end of the year, and we are currently seeking applicants for the new role of Pastoral Care Coordinator.

The highlight of our November meeting was sharing time with a number of children from St J's Kids. It was a real privilege to spend this time together,

and many hearts – young and old – were touched by the experience. In her subsequent presentation to Session, Anna Davis, our Children and Families Worker, shared this quote from Henri Nouwen: “It belongs to the centre of the Christian message that children are not properties to own and rule over, but gifts to cherish and care for. Our children are our most important guests.” We are very lucky and very blessed to have your children as part of our St John’s family.

During November, a number of people from St John’s attended a service at the Otaki-Waikanae Presbyterian Parish to celebrate the centenary of the church building (parts of which date back to 1909). The church building was originally home to the Kelburn Parish until 1993, when the congregation joined with St John’s and it was moved to Waikanae. It was a wonderful day – a worthy celebration of past, present and future – and we were honoured to be invited to be a part of it.

Later in the month, Session spent some time out together as part of a retreat. It was an enriching and rewarding experience for us all, and a timely break from the busy-ness of everyday life.

A combined meeting of Council and Session was held in December to discuss the leadership of our youth programmes. It was agreed that we would continue to contract the BGI for the delivery of these programmes, and that clear objectives needed to be set by the Christian Education Committee and approved by Session for these programmes (including the development of a strong and sustainable team of volunteers). These objectives were subsequently discussed with our youth leaders early in the New Year.

2010 started with its theme of the “Year of Movement – Body and Soul”. Each Thursday was also designated “St John’s Community Movement Day”, with activities including a “Men’s Prayer Breakfast”, “Music and Movement” and “Move it or Lose it” in the morning, and “Confidance” and “Zumba at the Hot Mama’s Club” in the evening. Obviously the names get more exciting as the day progresses!

At the end of March, Session held a planning day with members of Council and others involved in the wider ministry of St John’s. The day began with opening devotions which reflected in word and music the diversity of worship within our church, and then

we worked through four different workshops which looked at:

- + What we have achieved in our Children and Families, Youth, and 18-30s ministries
- + Our mission as God’s church locally, nationally and globally
- + How we can help people to share their time, talents and gifts as stewards of God’s resources
- + Sharing our hopes and dreams for the future.

While there is still much to be done following this day, there were a number of important observations. These included:

- + We have achieved a lot in the last two years by being more focused and intentional in what we do
- + Even though our Children and Families, Youth, and 18-30s ministries have been very successful, there is much that is still “fragile” which needs to be strengthened and supported. There are also further opportunities for outreach in each of these areas
- + An important part of this “strengthening” is encouraging people to give of their time and talents to support these and other ministries within St John’s. Everyone has a part to play, and a contribution to make. The more volunteers we have, the more we can achieve together while sharing the work involved
- + Effective pastoral care is a key part of our life together as a Christian community
- + Encouraging and developing the use of our facilities as a “hub” to reach out into the wider community. The activities as part of our Community Movement Day each Thursday are a good example of this
- + The need for a greater focus on our mission as God’s church. How can we as a congregation become more involved in, and more effectively support, the wider work of the church both nationally and internationally?
- + The importance of good communication within St John’s, especially as we are a widely-dispersed community. We also need to improve the way we communicate, particularly in terms of explaining our needs as a church, and the reasons “why” we do the things we do.

In April and June, we reviewed and discussed the St John's Lectureship in Christian Theology at Victoria University. Chris Marshall, who is currently the St John's Associate Professor in Christian Theology, joined us at this second meeting. The lectureship has been in place for six years now, and Chris believes that it has been extremely beneficial. The partnership between St John's and the University is unique, and continues to have a positive influence. We have committed to the lectureship for a further three years, and a group has been established to work through the goals and objectives for the lectureship during this period.

In May, Robin Ferrier stepped down from Session. Rob Anderson gave a well-deserved tribute to Robin's contribution and character during his 36 years as an Elder. This included being Session Clerk and chairing the Mission and Outreach Committee. In keeping with the theme of a "good innings", Robin was presented with a miniature cricket bat signed by the members of Session. Robin was also appointed an Elder Emeritus in recognition of his on-going service to the church. Chris Parkman also resigned, and has since returned to England where he is to marry to Sarah Walker in September. We will miss them both.



*Picnic Church at Otari, Wilton's Bush March 2010*

The Christian Education, Outreach and Pastoral Care Committees continue to report to Session on a quarterly basis, and we are very grateful to them all for the work that they do.

Ailsa Salt is our Presbytery representative, and she has done a sterling job throughout the year. Our participation in Presbytery and in the life of the wider church is an important part of what it means to be a Presbyterian. We have been well-served by the wider church, and we need to do likewise.

I would also like to thank our office staff of David Coplon, Barbara Newdick, Fennie Dewar, Phil Cassin and Graeme Coppel. Your contribution and support is much appreciated. It is also important to acknowledge Grant Garner. Sadly, Grant died from cancer during the year, and is missed by us all.

In conclusion, I would like to reflect on communication and community, two words that share a common root – the Latin word for common as in "common understanding" or "shared in common".

As was highlighted in the Session Planning Day, good communication is vital in any environment, whether it is at home, at work, or at church. While Session has taken a number of steps to improve the way we communicate – including regular updates in *The Messenger* and quarterly Congregation Forums where people can raise any questions or concerns they may have – there is always more we can do. If you have any other suggestions, please let me or any other Session member know. Likewise, don't hesitate to ask at any time if there is anything you would like to know.

In terms of community, I am reminded of the question, "What are the most important letters in the word 'community'?" The answer is 'U' (you) and 'I'. Together we help to shape and make St John's the community that it is. We all have a part to play, and everyone's contribution is important and valued. So, thank you for all that you do.

May we continue to be worthy representatives of Christ's community here on earth.

*Paul Ramsay*  
Session Clerk



# Council

This year has been a busy one for St John's Council. This year has seen growth in St John's from a number of perspectives. The addition of Stuart to the Ministry team, and the added bonus of an internship year of Ryhan's ministry training has made a big difference in St John's. Having the gym fully functional has given us a year of full use of our conference centre. The Thursday "St John's Day" gives a focus to the mid week activities and makes St John's a vibrant hub of activity.

## *Council Membership*

Council is made up of the Convenors of the standing Committees of St John's. These were:

+ Finance	Ross Chesney
+ Christian Education	Geoff Annals
+ Women's Association	Mary Gibbs
+ Mission and Outreach	Ailsa Salt and John Atkinson (interim co-convenors)
+ Social	David Ensor
+ Communication	Ross Davis
+ Pastoral Care	Judy Ferguson
+ Session Clerk	Paul Ramsay
+ Minister	Allister Lane
+ Minister	Stuart Simpson
+ Property	David Wood
+ Staffing	Muriel Ewan*

\*Muriel Ewan is not the convenor of the Staffing Committee, but attends Council on behalf of the Committee.

At the May meeting of Council we accepted the resignation of John Marshall as the Convenor of the Staffing Committee. The Council was grateful to John for the many years he contributed as convenor. Council agreed to temporarily merge the Staffing committee with the Finance Committee until June 2011.

Also at the May meeting the Council noted that Chris Parkman had resigned as the Outreach Committee convenor and we welcomed Alisa Salt and John Atkinson as the interim co-convenors.

Council meets on the last Wednesday evening of the month in the St John's Centre. The meetings usually last about 1-1/2 hours (or so) and are open, for observation, to the members of St John's.

## *Finances*

Finances are the subject of the Treasurer's report, but I'd like to highlight one point. Last year I emphasised the effect of the inflation rate on our finances. At that point the effect was positive and we had a healthy surplus. This year it is not the case. The effect of the GST increase will have a dramatic effect on the inflation rate, which could have a serious impact on the inflation contribution St John's makes to our investments. At the joint meeting of Session and Council this year a decision was made to discuss appropriate inflation proofing options with the Church Property Trustees.

## *Looming decisions*

Last year I predicted that we would be making decisions regarding the pipe organ and a dedicated youth space. These decisions are still before us. A lot of good thinking has happened in both of these critical areas and decisions are much closer, but not yet made. I see these major decisions as potentially difficult for St John's, but have confidence that our leadership is up to the challenge. If we engage with these decisions prayerfully, and are mindful and considerate of the views of others, I am optimistic that we can reach decisions that unite rather than divide.

## *Final thoughts*

I have very much enjoyed my time as the Moderator of Council at St John's. It has been my privilege to work with the other members of St John's Council. St John's is very fortunate to have such dedicated and talented people willing to give so freely of their time. It has also been very enriching to be involved with this group in the decision making at St John's. As I step down from the role of Convenor of Council I will miss working with this talented team. From my perspective the monthly meeting of Council became more than a dry business meeting to handle the operational aspects of St John's. It was a genuine time of fellowship and sharing in the true Christian spirit.

## *Ted Cizadlo*

*Council Convenor*



## Music

It seems that we are growing our music team at a fantastic rate. There is the usual line up of organ, choir, music group and band. But this year, we have really started something exciting. For many years, we have rued the lack of any other choirs apart from our senior one and finally, with a little schedule juggling and a lot of parental support, St John's now has a Junior Choir.

This choir did its first performance at the Christmas Carol service in 2009, singing 2 carols with the adult choir. They sang very beautifully for Palm Sunday and the last all-age worship service. The age range of the choir is 4 (although we do have one 3 year old!) to 14. They practice during term time on Sunday mornings after church, in the fellowship room.

You might be aware that St John's is affiliated to the Royal Schools of Church Music, which is a body based in the UK with branches world wide, set up to aid church musicians (and clergy) and progress church music. We are following the Royal Schools of Church Music Voice for Life scheme. This means that the children are rewarded for good singing, that they learn how to read music and perform in a choir and that they are introduced to a discipline which will stay with them for their whole lives.

Although I have sung in choirs all my life, it is a new venture for me and one which is extremely exciting.

Sing unto the Lord a new song.

*Eleanor Carter*  
*Director of Music*

## Flowers

We can safely say that this year has seen more of the colourful, and sometimes spectacular, results from the talents of the members of the group that arranges the flowers in the Church. Thanks to everyone for the imaginative work that has been achieved and the splash of colour that graces the Church week by week.

Nine brides asked us to do the flowers for their wedding this year and thanks go to those on the team who created some beautiful arrangements. These are always challenging as brides have high expectations for the flowers that are an important part of their special day and we too want to give them something that they will remember with pleasure. For weddings, we charge a set fee and have the treat of going to a flower wholesale market at Grenada North and choosing from their amazingly colourful fresh supplies.

The monetary cost of flowers this year was around \$700 so those of you who buy flowers will know how economical we have been, helped by those who have flower gardens that can be garnered from in spring and summer. We are always pleased to hear from those who admire the arrangements and pass on their appreciation. It is most encouraging.

*Ailsa Salt*  
*for the Flower Group*



*Rev Stuart Simpson*

## Choir

I've been glancing through the last three Annual Reports and have discovered that much of what I wrote about the Choir (sometimes at length) is still applicable to the past year, viz, how I see a church choir as a humble servant of the liturgy; the wide range of music offered with the Lectionary readings in mind; the loyalty and hard work of St John's Choir; serving our great Triune God in congregational and choral song; my sense of privilege in being involved, and so on.

What is a little different about the past year is an even greater awareness of how many choir members are out of the country or out of town on any given Sunday morning. On one Sunday twelve members were absent for those reasons. Of course, that included four who were overseas for long-term study or work, and three others on long trips abroad, but I'm sure that you will understand something of the situation. As the choir knows I have absolutely no problem with such choir absences, and we joke about it often. The Director is also implicated! If you look up at the choir loft and sometimes see fewer there than you may have expected you will know now that the choir is full of busy people. It's the most mobile choir that I have ever worked with: almost a case of 'have choir membership, will travel'!

Of course, I'd like to think that those left behind do an excellent job, because there is a wonderful core of expertise in each section of the choir. Not only have we again had no 'train wrecks' or obvious choral 'boo-boos', but in fact we have offered a spiritually expressive and musically acceptable anthem every Sunday; that is very satisfying given the constantly changing nature of the group. We have been most encouraged by appreciative comments from members of the congregation, and I am grateful for the help provided by guest singers to provide balance and weight to the sound. I trust that you find helpful the provision of the words of anthems in Sunday Bulletins, because we try to express the meaning of the lyrics whatever the musical genre or style.

If congregational members are interested in joining us, they can be assured that rehearsals are efficient and good-humoured and that the group functions as a kind of family within the wider community of faith. (We certainly miss people when they're away!) No audition is needed. A good way to begin would be to be part of the 'Occasional Singers', now ready to become a regular part of services and special events. I would be delighted to tell you more personally.

Among the special events with which we have been involved, several come immediately to mind: the Advent and Pentecost traditional Combined services, when we were pleased to have St Mary of the Angels and St Peter's on Willis worship with us at St John's; the February hosting of another 'little Big SING' for young and old (the pizza lunch beforehand continues to be a helpful drawcard); and the Choir and a sizable congregational group assisting with the RSCM's Town Hall event: 'Singing with the Stars' - which I had the honour to lead.

Finally and very importantly, I want to acknowledge of the joy of working with Allister and Stuart, and the continued support and contributions of everyone within the Choir - organist and Director of Music: Eleanor Carter, pianist: Dayle Anderson, music arranger: Evan Dumbleton, Choral Scholar: Robert Gray, Librarian and soloist: Linda van Milligan, Assistant Librarian and supper organiser: Judy Jansen, Chairperson: Jeanette Westermeyer, Robes Custodian: Beth Cizadlo. Other choir members include Rob Ewan, Katherine Sutherland, David Galt, , Winifred Bain, Tony Fuell, Mary Gow, Tae-Soon Lee, Echo Zhu, Alison Lyford, Stephanie McHardie, Christina Jang, Anna Yew, Andrew Aitken, and the music group/band who accompany the choir on occasion.

*Guy Jansen*  
*Choir Director*

## Pastoral Care Committee

The Year of Movement: body and soul is the theme for 2010, proposed by this committee and approved by Session. David Jackson again came up with a great logo that has been incorporated in a couple of banners and in the weekly Order of Service.

The theme flowed on from the successful Move It or Lose It exercise sessions that started in August 2009. These low impact exercise classes, led by Margaret Gilkison, with a lunch to follow, have proved very popular with many members of the congregation. We have had several non - St John's people also attend on a pretty regular basis too. We have had roughly 30 different people come through the classes at different times. Currently there is a core of 4-5. Another 5-6 come irregularly, so there can be anywhere between 5 and 12 on any given Thursday afternoon. If the class numbers drop any more in the latter part of the year we will have to consider stopping this activity, as it is a big commitment for Margaret, leading the group and for the catering.

A congregational morning tea - named "The Loaves and Fishes" morning tea - was held in the beginning of November. This event was so successful and yet another opportunity for the church family to mix & mingle. We have decided to repeat it in 2010.

2009 saw the continuation of neighbourhood lunches. For 2010 we decided to mix up the suburbs so new connections could be made. These have proved very popular by those who attend - if the volume of the chatter is anything to go by.

It was with sadness that we accepted Margaret Gilkison's resignation from the position of Pastoral Care Worker, effective 31 December 2009. Margaret has done a wonderful job with many members of the congregation in their time of need. She rallied

support when it was needed and sees that as the direction for the future. Session agreed with her suggestion and the committee has produced a job description for a Pastoral Care Coordinator. This position is currently being advertised to find a suitable person.

December 2009 also saw a change in leadership of the committee. Cynthia Krogh, who had been convenor since February 2007, decided to step down but thankfully remain on the committee. Many thanks must go to Cynthia whose valuable contribution has been appreciated so much as she has coordinated the activities of the committee and its members in a calm, unflappable way. Judi Ferguson assumed the role of convenor from the February meeting.

The Pastoral Care Freezer outreach continues to provide meals for people at times of need, be it bereavement, illness or new baby. Thanks to all the people who bring meals for the freezer. The mums from the Thursday morning Music and Movement group contributed many meals after a big cook-up organised by Anna Davis. There is a continuing need, so all contributions are gratefully received.

After several years of wholehearted participation, Margaret Gilkison decided to take a break from the committee at the end of June 2010. She will be missed.

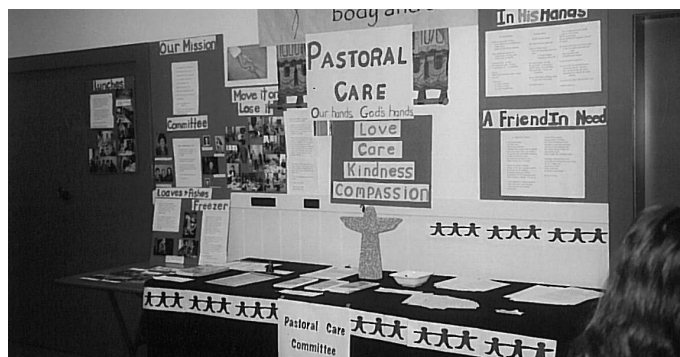
The current committee is Judi Ferguson (convenor), Cynthia Krogh, Anne Simpson, Mindy Simpson, Anna Davis, Lynn Pollock

Our goals are to foster connections between members, share the joys and burdens, and help build a caring community where the love of God is lived out in many ways.

*Judi Ferguson*  
Convenor



*Mixed up lunch, 27 June 2010*



*'Clubs' Day' stall, 13 June 2010*

## Outreach Committee

The purpose of the Outreach Committee is to practically fulfill St John's goals in outreach, which were considered and agreed by the congregation at a special meeting in 2002. The goals provide significant challenges to the committee because of the wide range of matters they cover and the standards that it is expected will be achieved in carrying out the policy. The committee has covered this year:

Allocation of discretionary funding provided for in the policy where grants were made to the Mount Cook School for a contribution to its 2010 swimming programme; to Catacombs Drop-in Centre for curtains needed in its public areas; to Berhampore Junior School to assist with the costs of buses for trips outside the classroom; and on behalf of the APW, to underwrite a contribution to Turakina Maori Girl's College for scholarships.

The policy also provides funding for initiatives in mission and the committee had helpful guidance from Rev Stuart Simpson on the criteria it might take into account when considering the grants it should make. It looked at the marks of a healthy mission, the matters to bear in mind when exploring specific options for overseas mission and what should be done to maximize sustainable and meaningful partnerships.

As the PCANZ was giving special attention to the Church of North India during Graham Redding's Moderatorial term and St John's has strong personal connections with Jagadhri Christian Medical Hospital and the St Thomas School, a grant was made to the school for scholarships for needy children to gain an education. In addition, a grant was made to

Ludhiana Christian Medical College and Hospital for medical books to upgrade the library used in the training of doctors and nurses. If 'long term' work and sustainability are considered the mark of healthy mission, then the relationship between the Church of North India and the PCANZ is healthy as they have worked together for over 100 years.

Presbyterian churches of New Zealand and Myanmar have had a relationship since 1969 and St Columba's at Botany Downs, Auckland, has been working with a church community there for some time. Partnering with St Columba's would be a good way for St John's to start more personal involvement in overseas mission. Funds were given to the Myanmar Church to help rebuild homes destroyed in extensive fires in the Chin Hills.

Bequests made to St John's which require the church to make grants to those in need in the city are administered by the committee. The interest from the Noel Woods and Andrews Family bequests is presently provided to the Downtown Community Ministry and Presbyterian Support Central for use in their work in assisting those in need in the city. Both DCM and PSC have the systems and staff to effectively undertake this work.

It was with regret that we farewelled the committee's convenor Chris Parkman when he moved back to England during the year. John Atkinson and Ailsa Salt became co-convenors. Other members of the committee are Dayle Anderson and Muriel Ewan. The Ministers and the Session Clerk are ex officio members.



# Victoria University Lectureship

I have counted it a great honour to be the St John's Associate Professor in Christian Studies since 2004, and am grateful for the church's continuing investment in the position and its confidence in me. In the past year, the lectureship has continued to achieve all the goals set for it at the outset.

My two "flag-ship" courses in biblical theology continue to be well-subscribed and well-received by students. The 200 level course on Jesus and the Gospels attracted some 70 enrolments this year, and the 300 level course on Pauline theology almost 50. In addition to providing a theology option for regular religious studies students, these courses bring a substantial number of Christian students into the Religious Studies Programme who would not otherwise be there. I have also contributed lectures to several other courses.

In the middle of last year I was delighted to receive the prestigious National Tertiary Teaching Excellence Award. I could not attend the awards ceremony at parliament as I was overseas, but Professor John Davidson read a speech on my behalf. In it, I made the following comment:

I am also very pleased that my chosen academic discipline – the study of religion and theology – is receiving its own recognition through this Award. Religious communities have always excelled at the effective and lively transmission of significant and transformative knowledge – which is also a major goal of all good tertiary teaching. So it is perhaps fitting that the critical teaching of religion in the NZ tertiary sector should be acknowledged by way of this Award.

My presence at Victoria continues to attract post-graduate students to Victoria with an interest in Christian theology. Most come from Wellington, but some have enrolled from as far away as Whangarei, Auckland, Palmerston North, and Christchurch, and there have been several enquiries from overseas. Late last year I also taught an intensive Master's paper at Laidlaw College in Auckland.

In addition to my academic work, I preach regularly in churches around the city, speak at several conferences each year, both national and international (last year I was invited to address a huge ecumenical conference in Paraguay attended by 6000 delegates), and give a number of public lectures and seminars. For example, in December I offered a paper at a VUW conference on the ethical foundations of public policy; in April-May, I gave a series of two-hour lectures on Jesus and the Gospels in the Hutt Valley, which over 70 people attended on six successive Tuesday evenings; and in August I presented a paper to a conference on Public Christianity in Wellington.

Perhaps the strongest evidence of how well the lectureship has been received by the University was my appointment in June this year as Head of School of the School of Art History, Classics and Religious Studies. This appointment has brought a range of new leadership, administrative and pastoral responsibilities and required a reconfiguring of my teaching programme, though with no diminution in the number of theology papers on offer.

I am delighted that Session has decided to renew its partnership with the University for a further three years. I am also very pleased that agreement has been reached to establish an annual St John's Visiting Scholar Programme, which will bring internationally renowned theologians to Wellington each year to deliver public lectures. I am hopeful the inaugural visit will take place next July, but, given time constraints, it may have to wait until 2012.

*Respectfully submitted by*  
*Chris Marshall*

# The Wellington's Boys' & Girls' Institute

Tēnā koutou e hoa ma

From our beginnings 127 years ago, BGI has had close ties with St John's. As many of you will know, The Boys' Institute (as it was back then), was established by a group of young people from St John's who fundraised to set up bathing facilities for disadvantaged children and youth in the area.

We continue to work with young people and their families from throughout Wellington, ranging from those with very high needs to those who are young leaders in our community. We are also widely respected in the youth sector for our youth participation and mentoring practice, and provide training to youth workers around the country. In all our activities, we work alongside young people to develop their strengths. We address any challenges that arise in a positive, youth-friendly way and assist them to build strong and healthy relationships with their families/whanau and the people around them.

BGI is supported by over 200 volunteers, many of whom are long term committed volunteers. Currently we have 13 full time and part time permanent and contract staff. The spaces we inhabit for youth development programmes (including the office) are often filled with a creative "buzz" that visitors remark upon. We have a ready supply of door-knockers, job applicants and volunteers that attest to our reputation as a good employer and an enjoyable place to work. We work hard to foster a culture of support through weekly staff meetings and good communication. Our youth workers also receive professional, external supervision.

This year we have supported three of our youth workers into new roles within the community where they can follow their passions, and grow their skills. We have benefited from the time and effort they have given to BGI and the young people of Wellington. At the beginning of 2010 Ryhan began his Ministry Internship at St John's. Ani also has followed her passion for dance and is a leading Zumba instructor in Wellington. Ani has used

her skills to support the 'Hot Mamas' part of the community movement day.

Our volunteer governance board has also remained stable over this year we are pleased all members bring enthusiasm and wisdom to BGI governance. We appreciate the involvement of St John's with the board.

Here is a quick run-down of some of the things we've been doing this year:

*Footsteps:* Footsteps programme is an innovative and exciting programme that works on effecting positive change in the lives of vulnerable adolescents and their families. The programme uses adventure based activities, such as ropes courses, kayaking, tramping and camping, coupled with counseling and psychotherapy to encourage the development of confidence, communication, responsibility, trust and co-operation in these young people. Personalised programmes are designed, with the aim of introducing different patterns of relating within the family system.

The newest part of the Footsteps programme is the SOS outreach programme. This programme uses snowboarding/skiing as the medium to introduce positive themes into the lives of the participating young people.

This programme benefits young people of all different age groups and backgrounds. It is designed to accommodate at-risk youth, refugees and adolescents with mental health problems who are looking to improve their way of life through exploring their own outlook and capabilities. They accommodate the needs of youth ranging from primary to tertiary to correspondence education. Footsteps programmes may last up to two years, though most span six months.

*Challenge for Change:* Through this early intervention mentoring programme, young people 9-13 years are matched with volunteer mentors who act as positive role models (we're always looking for more mentors



*Snapshots of the youth development programmes BGI facilitates*

if you're interested!). Each young person is matched with a carefully selected and trained adult mentor who provides guidance, friendship and support. The structured programme runs for 20 weeks, with a programme of ongoing contact maintained over a full year. Most mentors and mentees maintain contact after this time. Over the 20 week programme there are at least two mentoring contacts per week: one being a therapeutic story-telling intervention and the other being a fun activity. The families also attend a concurrent 11-week parenting course. Thus the programme takes a more holistic approach and helps not only the young person, but those around them.

*Confidance and Guidance:* The BGI Dance project is a mixture of two programmes called ConfiDance and Gu+iDance. GuiDance is a dance programme for young girls aged 12-18years. The first part of the programme focuses on relationship building, exploring topics of interests and creating a sense of belonging. This also provides the opportunity for youth workers to facilitate discussion around various life issues that young girls are faced with. The second part of the programme focuses on various ranges of dance activity, including jazz, hip hop, ballroom and contemporary.

The Dance Mentor training is a training programme that invites participants to do theory and on the job training around dance leadership. Currently, we have two boys aged from 15-17years who are involved in the programme and help lead in our ConfiDance programmes. They have also completed a 2-day training which included the participation in six dance classes, a behaviour management module, a programme planning workshop and a how to use a music mixing software programme.

*Link:* In 2008 we trained a group of young people in action research, building upon the success of the Wellington Youth Project (WYP) in 2001. The young people from Link, with the support of youth workers, established a research framework, developed and administered a survey to their peers, then analysed and reported their results. The Wellington Youth Survey 2008 is a valuable snapshot of young people in Wellington. Other projects of Link include a poster of youth services and 'Think Inside the Box', a sustainability summit for young people which was held inside a recyclable cardboard structure.

Youth work at BGI is about building relationships with young people and their families. This means we do not just 'provide services for youth'; rather, we are 'in service with youth'. Thanks to St John's for their ongoing support over the last year. We look forward to our continued relationship with you.

BGI also facilitates St John's Youth Ministry. A full report of this programme is in this Annual Report. We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our new Youth Ministry Worker, Trevor Neal, who has been a natural fit to the role.

At BGI, it is not so much what we do, as how we do it and who does it. Our main asset is our youth workers, who have all done some form of study in youth work and are highly experienced.

Nationally, BGI is regarded as a leading youth development organisation, with key staff giving back to the youth worker community by voluntarily contributing to the governance levels of two youth sector leadership organisations. BGI Director Ross Davis is on the executive and council of New Zealand Aotearoa Adolescent Health and Development (NZAAHD) and BGI youth worker Rod Baxter is Chairperson of the National Youth Workers Network Aotearoa (NYWNA).

Currently we have 16 paid staff in total (eight full-time) and 100+ volunteers who invest over 10,000 hours annually. BGI staff members are all specialists in youth work. One of them was one of the first in New Zealand to be awarded the Diploma in Youth Work (Level 6) and two others helped write some of the modules comprising the first National Degree in Youth Work in New Zealand. We also have a very hands-on and supportive Board, which has remained stable over this year.

BGI staff qualifications include: university degrees in commerce, education, theatre and film, design, outdoor adventure and social work; and a Masters specialising in cyber bullying.

BGI staff is also trained in facilitation, counseling, youth work, adventure therapy, team building, therapeutic storytelling, art therapy, drama, video production and editing, and digital storytelling. The staff also possesses a good sense of humour, which is essential in youth work.

*Ross Davis and Tanya Duncan*  
*Director Board Chair*



## Youth Group

What an amazing year it has been in our happy place...St Johns Youth! We have been all over NZ building our Youth Group family: Hamilton for the Parachute Music Festival, Paraparaumu for JYMC Regional EasterCamp2010, Wainuiomata for the 40 hr Famine Camp, Otaki for our Volunteer Leaders retreat and El Rancho for the 2010 Connect Leadership Conference, not to mention all over Wellington causing havoc in the name of fun, good times and family! And that's just a small part of the year...

As the new Senior Youth Group Coordinator, I have experienced first hand the warmth and welcoming atmosphere that makes St Johns in the City unique. And since February it has been a privilege and an honour to take over the reigns of a healthy and strong Youth Group. Youth continues to be a priority at St Johns in the City and we are in a privileged position with wonderful resources that ensures St Johns Youth will always be the place to be on Friday Nights and Sunday mornings at church.

Amongst all the fun and crazy activities we get up to in Youth Group, the heart of all we do is best summed up in one word - *family*. It has been great seeing the next generation of St John's young people making our Church and Youth Group a vibrant and alive place. As we continue to build great relationships over Camps, Friday nights, Sunday mornings and everything in between, the future is in good hands. All I can say is watch out! The coming year will be even greater!!



*The senior youth groups girls feel the love*

### *EPIC- Saint John's Junior Youth Group:*

EPIC has had an amazing year of personal growth. Being an intermediate aged youth group means that most of the young people in the group only are with us for around two years before they transition on to Senior Youth Group. And as we all know, this is not long to journey alongside someone. At the beginning of this year a large number of our group moved up to the Senior group. This was a big change for all involved as the crew that started high school were such an important part of what EPIC had grown to be. While missing the older crew we soon had new members join us from many different circles of Wellington. We now have a solid crew made up from young people from such schools as EBIS, SWIS, Ridgeway, Holy Cross, Northland and Seatoun.

This last year we have had amazing terms filled with crazy antics at Upper Hutt swimming pool, extreme paintball outdoor in Tawa, too much food enjoyed at Denny's Porirua (wow we really do get around), tyre wrestling at Ridgeway school fair, creative sign writing at school sports games and have taken sooooo many photos!

On Sundays we have been working through the Seasons of the Spirit curriculum alongside St J's kids, while also staying flexible with the current needs of our young people, lead by God's guidance.

Fridays and Sundays have been filled with activities and moments focused on building community, growing our EPIC whanau to be supportive of each other, with opportunities to get to know our young peoples' communities.

We organised a dinner for the EPIC families, who joined us for the evening. The EPIC leadership team cooked a fantastic meal, including dessert, and the sons and daughters of the EPIC families served the meal. We filled the rest of the evening with performances from the young people and quiz's that got the whole whanau involved. The night was so magical that it will become an annual tradition.



## *Our Ministry Model- Looking In, Around and Out.*



### *Look In*

Encourage young people to grow in a Christ entered Faith in God.

#### *Sunday Programme*

Giving our Youth Group the opportunity to grow in Faith and knowledge of God's Word and the Truth within It. Through studies, discussions and practical experiences, Sundays are a safe place to look at some of the tricky questions facing young people today.

#### *Friday Night Youth*

A place for young people to belong.

Every Friday night of school term we host the most crazy and adventurous activities designed to create community. Through the St Johns Church family, our Volunteer Leadership Team and the ongoing relationship with the Boys and Girls Institute (BGI), we are well resourced to continue to provide a Friday night programme that is fresh, funky and where all young people are welcomed.

#### *Youth Leadership Team*

The past year has been huge and this is directly attributed to the amazing efforts of our Volunteer Leaders. Their continued commitment to seeing the next generation empowered is both refreshing, yet challenging. On top of their already full schedules, they all make serving our Youth a priority. Without them, Friday nights and Sunday mornings just wouldn't be the same.

Also this year we have sadly fare-welled the legendary Ryhan Prasad as he begins his Ministry training and internship. We wish him all the best and continue to cheer him on in all he does.

And three of our amazing Youth Leaders, Thomas Seer-Budd, Jesse Boyce and Talia Carlisle, have also been fare-welled from the team over the last year. Work and study commitments have unfortunately meant they are no longer able to continue to volunteer. Thanks guys for your commitment and servanthood over the years. You will be truly missed.

But while one door shuts, another is opened...

We have welcomed Petra Malcolm, Bede Robertson, Sophie Macauley and Katie Lee to our Leadership Team. These guys are guns and we look forward to what they bring to the St J's team.



### *Look Around*

Doing Youth Ministry with Others

#### *JYMC EasterCamp 2010*

An amazing example of several different Youth Ministries coming together for an epic Camp and to celebrate Easter. Over 150 young people descended on Paraparaumu for one wild Easter weekend. The evening worship services led by the St Johns Youth Band were a highlight. Can't forget the dance party and of course the sweet camp food. Apple crumble, custard and ice-cream. What more could you want?

#### *The Revolution*

For one night St Johns Youth Pulled out all the stops and hosted over 160 young people from all over Wellington at our Revolution Night. A night of Worship lead by the Youth Band again set the scene for an awesome night. Great to see St Johns bursting with young people! A night that encouraged great connections between different Youth Ministries around the Wellington region.

#### *Parachute Road trip 2010*

Always one of the highlights of the year. This year we had over 40 people fundraise and save their 'hard-earned' to get to Australasia's biggest music festival! And it didn't disappoint. Amongst the bright lights and fanfare of Parachute, the Youth Group were bonded by daily devotions and fun times. Not even a tropical storm on the last day could dampen the mood. We evacuated the campsite and took refuge in an old church and had what some said was the highlight of the weekend: the unofficial farewell and thanks to Ryhan for all he has given to the Youth Group over the years.



*IN this photo is Trevor and Betsy Neal hanging AROUND, OUTside the church.*





### *Look Out*

Encourage young people to grow  
Christ-centered mission hearts to serve.

#### *40 Hr Famine Camp*

This year we spent a weekend away, and instead of fasting food, we fasted technology. No phones, Facebook, ipods. And we decided to look at what it is like for people in other less privileged countries. Lala Simpson shared her testimony of growing up with no electricity, running water etc. It helped our youth see things from a different perspective. And from that we have identified things that we, as a Youth Group, could do to bless others in need. We decided to raise funds that we could give to a school in the Solomon Islands which desperately needs new school books.

#### *Child Sponsorship*

As a Youth Group, we have been sponsoring, through World Vision, our boy Dennis. Over the last 5 years, we have been sponsoring him while the region he is from has slowly become self sufficient, which is great to see. He has received education, food shelter and clothing from our giving in Youth.



*April Ojala, Calvin Standrill and Hyden Cho as the Holy Family in this year's Film Fest entry 'The Bible'*



*Youth Leaders' at 40 Hour Famine Camp, May 2010*

### *Statistics*

#### *EPIC*

Under Pastoral Care: 17  
Average Friday Attendance: 8  
Average Sunday Attendance: 5  
Volunteers: Oliver Ibbetson, Gina Williamson.

#### *St J's Senior Youth Group:*

Under Pastoral Care: 44  
Average Friday Attendance: 28  
Average Sunday Attendance: 13  
Volunteers: Gina Williamson, Petra Malcolm, Sophie Macauley, Katie Lee, Jesse Boston, Sam Bennet, Matt Potts, Talia Carlisle, Thomas Seer-Budd.

#### *The Year Ahead*

With a solid focus on building community amongst the Youth Group and the amazing dedication of the Volunteer Leaders, I see this coming year as a landmark time for St Johns as a Church, and for us as a Youth ministry.

Couple that with the planned dedicated YouthSpace looking likely, we will truly make a mark in this city for Jesus. We are about to set it OFF!

Also big thanks to all the Parents for the pickups and late night drop-offs on Fridays! We appreciate you guys!

And finally a big thank you to the Church and the Leadership Team for believing in our Youth Group. Your support means the world to us and while we sometimes break stuff, lose stuff and make a mess... we are absolutely grateful for all you do.

The future is in good hands...

*Trevor Neal*  
*Senior Youth Coordinator*



# St J's Kids

2010- the year of movement, body and soul has truly been the case for St J's Kids. The children's ministry is in good heart. There have been increasing numbers of families involved, a committed leadership team and most exciting of all, children who are learning and growing in their love and understanding of God.

St J's Kids is kept a vibrant and thriving part of this church by the many people who are involved. In particular I want to thank and acknowledge with gratitude the contributions of our dynamic St J's Kids Leadership team of 30 people involved on Sunday including our children's door Greeters - Alex Read and Alice McEnaney. This team is crucial in laying that foundation of belonging which is instrumental in faith development. So thank you for all that you do. Also a special thanks to Margaret Galt, Marg Gilkison and Allie Crombie for their commitment to fill a gap in the St J's Kids preschool group during Term 2 and beyond. We are also blessed to have the support of a team of 9 people who facilitate the Sunday holiday programmes ensuring our leaders enjoy a break.

## *Curriculum*

We continue to use the lectionary based 'Seasons of the Spirit' which provides connection with the morning and evening worship services in what we're learning.

## *Under 3s at St J's Kids*

This was a new initiative last year and it continues to grow in numbers, atmosphere and learning. Every Sunday preschoolers, with their parents, can be seen singing, dancing, sharing, making, realising their St John's family is glad they are there each week.

## *Leadership Training*

### *Presbytery resourcing day August 2009*

Leaders were inspired and challenged after listening to Mark Chapman Minister of Clevedon Presbyterian Church, Auckland speaking on being Missional, and Dave Rees who gave 2 workshops on how we can develop life giving ministry to children and leading music for children when you can't play an instrument

### *Kids Friendly Advent/Christmas Regional workshop October 2009*

Hosted by St John's, with 16 churches represented in the Wellington presbytery. From this the St J's Kids leaders decided to emulate Mary & Joseph's 'journey' by delivering Mary & Joseph figures to a child's home, praying for their safe journey then that family passing Mary & Joseph to another home continuing throughout the days of Advent. On Christmas Day Mary & Joseph arrived at the crib which was set up in the Church waiting for them!

## *Special events*

### *St J's Kids has had a few firsts...*

First time a Bouncy Castle has been in the St John's courtyard on a Sunday. This was to mark the Year of Movement and welcome children and families to St John's 2010. The Bouncy Castle was followed by a Sausage Sizzle. 60 children attended.

First time St J's Kids had run Round the Bays as a group. 10 families participated in Round the Bays. Judi Ferguson made us a fluoro' banner, reading 'St John's in the City - the year of movement body & soul' which gave the team a sense of pride. Three boys managed to carry it the whole way despite it turning into a flag because of the wind and needing to be rescued from the sea!

These 'firsts' were St J's Kids' way of celebrating God's gift of bodies that move, enjoying moving them in ways we love and that is respectful of others, i.e. playing cooperative games together, bouncy castle bouncing, celebrating Ella Purchas's Baptism in church then eating sausages together, enjoying the outdoors by doing Round the Bays...

## *Easter Sunday*

A team of 5 people led 45 children through events leading to the Resurrection by singing, interactive story telling, music and movement and an Easter Egg hunt.

A quote from an email received from Lesley Shaw about the morning:

"Thank you for the absolutely marvelous 'session' for the children on Easter Sunday. It was great, and





one could tell how much preparation had gone into it. Congratulations. My granddaughter did not know the story of Jesus, so was quite intrigued. At one point she came up to me and said 'is Jesus really alive?'"

#### *Starlight Story time August 2009*

Beth Beard coordinated this great intergenerational event with an effective team of helpers. Many happy children on Sunday recalled various aspects of the night such as Mr McGee stripping down to his boxers, a crocodile crumping, the spooky old tree with cardboard tunnel and a group dance 'Jai Ho' to finish on! Nicki Read did a great job of pulling the threads together in her children's talk the following Sunday.

This event is always a rich reminder of how we are blessed with a range of willing people giving time and energy for our children.

#### *Elders Encounter*

St J's Kids hosted a light dinner for Session Members as part of the Session meeting one evening with each child being partnered with an Elder. This provided an opportunity for children and elders to share something they treasured with each other - a first for guinea pigs to be at a Session meeting! The elders experienced children's ministry 'first hand' by relating to children one on one and the children learned the role the Elders play in our St John's faith community. Together we learned about building friendships no matter what our age!

## St J's Kids in Worship

Highlights have been the children actively serving and engaging in worship in different ways.

Some unique worship experiences stand out,

#### *All Age Carol Service*

As always there were tears in eyes as children dressed as angels, shepherds and Kings retold the Christmas story. Somehow each year this reminds us of the simplicity of the story and yet the hope it brings.

#### *Labyrinth Nativity walk*

The leaders guided children through each station telling Nativity events as they responded to this kin-aesthetic prayer experience.

#### *'Picnic church' at Otari/Wilton Bush 2010*

Worshipping somewhere like Otari Bush has to be experienced to truly understand the joy and privilege of worshipping God with our church family in a place He has created so well. We sang, gazed, listened to birdsong, rejoiced in the space and fresh air, we cleansed stones and ate delicious bread. We returned home enriched for having spent this time together. Don't miss this next year!

#### *Pentecost All Age Worship*

The service began with children running around the church brandishing coloured streamers to emulate Holy Spirit wind & fire. This experience - with a practice on the Friday night provided the children with great ownership and anticipation of Sunday. The service allowed room for the children to experience their wind makers in many ways - including putting them in front of the powerful industrial fan which made them fly. It was a first for the children's choir to lead the Congregation in 3 songs.

#### *Kids' Worship @5*

The inaugural kids worship service, including a picnic tea. There was a high level of interaction and intentional movement around the church to engage the children in worship totally oriented to them. The St J's Kids leadership team led the service with many of the Year 5&6 children leading different parts of the service as well. The children left the service buzzing. Ani Prasad said the next day Eli (aged nearly 4yrs) was singing one of the songs from the service when he woke up the following morning. Exactly what we were hoping for!





## Thinking About Others

### *'Hungry this Winter?'*

In response to low foodbank stocks around Wellington, St J's Kids' ran a sales table day at church and a 'Pantry Raid'. This initiative was positive for the children and congregation on many levels. Children worked together to produce goods for their sales table, the congregation gave generously and welcomed children into their pantries, it connected with worship when the children loaded the Communion table up with their 'takings' for Sunday and families unloaded the groceries at the DCM foodbank after the service. Stephanie MacIntyre inspired and educated the children at DCM on who benefited from the Foodbank.

A number of the children gained a true sense of the value of DCM's work. As one child said to his Mother the following day, "*Mum, the food that we brought was more than double what they had on the shelves. What would they have fed the people on Monday without us?*"

### *St J's Kids Christmas Mission*

The main partner for Christian World Service's (CWS) Christmas Appeal 2009 was the 'Centre for Community Solidarity, Uganda' providing Rainwater tanks for households with AIDS orphans & other vulnerable children. St J's Kids rose to the challenge of filling a large collection bowl to overflowing with coins from doing odd jobs and giving up some pocket money throughout Term 4. We managed to raise enough money for one water tank for a village.

## Preschool Music and Movement

### *Leadership and Training*

The leadership is going through a transition as Nicki Read and Heather Walker stepped down from being involved on a regular basis after leading music for 7 years!

Lesley Shaw, Mindy Simpson and Marg Gilkison attend regularly to provide support in any way they can from holding babies to welcoming parents and their children or helping to serve morning tea.

In March, St John's provided the venue for the Kids Music Company workshop on their latest CD, 'Mango Tango'. 4 of us attended and learnt different techniques for leading the new songs.

### *Group involvement*

Morning tea provision and Music leadership continue to be delivered by the parents in the group, with attendance at wider church events such as Baptisms, All Age Worship and St J's Kids social events.

The group baked for, compiled and delivered Easter

Baskets for elderly parishioners during a Coffee and Chat morning. This continues to be a much enjoyed 'tradition' of our group. The many thank you cards written by the recipients are very much appreciated.

As a result of Thursday community day, Janine Prewett has been teaching knitting to some of the women in the group which has been very much appreciated.

### *Thanks*

Many thanks to Betty Robertson and Lynn Pollock for supporting our group with Coffee and Chat and for staying connected with so many of the parents. Also to those who have helped Betty and Lynn. Your commitment to supporting our group is crucial for maintaining links with the wider St John's community.

Also it has made a huge difference to have the Hall exclusively booked for us on Thursdays. We are fortunate to enjoy such a comfortable and easy venue for the parents and children to enjoy.



## Numbers

Number of families the St John's children's ministry is supporting (Aug 2010):

### *St J's Kids*

Families on books, 56 families (approximately 110 children) and of those, approximately 40 families (approximately 85 children) attend regularly i.e. weekly/fortnightly/monthly.

### *Music and Movement*

43 families (62 children), 30 of those families (42 children) are not connected to St John's. 13 of those families (20 children) are connected to St John's in some way – as parents or grandparents

St John's children's ministry is regularly supporting a total of 86 families and 152 children.



*Coffee and Chat following Music and Movement*

## Alpha Marriage Course

Now in its third year, being run twice a year. This year, 19 couples have attended over the two courses. Participants have connections with preschool M&M; St J's Kids; 18-30s group, the morning congregation, Confidance the Ministers as Marriage Preparation, BGI and from the Alpha Marriage Course website on which St John's is listed.

Thanks goes to Ross Davis, Nicki Read, Kate Fox and Ashley and Antonia Milkop for giving of their time and skills to make this course happen. And also to those of you from previous courses who continue to help with set up, welcoming participants and providing desserts which play an integral part in the evening and gives a face to our St John's community. Also to the St John's office staff for setting up the furniture every Monday – it has made a significant difference to us being able to continue running the course.

*Anna Davis*

*Children and Families Ministry Worker*

### *Thanks*

To all the people in the congregation who support us in our children's ministry with encouragement, positive feedback and practical help – taking time to share your skills and who make an effort to welcome and look out for the children. May we continue to create opportunities for the children to grow in faith and to contribute and belong to St John's in authentic ways.

## Creche

This year has gone very well in the crèche. Dave and Vicky Wood are very kindly helping to keep numbers up with the birth of Hannah. Caroline and Matt Bone have produced Amelia and Dave and Lydia Jackson have added their new little boy Charlie as well. We are still needed.

As noted previously, the crèche is mostly patronised by 'real' babies as 18 monthers and older can attend the St J's Kids programme in the St John's Centre. The crèche in the Chapel is proving a good place for mothers and others to get to know each other. The workers seem to all know each other now so it is a nice social occasion for them.

I have done another purge of the toys and disposed of those that were broken and unsuitable, and several picture books have been added to the supply.

All workers are encouraged to wear their name tags when on duty – and are to contact me if they cannot do their duty so that I can arrange a substitute. I try to visit the crèche every Sunday morning to check that all is well and to introduce people to each other and welcome new parents. Sunday Duty Convenors are remembering to open up the chapel, turn on the heaters on cold days, and bring in the bags of toys and the changing table. Church custodians now move chairs on Friday afternoons and set up the space in the chapel for the crèche. The cooperation from all areas of the parish has been encouraging.

I am aware that there has been a complaint about the noise emitting from the crèche sometimes, but it doesn't happen every Sunday, and indeed not at all often.. I am sure that these spirited children will ultimately become leaders in the church. A little understanding and tolerance is all that is needed at this stage. A church without the sound of children is a sad church.

*Lesley Shaw*  
*Crèche Coordinator*

## Social Committee

Another year has flown and once again we can reflect on a job well done by a Committee which provided such excellent service. Particular mention must be made of Grace Jarvie, who again always arises to the task in hand, ensuring everything is organised for the event on the day. The Quarterly Communion lunches were well supported and thank you to all those who brought such a great variety of food to the table. The highlight of the year was the Blackboard Entertainers night – an excellent turnout, and judging from the feedback, could become an annual event. It was also a success – with some great poetry recital, instrumental and singing performances on the night, all nicely enhanced by the café atmosphere. Another great occasion was the Club Day lunch to give the congregation an insight into how each Council Committee operates. A lot of thought and effort went into the individual displays. Finally, our thanks go to all those who assisted the Committee with advice and setting up for the special occasions.

*David Ensor*  
*Convenor*

## Birthday Mission

Thank you all who support the Mission Birthday Gift.

Though individually our contributions are small, we contributed \$1,073 in 2010. Wonderful!

Over the years members have passed on or moved away so we would very much like to welcome some new members. If you would like to contribute to this valuable mission by joining, please contact me.

We give thanks for the long service of 16 years from Tricia Hastings as Birthday Mission Convenor until her death in June, 2010.

*Katherine Sutherland*  
*Convenor*





## The Girls' Brigade - 8th Wellington Company

The last year has been action packed for the Company and fun just keeps on coming.

We have 3 Pioneers doing Queens Award and Simata has almost completed her second year of the award.

### *Juniors*

In July 2009, Simata as part of her Queens Award Company service taught the Juniors about Tonga. They learnt Tongan dancing, cooking and made yummy fruit kebabs. This year, for "MY Journey", they went fishing and made a sea collage.

Rebecca Howan, in her first year of Queens, took the Juniors for GODS BOOK and taught them about Moses. I taught them Israeli dancing as part of my Queens Award Company Service.

### *Company*

In Company Section we have had a lot of effort going in to our Queens Award Company Service. We have organised fun nights, breakup and Rebecca Howan is taking both Groups for singing each week. Rebecca and I have done our 2 Initiative Tasks, which were Creating Displays, Newspaper and putting on Dinner, as well as working on our voluntary service. I have taught the Company Israeli dancing.

Simata, in her 2<sup>nd</sup> year, has finished her needle work assignment and prepared her submission for Parliament. She will attend her Assessment Weekend in July 2010. In the first term, Simata was presented with her Brigader Brooch, which is the highest award a girl can earn in Girls Brigade.

We were sorry to lose Jo Nyberg as our Pioneer Leader, in March 2010, due to work commitments and Katherine Sutherland has become the Pioneer leader.

At Company, we have still managed to do crafts such as knitting, origami, cooking, learning about the importance of Easter, care of pets and dancing. We have had lots of fun, personal growth and learning in the past year.

We are pleased that Rev. Stuart Simpson has accepted the position of Company Chaplain.

We wish to thank Avis Marshall, Dianne Little, Pauline Little, Katherine Sutherland, Jo Nyberg for their leadership of the Company.

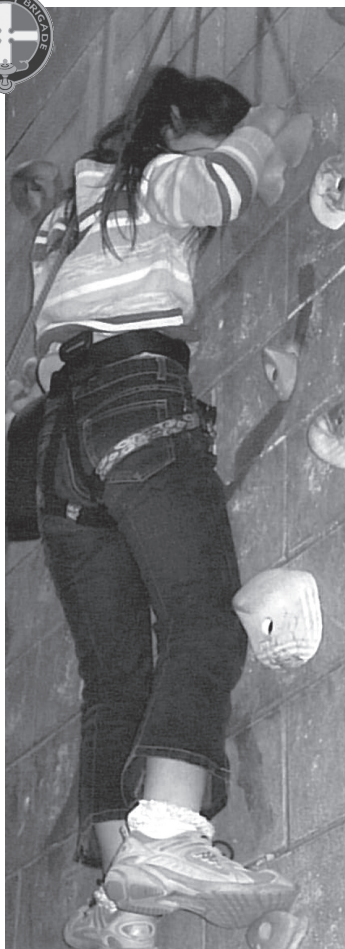
*Written by Sarah Bayliss*

*Katherine Sutherland  
8<sup>th</sup> Wellington Team Leader*



*Samata receiving her Brigader Brooch, 2010*





*Win Clu and Sarah rock climbing at Fergs Warf*

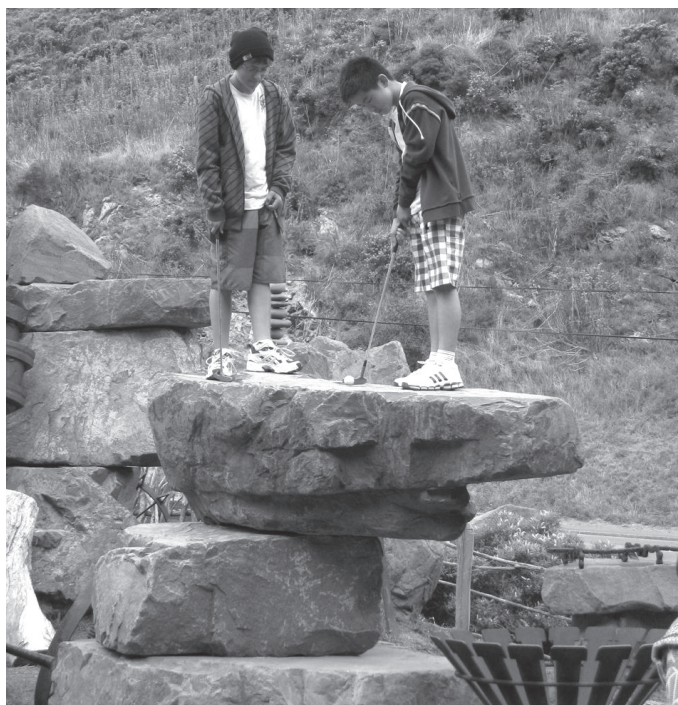


*Rebecca Arnold knitting*

*Right: Matthew Bayliss, Harry Troughton, Josh Elkin and Harry McKenzie-Bridle prepare to set sail.*



*Thomas McKenzie-Bridle steers the SS Poster into dock*



*Thomas Read and Hyden Cho get crazy at 'Crazy Golf'*



# The Boys' Brigade - 2nd Wellington Company

*The Object of the Boys' Brigade is the advancement of Christ's Kingdom among Boys, the promotion of habits of obedience, reverence, discipline, self respect and all that tends towards true Christian manliness.*

Following on from our 60th anniversary in June 2009, I am very please to write the report for St John's Boys' Brigade's 61st year. It has been a packed year. Activities over the past 12 months have included swimming, minigolf, go karting, drumming, laser force, gymnastics and an ever competitive Squad Shield Challenge, including sports competitions and weekly challenges. The Boys' Brigade covers such a varied programme and it is great to know that we consistently operate in God's Spirit as we build a supportive culture of these young men to develop into strong Christian men.

*The highlights of 2009/10 include:*

- + the continued support from our Chaplain Rev Allister Lane and elder Sandy Lawson
- + the reopening of the gym. This has made a huge difference to Monday nights
- + the re-launch of our Junior/ Team Section which meets Mondays at 5:45pm for boys aged 7 and upwards
- + the growth both Spiritually and numerically.

## *Boys*

Over the past decade the majority of boys at St John's BB have not worshiped at St John's. Over recent times it has been good to see an increasing number of boys from the Sunday service welcoming others to this arm of St John's ministry. These boys are great ambassadors for St John's and bring all the best parts of the congregation's culture to the Boys' Brigade group.

Many of the Company/Senior Section Boys have moved on to secondary school in 2010. It is great to know that St John's is committed to supporting these boys as they take on the new challenges of secondary school.

## *Leaders*

In July 2009 Our two senior boys (Bryan and Daniel) attended Stage 1 of the National Leadership Development Course (NLDC) and also attained their Queen's Badges. These two are now giving back to younger boys as leaders. This has been fantastic, after last year's leader shortage, as all leaders complement each other to make an effective leadership team. This year St John's BB has been blessed with leaders such as Kwasi Afosa and Matthew Bayliss (who saw the light and returned to Wellington after a year in Auckland at the Baptist Bible College - Carey). All leaders give from the heart and truly embody what it means to be a servant leader.

The past 12 months have been full of change and exciting adventures. On behalf of all the boys and leaders at the St John's Boys' Brigade, thank you for making this ministry possible over the past 6 plus years.

Ki a koutou i te mahi o te Ariki

*David Jackson*  
*Captain*

## *Special Awards at the 60th Presentation of Awards*

Squad Shield - Squad 1  
Alford Dornan Drill Shield - Thomas Read  
Sportsmanship - Andrew Davis  
MVP Company Section - Chris Penlington

## *Leaders of St John's Boys' Brigade*

Chaplain: Rev. Allister Lane  
Captain David Jackson  
Honorary Captain: Harriet Johnston  
Lieutenants: Matthew Bayliss and Kwasi Afosa  
Staff Sergeants: Bryan Penlington and Daniel Arnold  
Elder: Sandy Lawson





## Prayer Chain

Currently we have 24 contacts on our Prayer Chain, actively praying for concerns brought to our notice. We cover a very wide range of situations centred on St. John's, throughout New Zealand and in various parts of the world.

While there are times when our prayers have not always resulted in what we have hoped for, folk have been strengthened, uplifted and comforted through our prayer support. In other instances the results of our prayers have been the cause of much praise and gratitude.

We are grateful for feedback received, and regular updates are given to members by email, phone or post.

We would welcome items for prayer as well as new members.

I am reminded of the words of Tennyson: 'More things are wrought by prayer than this world can ever dream'.

*Blair Rodgers*  
*Convener*

## Monday Night House Group

With the exception of our normal long break over Christmas and January, the Monday night housegroup has continued to meet almost every week this year. We have studied a range of subjects, chosen on the basis of the collective interest of the group, including Worship, the Holy Spirit, St Augustine, the new Focal Identity Statement, what it means to be Presbyterian, and demographic trends in Christian belief world wide. We also have had a number of social events, including going to Mary Gibbs old house for Christmas, and to her new house for a housewarming Queens Birthday weekend dinner, and our normal beginning of the year BBQ in February. We average about a dozen folk each Monday, and we are a very mixed group of both men and women, married couples and singles, and ranging in age from 21 to over 80. And we are always interested in having new people join, either as permanent members or for a study that particularly interests them.

## Tuesday Night House Group

Once again our studies and activities have been many and varied.

Most of the second half of last year was spent working our way through Philippians, although we finished with a celebratory evening where we shared some Christmas memories and good cheer!

We began 2010 with our traditional barbeque, and started a new study based on the Presbyterian Church's social issues series on "Caring for Creation". This was a timely and topical study which provided us with plenty of food for thought and action. A number of the group also participated in the E100 Bible Reading Challenge and found this particularly rewarding.

In May, we decided to do something completely different, and began a belated-Lenten study, "Christ and the Chocolaterie", based on the movie "Chocolat". The study was interspersed with scenes from the movie - and the occasional chocolate! - and explored a number of themes, such as, tradition, change and acceptance.

Prayer continues to underpin the life of the group, and every time we meet we also spend time in prayer and reflection.

This year we changed the frequency of our meetings to better fit in with other groups within the church. We now meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month from February to November.

Anyone is welcome to attend at any time. It can be for a single evening, for a specific study series, or for as long as you like. Each person is an important part of the group, and brings with them a unique and valued perspective on the Christian journey we share together. The most important thing is that we encourage and support you in this journey.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Paul or Louise Ramsay on 386 2755 (home) or 494 3716 (work) or by email at paul@clear.net.nz.

*Paul Ramsay*  
*Convener*



# St John's Women's Association

Another year has whizzed by, with its usual ups and down. Our group continues to meet monthly (except for January and December) and we enjoy our time of friendship and fellowship together. The current formula of meeting at 11am with a short business meeting, guest speaker and shared lunch to follow seems to continue to meet our needs. That is not to say we don't vary it from time to time.

## *Guest Speakers*

At the June 2009 AGM, Rev. Allister Lane spoke about changes in the way Presbyterian ministers are to be educated - a new internship model, based in the internee's home town. This year of course, we have been able to see it in practice, with Ryhan Prasad being the first.

In July, Elaine Pearse and Marjorie Ferguson recalled their visit to Assisi (of St Francis fame), where they met up with the Rev Tom Cuthell.

Continuing our theme of visiting overseas countries, in September Allie Crombie gave us an insight into life in Samoa. Ever resourceful Allie helped to produce a movie, with the Samoan Prime Minister's involvement, on dieting and exercises utilising the Samoan culture.

Something completely different and very special in October. The St John's Centre was turned into a temporary marae when we welcomed a group of Turakina Maori Girl's College students. Our numbers were swelled with many of the St John's congregation attending, as well as people from BGI. The purpose of the visit was to highlight the Association of Presbyterian Women (APW) and the Modertorial fundraising appeal for Boarding Scholarships at Turakina.

Apart from the May meeting when we had Carlton Johnstone, Youth Co-ordinator of PCANZ, along with Gordon Fitch, newly appointed National Youth

Ministry Co-ordinator, and Ryhan Prasad (previously St John's Youth Worker) who provided insights into leadership development, we have had very different meetings this year.

In February, there was an all day train and bus excursion to the Wairarapa, with lunch at Margaret Bulmar's home and then a trip to Stonehenge NZ. For those unable to attend, a morning tea gathering was hosted by Betty Robertson in her home in Karori.

April saw us meeting in the manse, and being hosted by Naomi Lane. A very relaxed time of fellowship, entertainment and wonderful food.

## *Church Services*

Always a highlight of our meetings. Christmas began early for us because we had our Christmas service in November. This year it was conducted by Rev. Allister Lane.

Our Easter service in March was conducted by Rev. Stuart Simpson, our newly inducted Second Minister. A reflection service using music, Bible readings, prayer and periods of silence.

Thank you to both Ministers for setting the scene for us.

## *Committee Meetings*

We are such an effective group that we usually only need one meeting a year! This is in January to plan the year's programme and activities. The rest of the time we use the reliable telephone.

A big and special thank you to all the Committee members. Without you, we could not function as effectively as we do.

## *Other Activities*

### *Coffee and Chat for Mums of Young Children*

Betty Robertson and Lynn Pollock continue to organise this on a monthly basis, in association with



Mary Gibbs, Betty Robertson and Rev Stuart Simpson



Students from Turakina Māori Girls' College visit the St John's Women's Association.



the Music & Movement group. A very worthwhile inter-generational time.

#### *Club Days*

Brigitte Hicks-Willer utilised her special talents to organise a comprehensive outline of the activities we are involved in for this new event held at St John's, after the quarterly communion in June.

#### *Turakina Maori Girl's College Fundraiser*

The Parish has donated \$5,000 to this APW appeal for boarding scholarships, from the Mission and Outreach Allocations, with the proviso that some kind of fundraising event involving the congregation be held.

A committee with Margaret Gilkinson as the co-ordinator has begun this task. An International Dinner, with an auction and entertainment, is being organised for September 4, 2010.

#### *National Council of Women (NCW) Representation*

Carolyn Goudswaard and Mary Gibbs are the two representatives on the Wellington Branch of NCW, representing APW Wellington Presbyterial. NCW meets monthly.

#### *St John's Council*

I continue to attend the monthly meetings of Council and bring your concerns to the attention of Council where appropriate.

Thank you once again to everyone for the help and support, not only to me, but also to each other. In conclusion I would like to remind you of the aims of APW:

To unite all in prayer, study, fellowship and service to enable them to make a Christian witness in home, church and community

To support at home and abroad the work of parent churches

To encourage an informed interest in worldwide mission and evangelisation

Not just words, but aims that here at St John's we have endeavoured to put into action.

Thank you all once again

*Mary Gibbs*  
*President*

## Women's Association Convenors' Reports

#### *Birthday Mission*

The sending out of birthday cards and requests for donation continued as usual this year. It is an opportunity to give to those in need on our birthdays. This year to date, \$1,073 has been raised.

*Patricia Hastings*

#### *Leprosy Mission Money Box Programme*

Another year of participation by St John's members raised \$571.30. There are now 15 people on the list of money box holders and the money is collected twice a year. Officially collection months are April and October, but it is often a month or two after that, once the money has been collected from everyone and finally banked.

The Leprosy Mission New Zealand is very appreciative of any contributions, especially as the government matches every dollar given with another \$4.

*Judi Ferguson*  
*Co-ordinator*

#### *Mission*

Throughout its history one of the main aims of APW has been to support missions both at home and overseas. In this time of rapid change and many challenges the call to serve continues.

This year's special project of the APW is centred on young people. 70% of our money raised will go to the Council of Protestant Churches of Nicaragua to help their young people build a better future. 30% of





money raised will be divided to assist our two youth conferences here in NZ.

A retiring offering was held on the 16th May at church and we thank the people of St John's for their generous support ; \$320 were raised.

A further special appeal has been made to raise funds for Turakina Maori Girls College in Marton. We were visited by senior pupils from the school and are glad to give our support.

With the closure of the Global Mission Office, the Rev. Chris Nichols has been working in a temporary global mission role.

In May, it was announced that the Very Rev. Pamela Tankersley has been appointed to the position of Overseas Mission Coordinator. She will be Wellington based and takes up her new position in August.

*Elizabeth McKenzie*

#### *Sales Table*

The Sales Table operates on all the days we meet in the hall. It makes between \$20 and \$30 a month. So please keep up the buying! Thank you.

*Avis Marshall*

## Association of Presbyterian Women

It seems to have been a busy year for APW activities.

The APW/MWF Annual Appeal for 2009/2010 theme was *Supporting Youth: They're Worth It*

The money raised will provide help towards the Methodist Youth Conference and for the Presbyterian Connect Conference in New Zealand. It will also help to provide funding to help build a better future for children in Nicaragua, through CEPAD, under the auspices of Christian World Services. This year we held a retiring collection on 13 May, which raised \$320.

#### *Turakina Maori Girls College Appeal*

There was also a special appeal, spearheaded by APW but also a Modertorial appeal, to raise money to provide Boarding Scholarships for Turakina Maori Girl's College. Hence our desire to learn more about them at our October meeting.

St John's Parish sent \$5,000 from its Mission & Outreach Fund with the proviso that this money be raised by the congregation. To this end, plans are underway for an International Dinner to be held at the St John's Centre in September.

St John's Women's Association also contributes annually to the APW scholarships towards school expenses for students.

#### *APW Wellington Region Presbyterial*

In December 2009, the Kapiti Uniting Church hosted the Christmas service. Always a well attended event. A group of us had dinner with Rev Blair and Lorna Rodgers at their home before attending this very colourful Christmas pageant celebration.

Then in March, we hosted the first regional meeting this year. All of us learnt a lot about the history of St John's Church, with an interactive quiz programme formulated by Brigitte Hicks-Willer.

The APW AGM was held on 29 May at PIC Newtown. There was a full set of officers elected. A Mission Statement was approved: 'Serving God locally and globally with love'.

Also a new position on the Executive has been created - a Pacific Island representative. This reflects the growing numbers of Pacific Island women involved in APW.

Gleanings is now published 6 times a year (instead of monthly). Next one is due out at the end of the month.

Carolyn Goudswaard and I are the APW Wellington Presbyterial region representatives on the National Council of Women (NCW).

*Mary Gibbs*

*APW Representative*

# Property Committee

As all homeowners will appreciate, a seemingly simple leak can prompt major repair work in the quest for the dry interior. So it was at St John's. Work on the new gym floor finished in April and we now have a gymnasium which can operate throughout session meetings without any elders being the wiser! (sic). This is thanks to some extra acoustic isolation work which results in a much-improved facility. Every cloud has a silver lining!

A "new" manse was purchased for our minister Stuart and his family, after extensive work by a special (and specially talented and dedicated) manse search committee. Property Committee advised on building soundness and undertook establishment of low care garden plots. We are very pleased with the property in every respect and believe that it will prove to be a sound investment in many ways.

Spinks Cottage has occupied the Committee in various ways this year. The upper level offices were renovated for the new staff arrangements and our new Finance and Administration Manager David Coplon jumped straight into the organisation of this work. That everything went so smoothly is testament to David's skill in facility management, something we have appreciated many times since. Possibilities for dedicated youth space in Spinks Cottage have been the subject of ongoing discussion with Youth, architects and the Historic Places Trust. Outcomes are still uncertain. Watch this space.

The security system at St John's multi-use facility has become obsolete (new parts cannot be sourced) after some 15 years, and all of the main components will be replaced within the next few months. Access will be by proximity card rather than swiper. This will require a significant investment of funds but is an essential part of our facility.

Many other routine and extraordinary property issues have been dealt with by the committee over the year. The excellent facilities we have at St John's continue to support our mission. It must be noted that some of the committee have served in this way for many years. None more so than our current property "elder statesman" John Irvine, who was convenor for 20 years. My thanks to the committee for their ongoing guidance and fine example.

From "clubs day" – what do we do and why?

The security and maintenance of all property belonging to St John's Church. Currently includes Church, Hall, Troup House, Spinks Cottage, Duthie St Manse.

Why spend money to maintain this significant list of facilities?

- + To retain utility.
- + To provide necessary facilities for staff, user groups, missional activities.
- + To be faithful stewards of the resources at our disposal..... receive and pass on.

*David Wood*  
*Convenor (whippersnapper)*



# Communications Committee

First, thanks to Gail Higgs-West, Lance Walker, David Jackson, and Jessie Boston for serving on the Committee this year. The Committee has been mindful again of the tight church budget, while remaining creative with publications. Thanks to David Jackson and BGI for providing the graphic designs at a heavily discounted rate. Thanks to Jessie Boston for doing a number of high calibre designs for free. Thanks also to Ted Cizadlo for the wise way he has led the church Council this year.

The Communications Committee aims to communicate to the church and wider communities that St John's in the City is a welcoming and friendly community that isn't afraid to ask the tough questions or have a bit of a laugh at ourselves. At times we do this through humour and laughing at ourselves, at times, by trying to be "clever", using plays on words and making people think, and at times by challenging the status quo. We endeavor to let very one know that St John's is more than one expects in a traditional church.

We hope when the general public sees the projects that we have completed that they might say, "yeah that's different, that's interesting, maybe I'll check it out". Even more, we hope when they get here they also see something authentically Christ-like going on at St John's in the City.

The sign board on the corner of Willis and Dixon Streets provides us with a great opportunity to reach a large audience. At times it has been difficult getting new designs up, as we are mindful of being edgy, funny and topical, appealing to a mainstream audience, and at the same time not wanting to upset anyone. One of the favorite signs from the past year is the Tui (Let's be Honest) billboard. The timing for this could not have been any better. As the committee was planning a series of spoofs based on the 'Tui Blond' campagne, the TV news reported on a Tauranga Church being "ordered" to take their billboard down. This sign read, "Atheists have nothing to worry about. - Yeah right!". This was particular amusing to us as in relation to St John's first set of Tui Billboards (2002) the Dominion

reported DB spokeswoman, Jo Jalfon, as saying "it was a case of imitation being a form of flattery.-. we don't have any problem with it". To the right is the Dominion Post article from 1 June regarding the new style posters.

Projects included the Annual Report 2008/09, Starlight Storytime bookmarks, Powerpoint presentations and the Welcome Pack for people new to St John's (to be released soon). We have also been involved with promotion for the many events that have happened in the St John's community over the past twelve months. Over the last year we continued the new format of "The Messenger". The Committee's input is low-level thanks to the great work of Rob Anderson on this. Thanks also to David Galt for his ongoing work on the website. Again the Committee's involvement is kept to a minimum as David keeps the website updated and relevant. Letters to the Editor are welcomed and it would be great to get more feedback from the congregation on the content of these two key communication tools.

Out of last years 'Connecting Up' conference the committee has been in discussions with professionals around a revamp of the current church web site. This is not a simple task and the committee appreciates the willingness of Stephen Blyth ([commonknowledge.net.nz](http://commonknowledge.net.nz)), David Galt and new member Elizabeth Gibbs. We defiantly have our work cut out for us in creating genuine human connection and enhance physical communities.

We are looking forward to future developments, especially the ways in which communications and new technologies can develop, and strengthening the connections between our church and the wider community. As always, we welcome comments, suggestions and compliments on any current St John's communications. Likewise if there are any aspects of the church that could be better communicated please contact me.

*Ross Davis*  
*Convener*



# Church v crate – St John's take on brewery billboards

Stacey Wood

**A** WELLINGTON church is risking the wrath of DB Breweries with a long-running billboard campaign based on the beer company's own slogans.

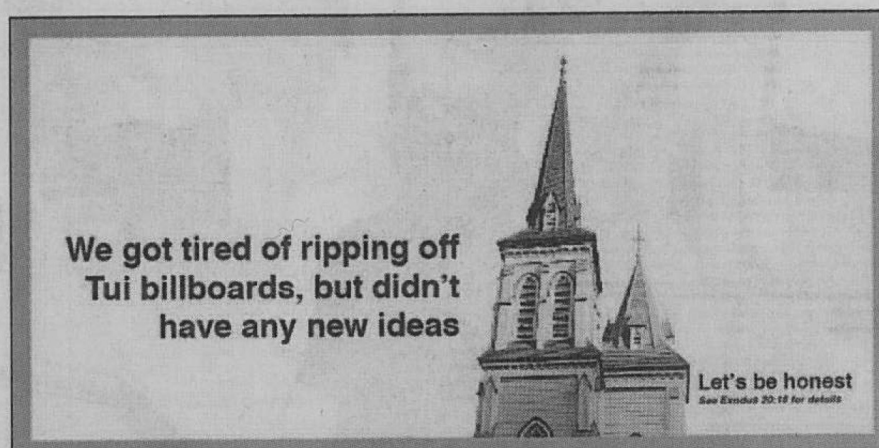
In 2002, when St John's in the City on Willis St put up its first Tui-inspired billboard, DB spokeswoman Jo Jalfon was all for the idea, saying imitation was the sincerest form of flattery.

"We don't have any problem with it," she said. "It shows how much impact the billboards have had."

Ms Jalfon left DB at the end of 2002 and returned to the company last year – she says she doesn't even remember the original story.

But it seems DB has run out of good humour since 2002. Six weeks ago, Tauranga's Bethlehem Community Church put up a sign reading, "Atheists have nothing to worry about! Yeah Right", but soon received a call from a DB lawyer, the Rev Jim Wallace said.

Ms Jalfon responded to media inquiries by saying, "You can't have people going around all the time using your trademark," before outlining DB's trademark rights.



**Honest approach:** St John's new billboard playing on Tui's Blonde ale campaign.

Like St John's in the City, the Tauranga church has been running its "Yeah Right" billboards for about eight years, with such statements as "I never sin" and "Everyone goes to heaven", but they've only now heard from the brewery.

Since 2002, St John's in the City has continued to put up its billboards, poking fun at many issues, including the opening of a sex shop across the road.

Its new billboard, which went up over the weekend, veers away from the "Yeah Right" slogan and takes aim at Tui's new ad campaign for its

Blonde ale, which carries the tagline "Let's be honest".

"We got tired of ripping off Tui billboards but didn't have any new ideas," it says, with "Let's be honest" on the right-hand side, directing readers to Exodus 20:16 for "details". This is the ninth commandment – which forbids lying.

Tui marketing manager Jarrod Bear admired the church's honesty but said it was "still not an ideal scenario as, at the end of the day, they are using the Tui brand's equity to promote their own message".

## Website

The John's web site remained popular throughout the last year with a record 31,920 unique visitors, up 3.2% on last year. This does not include visits by bots, such as Googlebot for indexing our content.

Again, the many free Sunday School and youth resources, such as Sunday school plays based on scripture, developed some years ago, remain in high demand. Providing such free resources is a service to many youth leaders worldwide. Genealogical resources, including nineteenth century marriage details, remain popular too and help to bring a wider group of people into awareness about St John's.

We continue to have the Sunday Bulletin, Quarterly Messenger, and current annual report, as well historical annual reports back to the 1880s on line. If anyone has a collection of old annual reports from the 1920's or earlier, we welcome advice of that as a few are still missing and having material on line is one of the best ways to preserve historic knowledge.

The "Church Diary" page still provides the current Bulletin information each week, usually updated on the Friday night before each Service. Keeping this information up to date has been a major focus of web site management and is likely to remain so. The objective of the site has been to have as much current information as possible about the life and events of St John's available on-line.

It is critical that those running groups and events at St John's make their information available for the web site, as it helps our members and shows non-members who might be interested in our activities what we do. In other words, putting your activities online is outreach – better still, it doesn't even cost anything if you've produced material already. Please send any leaflets or flyers you produce to David Galt or to the Church Office to pass on to him. It helps particularly if programmes or activities that have been developed are also on line – members can then always have the information available.

There has been some innovation over the year with most sermons now being placed on-line – a big thank-you to Allister Lane and Stewart Simpson for offering this service. It is time to think about more innovation. While the website is strong on written information, a review is needed of how to make the content more appealing to wider range of users. More pictorial content might well help and possibly more attractive content on the front page may help. Having seen other Church web sites, some have more advertising of Church events and this could be considered. The Communications Committee has been considering what more can be done and will do so further this year.

Thanks to the many people who have helped over the year with content and particularly to Margaret and William Galt who help with the site from time to time.

Finally, there is scope for others to help with the interesting and important task of managing the St John's web site. If you have design, IT, or just plain everyday computing skills with web browsers and Word, you might be able to help. I would be interested to hear from you.

*David Galt*  
*Web Manager*



*Register for the Year Ending 30 June 2010*

Number of Baptisms:	6
Number of Confirmations:	2
Number of Marriages:	4
Members joined during year:	15

*The deaths are recorded of the following members:*

Joyce Anne Domett  
Norah Ethel Owen John  
Kyla Mary Walker  
Darrell John Bootherstone  
Mary Edith West  
Clifton George Buck  
Wendy Colleen Randall  
Thomas Mackenzie Corkill  
Grant Walter Garner  
William Shearer Barrett  
Patricia Jennifer Hastings



# Finance Committee

Over the last few years, the strong investment management of the Trust Fund has protected St John's from the effects of the global financial crisis. As expected, we have started to feel the impact. Several of our older investments have matured and been replaced by investments with the lower interest rates prevailing in the current market. This decline in Trust Fund revenue largely accounts for the decrease in our overall income from the previous year of approximately \$67,000 (excluding legacies received) - but only \$4,000 less than budget, which is a good result for the year.

Although overall expenditure was approximately \$93,000 higher than in 2009, it was \$75,000 less than budget. The key changes to our expenditure were largely the result of regaining our full Ministry team (increased salary costs) and deferring some one off property expenditure and only undertaking reactive property repairs until a new 10 year maintenance plan is established for preventative maintenance. A major property activity this year was redecorating the upper floor of Spinks Cottage to accommodate our fully staffed Ministry team.

Our now fully staffed Ministry team also explains the increase in staff salaries with our Senior Minister in place for the full year, our second Minister being in place for six months, and our Children and Families Ministry Worker also being in place for the full year.

Outreach payments were managed in accordance with the budget. The majority of our outreach funding continued to focus on our partnerships

with the BGI, the Victoria University Lectureship in Christian Theology, Downtown Community Ministry and Presbyterian Support Central. The Outreach Committee has effectively managed the difficult task of utilising some of our tied legacies which have quite tightly defined conditions of use.

The resulting surplus for the year, after inflation protecting the Trust Fund and allowing for transfers to tied legacy reserves, amounted to approximately \$142,000 – about \$42,000 more than we budgeted.

Maintaining such surpluses in our reserves has been a key long term financial strategy. Reserves provide the buffer that enables St John's to weather the variations in Trust Fund income resulting from the requirement to inflation protect the Trust Fund as well as to provide for one-off items of capital expenditure. These reserves will be critical to meet the expected deficit in the coming year. This deficit will arise from the need to inflation protect the Trust Fund from the large spike in inflation that will be caused by the increase in GST, the introduction of the Emissions Trading Scheme and other increases announced in the Government's last budget.

A plain English financial summary has again been prepared in an attempt to make the financial statements easier to understand, especially as the statutory financial statements don't reflect St John's actual cash position or the various "rules" that St John's is required to adhere to in its day-to-day financial management.

*Ross Chesney*  
*Convenor*

# Investment Advisory Committee

The St. Johns Capital Trust Fund was created from the sale proceeds of the airspace above our property and is the financial cornerstone for St. Johns by providing about 60% of the total income for the Parish. As current members, we owe a lot to the foresight of the St. John's congregation, who in 1987, set up the Fund and required the true value to be maintained by inflation indexation. Since its inception in 1987 the Fund has grown from \$7,038,000 to \$13,087,000 in order to maintain the original purchasing power. The Fund comprises a mix of fixed interest investments and a small proportion of share investments. These are set out in Note 2 of the Financial Statements.

Economic uncertainty in both international and New Zealand markets created a challenging re-investment environment for the Investment Advisory Committee. It is becoming increasingly difficult to secure high quality fixed interest investments that have interest yields as high as we have obtained in the past. Most economists expect this situation will persist for the next few years. St. John's investments have an average maturity of about two years and, as investments progressively mature, it will be difficult to maintain the current level of earnings, resulting in a reduction in income from the Fund. In the past year, low inflation has reduced the amount of income required to be capitalised to maintain the real value of the Fund and this has had a favourable impact on the amount of money available for general funds. However the high inflation rates predicted for the coming year will significantly reduce the amount of money available next year. In the short to medium term, St. John's should be prepared for a reduced income contribution from the Capital Fund. It appears highly likely that some reduction in Church

expenditure will be required. If such savings are deferred, the impact on the income will ultimately be greater. Increasing congregational giving is the other way of providing sufficient income to maintain the current levels of activity.

Professional fund managers expect that over the next five years growth assets such as shares and property will provide enhanced returns compared with that from fixed interest bonds, but St. John's cannot risk significant exposure to these asset classes because of their high short term volatility. We cannot afford to be placed in the position where an unexpected downturn in the market makes it difficult for us to inflation index the Capital Fund.

During the current year your Committee invested in an inflation indexed bond for the first time. This type of bond is particularly appropriate for the Capital Trust Fund as the bond is automatically indexed for inflation every quarter and thus provides a constant income for the Church every year, irrespective of the inflation rate. We have also increased our investment in Australian and New Zealand shares. However, such investment in equities is limited, as prudent management requires that sufficient reserves are held so that if growth investments have a bad year, the Trust Fund has sufficient money on hand to carry out its fundamental responsibilities of contributing to the building maintenance and operations of St John's and of maintaining the true inflation adjusted value of the Fund. If deficits deplete our reserves it will be necessary to reduce our holdings in growth assets, thus further reducing the available income from the Fund.

*P.H. Isherwood*  
*Chairman*

# Plain English Summary of Financial Performance for the Year Ended 30 June 2010

	2010 \$000's	2010 \$000's	
<i>St Johns received income from the following areas:</i>			
Weekly congregational giving by direct credits , envelope system and weekly collection	125	121	No decline in congregational giving as in previous years
Other donations and fundraising	12	21	No fund-raising events during the year
Legacies received	32	-	
Rents received from leasing space in Troup House and the conference facilities	213	214	
Net interest income from St Johns funds and the cash received from the air space sold above St Johns in the late 1980's ("Capital Trust"), less the adjustment for inflation to protect the cash received for future years and administration costs	811	879	Reflects lower current interest rates
<b>Total Income available for General Use at St Johns</b>	<b>1193</b>	<b>1235</b>	Increase due to Senior Minister for a full year and second Minister for 6 months
<i>St Johns incurred expenditure in the following areas:</i>			
<i>Church Activities</i>			
Salaries paid to the Ministers and support staff	313	277	
Contribution to Christian education	141	71	
Other costs	95	87	Children & Families Worker for a full year and additional youth leadership hours and costs
	<b>549</b>	<b>435</b>	
<i>Property Costs</i>			
Expenditure on maintaining the Church, manse, conference facilities & Troup House including rates, insurances, and repairs	175	191	
Depreciation to provide funds for future replacement	67	65	
	<b>242</b>	<b>256</b>	Fewer repairs during 2009/10
<i>Wider Work</i>			
Contribution to the operations of the Presbyterian Church in New Zealand	94	89	
St Johns financial support for the Victoria University Lectureship	35	35	
St Johns financial support for the BGI	30	30	
Other outreach including community groups, DCM and Presbyterian Support Central	48	76	Additional legacy funding applied in 2009
	<b>207</b>	<b>230</b>	
<i>Net surplus before transferring legacies and property maintenance plans to reserves</i>	<b>195</b>	<b>314</b>	
<i>Other resources were used as follows:</i>			
Funds available from / (transferred to) legacies	-46	-12	Surplus enables management of large budget deficit projected for 2010/11
Funds available from / (transferred to) Planned Maintenance Reserve	-6	17	
<b>Net Surplus available for use by St Johns transferred to reserves</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>319</b>	



**AUDITORS' REPORT  
TO THE CONGREGATION OF ST JOHN'S IN THE CITY (THE 'CHURCH')**

We have audited the financial statements on pages 1 to 8. The financial statements provide information about the past financial performance of the Church and its financial position as at 30 June 2010. This information is stated in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 4 and 5.

**COUNCILS' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Council are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which fairly reflect the financial position of the Church as at 30 June 2010 and the results of its operations for the year ended on that date.

**AUDITORS' RESPONSIBILITIES**

It is our responsibility to express an independent opinion on the financial statements presented by the Council and report our opinion to you.

**BASIS OF OPINION**

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes assessing:

- the significant estimates and judgements made by the Council in the preparation of the financial statements, and
- whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Church's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We conducted our audit in accordance with New Zealand Auditing Standards issued by the New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants. We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatements, whether caused by fraud or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Other than in our capacity as auditor we have no relationship with, or interests in the Church.

**QUALIFIED AUDIT OPINION**

We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required.

As stated in the Statement of Accounting policies on page 4 of the financial statements, the Church has not provided for depreciation on the Church, Spinks Cottage and the Manse, all of which are heritage assets. This is a departure from Financial Reporting Standard No. 3 - *Accounting for Property, Plant and Equipment*, which requires that depreciation is charged on assets, including heritage assets against the Net Surplus so as to allocate the cost of the Church, Spinks Cottage and the Manse over their economic lives.

We estimate that had the Church adopted this policy, depreciation for the year ended 30 June 2010 would have increased by a further \$29,508. The effect on the financial statements would have been to decrease the Net Surplus for the year by \$29,508 and decrease the Unallocated Reserves by the same amount. The carrying value of the fixed asset category, Buildings and Improvements would have decreased by \$242,948 which represents the amount of accumulated depreciation as at balance date for the Church, Spinks Cottage and the Manse assets.

In our opinion, except for the effect of the departure from applicable Financial Reporting Standard No. 3 as outlined above the financial statements on pages 1 to 8 fairly reflect the financial position of the Church as at 30 June 2010 and the results of its operations for the year ended on that date.

Our audit was completed on 6 September 2010 and our qualified opinion is expressed as at that date.



**BDO WELLINGTON  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS  
WELLINGTON**

# ST JOHN'S IN THE CITY

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE for the year ended 30 June 2010

	Note	\$	2010 \$	2009 \$
<b>INCOME</b>				
Congregational Giving		125,542		120,782
Donations, Fundraising and Miscellaneous Receipts		13,049		20,895
Legacies Received		31,950		-
Rentals		213,192		213,862
Interest		32,492		43,841
<b>Total Church Operating Income</b>			416,225	399,380
Capital Trust Interest and Dividends		1,059,522		1,111,544
<b>Total Income from the Capital Trust</b>			1,059,522	1,111,544
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>			<b>1,475,747</b>	<b>1,510,924</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
<b>Church Activities</b>				
Staff Costs		312,721		277,280
Christian Education		141,152		71,139
Worship & Music		7,851		5,808
Congregational Activities		8,322		1,611
Communications		18,392		23,705
Session Costs		10,993		9,807
General Expenses		28,559		26,316
Audit Fees		9,090		8,990
Accounting Fees		9,936		6,634
Legal Fees		2,337		2,717
PCANZ Capital Trust Administration Fees		47,141		31,874
<b>Total Church Activities</b>			596,494	465,881
<b>Property Costs</b>				
Church Running Costs & Repairs		105,511		161,882
Church Improvements & New Equipment		34,344		1,781
Manses Rates, Insurance & Repairs		13,390		1,486
Troup House Running Costs & Repairs		21,978		26,145
Depreciation		66,680		65,000
<b>Total Property Costs</b>			241,903	256,294
<b>Wider Work</b>				
Presbyterian Church National Services, Parish & MMF Levies		93,531		89,177
Outreach Committee Distributions	2	41,672		49,930
Donations		7,533		18,282
Contribution to the BGI		30,000		30,000
Boys Brigade		(1,466)		6,413
Girls Brigade		830		1,493
VUW Lectureship		35,000		35,004
<b>Total Wider Work Expenses</b>			207,100	230,299
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>			<b>1,045,497</b>	<b>952,474</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>			<b>430,250</b>	<b>558,450</b>
Less: Transfers to Inflation Protect the Capital Trust	5		(235,567)	(244,017)
Less: Transfers to Legacies	5		(64,158)	(43,513)
Plus: Transfers (to)/ from Planned Maintenance Reserve	5		(5,784)	17,449
<b>NET SURPLUS TRANSFERRED TO UNALLOCATED RESERVES</b>			<b>124,741</b>	<b>228,369</b>
Plus: Transfer from Legacies			18,005	31,069
<b>TOTAL MOVEMENT IN UNALLOCATED RESERVES</b>			<b>142,746</b>	<b>319,438</b>

The accompanying notes form part of and should be read in conjunction with the financial statements.

# ST JOHN'S IN THE CITY

## STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY for the year ended 30 June 2010

	Note	2010 \$	2009 \$
Net Surplus for the Year		430,250	558,450
Share Investment Revaluation	5	16,923	(86,078)
<b>Total Recognised Revenues and Expenses for the Year</b>		<b>447,173</b>	<b>472,372</b>
Total Equity at beginning of year		23,069,648	22,597,276
<b>TOTAL EQUITY AT END OF YEAR</b>		<b>23,516,821</b>	<b>23,069,648</b>

The accompanying notes form part of and should be read in conjunction with the financial statements.



# ST JOHN'S IN THE CITY

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION as at 30 June 2010

	Note	\$	2010 \$	2009 \$
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Cash at Bank		19,745		35,401
Cash at PCANZ		682,115		708,842
Accounts Receivable		15,663		18,263
Interest Receivable		118,877		417,048
Capital Trust and Other Investments	3	<u>5,176,510</u>		<u>6,077,879</u>
Total Current Assets			6,012,910	7,257,433
<b>Non Current Assets</b>				
Capital Trust Investments	3	9,659,511		8,845,667
Fixed Assets	4	<u>7,935,882</u>		<u>7,099,340</u>
Total Non Current Assets			17,595,393	15,945,007
<b>Total Assets</b>			<u>23,608,303</u>	<u>23,202,440</u>
<b>less Current Liabilities</b>				
Accounts Payable		<u>91,432</u>		<u>132,792</u>
Total Current Liabilities			91,482	132,792
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			<u>23,516,821</u>	<u>23,069,648</u>
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>	5		<u>23,516,821</u>	<u>23,069,648</u>

  
Treasurer

  
Council Chairperson

6 September 2010

The accompanying notes form part of and should be read in conjunction with the financial statements.

## ST JOHN'S IN THE CITY

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2010

#### Note 1 - Statement of Accounting Policies

##### General Accounting Policies

###### **Reporting Entity**

The financial statements presented here are for the reporting entity St John's in the City (St John's Presbyterian Church), Wellington.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

###### **Differential Reporting**

An entity is exempt from certain requirements of financial reporting standards if it satisfies the criteria laid down in the Differential Reporting Framework issued by the New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants. Such an entity is called a qualifying entity.

St John's in the City is a qualifying entity by virtue of the fact that it has no public accountability and is not large as defined in the framework. The Church has taken advantage of all available exemptions.

###### **Measurement Base**

The measurement base adopted is historic cost unless otherwise stated.

###### **Basis of Preparation**

###### **Adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards**

In December 2002 the New Zealand Government announced that New Zealand International Financial Reporting Standards ("NZ IFRS") will apply to all New Zealand reporting entities for the periods commencing on and after 1 January 2007. In September 2007 the Accounting Standards Review Board announced that small to medium-sized businesses which satisfy certain criteria would not be required to apply the NZ IFRS until further notice. St John's in the City satisfies these criteria.

All the financial information in these financial statements has been prepared in accordance with current New Zealand Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, (NZ GAAP).

##### Specific Accounting Policies

###### **Accounts Receivable**

Accounts receivable are stated at expected realisable value.

###### **Capital Trust Investments**

The discount or premium on the purchase of investment stocks is amortised, on a straight line basis, over the term of the investment so that, at maturity, the book value of the investment equals its face value. The net effect of these adjustments is seen as the Stock Value Adjustment in the Statement of Financial Performance (See Note 3).

Investments in shares have been valued at current market value at Balance Date. Any increase or decrease on revaluation is recognised directly in equity through the Share Investment Revaluation Reserve.

Unrealised losses in the value of share investments of \$193,136 are included in the assets (2009 - \$210,059 unrealised loss).

###### **Fixed Assets**

At 30 June 2001, previously uncapitalised Church Land and Buildings were included in the Financial Statements based on their Registered Valuations prepared by Telfer Young as at 30 June 2001.

The Registered Valuations of these specialised properties have been accounted for according to Historical Cost principles on the basis of these valuations, in accordance with FRS-3: Accounting for Property, Plant and Equipment. These Assets, with the exception of the Church, Spinks Cottage and the Manse, will be depreciated.

All other Fixed Assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation.

## ST JOHN'S IN THE CITY

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2010 (continued)

#### Note 1 - Statement of Accounting Policies (continued)

##### Depreciation

With the exception of the Church, Spinks Cottage and the Manse, depreciation is charged on a straight line basis so as to write off the cost of the fixed assets over their expected economic lives. The estimated economic lives are as follows:

Musical Equipment	15 years
Office Equipment	3-5 years
Furniture and Fittings	5 years
Church Equipment	5 years
Commercial Buildings	50 years
Building Improvements	3-10 years
Website	3 years
Legacy Purchases	10-15 years

##### Legacies

Legacies and Bequests are included within the Reserves of the Church. New Legacies, and income and expenditure specifically relating to legacies are recorded in the Statement of Financial Performance. The net surplus or deficit for the legacies in the period is transferred from unallocated reserves to the legacies.

##### Edward Carter Funds

Income from the Edward Carter Special Assistance Fund is allocated to special projects. Any unspent income is carried forward to the next year and is available to meet future special projects.

##### Goods and Services Tax

The financial statements have been prepared on a GST exclusive basis except for Accounts Receivable and Accounts Payable which are disclosed GST inclusive in the Statement of Financial Position.

##### Taxation

St John's in the City is exempt from Income Tax and Resident Withholding Tax by virtue of its status as a charitable organisation under Section CB 4(1)(c) and Section CB 4(1)(e) of the Income Tax Act 2007.

##### Changes in Accounting Policies

There have been no changes in accounting policy. All policies have been applied on bases consistent with those used in previous years.

#### Note 2 – Outreach Distributions

Outreach distributions comprise:

Presbyterian Support Central	\$8,003
Downtown Community Ministry	\$8,003
Association of Presbyterian Women	\$5,000
Presbyterian Church – Myanmar	\$5,000
Ludhiana Christian Medical College	\$5,000
Mount Cook School	\$4,000
St Thomas School – Jagadhri	\$2,000
PND Support Group	\$1,777
Catacombs Inc.	\$1,400
Wellington Rape Crisis	\$889
Berhampore Junior School	\$600
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$41,672</u></b>



# ST JOHN'S IN THE CITY

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2010 (continued)

### Note 3 - Investments

	Maturity Date	Maturity Value \$	2010 \$	2009 \$
<b>On Call</b>				
Amalgamated Investment Fund (including proceeds from the sale of the manes)			2,689,634	2,586,704
<b>Stocks</b>				
BNZ Senior Bond	September 2009	1,000,000	-	998,693
HBOS Senior Bond	March 2010	1,000,000	-	992,482
BNZ Term Deposit	May 2010	1,500,000	-	1,500,000
Powerco Corporate Bond	March 2011	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Waitakere City Council Bond	March 2011	1,000,000	987,176	969,510
Fonterra Corporate Bonds	April 2011	500,000	499,700	498,660
Westpac Bond	December 2011	500,000	499,482	499,132
Rabobank Bond	May 2012	750,000	750,000	750,000
Powerco Corporate Bond	September 2012	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Morgan Stanley Bonds	September 2012	750,000	716,875	701,742
ASB Bank Bond	November 2012	1,000,000	1,001,787	1,002,535
Bank of America Bond	November 2012	500,000	513,524	-
Telecom Corporate Bond	March 2013	500,000	500,000	500,000
ANZ Senior Bond	April 2013	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000
Westpac Bond	November 2013	1,000,000	1,018,057	-
Transpower Indexed Bond	May 2015	989,200	995,429	-
<b>Shares and Units</b>				
	No of Shares	Cost		
NZSX 50 Portfolio Index Fund	380,231	648,892	460,080	424,088
ASX 200 Fund	14,202	708,601	704,277	-
			<b>14,836,021</b>	<b>14,923,546</b>

### Note 4 - Fixed Assets

	2010 Cost \$	2010 Current Year Depreciation \$	2010 Accumulated Depreciation \$	2010 Net Book Value \$	2009 Net Book Value \$
Furniture & Fittings	56,409	3,161	47,195	9,214	6,434
Musical Equipment	70,126	3,318	32,883	37,243	40,561
Hall Equipment	69,471	5,467	54,956	14,515	16,384
Church Equipment	2,797	-	2,797	-	-
Office Equipment	159,940	4,974	142,316	17,624	8,565
Building & Improvements	5,314,141	49,760	406,855	4,907,286	4,577,396
Land	2,950,000	-	-	2,950,000	2,450,000
	<b>8,622,884</b>	<b>66,680</b>	<b>687,002</b>	<b>7,935,882</b>	<b>7,099,340</b>

### Note 5 - Capital and Reserves

	Balance 2009 \$	Net Movements for the year \$	Balance 2010 \$
Capital Trust	13,087,030	235,567	13,322,597
Legacies	577,762	46,153	623,915
Unallocated Reserves	1,888,763	142,746	2,031,509
Planned Maintenance Reserve	339,199	5,784	344,983
Property Brought to Account	7,370,845	-	7,370,845
Share Investment Revaluation Reserve	(214,048)	16,923	(197,125)
Staff Training Reserve	20,097	-	20,097
<b>Total Capital and Reserves</b>	<b>23,069,648</b>	<b>447,173</b>	<b>23,516,821</b>

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2010 (continued)

### Note 5 - Capital and Reserves (continued)

The movement in the capital trust of \$235,567 represents the amount of Capital Trust income required to be reinvested to preserve the real value of the Capital Trust against inflation in accordance with the Trust Deed. Inflation, based on the Consumer Price Index for the year ended 30 June 2010, was 1.8% (2009 – 1.9%).

The movement in the Share Investment Revaluation Reserve of \$16,923 represents an unrealised capital gain from the investment in units in the NZSX 50 Portfolio Index Fund.

Legacies are represented by the following bequests.

	Balance 2009	Interest income for the year	Movements for the year	Balance 2010
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Tied Legacies for Sunday School prizes/funds	3,556	198		3,754
A W Reed Memorial (Kelburn) for Ministers books	1,658	92		1,750
Endowment Fund	27,585	1,538		29,123
E Carter Trust	189,541	10,567		200,108
A Gordon Estate	8,275	461		8,736
D Chappell Estate	8,275	461		8,736
Joan Andrews Estate – Specific or Special Item for St John's	107,403	5,987		113,390
Joan Andrews Estate – Andrews Family Memorial Trust	131,988	7,358	(10,786)	130,344
Noel Woods Estate	88,989	4,961	(7,219)	84,947
Alford Dornan Estate	1,379	77		1,456
J E Hetrick Estate	3,664	204		3,868
JC White Estate	5,449	304		5,753
Norah Owen John Estate	-	-	31,950	31,950
	<b>577,762</b>	<b>32,208</b>	<b>13,945</b>	<b>623,915</b>

The interest distributions made from the Joan Andrews Estate and the Noel Woods Estate was as follows:

- Presbyterian Support Central	\$8,002
- Downtown Community Ministry	\$8,003
- Ministers' Emergency Fund	\$2,000

### Note 6 – Movement in Planned Maintenance Reserve

	2010 \$	2009 \$
Balance of Planned Maintenance Reserve	344,983	339,199
	<b>344,983</b>	<b>339,199</b>

### Note 7 - Statement of Resources

The Church is the beneficial owner of a number of properties that are legally held by PCANZ. The reinstatement value for insurance purposes of the Church, Hall, Spinks Cottage and Troup House based on valuations prepared by Telfer Young are as follows:

Property	2010 \$	2009 \$
Church, Hall & Spinks Cottage (reinstatement value for insurance as at 5 July 2007)	9,323,800	9,323,800
Troup House (reinstatement value for insurance as at 5 July 2007)	3,241,600	3,241,600

### Note 8 - Related Party Disclosure

St John's in the City's premises and rental properties are registered under the name of the Presbyterian Church Property Trustees, although St John's in the City is the guardian.

St John's in the City has Capital Trust Funds and bank deposits that are managed by, and registered under the name of Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa, New Zealand (PCANZ), although St John's in the City is the beneficial owner. All investment income generated by the investments is collected and accounted for by PCANZ to St John's in the City, less an administration levy.

## ST JOHN'S IN THE CITY

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2010 (continued)

#### Note 9- Commitments

St John's in the City has a three year commitment to fund a Christian Theology Lectureship. The current commitment which was renewed in January 2008 will expire on January 2011. St John' in the City is currently in negotiation to renew their commitment for another three year period.

At balance date the commitments amount to:

	2010	2009
	\$	\$
- Current	\$17,500	\$35,000
- Non current	\$0	\$17,500

At balance date, there were no capital commitments outstanding (2009 – \$Nil).

#### Note 10 - Contingent Liabilities

There were no Contingent Liabilities at balance date for the current financial year.



Ministers  
 Senior Minister, November 2008  
 Minister, January 2010

Rev. Allister Lane  
 Rev. Stuart Simpson

		Inducted
Elders Emeriti		
Lloyd, Mr Roger	3 Winsley Tce, Churton Park	1979
Littler, Mrs Betty	40 Cheshire Street, Wilton	1968
McCay, Mr Robert	Flat 7/300 Oriental Parade	1980
Darroch, Mr Alan	50 Sefton Street, Wadestown	1975
Gould, Mr Russell	129 Barnard Street, Wadestown	1993
McKenzie, Mr Bruce	Unit 33/389 Adelaide Rd, Berhamphore	1993
McKenzie, Mrs Elizabeth	Unit 33/389 Adelaide Rd, Berhamphore	1993
Robertson, Mrs Betty	407/2 Karori Rd, Karori	1992
Hunt, Mr John	248 Kimbolton Rd, Feilding 4702	1968
Lawson, Mr Sandy	200 Pembroke Road, Northland	1987
Ferrier, Dr Robin	57 Wadestown Road, Wadestown	1974

#### Kirk Session

Stewart, Mr Charles	42 Braithwaite Street, Karori	1979
Anderson, Mr Rob	137 The Ridgeway, Mornington	1980
Galt, Mr David	11 Lower Street, Karori	1981
Ferguson, Ms Judi	114 John Sims Drive, Johnsonville	1987
Galt, Mrs Margaret	11 Lower Street, Karori	1987
Goudswaard, Mrs Carolyn	20A Epuni Street, Aro Valley	1987
Ewan, Mrs Muriel	12/25 Tacy Street, Kilbirnie	1990
Ewan, Mr Rob	12/25 Tacy Street, Kilbirnie	1990
Pearse, Ms Elaine	85 Beauchamp Street, Karori	1990
Van Milligan, Miss Linda	7 Colchester Crescent, Newlands	1990
Labrum, Mr Glen	114 John Sims Drive, Johnsonville	1992
Pollock, Miss Lynn	49 Aro Street, Aro Valley	1993
Allen, Mr John	76 Weld Street, Wadestown	2001
Irvine, Mr John	39 Frederick Street, Wainuiomata	2001
Ramsay, Mr Paul	27 Arawa Road, Hataitai	2001
Shaw, Mr Malcolm	434 Evans Bay Parade, Hataitai	2001
Webster, Mr Lawrence	5 Ngahue Crescent, Elsdon, Porirua	2001
Crombie, Mrs Allie	4 Lytton Street, Wadestown	2003
Davis, Mr Ross	32 Talavera Terrace, Kelburn	2003
Poutoa, Mr Mila	78 Leicester Street, Porirua	2003
Wood, Mr David	29 Donald St, Karori	2003
Gibbs, Mrs Mary	7 Severn St, Island Bay	2004
Read, Mrs Nicki	200A Mitchell Street, Brooklyn	2004
Read, Mr Richard	200A Mitchell Street, Brooklyn	2004
Shaw, Mrs Lesley	434 Evans Bay Parade, Hataitai	2004
Cizadlo, Mr Ted	53 Ponsonby Road, Karori	2004
Annals, Mr Geoff	142 Rakau Road, Hataitai	2006
Chesney, Mr Ross	1 Rossiter Road, Tawa	2006
Gilkison, Mrs Margaret	5 Henderson Street, Karori	2006
Prasad, Ms Ani	21B Sunshine Avenue, Karori	2006
Prasad, Mr Ryhan	21B Sunshine Avenue, Karori	2006
Salt, Ms Ailsa	221B Karori Road, Karori	2006
Johnston, Mr Andrew	61 Bayview Road, Paremata, Porirua	2008
Beard, Mrs Beth	135a Washington Avenue, Brooklyn	2008

#### Council 2009-10

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## Historical Record

### *Ministers of St John's*

Rev John Moir	1853 – 1867
Very Rev James Paterson (Moderator 1902)	1868 – 1903
Very Rev James Gibb D.D. (Moderator 1901)	1903 – 1926
Very Rev Dr JR Blanchard B.A.	1927 – 1939
Rev P Gladstone Hughes B.A.	1940 – 1947
Rev William P Temple M.A., B.D.	1948 – 1957
Rev FH Liffiton B.A. (Assistant)	1954 – 1955
Rev Kingsley Fairbairn M.B.E., B.A.	1957 – 1968
Rev DTD (Jock) Kinloch	1968 – 1975
Very Rev Dr D Steedman M.A., B.D., Ph.D. (Moderator 1982)	1976 – 1985
Rev Dr J Veitch B.A., M.Th, Ph.D. (Hon Assistant)	1978 – 1985
Rev Maurice Brown B.A.	1986 – 2000
Rev Brett Johnstone B.A., B.D. (Assistant)	1989 – 1991
Rev Dr Ed Wulfekuehler B.A., B.D.-M.Dib., D.Min. (Assistant)	1991 – 1993
Rev Jane Griffith B.A., B.D. (Hon Associate)	1993 – 1994
Rev Neil Johnston M.A., B.D. Associate	1994 – 2002
Right Rev Dr Graham Redding B.Com., B.Theol., Ph.D. (Moderator 2008/10)	2001 – 2006
Rev Helen Martin B.A., Dipl. Rel. Educ., Post-Grad. Dipl.Theol. (Assistant)	2003 – 2007
Rev Allister Lane, B.C.A., B.Theol. (Hons)	2008 – present
Rev Stuart Simpson, NZCE Telecommunications, BMin	2009 – present

### *Parish Counsellor*

Rev Jane Griffith, B.A., B.D.	1991- 1996
Mrs Joan Baber M.A. Hons.	1993 – 2004

### *St John's Own Missionaries*

Very Rev George McNeur, Chinese Mission Field (Moderator 1926)	1913 – 1940
Sister Margaret Bear, India	1958 – 1979

### *Deaconesses*

Miss Lillian Lang	1905 – 1907
Miss Mabel Cartwright	1905 – 1911
Miss Norah Dick	1912 – 1915
Miss Nessie Morgan	1945 – 1948, 1951 – 1959

### *Jubilees*

Diamond Jubilee of Church	November	1913
Womens Association Golden Jubilee	August	1937
Young Men's Bible Class Golden Jubilee		1938
Young Women's Bible Class Golden Jubilee	November	1953
Centennial Jubilee of the Church	November	1953
75th Anniversary of present Church Building	December	1960
Young Men's Bible Class 75 Jubilee	July	1964
125th Anniversary of Church	November	1978
Centenary of present Church Building	December	1985
50th Anniversary of the The Boys' Brigade, 2nd Wellington (St John's) Company		1999
Opening of the St John's Centre, Troup House and Mackay Chapel	April	1994
150th Anniversary of St John's in the City	November	2003
125th Anniversary of the Wellington Boys' and Girls' Institute Inc.		2008
60th Anniversary of the The Boys' Brigade, 2nd Wellington (St John's) Company	June	2009
25th Anniversary of the Monday Night House Group		2009

## Interest Groups at St John's

### *Women's Association*

Meets 4th Tuesday of the month at 11 a.m. in the St John's Centre

### *Monday Home Group (evenings)*

Meets at David and Margaret Galt's home.  
Contact 934 4422

### *Tuesday Home Group (evenings)*

Meets fortnightly at various homes throughout Wellington city. Contact Paul and Louise Ramsay on 386 2755, or paul@clear.net.nz

### *Tuesday Young Adults Home Group (evenings)*

Meets weekly at 7:30 p.m. 21B Sunshine Ave, Karori.  
Contact Ani or Ryhan Prasad on 476 4822  
or aniandraz@xtra.co.nz

### *English as a Second Language Bible Study*

Meets every 2nd Thursday, evenings, at 7.30 p.m. in the church office lounge. Contact Rev. Allister Lane on 385 1546

### *Wine & Theology Discussion Group*

Meets Monthly on a Friday at 7.30 p.m.  
Contact Beth Beard on 389 1599

### *Topical Discussions*

Information on topical discussions may be found in the weekly bulletin, or on our website [www.stjohnsinthecity.org.nz](http://www.stjohnsinthecity.org.nz)

### *Move It or Lose It - Gentle Exercise Group*

Every Thursday (during the school term) at noon in the St John's Centre. \$5 for exercise and lunch. Loads of fun.  
Contact Marg Gilkison 476 3144 or 021 144 0494

### *Choir*

Meets Sundays 09.20 – 09.50 a.m. and 11.15 a.m. – 12.00 noon. Monthly evening practices are held on Thursdays. Contact Dr Guy Jansen at [gjjansen2003@yahoo.com.au](mailto:gjjansen2003@yahoo.com.au)

### *Contemporary Music Group*

Guitars, drums, double bass, violin, flute, singers... and could involve you, too! Contact Dayle Anderson on 934 5786 or [dayle.anderson@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:dayle.anderson@vuw.ac.nz)

### *Girls' Brigade*

Meets on Tuesdays during term-time at 6 p.m. For girls aged from 5 yrs upwards. Contact Katherine Sutherland on 471 0202 after 5 p.m.

### *Boys' Brigade*

Intermediate and High School Mondays 6:30 p.m. until 8.30 p.m. Primary School Mondays 5:45p.m. – 7:00 p.m. For all Boys aged 6 – 16 yrs.  
Contact David Jackson on 237 9677 or [2wgt@bb.org.nz](mailto:2wgt@bb.org.nz)

### *St J's Kids*

Friendly Sunday School and crèche from ages 0 to 12 years, Sundays from 10 a.m. until 11.15 a.m.. Special events once per term. Contact Anna Davis on 934 2167

### *Pre-School Music and Movement*

Meets weekly, on Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. in the gymnasium of the St John's Centre. Contact Anna Davis on 385 1546

### *St John's Youth*

Junior Group ages 11 – 13 yrs  
Sundays at 10 a.m. and Fridays 6.30 – 8.30 p.m.  
Senior Group ages 13 – 18 yrs  
Sundays 10 a.m. and Fridays 6.30 – 8.30 p.m.  
For more details on any youth activities, contact Trevor Neal on 385 9549

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