



151st Annual Report 2003/2004



St John's
in the City
Presbyterian Church



It's not often that Pop Music mixes with Presbyterianism! New Zealand's own Bic Runga attracted hundreds of fans to her three sold-out gigs in an extended season exclusively at St John's. Many congregational members got stuck in and helped – Youth Groupers ushered and Graham even made an appearance as a technical whiz!

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Foreword

A little over 3 years ago Session produced a document that tried to encapsulate something about the kind of community that we aspire to be here at St John's. This document has given us a reference point for subsequent ideas and developments. We said at the time that we like to think of ourselves as a community to belong to:

- We are a *gathered* community. We are drawn together in all our variety to joyfully worship the one God.
- We are a *learning* community. 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.

The above list gives priority to the four areas of worship, education, outreach and pastoral care. As you read the reports that make up this Annual Report, we would encourage you to ask how each report ties in with and serves these four areas of congregational life.

During this past year we have celebrated 150 years of worship and outreach in central Wellington. The celebrations were a great success. But this is not a time for resting on our laurels. The challenges facing St John's, as with the Presbyterian denomination of which we're part, are huge. It is a time that requires

creative thinking and careful discernment; it is a time that requires us to honour our past at the same time as we imagine a new future. As the famous nineteenth century Danish philosopher, Søren Kierkegaard once said, "Life can only be understood backwards, but it must be lived forwards." This same philosopher made famous the necessity of a "leap of faith" if we are to truly enjoy all that God has for us through Jesus Christ. As we live forwards into the future we will often be challenged to take such a leap. We will do so together, with courage and hope.

Our congregational life this past year has seen many changes with newcomers making their home at St John's in the City, and others moving on for various reasons, both within New Zealand and overseas. We welcome those who have come and wish them God's blessing as they make themselves at home with us. We assure those who have gone of our continued interest and care. This year has also seen the establishment of our team ministry. As we both benefit from working together, so we hope and pray that you as a congregation are feeling enriched by the varied gifts and skills we bring to the ministry task.

Finally, on your behalf we want to thank once again Muriel Ewan for the leadership that she has exercised in her role as Session Clerk. We are very grateful for her willingness to serve our congregation in this way.

Grace and peace to you all.

Graham Redding and Helen Martin

Session Report

Several important events highlighted the beginning of the past year. On the 3rd July 2003 the Rev Helen Martin was ordained and inducted as Assistant Minister, the first full-time ordained woman minister at St John's in the City. This was followed by the signing of a Senior Lectureship in Christian Theology, in partnership with Victoria University. Dr Chris Marshall has been appointed as Lecturer and the position will begin with the 2005 academic year.

We celebrated the second anniversary of our partnership with the Korean Agape Church, and later that month enjoyed seminars led by John Bell of the Iona Community. Helen Martin has settled well into her position. Her professional skills and warm personality are appreciated by us all. Pastoral care and Christian Education have benefited from Helen's guidance and she works easily with all cultures and ages.

The Senior Minister the Rev Dr Graham Redding shows great depth of vision for Christ's mission with thought-provoking worship services and initiatives to bring the gospel into the community. The Lectureship in Christian Theology is just one example. Graham is very committed to St John's in the City, and also contributes to the wider church through Council of Assembly committees. We are privileged to be in a position to be able to share him with PCANZ. Session was pleased to approve Graham's study leave from which the parish also benefits in the long term. During that time he attended a Colloquium in the U.S.A. on Theology & the Built Environment, for which he wrote and presented a paper.

Lisa Smith, St John's Youth Worker, was farewelled in July. We were very appreciative of Lisa's commitment to the youth work over several years during which time links with the young people were established and continue to grow today. Session accepted the Christian Education Committee proposal for Ani and Ryhan Prasad and Rod Baxter, youth workers with BGI, to continue the youth ministry at St John's. This has proved to be very successful and it is thrilling to see the commitment and vitality in all aspects of our youth work. This commitment is also evident in the Sunday School, very ably supervised by Margaret Galt and her team of dedicated teachers

At a congregational meeting in August, agreement was given to relocate the Ministry and Administration Offices to Troup House. It was also agreed to lease the ground floor of Spinks Cottage to the BGI for a youth café. While the proposed café is still under discussion, the new offices are nearing completion.

Labour weekend, October 2003, saw the culmination of 2 years of planning for the 150th Celebrations of St John's in the City. This was a time of reflection, celebration and looking to the future for present and past members who came from as far as Australia for the event. Thank you to the

committee under the convenorship of Peter Baillie for the planning and attention to detail, and to all who worked tirelessly for a most successful and joyous celebration. On the 16th November, the Sunday nearest the date of the first service 150 years ago, a special morning service was held at which the Moderator of the General Assembly, the Right Rev Michael Thawley, preached. Graham Redding wrote a special hymn for the occasion, set to music by Rosemary Russell.

It is always a high point in the church when people come forward to profess their faith and Session was very pleased to approve the confirmation of eight young people last November. Session recognises the importance of pastoral care in the parish and recently a Pastoral Care Committee was set up under the convenorship of Anne Simpson. The temporary work done in this area by Allie Crombie was reviewed and Session agreed to establish the position of Pastoral Worker for a 12 month period, subject to annual review. Three new elders were inducted in April and welcomed to Session. The ministry team took the opportunity to speak about the role of the elder, emphasising the importance of the pastoral ministry of lay people.

Malcolm Shaw has again shown his excellent leadership as chair person of St John's Council. Greater efficiency in administration and improved communication between the areas of ministry within the parish have again demonstrated the importance of the Council. Session expresses grateful thanks to Malcolm for his diligence and commitment to this role.

Our ministers place great importance on the Services of Worship which are always of a high standard. A significant part of this is the musicianship of the organist, Eleanor Carter, pianist Dayle Anderson, the Choir and the music group. Thank you to those on duty each Sunday. To Betty Robertson, the greeters, and those who provide the morning teas. To Winifred Bain and her assistants who do the wonderful floral arrangements. To Jinny Irvine and the Social Committee for the lunches and events enjoyed by all ages throughout the year. Session expresses thanks to Joan Baber assisted by Liz Bayliss for the ongoing Work of the Counselling Service.

On behalf of the Session, I acknowledge and thank all convenors, and members of committees and groups who have contributed in any way to the life and work of St John's in the City. As always, my grateful appreciation to the staff for their willing assistance, dedication and loyalty. In the words of Graham's celebration hymn, 'The God of ages past, whose glory fills this place, is opening up a future for us to embrace.'

Muriel Ewan
Session Clerk

St John's Council

The St Johns Council comprises the convenors of most of the parish's committees –

Finance	Ross Chesney
Property	John Irvine
Mission and Outreach	Rob Munro
Communication	Ross Davis
Christian Education	Elaine Pearse
Women's Association	Mary Gibbs
Social	Jinny Irvine
Staffing	John Marshall

The dedicated work put in by these convenors and the members of their committees in looking after the wide ranging commitments of St John's is greatly appreciated.

Because of long range projections of continuing financial deficits, Session has recognised that St John's cannot continue with its present level of spending without a commensurate increase in income. Session has established a working group to examine St John's spending priorities and how our income could be increased, so that St John's can be put in a financial position which ensures its long term sustainability.

The parish was fortunate to receive three bequests during the year from the estates of Joan Andrew, Noel Woods, and Alford Dornan. Part of these bequests is to be invested and the income used for areas of need within the parish. This will be managed by the Outreach Committee.

In August 2003, the congregation approved a proposal for the ground floor of Spinks Cottage to be leased to the BGI for the operation of a Youth Café. St John's will contribute part of the set-up cost of the café, along with contributions from the Wellington City Council and the BGI itself. BGI is currently investigating the design options for the café, and has commissioned a Conservation report from a heritage architect to satisfy the requirements of the Wellington City Council and the New Zealand Historic Places Trust.

A study into the condition of the church organ was commissioned from Roy Tankersley. Substantial costs could be involved in a full refurbishment of the organ, and a number of options are at present being examined into the staging of the work over several years.

A Property Report covering all the buildings in the church complex was prepared with the assistance of an engineering firm, which sets out all maintenance requirements over a 10 year cycle.

A new Sunday morning duty roster system was introduced during the year, which involves the rostering of a Duty Convenor each Sunday who is in charge of everything except for the service itself. The Duty Convenor is to be the Warden in the event of an emergency. Evacuation procedures are being drawn up, along with plans for a trial evacuation to occur later in the year.

St John's prepared a submission to the Parliamentary Social Services Select Committee on the Charities Bill. This Bill proposes the establishment of a Charities Commission with which all charities will register. Our submission agreed with this objective, but expressed concern about the apparent lack of understanding of the volunteer sector, and also about the heavy handed nature of the proposal which could inflict substantial compliance costs on charitable organisations.

The St John's website www.stjohnsinthecity.org.nz continues to provide a good source of information about the parish both to members of the congregation and to the public.

With the availability on Sunday mornings of the carparking building close to St John's, the parking situation has at last improved.

Malcolm Shaw

Chair, St John's Council

Social Committee

Several successful social luncheons were held during the year. Grateful thanks go to the committee and to all those who contributed food and assisted at these events.

We have several functions in the pipeline, including supper following the Faure Requiem in November.

We always have places on the committee for anyone who would like to be part of this part of our church family.

Jinny Irvine

Convenor

Worship

We are a gathered community, drawn together in all our variety to joyfully worship the one God.

This time last year we were getting ready for our 150th anniversary celebrations, which were marked by two special worship services. The first, on the 26th of October, was a service of celebration, and was part of a weekend of activities attended by local dignitaries and former St John's members from all around the country. The second, on the 16th of November, was the actual anniversary service, and was followed by an unveiling of a plaque in Plimmer's Lane marking the initial place of worship for the St John's congregation 150 years ago.

The services were well attended and had a warm and joyous atmosphere. There were some notable highlights, including the Scots College pipers, the spine-tingling karanga led by Ani Prasad, the uplifting music, boosted by a brass quintet and Alec Carlisle on tympani, the 150th anniversary anthem composed especially for the occasion, and of course the magnificent floral displays. The services reminded us all of the centrality of worship to the life of St John's. We are indeed a gathered community, drawn together in all our variety to worship the one God.

Our Christmas and Easter services were again well attended despite falling in holiday periods when a lot of families are out of town. Our regular congregation is always swelled by a lot of visitors on these occasions, which gives us the opportunity to do things a little bit differently. The children's Christmas Eve service led by Helen Martin was a

new initiative, and attracted a good number of people, many of whom have little or no church connection.

Our worship this past year has been greatly enhanced by the addition of Helen to the ministry team. As well as leading morning worship on a rostered basis, she has overseen the development of some new initiatives in relation to evening worship, including an occasional Taize service. Our evening worship has been further enhanced by the introduction of a monthly contemporary service led by Mo Mansill. This is proving to be a great success and dovetails in with the youth and Sunday@5 programmes. It has been moving and inspiring to hear the testimonies of some of our young folk in these services.

Every worship service is dependent upon the efforts of a wide range of people. We give thanks for our music director, Eleanor Carter, and the large number of people who exercise a music ministry week after week, including the back-up organists, choir, soloists and contemporary musicians. We give thanks for those who serve on the Sunday duty rosters, including sound, door duty, bell ringing, morning tea and flowers. We give thanks for those who deliver the readings and lead in prayer. And we give thanks for people such as Paul Ramsay and Rob Anderson, who are so willing and able to conduct worship when Helen and I are unavailable.

Graham Redding

Mission and Outreach

Major changes first proposed in 2002, and later approved by a congregational meeting, were put into effect this year in full. Most of St John's commitment in outreach is now used to establish and maintain partnerships rather than as grants to smaller groups or individuals.

The Committee considers applications twice per year, but in practical effect the larger commitments are ongoing. All are subject to periodic review.

The Committee has revised the application procedure proforma and considers all applications (whenever received) at meetings shortly after 31 March and 30 September each year. Application forms are obtainable from the Church office and on the website.

In between meetings, special needs are met either through a specific recommendation to the congregation at the time, or through the Minister's Discretionary Fund.

Income

During the year the Committee received notice of two bequests which are intended to be administered by the Committee.

Established Commitments

Nearly all the overall budget is effectively committed in advance. This includes grants to the wider church (PCANZ - nearly half the total budget) the Boys and Girls Institute, the Counselling service, and a commitment to a Theological lectureship at Victoria University of Wellington. Funding for that three year senior lectureship will also be sought from a variety of other sources.

Given the likely tight budget constraints for future years, few other projects are likely to be able to be considered unless other projects which St Johns already supports are reduced in scope.

In 2003/2004 grants were made to Presbyterian Support Central (PSC), Hearing Association Wellington Inc, and the Downtown Community Ministry. The Committee intends keeping the results achieved through St Johns provision of financial support to each organisation under ongoing review. Accountability measures will be developed which will assist in the selection of projects and partnerships. Practical 'on the ground' results which can be seen, as well as written goals in documentation will be given weight. Face to face contact and written goals are both important in selecting projects to be supported by St Johns.

Feedback Request

To assist with the assessment of overall results, and identify where 'need' can best be met, feedback on decisions taken – favourable or otherwise – is invited by members of the Committee.

Members of the Committee are: Dayle Anderson, Lois Baillie, Allie Crombie, Muriel Ewan (Session Clerk, ex officio), Rob Munro (convenor), Graham Redding (Minister ex officio).

Rob Munro

Convenor

Counselling Service

The Counselling Service, still located on the top floor of Spinks Cottage, has had another busy year with very few gaps in the schedules of both counsellors.

Statistical records are remarkably consistent from year to year: around 65-70 new clients; average number of appointments 5-7; a majority of females; mostly European New Zealanders; and a majority on very low incomes.

This year there have been a slightly higher number of clients from a variety of Asian countries, and more referrals have come through the Citizens Advice Bureau. People seeking assistance continue to come from a wide variety of backgrounds and are not required to have any previous church affiliation. Confidentiality is assured and donations are welcome. Parishioners wishing to make an appointment can do so by contacting the office, anonymously if they wish, or by leaving a note in the counsellor's pigeonhole in the church foyer.

The decision in late 2003 to retain this free, professional service strongly based on Christian values is of inestimable value to the community at large. The generosity of St. John's in this respect is frequently commented on and continues to be appreciated.

Medical Centres are still the highest 'referral' category and we maintain a close association with the Aro Health Clinic in Upper Willis St., a complementary not-for-profit service for those on low incomes.

It has been good to have Elizabeth Bayliss working here as a professional colleague but we will soon be losing her services as she completes the practicum requirements for her Degree in Counselling. Her contribution has been greatly appreciated and has helped to keep waiting times for first appointments to an acceptable level.

At the time of writing, other staff in the Cottage have just relocated to Troup House and the Counselling Service has now moved into the Senior Minister's office for more space, sunshine, and a more open outlook. Inquiries are proceeding as to compatible occupancy of the empty offices so that the Counsellor will not be too isolated and vulnerable.

Thanks again to all the staff who have assisted with the efficient and user-friendly running of the service - administrative, reception and caretaking. The Cottage has always been a welcoming, comfortable and safe place for clients and we will do our best to keep it that way!

I look forward to continuing to serve those struggling with their personal lives in the knowledge that the parish has reaffirmed its commitment to, and support of, this uniquely free service.

Together we do the work of Christ among his people.

Joan Baber MNZAC

Counsellor

BGI Annual Report to St John's in the City

Kia ora Koutou,

We're proud to present our Report for the year to June 2004.

One feels the pressure from the prevailing New Zealand culture not to "blow ones own trumpet" in this sort of report and to give a rather boring understated succinct account of the year. Fortunately we have had a number of nominations for awards and external evaluations of our work which give us some licence to break this 'culture-mould'. Therefore we have tried to get across in the following paragraphs a bit of the passion, innovation and creativity in our work.

On reflection, it's an understatement to say the year was an exciting year for the BGI whanau. We've settled since the transition of projects from Project Adventure New Zealand and we're focussed and dedicated to our goals. We're loving working in partnership with young people, St John's and other funders to deliver youth development projects. We have been humbled and encouraged by the fantastic responses we have had from the wider community.

Recently the Department of Internal Affairs employed an external evaluator to review all of their community projects throughout the country. We have come through with flying colours and are regarded by DIA as one of their best projects in the country. This means we are likely to qualify as one of a few schemes who are granted an additional year's \$60,000 funding. This is great news for the Wellington Youth Project and Lower Hutt Youth Project that Ani and Ryhan co-ordinate. Although these programmes have a secular foundation, at times they dovetail well into work we are doing with St J's Youth. Ross Mackay is a member of the WYP crew, and provides a good link with St J's and the 18 other high school age people on the WYP project.

BGI was nominated for the inaugural Absolutely Creatively Wellington awards by a Wellington City Council officer. We are also a finalist in the 2004 Hutt Valley District Health Board "Excellence in Community Health Awards". This was for three adventure-therapy programmes we piloted for depressed and suicidal adolescents who have not responded to traditional counselling. The success of these techniques has been acknowledged by senior psychiatrists and mental health clinicians, with the result that only 2 weeks ago we received advice that Hutt Valley DHB would fund us \$46,000 to 'mainstream' the programme as one of their options for treatment. The award winners will be announced by Annette King in a function at Parliament on the 30th of August 2004. So here's hoping...

Sustainability

Ross is responsible for keeping the funds coming in, and is supported by Will and Rod who help with applications and do report backs to funders.

BGI has become quite a significant player now in Wellington. With Wellington City Council and business support, as well as projected good returns from the

café, it is looking like we could make these projects sustainable. The Youth Café has not been much of a focus up till now, as we have spent most of the year waiting for a conservation plan on Spinks' Cottage. Feedback from St John's and young people has helped us change and develop the design in a way that fits in with the Conservation Plan but maintains a 'youthy' openness and vibrancy. We now have a good relationship with the St John's property committee and are working together on a proposal. We have also formed a promising relationship with WETA Workshop, and a number of good business contacts such as Microsoft. Academy Award winner Richard Taylor has also given his personal support to the Youth Café, visiting the site with 10 of his team. WETA is seeking to revise the design so it enhances the beautiful site and courtyard. A model is being built to help the Church and BGI Board decide if they want to proceed.

Eighteen months ago, BGI had never requested funds and our Director knew hardly anyone in Wellington, - so it has been from a standing start he has raised over \$800,000 from corporates and grants towards the existing and new projects. Of course he could not have done this without the BGI name and history, the support of St John's and the support of all the BGI staff, along with the fact that the qualities of the programmes speak for themselves. This fund raising work accounted for only about 25 percent of his time as he spends a lot of time 'hands on' with the leaders and young people. He oversees the 8 different youth projects as well as building relationships with over 40 other organisations in the community. From this, many collaborative projects and contracts have arisen.

The Tindall Foundation is one of these funders and has given us a huge grant of \$80,000 to 'help defray central programming costs' and for 'specific projects in the disadvantaged suburbs of Wellington'.

As we began, it is difficult, as New Zealanders, to blow our own trumpet but for all of us at BGI, this is far more than a job, and BGI is more than an 'agency' or a 'service provider'. Our staff are passionate about their work, and they give heaps of voluntary time and their own money to our programmes. BGI was granted CYFS accreditation and was described by Linda Lunn, the CYFS auditor, as 'a model organisation'.

Wellington City has recognised BGI as a key partner and is a major funder. We are being asked to do more and more. The Suburban Youth Development squad is an example of this - we have started a youth centre in Newlands where we are working with kids who are cutting and self-harming, as well as stealing cars. We are at the same time training up three new youth workers combining practical on the job training with youth-work study and theory through Praxis.

While these additional requests are a compliment, we recognise the need at times to learn to say 'no' or 'not yet' so we do not get stretched too thin. Much

has been achieved in a short time, and we imagine a lot more could be achieved - especially with the stabilising influence, mana, wisdom and balance the relationship with St John's gives to BGI and our work with young people. For us personally, the highlight of our work to date was the organisation by Allie Crombie and Anna and Ross Davis of such a great team from St John's to assist with the parenting course. We wish you all could have picked up the vibe in the room in Spinks' Cottage as they worked with the parents of kids on the Challenge for Change. It is what we would call 'real outreach' and it was not done in a way that we are the 'experts', but that we are all working together, loving one another in the way in which Christ prayed we might. Words cannot express...

Thanks, St John's, for your financial and moral support.

Geoff Annals, Chairman of BGI

Ross Davis, Director of Youth and Community Projects

P.S. We believe this year we have not only kept the projects alive but have considerably enhanced the aims and achievements of all the projects. At a quick glance, here are the projects we inherited through Project Adventure, where they're at now, and the staff responsible for co-ordinating them.

Challenge for Change now supports twice as many people for half the cost per person. **Jacinta Krefft** is the Challenge for Change co-ordinator. Challenge for Change is a mentoring and family support programme that works with 9-13 year olds who are experiencing difficulty. They are matched with carefully selected and trained 'mentors' who provide guidance, friendship and support. A parenting course is run for the parents of the kids, with help from St John's members. Thanks to Allie Crombie, John Hunt, Betty Robertson, Helen Nixon, Mary Marshall, Colleen Spencer, Carolyn Goodsward, Anna Davis, Mila Poutoa, Lesley Shaw, Anwyl Fowler and Elaine Pearse for the assistance.



Anneke Vollebregt is a Social Work student, placed with BGI on the C4C programme as part of her studies. She is supervising two or three mentoring partnerships, as well as helping with the planning, organising and administration of the programme.



Northern Suburbs Youth Project is more hands-on and active with the community. **Rod Baxter** is Northern Suburbs Youth project (NSYP) co-ordinator. NSYP is a



community co-ordination initiative focussed on improving the sense of belonging which young people experience in their community. This happens through responsive youth-initiated projects and by linking youth-workers to provide better services through networking and greater communication.



Wellington Youth Project is focussed on large scale initiatives with young people. **Ani Prasad** is the Wellington Youth Project (WYP) Co-ordinator.



"WYP and LHYP (Lower Hutt Youth Project) are 'action research' projects involving secondary school students researching their peers to identify youth needs. Information is analysed by young people so that different groups can plan and take action together. This year we have been working on a Youth Discount Card, A Night with the Stars Event, and the Youth Café Project, focusing on design and atmosphere, which we will soon be presenting to the church, WCC and our peers".



Lower Hutt Youth Project is delivering practical projects en masse with young people. **Ryhan Prasad** is the Lower Hutt Youth Project (LHYP) Co-ordinator.



"LHYP are currently working on the new version of the 'Look Closer' poster. We hope this poster will raise cultural awareness within the Lower Hutt and Wellington region, and bring cultures together through a greater understanding of one another".



Footsteps has been awarded a large adventure-therapy grant. **David Clegg** is the Facilitator on the Footsteps programme. Footsteps programmes are designed for at-risk youth, refugees, and mental health adolescents who want to improve their way of life in Wellington. "We encourage confidence in an adventure-based learning environment using a High-Ropes course for personal development, counselling and psychotherapy".



Blanche Collins is a Social Work Student on placement with BGI as part of her studies. Blanche is working with David Clegg to assess, document and evaluate the various adventure therapy techniques that David uses in his work.



She also has various administration duties at BGI, and is a Mentor on the Challenge for Change programme.

Suburban Youth Development Squad operate a youth drop-in centre in the 'burbs

Matthew Campbell is a Praxis intern here at BGI.

"I've felt an itch to develop my skills as a youthworker. I am studying the Certificate in Youth Work at Praxis (under Whitireia Community Polytechnic) on Wednesdays and Thursdays. We work with BGI on Mondays and Fridays, an average week totalling 35 hours each".



Georgie Hicks

"Hi, I'm Georgie Hicks, another Praxis intern here at BGI. I recently finished high school and I have a huge enthusiasm for working with young people. Like Matt, I'm studying the Certificate in Youth Work, and am part of BGI's "Suburban Youth Development Team".



Youth Café designs have evolved and we have developed a good working relationship with the St John's property committee. The project has significant ownership by young people outside of the church and enthusiasm for it in the St J's youth group.



Will Watterson's responsibilities at BGI are varied, but his main role is as BGI Café Development Worker.

"I'm helping our teams of young people from schools and universities to create a Café that provides a stimulating environment for youth, where they can express and challenge themselves, both artistically and intellectually. We're extremely excited about working with Weta workshop on the Café designs, and their offer to mentor our young artists! I'm also in charge of computers, multimedia, graphic design, and other technical stuff."



BGI Contracted Services are called in when an NGO, school, government agency or community/church groups need the innovative youth flavour

ALAC [Alcohol Advisory Council, CanTeen, Clemenger, Wellington City Council, Wellington College, Ministry of Youth Affairs, CYFS, Our whole team are involved in these contracts. We charge for these services and the income helps pay the wages of the BGI team.

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is a major one of these contracts and mainly involves Ani, Ryhan and Rod, although all of the BGI staff get involved with St J's youth by offering Ani, Ryhan and Rod



suggestions and support at staff meetings, hands on assistance at events, advice on dealing with young people's issues, facilitating ropes course days and by providing supervision and a motivating team environment in which to work.

The BGI board approved a significant subsidy of the costs of running the St J's youth programme and the other programmes above. Ani has written detailed report of this work.

Accounting and Administration is hugely important and a big job.

Jenni Redding is our Accountant.

"As well as doing the accounts, I am also facilitating the parenting course".

The following is a list of volunteers who have given their time and energy to help BGI deliver quality programmes for Wellington's young people. There are also many corporates and funders (not listed here) which we have acknowledged in our BGI annual report.

C4C Volunteers, Mentors and Helpers

Angela Winters, Eva Sanders, Katja Starke, Kesh Gilmour, Jane Hill, Jennifer Watt, Sally Rees, Robyn McRae, Dennis Ngawhare, Scott Miller, Ryhan Prasad, James Ihaka, Euan Howden, Steve Graham, Andrew Newbery, Anneke Vollebregt, David Talbot, Ian Harrison, Jenny Chan, Jin Tan, Kesh Gilmour, Rod Baxter, Rochelle Swan, Sandra Cross, Scott Miller, Stephanie Zimmerman, Tara Meredith, Alek Stojanovik, Blanche Collins, Emily Butters, Geoff Dean, Glenn Shanks, Jess Marshall, Kate Amory, Lynley Bell, Matt Haigh, Matt Campbell, Pamela Albert, Sandra Cross, Shaun Cornelius, Toru John Allie Crombie, John Hunt, Betty Robertson, Helen Nixon, Mary Marshall, Colleen Spencer, Carolyn Goodsward, Anna Davis, Mila Poutoa, Lesley Shaw Anwyl Fowler and Elaine Pearse.

The BGI Board

Tanya Duncan, Geoff Annals, Andy Marshall, Anne Sidwell, Barry Spencer, Graham Redding, Fuimaono Tuiasau, Sandy Lawson, Naomi Lane

The WYP Crew

Sopheak Seng, Scott Meleod, Camilla Worboys, Chris Bull, Ross MacKay, Gayatri Wood, Alex Philips, Alex Bayfield, Rebecca Richardson, Casey James, Anupa Parmar, Sarah Tompson, Karo Crawford, Phillip Drew

The LHYP Crew

Felicity Brock-Smith, Mala Govind, Ben, Pin Chaivanichakul, Reece, Sarah Ng, Wiremu Paku

Communications Committee Report

I would like to thank Gail Higgs-West, Christine Kirkby-Sing, Ross Mackay, and the late Peter Owen-John for their assistance with the Communication tasks over the last year.

Our committee reports to the Church Council. It has been interesting being on the Council and I would like to thank Malcolm Shaw for the way he has organised the Council and chaired the meetings. I would like to thank St John's for enabling me, as a new congregational member, to be involved in this way and would encourage others who are new to the church to become part of one of the committees.

We have managed to come in well under budget. This is thanks to a number of people who offered their time and expertise free of charge.

Russell Gould made a beautiful brochure rack for us which has tidied up the inside of the church. Will Watterson designed some of the posters for us at no charge, and his friend Kirsten Lim, a Victoria design student, made the foreshore signs for us – twice, as the first time they were stolen. Once again, Lesley Shaw has done an amazing job with the telephone lists and name tags.

At Christmas, Phil Steer who had edited the Messenger departed to study for his PhD in America. Thanks Phil for your time as editor. With Phil's departure, Wyn Beasley has ably taken over that role. The Messenger hopes to do two things, - one is to provide news of church activities, which depends on people and organisations in the church making reports available. The second is to provide a mixture of information and entertainment. Anyone who wishes to contribute is welcome. Wyn has been encouraged by the reception of the last couple of issues. I believe it is this feedback that makes the Messenger a more worthwhile communication tool and I encourage you to continue to respond to items in it.

Thanks also to David and William Galt who have upgraded the Web Page again this year. If you haven't seen it, check it out at www.stjohnsinthecity.org.nz. The web page is one of the best church sites around and David has kept it very simple to use. It is likely to play more of a role in the communications mix.

We put together some ideas on a church giving campaign and will be working with the



Finance committee to communicate the need for greater giving in the offering. The brochure for the lectureship was printed by the Wellington City Council on favourable terms, and it has brought in quite a number of donations - but we need more.

Our posters on the St John's Willis street wall have been developed either by the Ministers or in conjunction with them. Feedback from the community about our signs has been extremely positive. For example, when I met with Marian Hobbs, she said "Oh, that is the church with a sense of

humour!" At a St John's Session meeting Elizabeth McKenzie told about her taxi ride - when the Cambodian taxi driver 'laughed like mad' at the 'Foreshore?/For Sure?' sign. A university philosophy graduate who doesn't attend church said the 'for sure?' sign made him think, - that even though he had dismissed the church, he wasn't 'sure' what the church believed and maybe should find out. A creative person from WETA felt a quirky sort of connection with the 'for sure?' sign. We hope these posters and signs are building on the church's new by-line on our letterhead 'more than you might expect' or as the youth group version on post card says 'not what you'd expect'.

These signs are about trying to break down the stereotype the church has with a sector of society that sees us as a moralistic, holier than others, rigid, cold, scary and irrelevant institution. They are designed for those who do not attend church, and so cannot be accurately judged by those of us who are 'regulars'.

The Easter signs were a regional attempt by the PCANZ office to do the same thing. Judging by the fact that our numbers were up, we like to think they worked. Unfortunately the Easter posters did cause offence for some - it is always difficult to balance just how far we need to go to spread the Gospel. However, it seems to me that God went a fair way out on a limb into some unholy, controversial areas when he came as flesh in Jesus.

It seems to me that St John's in the City is living up to the sentiment expressed in its by-line 'more than you might expect'. The by-line works well - except on our invoices to tenants and conference centre users!

Ross Davis

Convenor
Communications
Committee



Flowers in St John's

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2004

As this group's convenor, I am again very pleased to report that 2003/04 was another satisfying year of continuous activity for our small group of volunteer flower arrangers. Thank you to our helpers, who have enthusiastically and generously provided such a wide variety of colour and style to enhance our Church, and to inspire worshippers throughout the year. I am very conscious of the time commitment that this entails. The flowers and foliage came from gardens, markets, and shops.

This past year we assisted with a higher than normal number of weddings and funerals.

We enjoyed the additional challenges and pleasures of the major floral displays for the Church's Anniversary celebrations last October; the subsequent 150th birthday Sunday service; and other special occasions. The community spirit of helpers was very evident.

A permanent Conference Centre floral display was put in place.

Financially, Flowers in St John's expended \$1,187 over the year, excluding the nine weddings that were paid for to the Church office by the marrying couples. This cost was lower than the previous year and below the annual budget of \$1,575. The Anniversary flowers cost \$868 compared with the aggregate budget of \$1,000. The Conference Centre display cost \$221, or \$279 less than the project budget. So, overall, the expenditures on all floral displays in 2003/2004 totalled \$2,276, compared with approved budgets of \$3,075, - a saving of \$800.

As we move into 2004/2005, we welcome anyone to our group who is interested in flower-arranging, either by themselves, or with someone else. Assistance will be available to anyone wishing to ease into the role gradually.

Winifred Bain

Tel. (04) 939 7562. Please leave a message if Winifred is unavailable.

Sunday School – St J's Kids

St J's Kids has had another busy year. We have had an average attendance each week of about 30 children out of the 57 on the roll. There is a nice core of regular children and this makes running the classes much easier for the teachers. We want to thank the parents for their efforts in ensuring regular attendance.

We base our programme on the Scripture Union SALT syllabus. The syllabus works in four or five week blocks usually alternating the Old and the New Testament, though at the main celebrations like Easter and Christmas, we of course study these stories. This last year we have studied Paul's life, Nehemiah, the Holy Spirit as well as parts of John's Gospel. Scripture Union is re-writing the syllabus for the beginning of the British school year in September. It will be interesting to see how it changes.

St J's Kids cannot function without the input of a large number of people. This year we have had 12 people regularly teaching or helping: Andrew Aitken, Anna Davis, Margaret Galt, Janie Pack, Paul Ramsay, Nicki Read, Lesley Shaw, Teresa Washburn,

Bronwyn Wood, and David Wood. We also have three relievers who are willing to be called upon at short notice: Louise Ramsay, Linda Shearer, and Sylvia Yan. We wish to acknowledge the contribution also of Indriana Joeng and Sylvia Yan, both of whom had to give up being regular teachers at the end of last year because of their other commitments. St John's is very fortunate indeed at the number of people who are willing to work in the Sunday School, and the superb work they do each week.

This last year we also have tried to run the occasional social event for the children. The 'Starlight Story-time' was a wonderful success, and much enjoyed by the 50-60 children who attended. We wish to thank Nicki Read and Anna Davis for the extra time and effort that they put in to ensure the children have a fun time.

Finally, - a word about the name. During the year, the children voted for a new name for the group, and St J's Kids was the pick.

Margaret Galt

St. John's Women's Association

It gives me much pleasure to bring you this Annual Report of St. John's in the City Women's Association for the year ending, May 31st, 2004, my first full year in office. A big thank you to all who have helped me along the way as I have learnt the ropes. I have found it to be a very stimulating challenge and I have learned heaps!

Monthly Meetings

We have, once again, had a very varied, stimulating and informed programme of guest speakers at our monthly meetings. They were: -

- Eleanor Carter - St. John's Organist on her musical career
- Ann Hodson - with her guests from Bhutan on her work and life in Bhutan as a VSA worker
- Ineke Woodward showed us how she made her charming bronze sculptures.
- Peg Hutchison on her travels in South Africa on part of the Federation of University women group.
- Bethney McLennan - talked about the origin of flowers we use at Christmas and gave us some ideas on how to use those flowers on table decorations.

Unfortunately in spite of my optimism that the weather would clear up for our planned picnic at Days Bay the wind & rain continued! Helen Martin stepped into the breach and gave us a very informative talk on her life before St. John's.

The Lenten Church Service and the Christmas Church Service were both well attended including some of our more "shut in" women. Both services were conducted by Helen Martin and I am sure you will agree were thought provoking and informative.

Our March meeting was a real highlight for me when we hosted for the day four women from the Vanuatu Presbyterian Women Missionary Union. They were Rose Ora, Neikelen Netie, Natuake Tapurua and Siloti Ray. What a struggle their life is compared to ours yet how their faith shone out.

We concluded the year with the Rev. Dr. Margaret Mayman in her role as A.P.W. representative telling us how the United Nations Committees work and her involvement in the Status of Women Committees meeting in March in New York.

A.P.W.

A.P.W. has continued "The Process of Change" commenced at the Triennial Conference in 2002.

A new nationally appointed Executive is facing the task of getting these changes implemented. Its first major task is to develop a new constitution as our current one is suspended.

The Annual Fundraising Luncheon for APW's Special Project was held on May 23rd.

This year the theme was "Bridging the Gap" supporting the Womens Development Resource Centre in Madurai, Southern India and the NZ

Prisoner Aid & Rehabilitation Services Child Travel Fund. John Whilty the Director of NZPARS was our guest speaker.

Stamps

The late Adrienne Eames, who for many years had undertaken this responsibility of selling the cleaned and sorted used stamps, left a real void and a problem as to how to continue this work. I am very pleased to report that a small group of women have undertaken to investigate how to clean and sort and sell the stamps kindly donated by members of the congregation, and we are in business again. A special thanks to all involved in this project.

Coffee & Chat Group

This group continues to meet monthly, organised by Betty Robertson & Margaret Hunt. Betty also sends out Birthday Cards to those baptised in Church.

N.C.W.

Carolyn Goudswaard and I are the Wellington Region APW representatives on the Wellington branch of N.C.W. It is an opportunity to add a Christian perspective to a wide range of subjects and submissions, on the largest women's organisation in NZ.

150th Celebrations

What an enriching time this was for St. John's. An opportunity to reflect on its long history of Christian involvement in this community and the wider church life.

Although we did not specifically put in a poster depicting our past we were very involved in all the various aspects of the celebrations. Thank you to all who helped in whatever role.

During the year overtures to several parishes were made to invite interested women to attend our W.A. Meetings. I was aware that some parishes associations were in recess due to insufficient women able to attend meetings. So we were delighted that St. Giles Parish took up our offer and now attend.

I would like to close with a reminder of what the aim of A.P.W. is. It has served us well in the past and as we go into more change in the future. I am sure it will continue to help us.

It is - "To unite all in prayer, study, fellowship and service, enabling 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 evangelism".

God bless you all,

Mary Gibbs

President

Christian Education Committee

The Christian Education Committee is tasked with the oversight of youth work, supports the Sunday School team, The Boys' and Girls' Brigades, and, with the ministers, aids in the education and faith development of adults through camps, seminars, and study groups. The Committee consisted of Helen Martin, Jane Fulcher, Naomi Lane, Katherine Sutherland, Linda van Milligan Anna Davis, Ani Prasad, Mike Kirkby- Sing, Lucy Anderson and Elaine Pearse. Since Christmas we have lost Jane, Naomi, Mike and Lucy so our team requires additional membership.

This year has again been a busy one. In July Lisa Smith our Youth Worker left to pursue her teaching career. Lisa had been involved in youth work at St John's for several years before taking over the role of Youth Worker and ably carried out this role for over two years.

Following Lisa's departure the opportunity arose for St John's to work more closely with the Boys' and Girls' Institute and we have been fortunate in securing Ani and Ryhan Prasad and Rod Baxter as Youth Workers for a total of forty hours per week, to run the Friday social and Sunday youth programmes. Under Ani's leadership this team has worked very enthusiastically, along with St John's voluntary youth workers: David Wood and Jeremy Bennett. St John's has also been fortunate in securing the services of Monica Yeoman who is completing her National Church youth worker internship and, as part of her training, taking the Junior Youth group. This group, set up at the beginning of 2004 for Years 7-9, started with six young people and has now expanded to 20.

Other St John's youth work includes *Sunday School*, *The Boys' and Girls' Brigades* and the *Music and Movement Group* all of whom have contributed to this Annual Report. The Music and Movement Group is new to St John's and targets pre-schoolers.

Also during the year the youth leaders ran a very successful Youth Alpha course that culminated in eight young people joining the Church. As well, Mo Mansill, National Youth Coordinator for PCANZ, took over the responsibility of running a monthly *Contemporary Service* at St John's. There was also *Sunday at Five* for tertiary students and those in their twenties.

The growth in youth work necessitates more leaders and a number of young and not so young have attended leadership courses throughout the year. As a result there are a number of emerging leaders within our youth groups.

A Church Camp was held at El Rancho in September and the young and old who participated had a great time and new friendships were forged. The only disappointment was that more people did not take part in this activity so we hope that greater numbers will be able to attend future camps.

During the year we have also been fortunate in being able to arrange Seminars under the leadership of John Bell from the *Scottish Iona Community*, and *Faith at Work* run by Martien Kelderman from the Bible College of New Zealand.

St John's has three house groups, the Galts' the Ramsays' and Wine and Theology. This is the twentieth year that the Galts' group has been running, which is some achievement. It consists of around a dozen people meeting on a Monday night at the Galts'. It starts with a shared take-away meal, followed by study and then supper. The Ramsays' group of around twelve people meets fortnightly at various homes, the study takes about an hour and is followed by supper. Wine and Theology meets monthly on a Friday night, currently in the Conference Centre, with around twelve-fourteen people attending. The evening starts with the sampling of some wine and cheese and is followed by a lively discussion on a different topic each month.

I would like to conclude by thanking all of those people and their helpers who provide the group leadership. In the list below we have only been able to name the coordinating leader of each group. Each individual name represents a whole team. Thank you to you all. We really appreciate your significant commitment in both time and skills.

Groups	Leadership
Youth Work	Ani Prasad
Junior Youth Work	Monica Yeoman
Sunday School	Margaret Galt
Sunday at 5	Christine Yang
Contemporary Worship	Mo Mansill
Crèche	Heather Walker
Boys Brigade	Harriet Johnston
Girls' Brigade	Katherine Sutherland
Music and Movement	Anna Davis
House Groups – Galts'	David & Margaret Galt
– Ramsays'	Paul & Louise Ramsay
– Wine & Theology	Graham Redding

Elaine Pearse

Convener

Christian Education Committee

Youth Group Report

Kia ora koutou.

I'm currently sitting up at the warm BGI with the office symphony of phones tinkling in unison, the tapping of computer keyboards, the chatter and laughter from my friends. I start writing a bit nervous, as I'm not one with confidence when it comes to report writing. I always feel like I'm a used car sales person expressing the fine features of a youth ministry vehicle. "It will change the life of the church, it will increase your membership, it is great value for money, it can run this programme and that programme, the possibilities are endless"... I start thinking of youth ministry as a product. A product with benefits and how that product is going to benefit the life of the church. I wonder what would happen if I started looking at youth ministry as a gift from God. I believe my eyes would be open to see what youth ministry really is.

A Gift

The gift of seeing 9 people confirming their faith and making a stand for Christ. The gift of experiencing laughter with a young person on a Friday night. The gift of watching young people worship God through dance, multimedia, song and tramping. The gift of watching young people represent St Johns brilliantly at the JYMC festival by winning the best film entry for 2004! The gift of seeing numbers grow from just a few to 55 with over 30 attending most weeks.

We appreciate the structure the education committee has placed on our work. It's provided great guidance about keeping costs down and impetus to increase numbers, quality and depth of faith. To hear back from Session that the youth group has been referred to as an example for other church groups has been a thrill for both the young people and the leadership team. The church's support has been important in aiding us in our path to achieve our vision. *Our vision is to make St John's youth group an on-fire-for-God group that reaches out to the community and their peers, have awesome times together, and grow their group through relationship building.*

The way we are able to work towards this vision is by the combination of our eight components of St J's Youth Ministry.

Worship: Over the last year the youth group has been exploring many ways to worship God. From worshipping with thousands of young people at the Parachute Music festival, to saying a prayer in a small group. From lighting a candle at a national youth conference, to laughing with a friend on a Friday night. Worship, sometimes we don't even realise, has been the centre of our ministry. The worship experience has been aided by events such as Parachute, Easter Camp and CTC. Plus the monthly 7pm contemporary service which allows us to explore different creative ways of worshipping our creative Father.

Mission: We have discovered as a group always to look at the bigger picture and learn what God is doing around the world. Each term, we aim to do Mission in

our back yard. For example: CWS wipe-out-poverty week, 40 hour famine, Supporting AJ through letters and prayer.

Regional: Staying connected and building relationships with other groups has been important and rewarding. We belong to a regional network called Joint Youth Ministry Committee. The BGI team this year has helped help run the Film Festival with the young graduates of the Going Somewhere leadership course.

Outreach: Reaching out to our community has been strong, with both our Junior and Senior Friday night social programme going well and attracting new people.

Church Support: Thank you to the friends-of-the-vision crew who have helped us this past year, especially with jobs like cooking and driving. We ran the battle of the ages again, with the older people winning this time. And we ran a day out on the ropes course with 93 people of all ages attending!

Senior study Group: Called Leven, this is a group that is for ages 15 and up. It has been going steadily with studies based around worldviews and the evolution-creation debate.

Sunday: David Wood and Ryhan Prasad have been delivering the senior programme on Sunday, with Monica Yeoman, Ross Mackay and Alice Potts delivering the programme for the juniors.

Leadership Development: Developing leaders each week by providing the necessary support, training and opportunities to use their skills on different programmes. This is done through the Going Somewhere course where we had Ross Mackay and Oliver Redding graduating.

I would also like to thank our awesome Leadership team of Monica Yeoman, Mo Mansill, Rod Baxter, Alice Potts, Jeremy Bennett, Ross Mackay, Ryhan Prasad and David Wood. Special thanks to Monica for establishing and overseeing the Junior Youth Group.

Thanks to St Johns for giving BGI the opportunity to coordinate the St J's Youth group.

Thanks to BGI for St J's Youth ministry to be coordinated amongst and with a creative team in a warm office on top of Troup House.

We have enjoyed Wellington so much that Ryhan and I have decided to extend our stay. The young people that we work with both at BGI and at St Johns have been a significant factor in our desire to stay. We look forward to another year on unwrapping this special gift of ministry with you.

Manaaki me arohanui
Blessings and great love

Ani Prasad
Youth Coordinator



Music Report 2004

The musical groups at St. John's employed during worship are -

The Choir - led by Eleanor Carter (Music Director)

The Music group - led by Dayle Anderson

The Contemporary worship music group - led by Mo Mansill

All of these groups have important roles in leading the music during services. Each individual's constant commitment to attendance and quality is very impressive and something that St. John's should pride itself for.

The Choir sings at every Sunday morning service, leading the hymns and providing anthems appropriate to each service. The Music group is a group of instrumentalists who play mainly for contemporary songs in morning worship. The Contemporary music group has been leading the music in contemporary evening services.

This last year has been full of wonderful music making in the church. The highlight would have to be the 150th celebrations and all of the music sung and played for the concert and the two special services. For the service on Labour Weekend, an anthem was commissioned. Rosemary Russell put words by Graham Redding to music. The original version begins with a fanfare for brass quintet. The choir then sang accompanied by organ and brass. For Pioneering Spirit is now used regularly as a congregational hymn. At that service we were very fortunate to have the support and direction of Roy Tankersley, who conducted the choir for the concert the previous night and shared the organ playing with Eleanor Carter in the morning service. New Zealand Brass provided uplifting support for the anthem and hymns. We sang the Vaughan Williams' arrangement of The Old Hundredth for organ, brass, tympani

(played by Alec Carlisle), choir and congregation as the last hymn. On November 16th, The Queen's Singers joined our choir and under the direction of their conductor, renowned hymn writer Felicia Edgecumbe, sang David Hamilton's O Sing to the Lord a New Song. Dayle Anderson and Eleanor Carter had fun preparing the difficult duo (piano and organ) accompaniment for it.

As part of the 150th celebrations, St. John's supported a new series of concerts. Summer Evenings at St. John's are early evening concerts held in the church on Fridays during the summer. Each concert has a different professional musician or chamber music group who play for about an hour. In November/December, we had five concerts, including IOTA String Trio, NZ Brass, Andrew Cantrill and others. We look forward to carrying on the series this summer.

Christmas services were slightly less eventful musically, coming directly after the 150th services, for which the choir had worked so hard. Our usual combined carol service with St. Mary's was well organized by Robert Oliver. The children had their own beautifully designed service on Christmas Eve, at which Dayle and Lucy Anderson and Eleanor played. Linda van Milligan sang Steal Away solo on Christmas morning.

Easter 2004 included more from NZ Brass on Easter Sunday. The thing that has stayed with me for months from that weekend of services is the truly moving sound of the congregation, led by the choir, on Good Friday, singing O Sacred Head Sore Wounded, unaccompanied.

A singing church is a worshipping church.

Eleanor Carter

Preschool Music and Movement Annual Report

The preschool Music and Movement Group @ St John's has been in progress since November 2002. It meets weekly on Tuesdays for 30 minutes of music, followed by morning tea. This group was initiated with the aim of creating a cohesive group of St John's parents of babies and young children, for fellowship with a view to outreach.

The majority of the music we use is original, produced by the 'Kids Music Company', a company set up and run by two qualified children's music specialists. The aim is to encourage children to sing, imitate and create movement, learn rhythm through playing percussion instruments, listen, and learn colours and counting.

This group is closely associated with and complements the Coffee and Chat Group which continues to meet monthly on Tuesdays after a

shortened music and movement session. This provides a treasured and unique link between generations and the wider St John's community.

The sessions are jointly led by Nicki Read, Heather Walker and myself on a rostered basis. Recently, others in the group are leading occasional sessions. Morning tea is provided by a roster of members. The group members give a gold coin donation each week which is used for obtaining and maintaining our materials and resources. This shared involvement has helped create a strong sense of ownership and community within the group. This has resulted in supportive friendships being formed, spontaneous social evenings out, and personal invitations being extended to the group for church events such as Baptisms and All Age Worship. Also as a result of this contact, some children are now attending Sunday School.

Attendance Statistics: The numbers of the group have steadily grown from an average of 6 regularly attending adults and their children to 20 regularly attending adults and their children.

In November 2003 Music and Movement for 4-year-olds was started, using the same format but held in the afternoon immediately following the morning session. This caters for the parents and children of the group who have started morning kindergarten sessions. The growth of this group has been slower due to the lack of time for advertising. We began with 3 regularly attending adults and 4 children and

are now averaging 6 regularly attending adults and 9 children.

Training: On Thursday 29 July, Nicki Read, myself, and two other members of the group attended a Kids Music Company workshop which introduced and taught us the new music to their latest CD 'Echo Fred'. We found it informative and inspiring.

This workshop has resulted in two of the group members who have not taken a session before feeling equipped and ready to lead some sessions.

Anna Davis

Pastoral Care Committee Report

The purpose of pastoral care within St. John's in the City is to:

- Build up the congregation as a community that supports each other in our daily lives; sharing the burden, healing the wound, celebrating the joy, and walking the road together.
- Foster the outward expression of the love of God active in relationships which affirm, support, and celebrate personal worth.

At a Session retreat in February 2003, pastoral care was considered a priority to be developed. Goals and objectives were subsequently refined:

- To value, support, and nurture small groups within the congregation,
- To welcome newcomers and invite them to participate in the life and work of St. John's in the City.
- To implement a revised pastoral care system, including the role of the Assistant Minister.

Helen Martin was inducted as our Assistant Minister in July. She was allowed a few months to find her feet, and to consider the pastoral needs of the congregation. After further discussion within

Session, including Helen, it was decided to form a Pastoral Care Committee.

The Pastoral Care Committee was established in early 2004, to work with the Ministry Team and Elders to help co-ordinate and develop the provision of pastoral care within St. John's in the City. The committee comprises Allie Crombie, Helen Nixon, Lynn Pollock and Anne Simpson, with the Ministers and Session Clerk ex-officio.

We have met formally three times. We have carried out a position review of the St. John's Pastoral Worker, and are currently completing a job description for this position. We have also initiated an informal welcome for newcomers after the morning service on the first Sunday of each month. We are now working on ways of integrating both newcomers and existing members and adherents, as a means of building up the congregation into a supportive community, and fostering the outward expression of the love of God in our relationships.

Anne Simpson
Convener

The Boys' Brigade - 2nd Wellington Company

(Known as "Second to None")



Introduction:

The Boys' Brigade cares for and challenges Boys and Young Men for life, through a programme of informal education underpinned by the Christian faith. This is achieved by teaching and encouraging the development of a personal Christian faith :

- by training in leadership and decision making
- by involving them in all levels of responsibility
- by making them aware of the needs of others
- by encouraging them to engage in activities and projects in which they can make a difference.

Numbers:

There are 30 Boys/Young Men on the register. They travel to the weekly meetings from Miramar, Lyall Bay, Brooklyn, Karori, Wilton, Ngaio, Newlands, Khandallah, Tawa and the city centre.

Leadership:

Chaplain: Dr. Graham Redding

Acting Captain: Harriet Johnston

Lieutenants: Nathan Smith, David Jackson,

Band Master: Alec Carlisle.

Helper: Indri Joeng

In addition, a number of parents have assisted with class work :

Robert Anderson, Barry Jackson, Iain Mackay, Don Smith, Ron Goudswaard, Jo Anistasialis. Gordon Lee, ex Captain of the Titahi Bay Boys Brigade Company, has attended and taken class work to give me a night off.

Leadership Development:

Corporal Nathan Bayliss attended a Boys' Brigade National Leadership Development Course last year and our two other Corporals will attend a similar course in July. The money for payment of the fees for these courses comes from our budget and is money well spent.

Badge Work:

There has been an interesting programme covering First Aid, Video Making, Chemistry, Christian Education, Communications, Citizenship, Wild Life, Safety. "Surprise, Surprise" nights have been popular, also obstacle courses, go-karting, basketball and suppers of pizzas!

The Boys' Brigade Band under the expert leadership of Alec Carlisle has progressed well as was evidenced by their playing in church.

Alford Dornan:

who died on 7th March, was Honorary Captain of our Company for many years. He took an active part in the Company from 1956 and was always at hand to advise and encourage. He was an expert in Boys' Brigade Drill. An Alford Dornan Drill Trophy will now be competed for each year by individual boys. No-one individual contributed to Boys' Brigade New Zealand, Boys' Brigade Northern Ireland, or Boys' Brigade in the Pacific more than Alford.

Conclusion:

Thank you to the Leaders, the parents and others who have assisted in any way throughout the year. The numbers may not be great but there is a great spirit in each of the three sections.

It has again been a tremendous privilege to be team leader of St. John's Boys' Brigade Company.

Harriet Johnston

(Acting Captain)



8th Wellington Girls' Brigade Company

Mission Statement:
GB empowers girls
with Skills,
Christian Qualities,
and Values to
succeed in
tomorrow's world.



There has been a company on-site at St John's for over 50 years and our girls come from different areas of Wellington.

The past year has seen girls being taught different skills. Lisa Smith took the Pioneers for photography in which the girls had to do a book of photos showing different aspects of themselves.

The whole company put on a 4-course meal for their parents in which all the aspects were planned and performed by the girls. The 9-year-olds set the table, as well as providing the table flower arrangements, and made nibbles for after-dinner. These girls learnt the skill of waitressing. The older Seniors and Pioneers prepared the meal and cooked it, as well as doing the dishes. It was a learning curve for all the girls. Margaret Latu who is a Senior in the Company taught the girls how to do Hip Hop which they performed for their parents at break-up in November 2003.

The badge work for 2004 has concentrated on extending the girls' skills with 12-year-old Seniors learning New Zealand Sign Language, instruction being given by two Deaf Instructors. This group has also been taught how to arrange flowers by Gail West. Pauline Little has moved from working with Juniors to Company. Second Year Seniors learnt to make Animal Face Masks and the skills required when travelling overseas. Some of the skills learned were: Making Application for a Passport; Foreign Currency Values; and Reading of Airline Timetables. The girls also attended a talk given by a travel agent who came to speak to them.

In 2003 we promoted 3 girls to the Pioneer Section (13 years upwards). Jo Nyberg explained the Pioneer Programme to the girls. Our Chaplain, Rev. Helen Martin, has taught the Pioneers the skills required in taking Company Games, and Devotions. The Pioneers are putting these skills into practice on Company Nights. The Pioneers also organised a fun night for the Company at the end of term.

The Company, combined with Juniors, starts with a time of singing, taken by Fiona Bayliss, and they shared some of their singing at the end of 2003 year Church Parade. In April, we had a visit from the National Commissioner, Jennifer Box (Dunedin) and National Secretary, Elizabeth Dickens (Auckland) who are both Officers in their own Companies. They spent time talking to the girls and seeing their different activities.

I would like to thank our Chaplain for her support and the guidance she has shared with the leaders since she was appointed in July 2003.

I appreciate the ongoing support of my fellow Officers and their commitment to the Company during the last year.

The Officers of 8th Wellington are: Avis Marshall, Dianne and Pauline Little, Corinna Davis, and Jo Nyberg.

Katherine Sutherland

Team Leader 8th Wellington Company

Juniors

In 2003 we had three Juniors happily working on their badge subjects.

Mouseacise for Physical.

Responsibility was Indoor Gardening and Child Care with Corinna's baby, Rachael, having a bath etc.

Our crafts were hand prints in plaster of Paris, and constructing 3D pictures.

We welcomed our new Chaplain, Helen Martin, who enrolled Eleanor and presented certificates to all.

At the Church Parade, Rachael was baptized and the three Juniors helped.

At the breakup they joined in the singing and did their mouseacise. They received their star badges.

2004 began with three fun evenings: a barbecue with the whole company, watching a video, and a trip in the cable-car to play in the children's play area in the Botanical Gardens.

Our Journey was a trip to Seatoun on the bus, fish and chip lunch at the park, and a visit to the Fairy shop.

For God's Book we learnt about the start of the Bible Society, with the story of Mary Jones, 200 years ago, and the story of New Zealand girl, Tarore, and her Little Book the Gospel of Luke.

The girls made interesting Easter Cards which they took home with a hot cross bun, an Easter Egg, and a Bible Society pamphlet. They also made a Mother's Day gift and card.

For our Responsibility, we wrote letters to Grandparents and visited the Petone Mail Sorting Centre. We have also baked scones, pizzas, and almond biscuits which we took to the Iraqi family for our Service.

We have collected money to help the Westpac Helicopter Service and we ended the term with a Fairy Party.

We have four happy Juniors, are hoping to increase our numbers, and continue to help our youngest members to learn to seek, serve and follow Christ.

Thank you to Mrs Little for all her help.

Avis Marshall

Junior Leader



Property Committee Annual Report

Another busy year. The usual and ongoing maintenance of the Willis Street complex and the two manses was addressed and attended to satisfactorily.

Several extraordinary events exercised the committee and necessitated added expense. The storms earlier in the year caused some damage to the Lower Watt Street manse and extra drains had to be installed and some remedial work undertaken. John Hunt identified the trouble spots and designed the new drains.

Extra work was needed to bring Ponsonby Road manse up to scratch. Lesley Shaw's gardening skills were in demand for some of this work.

Detailed examinations have been carried out, and a comprehensive report prepared on the church organ. It is likely that major work looms. An organ fund has been proposed, to help meet these costs.

The biggest single job was the office shift, from Spinks Cottage to L1 Troup House. Hard work and

good planning paid off when the move went ahead on time. The office staff and ministers have expressed satisfaction with their new premises, and we are sure it was a job well worth the doing.

The Youth Group have now moved in to the ground floor of Spinks Cottage and are busy making this new space their own.

We are also very involved with the proposed youth café proposals and David Wood's engineering skills have been much in demand.

A busy and satisfying year, and again the invaluable services of Jan Stiebert are gratefully acknowledged. She and John Hunt seem to have a wonderful capacity for making things happen. The office fitout and changeover involving as it did contractors, sub-contractors, and discommoded staff, was a fine balancing and juggling act.

John Irvine
Convener

St. John's in the City Register for year ending 30 June 2004

Number of baptisms	8
Number of marriages	14
Members joined by transfer	5
Members removed by transfer	2
Members joined by profession of faith	8

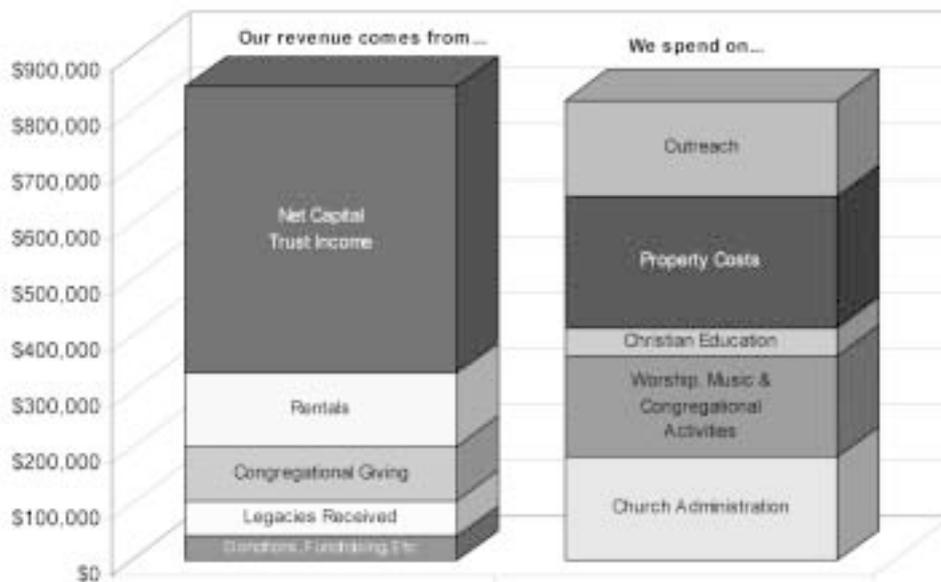
The deaths are recorded of the following members:

Maurice Noel Manthel
Joan Andrew
Marion Jean Salt
Adrienne Frances Eames
Noel Spencer Woods
Winifred Helena Taylor
Gwynneth Ellice Smith
Alford Dornan
Lady Margaret Marshall
Ellen Wallace
Peter Owen-John

Summary Of Financial Performance

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2004

	\$ 2004	\$ 2003
INCOME		
Congregational Giving	98,037	85,595
Donations, Fundraising and Miscellaneous Receipts	43,881	37,395
Legacies Received	63,038	–
Rentals	130,183	130,029
Net Income from the Capital Trust	805,202	857,646
TOTAL INCOME	<u>1,140,341</u>	<u>1,110,665</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Christian Education	50,864	47,774
Worship and Music, Communications and Congregational Activities	179,866	152,418
Church Administration	215,356	203,292
Property Maintenance	235,726	235,523
Outreach	171,525	163,792
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>853,337</u>	<u>802,799</u>
NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	287,004	307,866
Less: Transfers to Inflation-protect the Capital Trust	(265,411)	(163,430)
Less: Transfers to Planned Maintenance Reserve	(20,000)	16,975
Less: Transfers to Legacies	(75,256)	(15,835)
Less: Transfers to VUW Lectureship Fund	(12,275)	(5,089)
Add: Unspent Funds from Outreach Projects	561	3,500
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT) TRANSFERRED TO/(FROM) UNALLOCATED RESERVES	<u>(85,377)</u>	<u>143,987</u>



Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2004



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AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Congregation of St John's in the City (the Church)

We have audited the financial statements on pages 21 to 25. The financial statements provide information about the past financial performance of the the church and its financial position as at 30 June 2004. This information is stated in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 23 to 25.

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 2004 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 Institute of Chartered Accountants of New Zealand. 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 23 of the financial statements, the Church has not provided for depreciation on the Church, Spinks Cottage, both of which are heritage assets, and the Manses. 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 Manses over their economic lives.

We estimate that had the Church adopted this policy, depreciation for the year ended 30 June 2004 would have increased by a further \$37,780. The effect on the financial statements would have been to decrease the Net Surplus for the year by \$37,780 and decrease the Unallocated Reserves by the same amount. The carrying value of the fixed asset category, Buildings and Improvements would have decreased by \$113,340, which represents the amount of accumulated depreciation.

In our opinion:

- proper accounting records have been kept by the Church as far as appears from our examination of those records; and
- except for the effect of the departure from applicable Financial Reporting Standard No. 3 as outlined above the financial statements on pages 21 to 25:
 - comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand; and
 - fairly reflect the financial position of the Church as at 30 June 2004 and the results of its operations for the year ended on that date.

Our audit was completed on 10 September 2004 and our qualified opinion is expressed as at that date.

BDO Spicers

Chartered Accountants

Wellington

ST JOHN'S IN THE CITY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE for the year ended 30 June 2004

2003	INCOME	Note	2004
\$			\$
85,595	Congregational Giving		98,037
20,769	Donations, Fundraising and Miscellaneous Receipts		29,502
–	Legacies Received		63,038
130,029	Rentals		130,183
16,626	Interest		14,379
253,019	Total Church Operating Income		335,139
787,109	Capital Trust Interest		805,612
91,596	Capital Trust Bonus Interest		–
15,842	Capital Trust Dividends Received		19,319
–	Capital Gain on Sale of Shares		12,119
(36,901)	Stock Value Adjustments		(31,848)
857,646	Net Income from the Capital Trust		805,202
1,110,665	TOTAL INCOME		1,140,341
	EXPENDITURE		
	Church Activities		
263,402	Staff Costs		296,347
15,044	Christian Education		11,273
6,508	Worship and Music		4,319
388	Congregational Activities		529
21,099	Communications		18,188
18,059	Session Costs		37,171
33,192	General Expenses		28,750
5,583	Audit Fees		7,445
6,315	Accounting Fees		4,392
908	Legal Fees		–
26,033	PCANZ Capital Trust Administration Fees		27,091
396,531	Total Church Activities		435,505
	Property Costs		
67,815	Church Running Costs and Repairs		111,717
4,118	Church Improvements and New Equipment		9,565
7,674	Manses Rates, Insurance and Repairs		17,197
21,593	Troup House Running Costs and Repairs		17,641
75,031	Depreciation		79,606
36,974	Planned Maintenance - Painting Costs	5	–
22,318	Relocation Project Costs		–
235,523	Total Property Costs		235,726
	Wider Work		
71,982	Presbyterian Church National Services, Parish and MMF		74,174
3,500	Outreach Appeals Committee		10,000
23,002	Donations		10,755
35,308	Counselling Service		46,596
30,000	Contribution to the BGI		30,000
4,589	Boys' Brigade		8,343
2,356	Girls' Brigade		2,238
8	Broadcasting and Church Events		–
170,745	Total Wider Work Expenses		182,106
802,799	TOTAL EXPENDITURE		853,337
307,866	NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		287,004
(163,430)	Less: Transfers to Inflation-protect the Capital Trust	4	(265,411)
16,975	Less: Transfers to Planned Maintenance Reserve	4	(20,000)
(15,835)	Less: Transfers to Legacies	4	(75,256)
(5,089)	Less: Transfers to VUW Lectureship Fund	4	(12,275)
3,500	Add: Unspent Funds from Outreach Projects	4	561
143,987	NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT) TRANSFERRED TO/(FROM) UNALLOCATED RESERVES		(85,377)

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 2004

2003			2004
\$			\$
307,866	Net Surplus for the Year		287,004
31,707	Share Investment Revaluation	4	50,182
339,573	Total Recognised Revenues and Expenses for the Year		337,186
19,482,615	Total Equity at beginning of year		19,822,188
19,822,188	TOTAL EQUITY AT END OF YEAR		20,159,374

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION as at 30 June 2004

2003		Note	\$	2004
\$				\$
	Current Assets			
42,780	Cash at Bank		58,602	
225,192	Cash at PCANZ		301,230	
4,079	Accounts Receivable		18,246	
272,051	Total Current Assets			378,078
	Non Current Assets			
11,514,942	Capital Trust Investments	2	11,738,235	
8,077,215	Fixed Assets	3	8,145,469	
19,592,157	Total Non Current Assets			19,883,704
19,864,208	Total Assets			20,261,782
	less Current Liabilities			
42,020	Accounts Payable		90,458	
-	Income Received in Advance		11,950	
42,020	Total Current Liabilities			102,408
19,822,188	Net Assets			20,159,374
19,822,188	Capital and Reserves	4		20,159,374


Treasurer


Council Chairperson

September 10, 2004

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

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 Institute of Chartered Accountants of New Zealand. 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.

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.

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 gains in the value of share investments of \$167,133 are included in the assets (2003 - \$116,951).

Fixed Assets

At 30 June 2001, previously uncapitalised Church Land and Buildings (including manses) 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 Manses will be depreciated.

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

Depreciation

With the exception of the Church, Spinks Cottage and the Manses, 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
Manse Equipment	5 years
Website	3 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.

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 1994.

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 - Capital Trust Investments

	Maturity Date	Maturity Value \$	2004 \$	2003 \$
On Call				
Amalgamated Investment Fund			1,814,066	2,597,374
Stocks				
ASB Bank Subordinated Debt	December 2004	1,000,000	1,004,240	1,014,440
National Bank Bonds	April 2005	1,000,000	1,006,972	1,016,268
Watercare Services Bonds	April 2005	1,000,000	1,005,295	1,012,355
Fonterra Senior Debt	November 2006	1,000,000	1,012,797	1,018,681
United Network Bonds	April 2007	1,000,000	986,855	982,075
Fonterra Corporate Bonds	November 2005	500,000	500,000	500,000
National Bank Bonds	September 2007	500,000	500,000	500,000
Dunedin City Treasury Bonds	October 2007	1,000,000	1,011,163	1,014,603
Telecom Corporate Bonds	April 2008	450,000	451,964	452,492
NRMA Corporate Bonds	August 2008	1,000,000	1,000,935	1,001,155
Powerco Corporate Bond	March 2011	1,000,000	1,000,000	-
Shares and Notes	No of Shares	Cost		
Telecom	60,000	214,200	347,400	314,400
Carter Holt Harvey	20,000	46,973	41,000	35,800
Natural Gas Corp	20,126	15,642	55,548	55,299
			11,738,235	11,514,942

Note 3 - Fixed Assets	2004	2004	2004	2004	2003
	Cost \$	Current Year Depreciation \$	Accumulated Depreciation \$	Net Book Value \$	Net Book Value \$
Furniture & Fittings	40,724	4,371	29,240	11,484	10,703
Musical Equipment	39,373	2,624	24,706	14,667	17,291
Hall Equipment	41,158	6,717	18,825	22,333	25,974
Church Equipment	2,797	280	1,549	1,248	1,528
Office Equipment	126,320	23,010	104,088	22,232	39,261
Manse Equipment	11,692	482	3,657	8,035	1,179
Building & Improvements	5,389,833	42,122	124,363	5,265,470	5,181,279
Land	2,800,000	-	-	2,800,000	2,800,000
	8,451,897	79,606	306,428	8,145,469	8,077,215

Note 4 - Capital and Reserves	Balance 2003 \$	Net Movements for the year \$	Balance 2004 \$
Capital Trust	11,058,774	265,411	11,324,185
Tied Legacies	26,434	(383)	26,051
Edward Carter Special Assistance Fund	85,000	-	85,000
Ordinary Legacies	242,841	68,001	310,842
Unallocated Reserves	601,652	(85,377)	516,275
Planned Maintenance Reserve	342,620	20,000	362,620
Property Brought to Account	7,370,845	-	7,370,845
Share Investment Revaluation Reserve	31,707	50,182	81,889
Staff Training Reserve	20,097	-	20,097
Edward Carter Fund - Unspent Income	36,568	7,637	44,205
Outreach Projects - Unspent Allocation	561	(561)	-
Victoria University Lectureship Fund	5,089	12,276	17,365
Total Capital and Reserves	19,822,188	337,186	20,159,374

Note 4 – Capital and Reserves (continued)

The movement in the capital trust of \$265,411 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 2004, was 2.4%.

The movement in the Share Investment Revaluation Reserve of \$50,182 represents the unrealised capital gain from the investment in shares in the Capital Trust.

The increase in legacies totalling \$75,256 comprises new legacies received of \$63,038, unspent income from ordinary legacies of \$4,964, unspent income from the Edward Carter Trust of \$7,637 and expenditure from tied legacies of (\$383).

Note 5 - Movement in Planned Maintenance Reserve

	2004	2003
	\$	\$
Opening Balance	342,620	359,594
Less Painting of Church Complex	–	36,974
	342,620	322,620
Plus Transfer from Unallocated Reserves	20,000	20,000
	<u>362,620</u>	<u>342,620</u>

Note 6 - 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 together with the current market values of the Manses based on valuations prepared by Telfer Young are as follows:

Property

	2004	2003
	\$	\$
Church, Hall & Spinks Cottage (valued 27 March 2003)	6,826,200	6,826,200
Troup House (valued 27 March 2003)	2,373,300	2,373,300
Manse - 29 Ponsonby Rd, Karori (valued 27 June 2003)	405,000	405,000
Manse - 21 Lower Watt St, Wadestown (valued 27 June 2003)	585,000	585,000

Note 7 - Related Party Disclosure

St John's in the City's premises, rental property and two manses 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.

Note 8 - Commitments

St Johns in the City has entered into a three year commitment with Victoria University to fund a Christian Theology lectureship. This will begin in November 2004. The commitments amount to:

Less than one year	\$40,600
1-2 years	\$140,000
3-5 years	\$29,400

At balance date, there were still costs outstanding for the contract with Accent Architects Ltd for the Troup House alteration project. The committed amount was:

Less than one year	\$54,806
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(Commitments outstanding in 2003 – Nil)

Note 9 - Contingent Liabilities

The St John's congregation has approved \$82,000 for the establishment of a café in Spinks Cottage. The project has been agreed in principle with the Boys and Girls Institute Incorporated and the Wellington City Council. At balance date the plans for the conversion are subject to approval and resource and building consents being obtained.

(Contingent Liabilities for 2003 – Nil).

Ministers

Rev Dr Graham Redding B Com, B Theol, PhD	21 Lower Watt St, Wadestown	2001
Rev Helen Martin B.A., Dipl. Rel. Educ., Post-Grad. Dipl. Theol.	29 Ponsonby Road, Karori	2003

Parish Counsellor

Joan Baber M.A. Hons.	Church Office, cnr Willis and Dixon Streets	1993
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Elders Emeriti

Stanley Major Gordon (deceased)		1978
Black Mr Ian		1993
Brown Mrs Noyle (deceased)		1979
Dornan Mr Alford (deceased)		1960
Lloyd Mr Roger	15 Furlong Cres, Churton Park	1979
Woods Mr Noel (deceased)		1950
Littler Mrs Betty	40 Cheshire Street, Wilton	1968
McCay Mr Robert	Flat 7/300 Oriental Parade	1980
Owen John Mrs Norah	35 Philip Street, Johnsonville	1970
Piper Mrs Mabs (deceased)		1972
Sir John White	23 Selwyn Terrace, Thorndon	
Lady White	23 Selwyn Terrace, Thorndon	
Darroch Mr Alan	50 Sefton Street, Wadestown	1975
McCausland Mr Fredrick		
Harris Mrs Betty	29 Mortimer Tce, Brooklyn	1978
Gould Mr Russell	129 Barnard Street, Wadestown	1993
McKenzie Mr Bruce	112 Upland Road, Kelburn	1993

Inducted

Kirk Session

Shiels Mr Bert	19 Fernhill Tce, Wadestown	1965
Hunt Mr John	24 Krull Street, Vogeltown	1968
Ferrier Dr Robin	57 Wadestown Road, Wadestown	1974
Stewart Mr Charles	42 Braithwaite Street, Karori	1979
Anderson Mr Rob	137 The Ridgeway, Mornington	1980
Ferguson Ms Judi	114 John Sims Drive, Johnsonville	1987
Galt Mr David	11 Lewer Street, Karori	1981
Galt Mrs Margaret	11 Lewer Street, Karori	1987
Goudswaard Mrs Carolyn	20A Epuni Street, Aro Valley	1987
Lawson Mr Sandy	200 Pembroke Road, Northland	1987
Ewan Mrs Muriel	106A Tauhinu Road, Miramar	1990
Ewan Mr Rob	106A Tauhinu Road, Miramar	1990
Baillie Mr Peter	5 Grosvenor Tce, Wadestown	1990
Pearse Ms Elaine	85 Beauchamp Street, Karori	1990
Van Milligan Miss Linda	7 Colchester Crescent, Newlands	1990
Robertson Mrs Betty	407/2 Karori Road, Karori	1992
Labrum Mr Glen	114 John Sims Drive, Johnsonville	1992
McKinnon Mr Ian	83B Hill Street, Thorndon	1993
Pollock Miss Lynn	49 Aro Street, City	1993
McKenzie Mrs Elizabeth	112 Upland Road, Kelburn	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	177 Glenmore Street, Kelburn	2001
Tuiasau Mr Fuimaono	1 Kate Way, Karori	2001
Webster Mr Lawrence	5 Ngahue Crescent, Elsdon, Porirua	2001
Crombie Mrs Allie	14 Zetland Street, Kelburn	2003
Davis Mr Ross	32 Talavera Terrace, Kelburn	2003
Poutoa Mr Mila	12 Takatimu Way, Johnsonville	2003
Simpson Ms Anne	67 Balfour Street, Mornington	2003
Wood Mr David	129 Parkvale Road, Karori	2003
Gibbs Mrs Mary	61 Sutherland Road, Melrose	2004
Read Mrs Nicki	200A Mitchell Street, Brooklyn	2004
Read Mrs Richard	200A Mitchell Street, Brooklyn	2004

Council 2003-04

M Shaw, Chair; Rev Dr G Redding, Rev H Martin, M Ewan, P Baillie, J Irvine, J Marshall, R Chesney, R. Davis, J Irvine, M Gibbs, R. Munro, E Pearse.

Historic 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
Rev Dr Graham Redding B.Com., B.Theol., PhD	2001
Rev Helen Martin B.A., Dipl. Rel. Educ., Post-Grad. Dipl. Theol.	2003

Parish Counsellor

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

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
75 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	8 December	1985
100th Anniversary of Girls Brigade		1993
50th Anniversary, 2nd Wellington Boys Brigade Coy		1999
Opening of New Halls, Troup House and Mackay Chapel	3 April	1994
150th Anniversary of St John's in the City	November	2003



St John's
in the City
Presbyterian Church

1But you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you
2Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in hea
3in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were be
43"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses i
5can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for any
6to be thrown out and trampled by men. 14"You are the
7world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. 15Neither do pe
8p and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its s
9light to everyone in the house. 16In the same way, let y
10before men, that they may see your good deeds and prais
11Father in heaven. 17"Do not think that I have come to a
12aw or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but
1318I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappea
14est letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any me
15bear from the Law until everything is accomplished. 19An
16breaks one of the least of these commandments and teache
17s to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of
1819Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountains
20sat down. His disciples came to him, 21and he began to t
22saying: 3"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is t
23heaven. 4Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be c
245Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 6
25those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for the
267Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy
27the pure in heart, for they will see God. 9Blessed are t
28peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. 10Bless
29those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for t
30kingdom of heaven. 11"Blessed are you when people insult
31persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against
32me. 12Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward i
33for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who we
34you. 13"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt lo
35how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good fo
36except to be thrown out and trampled by men. 14"You are
37the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. 15Neither