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# ST. JOHN'S IN THE CITY

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### Foreword

One of my favourite authors, the late Henri Nouwen, poses the question: Are we surprised by joy or by sorrow?

The world in which we live, Nouwen goes on to say, wants to surprise us by sorrow. Newspapers keep telling us about traffic accidents, murders, conflicts and the state of the economy, and the television fills our minds with images of hatred, violence and destruction. As a result, we often find ourselves in a climate of fear and anxiety, focusing our energies on surviving in the midst of a sea of sorrows.

What might be said of society in this regard might also be said of the Church. Rocked by scandal after scandal, faced with the realities of institutional decline, dismissed as hypocritical and irrelevant, weakened by internal ructions and doctrinal disputes, we have our own sea of sorrows to contend with. It would be easy to give in to despair.

But, says Nouwen, the great challenge of faith is to be surprised by joy. He recalls sitting at a dinner table with friends lamenting the state of the economy when, suddenly, the four-year-old son of one his friends burst into the room and said, "Look, Daddy! Look! I found a little kitten in the yard ... Look! ... Isn't she cute?" While he delighted in the kitten, holding it against his face, the mood of the room changed, says Nouwen. There were smiles, strokes, and many tender words. They had been surprised by joy.

God became a little child in the midst of a violent world. The world was surprised by joy.

I hope that as you read the following reports, at the same time as you reflect upon the challenges that confront St John's at the present time, not least of which are the financial challenges, you will be surprised by joy and you will be moved to give thanks for the signs of Good News in our midst. Let me assure you, there are many such signs.

As I write this foreword, Helen Martin is recovering from her hip replacement surgery. But I'm sure she would join me in wishing you all God's grace and peace. We have enjoyed being ministers with you as we share the task of making Jesus Christ known in worship, congregational life and community outreach.

Finally, I want to thank on your behalf Muriel Ewan for the leadership that she has exercised in her role as Session Clerk this past year. We are fortunate indeed to have a person of such calibre and dedication serving in that vital leadership role.

Grace and peace.

Graham Redding



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## Session Report

The session of St John's in the City is constantly challenged and critically evaluates the ways in which we reach out to the community. As a vibrant and caring congregation we must all share that responsibility. Session acknowledges the work of the Outreach committee, ably convened by Rob Munro. Considerable discernment is required in all decisions and the committee is very aware of the importance of accountability. A major outreach for St John's this past year was the establishment of the Senior Lectureship in Christian Theology at Victoria University. Dr Chris Marshall's inaugural lecture was well attended by church members and a memorable occasion for those who had been committed to the establishment of this lectureship, particularly Rev Dr Graham Redding and John Allen.

At the request of the Finance Committee, a Planning and Prioritisation Work group was set up by session to assess the level of expenditure in key areas and to examine ways in which savings could be made and income increased. Under Paul Ramsay's convenorship much progress has been made. However, there is still work to be done and session acknowledges the efforts of those who are willingly contributing in this area. A decision was made to close the Counselling Service which had served the community well for 13 years. The service was held in high regard which was evidence of Joan Baber's professionalism and integrity. The decision was not made lightly and in no way reflected on the standard or quality of the counselling.

Malcolm Shaw's resignation from St John's Council in October, brought to an end his 3 years as the inaugural chairperson. Sincere thanks to Malcolm for his excellent leadership and commitment to the council which has demonstrated efficiency in administration and communication within the parish. Ted Cizadlo was appointed as chairperson and we thank him for his leadership and diligence in this role. St John's is most fortunate to have leaders of such high caliber in these exacting roles. The Korean Agape Church made the decision to relocate to Brooklyn and merge with another Korean congregation. This brought to an end the partnership in mission that we've been sharing with the Korean church for the past three years. It has been a very successful partnership and enhanced the life and mission of both congregations. This was due in no small part to the efforts of John Hunt who kept open the lines of communication between both congregations. Thanks to John for his diligence in that area. Session acknowledges the work of Allie Crombie, the Pastoral Coordinator and her team of very able assistants. Also Anne Simpson and those who serve on the pastoral committee. This is an important area of ministry and St John's is fortunate to have the services of these skilled people.

At a congregational meeting in February 2005, approval was given for the BGI Youth Café Proposal which involved the elevation of Spinks cottage. It was emphasized that while there were possible risks, there was a need to move on with confidence and change, opportunity and choice should all be considered. Session was pleased to endorse

the continued leadership of Ani and Ryhan Prasad and Rod Baxter as St John's Youth leaders and acknowledged the support of the BGI in this area. David Woods is very committed to all aspects of youth work and Margaret Galt now leads the Junior Youth group following several years as Sunday school supervisor. Nicki Read and Anna Davis are jointly supervising the SS and have a capable and dedicated team of teachers. Thankyou to all who give much time and effort to the ministry to our young people.

St John's in the City has experienced another year of exceptional leadership from our Ministers. The Senior Minister, the Rev Dr Graham Redding places much importance on the worship services and demonstrates his skill in linking the modern techniques with the traditional service. Visitors worshipping at St John's, frequently comment on the quality of the service and how fortunate we are to have Graham. His depth of knowledge, his vision and commitment to the mission of Jesus Christ is evident in all aspects of his ministry. He works tirelessly for St John's and PCANZ. Graham delivered a major address at the last General Assembly and gave the inaugural lecture to the students at the school of ministry for the 2005 academic year. This shows the level of respect in which Graham is held by PCANZ and as a session we are proud to support him in these wider roles. We're very blessed to have the Rev Helen Martin as Assistant Minister. She also places much importance on the worship services which are of a high standard. Her pastoral work is much appreciated and awareness and attention to the needs of others are among her many gifts. Christian Education is a major part of Helen's ministry and her understanding and ability to work easily with all ages is very obvious. St John's is a very fortunate community of faith to have such an experienced ministry team. Thankyou to our organist Eleanor Carter, pianist Dayle Anderson, the Choir and the music group. To the greeters and those who provide the morning teas. To Jinny Irvine and the social committee, Winifred Bain and all who provide the floral arrangements each week.

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. My grateful appreciation to the staff for their willing assistance, dedication and loyalty. In the words of Colin Gibson, "Life finding joy and value, faith seeking truth and light, God heard and seen in all things, this be our prayer."

Muriel Ewan  
Session Clerk

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## St John's Council

This last year has been a year of exciting challenges for St. Johns Council, not the least of which was breaking in a new convenor. Church finances continue to be difficult with high inflation, rental vacancies and an increased PCANZ levy making a balanced budget difficult to achieve. It is tempting to devote this entire report to the financial condition of the church, but doing so would not give a balanced picture.

The role of Council is one of coordination and communication. It is important that each functional unit in the church is aware of the actions and decisions of other units. It is for that reason that at each meeting of Council we go around the table and each committee chair summarises the activities of their committee for the previous month, and describes activities envisioned in the near future. Clear communication and transparent processes help make the activities of St. Johns smooth and conflict free. We don't always achieve the goal, but the communication that happens at Council meetings makes it unlikely that events will take us by surprise.

From my vantage point as the chair of St. John's Council, I watched several significant issues come before Council this last year. The first major issue was the Youth Café. The proposal for the Youth Café had been around (in various forms) for the better part of two years. Council evaluated the proposal, heard from the property committee, and voted to endorse the proposal, which would go to Session, and ultimately to the congregation for approval. That approval was granted and Council continues to monitor the project. It is currently awaiting action from the Wellington City Council. The progress of the Youth Café will undoubtedly be a focus of Council for the next year.

Another major issue was whether to allow the use of the buildings of St. Johns to be used for civil union ceremonies. Council realised early in the discussion that the issue had



broad implications, and would be something that Session would need to decide. As chair of Council I was involved in the planning and organisation of special weekly meetings of Session to discern our way forward through this issue. That journey has not been an easy one, but I believe we reached the best solution that was possible. We're not finished, but real progress was made, and I believe we grew as a Council and Session through the struggle.

The current financial picture is not good. The lower than expected return on investments, coupled with a higher than expected inflation rate, and the higher than anticipated PCANZ levy made us reach deeply into our reserves this year. We must do better next year. The challenge is for us to find the path through which will allow us to achieve a positive financial situation while continuing the dynamic and positive programmes of St. Johns. We are a rich congregation, rich in property, and congregational resources. I have no doubt that we can draw on those resources to meet our financial and outreach commitments next year.

Ted Cizadlo  
Chair, St. John's Council

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## Pastoral Care Report

It has been my privilege to continue serving St John's as part-time Pastoral Worker over the past year. The needs of our parishioners are varied and at times substantial. Importantly, I have endeavoured to keep in contact with our ageing, and especially housebound, parishioners. For some of them, maintaining independence has become difficult. Encouragement is vital.

I respond to specific parishioner needs as they arise. They can include:

- taking members to hospital appointments and advocating if required
- supporting members when personal/home assessments are carried out
- accessing extra care

- liaising with family and health professionals when there are concerns
- assisting members when looking at alternative living arrangements
- hospital visiting.

It was good to be part of a team of nurses/parishioners who provided post-operative care for our Assistant Minister, following her recent surgery. She was an excellent patient !

I work closely with our two Ministers and the Pastoral Care Committee. Remember, your wellbeing is our concern.

Allie Crombie  
Pastoral Worker

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## Worship & Music

Before it is anything else the Church is a worshipping community, for it is the act of worship that draws us together and provides a foundation for everything else that we do as a church.

Once upon a time, of course, worship tended towards a one-size-fits-all format, whereas now, driven largely by musical tastes, variety is increasingly the name of the game, and if people don't connect with what's on offer, they look elsewhere. Inherited denominational loyalties count for less and less these days. Like it or not, the church operates in a religious marketplace, and worship is the defining difference between the different brands on offer. In this context, it is reasonable to ask, what is distinctive about the St John's "brand"?

When people choose to formalise their membership at St John's, I often ask them what it is that has attracted them. Many reasons are given, including the strength of our children and youth programmes, but for a relatively high number of people it has something to do with our worship. People talk about the depth and thoughtfulness of the Presbyterian tradition, as is evident in many of the prayers and sermons; they talk about the mix between traditional and contemporary, as is evident in the selection of music and the provision of different worship styles (e.g. occasional all-age worship services in the mornings and monthly contemporary worship services in the evenings); and they talk about the avoidance of extremes, whether those extremes be defined theologically or liturgically. On the whole, it is probably fair to say that we are regarded in the marketplace as being traditional Presbyterian with a contemporary edge.

Of course, this can be perceived both positively and negatively. While some appreciate the balance, some would say we're not traditional enough and others that we're not contemporary enough. Probably the issue over which this becomes most apparent is that of music, so it might be helpful if I outline what we are aiming for in this regard.

Every time Helen and I plan a service we are conscious of those who feel that we have too many new songs, and of those who feel that there are too many hymns. It's a bit of a damned-if-you-do, damned-if-you-don't situation.

Our mix of traditional and contemporary styles reflects the diversity of the congregation. Each Sunday I endeavour to have, on average, two traditional hymns (of which one at least is from the hymn book and one other which may have revised words but uses a traditional tune) and two from a

more contemporary genre.

In approaching Christian music today the choice is overwhelming: the traditional hymn book; newer hymns written by the likes of Shirley Murray, Colin Gibson and Jane Parker Huber; music from the Iona and Taizé communities; songs from the more evangelical side of the Church, such as Graham Kendrick's music; Christian rock from Hillsongs; ethnic music, including African American, Maori, Samoan and Asian.

In looking at music for each Sunday I typically refer to the pew hymnbook plus nine other sources, four of which are from Australasia. I try to choose hymns or songs which have words that tie in with the theme of the service, and will often have at least one contemporary song in the first part of the service, while the young people are still in church. After I've made my initial selection I consult Eleanor Carter and Dayle Anderson, who offer advice and make alternative suggestions where appropriate. Eleanor chooses a choir anthem to fit in with the lectionary readings for the day.



Someone once said that contemporary church music is music in search of a theology. Yes, a lot of contemporary music is dross, some of it is not worth singing, and much of it will not endure. However, the same can be said of many of the hymns in the hymnbook. Many are not particularly singable by reason of their theology, their imagery, their language or their tunefulness, or they have

been superseded by other music that says the same thing in a fresher way.

Moreover, there are issues today that the Church wasn't aware of 100 years or more ago, but which demand our attention and our expression through music today—songs about the care of creation, justice, peace, valuing the place of women in society, biblical images of God, building community, caring for one another, etc.

I'm excited by the musical possibilities at St John's in the City. We have a strong tradition in organ playing, choir performance and hymn singing; and we have some very talented musicians who are allowing us to explore a range of music in more contemporary styles. We also have an excellent music director and organist in Eleanor Carter, and an equally capable leader of contemporary music in Dayle Anderson.

Developing our music in worship takes considerable work, even some experimenting, while at the same time ensuring that everything is well planned, well practiced and well ordered. Some things inevitably work better than others,

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and there is a constant need to look at how new hymns and songs are taught so that they are sung well.

It's a situation that requires ongoing monitoring and goodwill. Helen and I value constructive feedback, and welcome your suggestions as to how things might be improved.

Finally, I want to acknowledge the important roles that so many people play in making worship happen at St John's week by week. There are many people involved in the

planning and delivery of worship, including singers and musicians, flower arrangers, Bible carriers and readers, greeters, lay preachers, and those who lead us in prayer. We are indeed fortunate to have so many capable and willing people contributing to the conduct of worship in this place.

Graham Redding

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## Social Committee

This year we had the usual luncheons after the quarterly communions. We also organised the supper after the Faure Requiem concert, and catered for the supper at the hugely successful Family Quiz Evening. This latter event was very much a St John's family fun night and we are all grateful to Rob Anderson for all his hard work in organising the event.

I am always amazed at how much can be achieved by half a dozen people with so little coaching. To everyone who provided food for these functions, particularly the Requiem and Quiz evenings, - thank you. Without your support these functions would not have happened.

Special thanks to my wonderful committee of Margaret Lau, Linda Shearer, Eleanor Clark and, especially, Grace Jarvie whose organisational skills are amazing. You all made my job possible.



Jinny Irvine  
Convenor, Social Committee.

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## Mission and Outreach

Grants this year were made to the Downtown Community Mission for the Street People Project, Presbyterian Support Central for school holiday respite care, Catholic Social Services for counselling of those in need of such services yet unable to contribute financially, and Mt Cook School for swimming instruction, particularly for new migrant children.

Ongoing work to provide more effective methods of evaluating the use to which funds are put is being considered by the Committee. No changes have yet been made, but tighter accountability measures and means of measuring progress at regular intervals in all areas seem likely to be required.

Although it is relatively easy to consider general results overall, agreeing on specific [and equally important] readily measurable items to report on and then interpret at regular intervals is a much harder exercise. How do you measure a specific improvement in making Jesus Christ known? Broad objectives for St John's in the City in evaluating new projects and initiatives were approved in October 2003 and all relate back to that commitment.

Increased accountability requirements are being made more clearly known to all potential recipients of assistance.

It is becoming clearer that for major projects requiring sustained funding over several years a fuller investigation process and endorsement by the wider congregation will be needed before the financial commitment is initially made.

Rob Munro  
Convenor

# What's going on at BGI?



Kia ora Koutou,

The last twelve months have been a period of consolidation for our team. As the majority of us have worked together for a solid couple of years, we're feeling an awesome team spirit and a stronger commitment to our mission than ever before.

Community demand for our services has meant we have carried on with all of last years projects plus added a number of new projects. The projects work well along a continuum of need and to delete one would leave a gap in the continuum. It is a credit to our staff (with job security of less than 6 months) that we have somehow done this on reduced funding.

Funder's policies to part-fund programmes for community groups and the lack of another solid youth organisation in Wellington like BGI, has meant that we continue to have a continual stream of community groups wanting us to partner

with them or who ask us to run their projects.

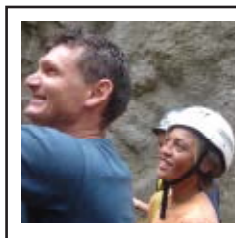
We'd like to acknowledge St John's role in helping us achieve our mission: developing young people physically, mentally, spiritually and socially from a relational perspective that takes seriously family, cultural and religious contexts.

We wouldn't be where we are without St John's support. The St John's community helps us remain connected into something larger. We see our partnership as a privilege to be a part of. We're grateful for the 'people power' from Board members and volunteer hosts at parenting programme nights. We're thankful to the always-enthusiastic Youth Group and their families for such rewarding, long-standing relationships. And, finally, we're hopeful that the Spinks Youth Café project partnership will serve to bring us closer as well.

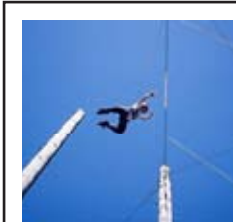
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Geoff Annals, Chairman & Ross Davis, Director

## ..... Our Core Initiatives .....



**Challenge for Change** (co-ordinated by Jacinta Krefft) matches 9-13yr olds with a positive role-model 'mentor' to help guide them (and their families) through periods of difficulty with depression, abuse, repeat offending, low esteems or limited social skills. We worked with a record 30 new families this year.



**Footsteps** (managed by David Clegg) designs tailor-made programmes for adolescents who find themselves on the periphery of society: new migrants, mental health consumers, severe offenders, and those struggling with suicide.



**Parenting Programmes** (facilitated by Jenni Redding) are a vital partner to the Challenge for Change programme. We recognise the significance of the child's home environment and endeavour to provide parents with new skills.



**Spinks Youth Café** (managed by Ross Davis & Ryhan Prasad) has been successful in securing \$190'000 funding in Wellington City Council's Annual Plan. With the additional support from St John's, we're confident the next phases with resource consent will help further our vision. Perhaps by our update in next year's Annual Report, we will have opened!



**Newlands Drop-In Centre** (operated by Georgie Hicks) has continued this year at a reduced scale due to funding shortages. It's been open every week, providing a place for teens to hang out, play pool, get homework help, listen to music...



**ConfiDance** (tutored by Ani Prasad) runs three new dance programmes (combining funk, kapa haka, hip hop and jazz) from the Conference Centre gym. The classes are for 7-17yr olds and are most popular with boys.



**Training & Development** (facilitated by Rod Baxter) is the branch of BGI that offers contracted services to external agencies. This year, we delivered the Youth Week RE:DEFINE stereotypes campaign with Ministry of Youth Development and now we're starting a partnership with ALAC to reduce alcohol-related harm amongst young people.



**Refugee Holiday Programmes** (co-ordinated by Will Watterson) are a new venture this year, and are designed to bridge the gap in holiday programmes which are accessible to young people from refugee backgrounds. Our pilot programme attracted 40+ refugee young people, and the second programme has been even more successful, with an attendance of 50+.

## Communications Committee Report

Firtsly thanks to Gail Higgs-West, Grace Keeley, Christine Kirkby-Sing, Janet Knowlton, and Ross Mackay for serving on the committee this year. Thanks also to Lesley and Malcolm Shaw for continuing to keep the phone list and name tags up to date, Wyn Beasley for doing a great job with the Messenger and to David and William Galt for continuing to keep the web site relevant.

It is one thing to thank these people for volunteering their time in a formal report like this but what is probably more important is regular feedback throughout the year so that those of us tasked with communications are enthused in our role and know whether or not we are hitting the mark. In this regard, the positive spontaneous feedback from young and old regarding our major project this year -the new church sign- has been extremely encouraging.

At the risk of offending one of our elders, Sandy Lawson, (ex chief fire safety officer), the aim of the signs was to show a church on fire! Well at least sparking! By using a modern take on the burning bush logo of our national church, we hoped to show we were a beautiful old historic church -and more. We feel the modern element -bolted to the church- with its Perspex construction and stainless steel look, helps makes the church look friendly and welcoming -growing- and with a lot happening for a range of people.

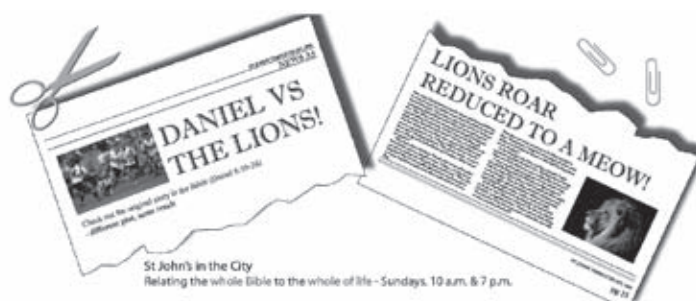
The flame image in the sign was also used in the reprinted newcomer's brochure and on the Willis street poster boards so we are starting to get a consistent look. The flame sign in the garden when lit at night looks great -Old Testament burning bush is translated into burning pohutakawa tree!

Thanks to John Irvine and the property committee for help and advice in the construction and installation of the signs. Thanks to Jane Ahern from One Point Six One Eight design for an awesome concept and artwork which she produced at a substantially discounted rate. Action Signs, who made the sign, were so taken with the design they are entering it into an international signage competition. The signs are also inexpensive to update with new details as groups change.

We have one more matching sign to do for the entrance off Willis street and are weighing up whether a light-box or Perspex sign would be better. Your feedback welcomed.

We held back on producing posters in the first half of the year so we had enough in the budget to do the signs. We had a number of poster ideas which didn't come to fruition as the posters on Willis street are extremely difficult to get the right balance between being simple, a bit edgy, topical and still consistent with who we are as the body of Christ. We have had some great debates on the committee, particular over one suggested poster's imagery to go with verses from the Song of Solomon. For these posters to compete with those around town done by Satchi & Satchi's creative team, is a big ask on a small budget, but we are succeeding thanks to suggestions from our senior minister. The letter to the Dominion (reprinted overleaf) re some of

the poster concepts Graham provided us with, makes me wonder if he has missed a career in advertising!



The annual report is the major budget item of the Communications committee. This year we have honoured the youth group mural art on the cover. The report design and layout has been done by Will Watterson from BGI at a substantial saving over the previous year.

When we read our annual report each year we are

reminded of the large number of great things going on at St John's -but for me anyway, the work we all do for the church, combined with our committees signs, brochures and posters are all in the hope that the passers by -and our neighbours- may come along. At the end of the day the best church communication for this is our voices -so let's not forget to simply ask them if they would like to come and join us in worship... (if you're not sure how to do this, ask Daniel Ramsay from the youth group, he's great at getting his friends along!) ...and when they come, let's hope

they feel the spark of the same Spirit that the disciples described thus –  
"wasn't it like a fire burning in us when he talked to us on the road".

Go St Johns, Kia Kaha,  
Ross Davis  
Convenor, Communications Committee

## THE DOMINION POST

Thursday, June 16, 2005

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### God on the ABs' side

We all love the Tui billboards with their humorous and topical messages but if ever there was a church with a good connection to everyday life, it has to be St John's Presbyterian Church in Wellington's Willis St.

If you need a good chuckle, read the billboard outside the church.

A couple of years ago, an adult supply shop set up business directly opposite and instead of getting on its high horse and protesting the presence of its new neighbour, the church greeted it with a humorous take-off of the shop's slogan.

A few weeks ago during the Super 12 rugby season, it posted a billboard referring to Jesus' disciples and asking if they were the original Super 12.

This week, the eye-catching words loudly shout "Daniel vs The Lions", then invite readers to check out the biblical story of Daniel, who was thrown into a den of lions, and ending with the words, "Different Plot – Same Result".

I think we can safely assume the St John church leadership is regularly in touch with God, who delivered Daniel safely from the lions many centuries ago. On that basis, I guess we can also safely assume three excellent test results in favour of the All Blacks over the next few weeks.

IAN RICKARD  
Whitby

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## St. John's Women's Association

It is with much pleasure that I present this report of the St John's Women's Association for 2004/2005. Thank you to all who have helped, in whatever role, during the past year. A special thank you to those who so ably filled in during my absence overseas last year.

### Monthly Meetings:

The monthly meetings (on the 4th Tuesday in the month at 11 a.m.) are regularly attended by over 25 older women from St John's and St Giles' Churches. Our usual format is a short business session followed by a guest speaker and then a shared lunch, usually held in the Conference Centre.

We do however vary the above regime when appropriate, e.g. in August we went to the Times Cinema in Lyall Bay where we were entertained by old cartoons and a movie. Also, all the memorabilia on display evoked a lot of memories. We even made a small profit!

Guest speakers have been:

Major Bronwyn McFarlane, Director of the Salvation Army Family Tracing Service. She confirmed what we already suspected, - that women are much better at keeping in touch with families than men. Rachael Parkinson from the Royal Society of New Zealand, a Forensic Research Scientist, on Dirt, Death and DNA, - there is no perfect crime!

Liz Brown, Banking Ombudsman, gave us an insight into the work her organisation does to help all of us who use the banking services.

In February, we travelled to Ailsa Salt's home in Karori where she not only gave us an insight into the workings of Parliament when she was there as Deputy Clerk of the House, but also provided lunch for us.

Another member of St John's, Andrew Johnston, provided us with an insight into the devastation that HIV/AIDS are causing in South Africa and Zambia. Andrew had been working as a volunteer in these countries and put a human face on the plight of children orphaned by or having HIV/AIDS.

Dr Tarsha Black - a geologist with a passion for volcanoes.

Our Special Church Services - Lenten in March and the Christmas Service in November - were very well-attended. Helen Martin conducted them both and gave us inspiring messages and items to ponder on.

### Committee Meetings:

The Committee meets formally a couple of times a year, but pack a lot of planning into these meetings. In February, we plan the year's guest speakers. Just after the AGM we meet and update etc.

### Stamps:

The sub-committee headed by Grace Jarvie has worked out a system of sorting, cleaning and selling the stamps donated by the congregation. My thanks to them for taking on this task. The amount of money we are making is small but significant, when added to all the other APW collections.

### St John's Council:

I attend these monthly meetings, along with all the other Convenors of Church Committees. I report on the activities of the W.A. and raise any item of concern to the W.A. I endeavour to ensure that a women's perspective is kept before Council. One major item last year before the Council (apart from the financial overview) has been the development of the Youth Café in Spinks Cottage.

### Coffee & Chat Group for Young Mothers:

These are held monthly on the 2nd Tuesday in the month in conjunction with the Music and Movement Group. A very enjoyable time with positive spinoffs for all concerned. I recommend you all to try and attend these.

### Missions:

This year, as a follow-up from the visit of a group of P.M.W.U. women from Vanuatu, a donation of \$100.00 was sent to help

towards their building project.

The Leprosy Mission donations continue to flourish through the birthday giving. The late Suzanne Woodward's donations will be missed as she had a real passion for getting donations from those who visited her at her home.

### General:

Although all the women of the Congregation are members of the W.A. and then the APW, we have about 25 women who attend regularly. Everyone is always welcome, so if you see a guest speaker you would like to hear, do come. A special thank you to all the women on the Committee who continue to keep me on the straight and narrow. Also, thank you to all who have taken devotions, said thank yous, etc. It is only by our combined strength and talents that we continue to meet people's needs.

As we go forward into a new year with constant change ahead of us, it is timely to reflect on the aim of the APW which 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 the parent churches;

To encourage an informed interest in worldwide mission and evangelism.

Mary Gibbs  
President



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## ~ Christian Education Committee ~

Convened by Elaine Pearse a small group meet once a month to overview the range of Christian Education that occurs at St John's in the City: Anna Davis, Helen Martin, Ani Prasard, Nicki Read, Kathy Sutherland, and Linda Van Milligan. The following reports cover some of the wealth of their work and the work of their much larger teams. There are many people working with all ages to help them in their spiritual journeys as they come to know Christ and grow in that knowledge. Read and be encouraged. Read and be spurred to thankfulness and prayer. The reports don't cover everything. Other Christian Education events in the past twelve months also include:

- The Da Vinci Code Group met for six weeks and had fun sorting through some of the issues raised by Dan Brown's best selling novel.
- Between 20 and 50 people met on Sunday evenings to hear our Winter Series lectures that helped us think a little about Aotearoa-New Zealand as the context

in which we do ministry and mission.

- Parish Camp at Forest Lakes will also have been held by the time this report is read.

- The Tuesday night home group that meet in Paul and Louise Ramsay's home has continued to offer a small group study on a fortnightly basis.

Thank you everyone for all the work that helps so many of us feel at home at St John's as well as stimulating us to think and grow.

Helen Martin

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## Sunday School – St J's Kids

The last 12 months have been busy and thriving ones for the children at St John's. Each week sees new discoveries, fun, interesting questions and growth. Here's how...

### Leadership

In December 2004 Margaret Galt moved to lead Junior Youth Group and Anna Davis and Nicki Read stepped into the coordinating role. Thanks go to Margaret for the time and energy she has poured into St J's Kids. There was a strong teaching team already established which has been expanded throughout 2005 by adding new leaders. The aim has been to enable each age level to have leaders and assistants in each session. There have been two opportunities for leadership training, in March and April this year which a few took advantage of. One was the National Scripture Union training day of workshops and the second a visiting speaker to inspire ideas and techniques.

### Children

We currently have about 45 children on our roll with an average of 22 attending each week. This is approximately 32 families. The children are divided into four different age groups to best suit their ability and understanding. There is an enthusiastic, motivated atmosphere within these groups when they meet.

### Curriculum

We continue to use 'Light' which is a curriculum developed by Scripture Union. The aim is to help leaders equip children to 'know Jesus Christ, to learn from God and to live boldly for Him.'

### Social

Each term St J's Kids get together for a fun event which helps build relationships between the children, their leaders and the different families. These have been a 'Wheels afternoon' at Kilbirnie Rec' Centre, Adventure Day at Camp Wainui with the youth group, McDonalds pre church breakfast, and Starlight Storytime - an evening of stories, song, torch trails, and biscuits. These have had good support from families and have been much enjoyed!

Holiday programmes: During the school holiday break, members from the congregation have been caring for the children from a prepared box of activities. We have been delighted by the willingness and encouragement of these people. Every week has been run by different people. Thank you!

Quarterly Communion: The children have been joining the congregation to be part of Communion. Prior to these services they have had specific teaching to increase their understanding of the significance and meaning of Communion.

After the communion service, before the shared lunch, there have been children's games in the gym to encourage young families to stay.

Please continue to support the children by praying, by encouraging their leaders, and by getting to know the children and their families who are part of St Johns in the City.

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## Youth Group Report

When Jesus preaches the Sermon on the Mount he is not standing in a Church.....mmm interesting. Where is Jesus? He is out in the community, on the edge, looking for the marginalized, and trying to identify with those who feel like they don't belong. St J's Youth is a gathered community and a restless one. Our goal is to stand on the rock of Christ, be with those that are on the edge and make a place for them to belong.

St J's Youth is not just about caring for our young people but also about inspiring them to care for others. This spirit of belonging is reflected when I asked one of our young people why they made the decision to continue to come to youth group. I settled back and expected the response to be awesome car rally, good food, and great organisation! But instead he simply said "the people". He aha te mea nui i te ao? What's the most important thing in the world? He Tangata! It is people. As you read this report may you not only be blessed by the vibrancy and life that is happening amongst our young people but also by Gods spirit evidently



**St J's Youth @ Easter Camp**

and constantly at work in these young peoples lives.

This report presents various events, programmes and activities that have happened in the past year. Mo Mansill, National Youth Coordinator for the Presbyterian Church, says a successful youth group is one that has a balance of the three following elements working together in balance. The three elements are:

**Look IN** - encourage young people to grow in a Christ-centered faith in God.

**Youth Alpha:** Tackling the deep questions of life. This is a 10-week course that tackles the deep questions of life. Each week starts with dinner that has been kindly made by some of our congregational members. We then have a presentation on a topic and then there are discussions held in small groups. Mark Davidson, a participant on the course, had been invited through the Friday social programme. He had come because he was curious about

what you could learn about God. He said, "before the course I had known about God, but I wasn't a Christian. Through Youth Alpha I have learnt about God and experienced the Holy Spirit on the weekend camp. I am now trying to pray every day and I am thinking about my actions before I do them. I have a better relationship and understanding of God, a relationship with the Holy Spirit and an understanding of the suffering of Jesus. This has been a really good experience!" Wow! Mark Davidson had decided to confirm his faith with other youth alpha participants and was baptised by Graham at a special confirmation and baptism service held at St Johns.



**Sunday Programmes:** Building young people in the knowledge of God and his living word  
Junior yr6-8/Senior yr9-10/Senior yr11-13  
These three groups run at St Johns during term time between 10-11am on Sunday mornings. We meet in the youth group rooms in Spinks Cottage and also up at the BGI. Time is spent exploring the bible and how it helps us



**Youth group baking thankyou cakes for congregation**

to live out our faith with God.

**Contemporary services:** Discovering God together. These services are held on the last Sunday of each month. The essence of Contemporary service is to serve the St Johns community by sharing and worshipping together. It's about discovering God in the midst of our busy lives and how we can serve one another and worship God in one body and spirit. The young people enjoy the challenge of learning what the scriptures are saying and how we can discover them together as we plan out the service together.

**Look AROUND** -encourage young people to grow in Christ-centered communities

**Friday night social groups:** Making a place for people to belong

Junior group and senior group meet on a Friday night during term time. Two examples: Junior group had a great time when they ran a PS2night which incorporated play station galore, pillow fights and the famous "spoons" card game. Senior group spent one of their Friday nights joining Sandy

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Lawson and his friends down at the Kelburn Croquet Club.

Joint Youth Ministry Committee: Doing youth ministry with others

This committee aims to offer training, support and events to grow Presbyterian and Methodist youth ministries regionally. St Johns Youth are part of this committee and help with running various events like Film Festival and Easter Camp.

The youth leadership team with the help of different youth from various churches, including St Johns, coordinated the JYMC Film Festival. Over 180 young people gathered together to watch films made by various youth groups around the Wellington region. It was held at the Wellington City Art Gallery in civic square. A limousine picked up young people from the footpath and drove them 50 meters across the square to the red carpet. Paparazzi were there to take photographs of the young people arriving in style. As they entered the building they were greeted by the sounds of a live jazz band and champagne flutes filled with



**St J's Youth @ Parachute Music Festival**

L&P. St J's Youth won an X Box and many other prizes for Best Film, Best Dressed and Best Actor. A link back to the congregation was a screening of the film in Church on the following Sunday.

Dinner of the Ages: Connecting with the congregation  
70 people from St Johns Church were invited to the dinner of the ages where the young people cooked a beautiful meal for them. We had a four-course meal served with wine that we sold by the glass. However Ross Davis did bring his own wine for which Matthew Ramsay promptly asked a \$5 corkage fee. Now that's good business!

Look OUT -encourage young people to grow Christ-centered mission hearts to serve

#### CWS

We put on a concert to raise funds for Christian World Services. The young people planned, practiced and presented their talents to a wonderful audience who were happy to pay for tickets that went towards helping CWS in their work with third world countries.

40-hour famine Weekend

This weekend focused on increasing Aids awareness and raising money for those in South Africa who are effected by HIV. The young people stayed overnight in the conference centre, which was locked down as a quarantine area. Andrew Johnston, one of our youth leaders who recently got back from an overseas mission working with these young people, gave a talk on the HIV epidemic. The talk was so interesting that it went on for 2 hours and the young people did not want him to stop. This weekend challenged our thinking from "why does God allow these people to suffer" to "what can we do to how help".

#### World Vision

At parachute this year we decided as a youth group to support a child called Dennis from World Vision. Each young person aims to give 30cents a week. Even though it is a small amount to give each week it is a great way to support and learn about a young person from a different culture and to create good giving habits.

St Johns Youth Group Numbers:



**St J's senior group out on a friday night**

We have 70 members in our youth group with an average of 50 young people attending our programmes each week.

#### Leadership team:

We have a strong group of leaders that give so much of their time and passion to St J's youth ministry. Thank you, thank you, and thank you for all that you do as part of this ministry.

David Wood Sunday Senior Programme Leader

Jeremy Bennett Junior Youth Coordinator

Matt Haigh Junior Youth Coordinator

Rod Baxter Senior Social Programme Coordinator

Alice Potts Leader in training

Ross Mackay Leader in training

Ryhan Prasad Senior Sunday and Social Programme Coordinator

Margaret Galt

- Junior Sunday Coordinator

Andrew Johnston  
Coordinator

- Senior Sunday & Social Programme

Jenni Redding

- Junior group leader

Stephanie McHardie

- Junior group leader

Thank you!

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We would also like to say a large thank you to Helen & Graham for their guidance and support throughout the year. Thank you also to the Christian Education Committee for their invaluable support and advice. Thanks to all the Friends of the Vision, parents and congregation members who helped us fundraise, fed us and volunteered their time throughout the year.

And lastly thanks to the staff at BGI who offer support, ideas and friendship daily to a very busy youth group team. Thanks for making our young people feel welcome as they come into the office nosily, leave your desks in a mess when you are not there and allowing our staff meetings to be

hijacked by the long stories we so love to tell about the St J's young people. Thanks for your encouragement, understanding and excitement in the work that we do.

Arohanui  
Ani Prasad  
Youth Coordinator



**Band members from Kerygma:  
Peter Falloon (Guitarist) and  
Jordan Redding (Singer)**



**World Vision Child,  
Dennis**



**Ross Mackay filming our  
award-winning film with  
BGI's fancy equipment**



**A friendly game  
of croquet**



**Rock Stars from Junior Group;  
Emma Ramsay and Lulu Potts**

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## Preschool Music and Movement Annual Report

The preschool Music and Movement Group at St John's(M&M) continues to meet weekly on Tuesdays during the school term time, for 30 minutes of music followed by morning tea.

We continue to be closely associated with the Coffee and Chat group coordinated by Betty Robertson.

After three years, the group is now well established, and we have made contact with 60 families (48 not associated with St John's and 12 associated with St John's) over that time. The strength of the group is in its sense of ownership and community between the members.

Music resources: The majority of music used is composed and compiled by early childhood educators and children's music specialists from the 'Kids Music Company', 'Tessarose productions', 'Love to Sing', 'The Baby Einstein Company' and 'Karyn Henley' who is a Christian early childhood educator.

The sessions have been led by Nicki Read, Vicky Wood, Beth Beard, Kerry-Lynn Sorrell, Gabrielle O'Brien and myself on a rostered basis. Some of those mentioned are not part of the St John's community, but are very much part of M & M. Group members continue to provide morning tea on a rota and give a weekly gold coin donation.

Attendance Statistics:

Morning Group: This year, the group numbers have been as high as 16 adults and 20 children, with an average of 12 regularly-attending adults and 15 children. Because we have not seen the growth we saw last year, there is a need for more intentional advertising which I have not had the time to do.

Music and Movement for 4 yr olds: has continued until this

month when we have disbanded due to fluctuating attendances, - caused mainly by children turning 5 and starting school.

M&M in the community: In October and November I ran a few sessions for the Junior Class at Clifton Terrace Model School, arising from the personal contact our family has had with the school.

In June of this year I ran one session at the Newtown Community Creche during their Birthday Celebration week. This was as a result of connections made with a staff member who previously attended our morning and afternoon

groups. This session captured the interest of a few Mothers who were parent-helping on the day and wanted to know more about our M&M group.

M&M at St John's: A number of the M&M families made up Easter baskets for elderly parishioners in March, during a Coffee & Chat morning, then hand-delivered them to the appropriate homes. The women enjoyed contributing to St John's in this way.

In June, some M&M families with slightly older children attended the St J's Kids 'Starlight Storytime'.

In November last year, a home group evolved from group members who wanted to talk intentionally on Faith issues. We meet monthly in someone's home and at present are studying Phillip Yancey's book "What's So Amazing About Grace?"

A big "thank you" goes to all the people who support our group, particularly Betty Robertson, Margaret Hunt, Lynn Pollock and Grace Jarvie whose friendship and interest in us provide a crucial link between generations and the wider St John's community through the Coffee & Chat group.

Anna Davis

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## Monday Night Housegroup

The Monday night house-group continues to meet most weeks in Karori, with a fairly standard format of Chinese takeaways for tea, followed by a study and then supper.

We have enjoyed an eclectic range of studies on a range of Bible books and topics. Some of the notable highlights have been doing Rick Warren's "40 Days of Purpose" (which somehow took us longer than 40 days) and a series of 6 studies on Ezekiel. In the 21 years that the house-group has been going we had never got past Chapter 37's dry bones, and we found out why when we tried to find a study guide (they don't exist). But with ingenuity and the internet we finally found some resources and --- well --- some of the stuff in Ezekiel can only be described as "interesting". However, even our most hardened veterans had not appreciated how much of Revelation's imagery came from this neglected book of the Bible.

We also found a new series of studies on great Christians of the past and studied John Wesley (with Charles' hymns to enliven proceedings) and Martin Luther. The latter study series was a great background to the Luther film later in the year.

We have punctuated proceedings (as usual) with regular social events, at which copious quantities of yummy food have been a feature.

Most nights we have 10-14 members at our meetings. If you are interested in joining us please feel free to call David or Margaret Galt on 934-4422, or to speak to any of the members. We are always interested in having the fresh insights that new people bring to the discussions.

Margaret Galt

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## Flowers in St John's



As this group's Convenor, I am again very pleased to report that 2004/05 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 foliages came from gardens, markets and shops.

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

We enjoyed the additional challenges and pleasures of the major floral displays for the Church's Christmas, Easter and

Requiem events and special occasions.

Financially, Flowers in St John's expended \$1,531 during the year, excluding weddings that were paid for to Church Office by the marrying couples. This cost was marginally below the approved annual budget of \$1,575.00.

Now that we are into 2005/2006, we welcome anyone to our group who is interested in flower arranging, either by themselves, or with someone else. To encourage this pleasurable activity, a number of flower-arranging lessons were held at the Church from April 2005, attracting modest attendances.

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 to take your call.

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## Pastoral Care Committee

The Pastoral Care Committee endeavours 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

The committee continues with its foundation members: Allie Crombie (Pastoral Worker), Helen Nixon, Lynn Pollock, and Anne Simpson, with the Ministers and Session Clerk (Muriel Ewan) ex-officio. We have met seven times during the year.

This year, the committee has focussed on welcoming newcomers to St Johns, and facilitating the membership changes required by the General Assembly. We also completed the Pastoral Worker's job description and contributed to practical pastoral support and visiting within the parish.

Last year, we offered an informal welcome for newcomers after the morning service on the first Sunday of each month, offering information about church activities and putting people in touch with appropriate contacts. We are now liaising with the Greeters before the service to welcome visitors, as people often leave after the service without talking to members and obtaining information.

Following on the 2004 General Assembly's direction to change the membership system, the Pastoral Care Committee was tasked with thinking through the issues and bringing recommendations to Session. The former system of communicant members and adherents, was to be replaced by drawing up three separate rolls for members, associate members, and everyone under St John's pastoral care.

The committee considered how to implement these changes. This included informing everyone in the congregation of the issues, without causing confusion, and then collating responses to create the new rolls. Opportunities for reviewing faith, commitment and fellowship were recognised. It therefore seemed fitting to have a special communion service in the church, during which people could dedicate or re-dedicate themselves to Christ, and to St John's in the City.

In the coming year, we would like to improve integration of the congregation. This includes newcomers, and the different generations. An inspirational example is the regular meeting of senior members with pre-school children and their mums which has been greatly appreciated. Other opportunities for pastoral care and integration of all church attendees are being discussed.

Anne Simpson, August 2005

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## The Boys' Brigade – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wellington Company

("Second to None")



### Introduction :

The Boy's Brigade of St John's in the City was established in 1949 by the late Rev. W.P. Temple, with Duncan Fowler as the first Captain.

### Current State:

There used to be 36 Boys' Brigade Companies in the Wellington Battalion but now there are 7 only. It is good therefore that we have survived, despite having staffing problems during our 56 years. The current staffing is:

Harriet Johnston	Captain
Nathan Smith	Lieutenant
David Jackson	Lieutenant
Nathan Bayliss	Staff Sergeant



There is a total of 27 Boys, covering the 3 Company Sections. Some effort has been made to recruit new Boys with a leaflet drop at Arlington Apartments, and a talk to the Boys at Mount Cook School.

The Boys come from different ethnic groups, - Samoan, Niuean, Tongan, Korean, Indonesian, and Cook Islanders. They also travel in to the weekly meetings from various areas: Karori, Wilton, Lyall Bay, Miramar, Newlands, Brooklyn and the City, plus 1 Boy from Upper Hutt and 1 from Tawa.

### Training :

2nd Wellington places a lot of emphasis on training for leadership. Three Boys attended a National Leadership Development Course in July, 2004, and others had Company training.

The Badge System in the Company Section is changing, with more emphasis being placed on the N.Z. Young Achievers' Award, rather than on the Queen's Badge. Three young men gained their Queen's Badge at the end of 2004 : - Simon Anastasiadis, Peter Jackson, and Nathan Bayliss. They

will attend a ceremony at Government House in December to receive a Certificate. These young men have been in the Brigade for around 11 years.

### Drill :

The Alford Dornan Drill Cup is new and the first recipient was Simon Anastasiadis.

### Camping:

3 Boys and a Leader attended Manawatu's summer camp at Foxton in January. We were unable to find a suitable date for our own camp.

### Social Activities:

The Soap Box Derby was a huge success. Challenge courses in the gym with tables, chairs and gym mats, followed by pizzas are always very popular. The end of the Boys' Brigade year is usually celebrated with a dinner.

### Appreciation:

The Chaplain's monthly visit to the Company to take Devotions is always appreciated by the Boys and the Officers. Dr Redding has always something interesting to say. He also helps with the Christian Education Class, as does Robert Anderson. Other speakers have been Ron Goudswaard (Wildlife), Iain Mackay (First Aid), and Barry Jackson (Chemistry). Andrew Johnston gave a very interesting talk about his overseas experiences. I also wish to thank the young Officers and Helpers who have given unselfishly of their talents and time.

### Conclusion:

Our aim is to advance Christ's Kingdom among Boys and to promote the habits of Obedience, Reverence, Discipline and Self Respect, and all that tends towards a true Christian manliness. It is a tremendous privilege and honour to serve God in the Boys' Brigade of St John's in the City.

Harriet Johnston  
Captain



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## 8<sup>th</sup> Wellington Girls' Brigade Company

### 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

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## 8<sup>th</sup> Wellington Girls' Brigade Company - Junior Report

The Juniors promoted 3 Girls to the Company at breakup 2004 and welcomed 3 new girls at the start of 2005 year.

The Juniors enjoyed attending the Company Camp at Riverlea in October 2004 and joined in with the different activities such as 'Flying Kiwi'. They displayed their Crafts, - Dream Catcher and Fairy - at breakup.

February 2005 started with a Teddy Bears' Picnic at Central Park, a visit to Central Fire Station, and a barbecue.

They visited Pirates Cove at Porirua as their Journey Segment of their Star, played golf, and travelled by train from Wellington to Porirua.



We are learning about Samoa as this is part of our Pacific Island Badge and because Samoa is a country which also has Girls' Brigade.

We have six happy Girls who are learning to 'Seek, Serve and Follow Christ'.

I wish to thank Mrs Little for her help with the Juniors.

Katherine Sutherland  
Team leader

Our chaplain took an Easter service with Juniors, and washed the Juniors' feet and served them Communion. God Book has seen the Girls learning about different parables, told by Christ to the people.



## St John's in the City Invites you to join The Boys' or The Girls' Brigade

### The Girls' Brigade:

5 – 8 year olds: Tuesdays 5.30 – 7.30 p.m.

9 – 15 year olds: Tuesdays 6.15 – 8.15 p.m.

For further details, contact Mrs Katherine Sutherland, Phone: 471 0202

### The Boys' Brigade:

6 – 8 year olds: Thursdays 6.00 – 7.30 p.m.

8 – 11 year olds: Thursdays 6.00 – 7.45 p.m.

12 – 16 year olds: Mondays 6.00 – 8.30 p.m.

For further details, contact Harriet Johnston, Phone: 472 2774

We meet in the gym, upstairs in the Conference Centre.

Come and see what we do !

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## Property Committee Annual Report

Another busy year. Although no major works were undertaken, the usual busy schedule of cleaning, systems checks, tenants' requirements and all the big and small repairs associated with well-used property were dealt with.



Both manses had problems with dampness and drainage and, in the case of Lower Watt Street, extensive work needed to be done, and ventilation improved. Also, interior painting and some whiteware replacements were required at both Ponsonby Road and Lower Watt Street.

John Hunt headed

a team which investigated roof problems at Lower Watt Street, and we will be replacing about half the roof when a suitable tenderer is found.

We continued our involvement with the Spinks Cottage/Youth Café proposal, assisting where we could with the obtaining of various relevant reports.



Several of the gardens at both the Willis St/Dixon St and Ponsonby Road properties have benefited from some hard work done by the Shaws, David Wood and John Hunt at various times. Help by other volunteers has been appreciated.

With responsibility for so many buildings, there is no shortage of things to do. Our ability to keep all this property in such fine condition is immeasurably aided by two special blessings:

The first – a willing and able committee comprising Lesley

Shaw, David Wood and John Hunt and our hard-working "sharp end", Jan Stiebert in the office. John Hunt does such



a huge amount of work for the church that I don't know how we managed before he was able to give so much time to so many big investigations, projects, and problem-solving. There is a rumour that the church was named after him !

The second – the "Pennies from heaven" Plot Ratio money, the income from which allows us to maintain our beautiful buildings to the high standard they are, thereby ensuring that we don't bequeath a problem to those who follow.

These huge blessings of a great committee and adequate finance make my job easy.

John Irvine  
Convenor,  
Property Committee



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**St. John's in the City  
Register for year ending  
30 June 2005**

Number of baptisms 4

Number of marriages 4

Members joined during the year 10

The deaths are recorded of the following members:

Philippa Ruth Spackman

Edward Michael Bengé

Judith Thompson

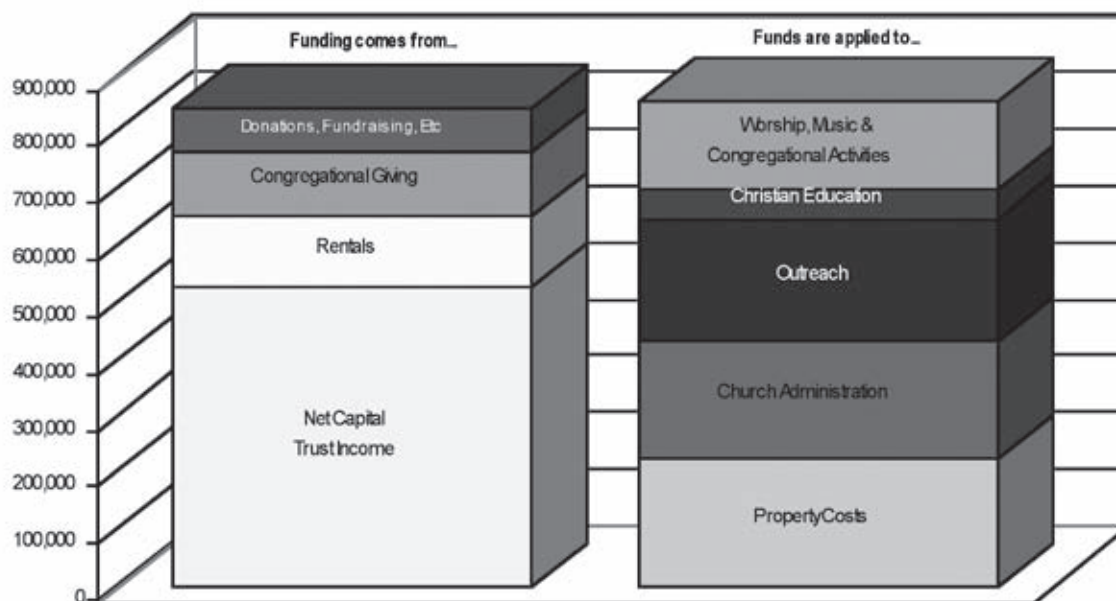
Suzanne Woodward

## ST JOHN'S IN THE CITY

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE for the year ended 30 June 2005

	2005	2004
INCOME	\$	\$
Congregational Giving	112,018	98,037
Donations, Fundraising, Interest and Miscellaneous Receipts	76,067	43,881
Legacies Received	219,779	63,038
Rental Income	129,594	130,183
Net Income from the Capital Trust	843,349	805,202
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>1,380,807</b>	<b>1,140,341</b>
EXPENDITURE		
Christian Education	51,628	50,864
Worship, Music, Communications and Congregational Activities	152,763	179,866
Church Administration	209,785	215,356
Property Maintenance	226,215	235,726
Outreach	214,409	171,525
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>854,800</b>	<b>853,337</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>526,007</b>	<b>287,004</b>
Less: Transfers to Capital Reserve for Inflation Protection	(317,077)	(265,411)
Less: Transfers to Planned Maintenance Reserve	(20,000)	(20,000)
Less: Transfers to Legacies	(252,686)	(75,256)
Less: Transfers from/to VUW Lectureship Fund	8,089	(12,275)
Add: Unspent Funds from Outreach Projects	-	561
<b>NET DEFICIT TRANSFERRED FROM UNALLOCATED RESERVES</b>	<b>(55,667)</b>	<b>(85,377)</b>

Summary of Operational Funding and Expenditure



## AUDITORS' REPORT

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

We have audited the financial statements on pages 24 to 30. The financial statements provide information about the past financial performance of the Church and its financial position as at 30 June 2005. This information is stated in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 27 and 28.

### 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 2005 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.



BDO Spicers  
Chartered Accountants & Advisers

### Qualified Audit Opinion

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

As stated in the Statement of Accounting policies on page 27 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 2005 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 \$151,120, 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 on 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 1 to 7:
  - comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand; and
  - fairly reflect the financial position of the Church as at 30 June 2005 and the results of its operations for the year ended on that date.

Our audit was completed on 20 August 2005 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 2005

INCOME	Note	2005 \$	2004 \$
Congregational Giving		112,018	98,037
Donations, Fundraising and Miscellaneous Receipts		42,447	29,502
Legacies Received		219,779	63,038
Rentals		129,594	130,183
Interest		33,620	14,379
<b>Total Church Operating Income</b>		537,458	335,139
Capital Trust Interest		849,070	805,612
Capital Trust Dividends Received		25,815	19,319
Capital Gain (Loss) on Sale of Shares		(6,243)	12,119
Stock Value Adjustments		(25,293)	(31,848)
<b>Net Income from the Capital Trust</b>		843,349	805,202
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>1,380,807</b>	<b>1,140,341</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
<b>Church Activities</b>			
Staff Costs		262,718	296,347
Christian Education		45,023	11,273
Worship & Music		2,618	4,319
Congregational Activities		488	529
Communications		23,914	18,188
Session Costs		1,986	37,171
General Expenses		33,901	28,750
Audit Fees		6,343	7,445
Accounting Fees		3,875	4,392
Legal Fees		1,948	-
PCANZ Capital Trust Administration Fees		24,757	27,091
<b>Total Church Activities</b>		407,571	435,505
<b>Property Costs</b>			
Church Running Costs & Repairs		102,522	111,717
Church Improvements & New Equipment		509	9,565
Manses Rates, Insurance & Repairs		23,587	17,197
Troup House Running Costs & Repairs		25,230	17,641
Depreciation		74,367	79,606
<b>Total Property Costs</b>		226,215	235,726
<b>Wider Work</b>			
Presbyterian Church National Services, Parish & MMF Levies		107,284	74,174
Outreach Appeals Committee		15,010	10,000
Donations		6,949	10,755
Counselling Service		17,251	46,596
Contribution to the BGI		30,000	30,000
Boys Brigade		4,360	8,343
Girls Brigade		2,245	2,238
VUW Lectureship		37,915	-
<b>Total Wider Work Expenses</b>		221,014	182,106
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>854,800</b>	<b>853,337</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>526,007</b>	<b>287,004</b>
Less: Transfers to Capital Reserve for Inflation Protection	4	(317,077)	(265,411)
Less: Transfers to Planned Maintenance Reserve	4	(20,000)	(20,000)
Less: Transfers to Legacies	4	(252,686)	(75,256)
Less: Transfers to VUW Lectureship Fund	4	8,089	(12,275)
Add: Unspent Funds from Outreach Projects	4	-	561
<b>NET DEFICIT TRANSFERRED FROM UNALLOCATED RESERVES</b>		<b>(55,667)</b>	<b>(85,377)</b>

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

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## ST JOHN'S IN THE CITY

STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY for the year ended 30 June 2005

	Note	2005 \$	2004 \$
Net Surplus for the Year		526,007	287,004
Share Investment Revaluation	4	37,377	50,182
<b>Total Recognised Revenues and Expenses for the Year</b>		<b>563,384</b>	<b>337,186</b>
Total Equity at beginning of year		20,159,374	19,822,188
<b>TOTAL EQUITY AT END OF YEAR</b>		<b>20,722,758</b>	<b>20,159,374</b>

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

# ST JOHN'S IN THE CITY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION as at 30 June 2005

	Note	\$	2005 \$	2004 \$
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Cash at Bank		16,324		58,602
Cash at PCANZ		551,816		301,230
Accounts Receivable		16,290		18,246
Total Current Assets			584,430	378,078
<b>Non Current Assets</b>				
Capital Trust Investments	2	12,024,204		11,738,235
Fixed Assets	3	8,148,982		8,145,469
Total Non Current Assets			20,173,186	19,883,704
<b>Total Assets</b>			<b>20,757,616</b>	<b>20,261,782</b>
<b>less Current Liabilities</b>				
Accounts Payable & Accruals		34,574		90,458
Income Received in Advance		284		11,950
Total Current Liabilities			34,858	102,408
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			<b>20,722,758</b>	<b>20,159,374</b>
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>	4		<b>20,722,758</b>	<b>20,159,374</b>

  
Treasurer

  
Council Chairperson

20 August 2005

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

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# ST JOHN'S IN THE CITY

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2005

## 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 (See Note 3).

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

Unrealised gains in the value of share investments of \$204,510 are included in the assets (2004 - \$167,133).

#### **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 & Website	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

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## **ST JOHN'S IN THE CITY**

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2005 (continued)

### **Legacies**

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

### **Edward Carter Funds**

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

### **Goods and Services Tax**

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

### **Taxation**

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

## ST JOHN'S IN THE CITY

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2005 (continued)

### Note 2 - Capital Trust Investments

	Maturity Date	Maturity Value \$	2005 \$	2004 \$
<b>On Call</b>				
Amalgamated Investment Fund			4,601,700	1,814,066
<b>Stocks</b>				
ASB Bank Subordinated Debt	December 2004	1,000,000	-	1,004,240
National Bank Bonds	April 2005	1,000,000	-	1,006,972
Watercare Services Bonds	April 2005	1,000,000	-	1,005,295
Fonterra Corporate Bonds	November 2005	500,000	500,000	500,000
Kiwi Coop Dairy Senior Bond	November 2006	1,000,000	1,006,913	1,012,797
Vector Bonds	April 2007	1,000,000	991,635	986,855
National Bank Bonds	September 2007	500,000	500,000	500,000
Dunedin City Treasury Bonds	October 2007	1,000,000	1,007,723	1,011,163
Telecom Corporate Bonds	April 2008	450,000	451,436	451,964
NRMA Corporate Bond	August 2008	1,000,000	1,000,715	1,000,935
Powerco Corporate Bond	March 2011	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Fonterra Corporate Bonds	April 2011	500,000	494,500	-
<b>Shares and Notes</b>	<b>No of Shares</b>	<b>Cost</b>		
Telecom	60,000	214,200	359,400	347,400
Carter Holt Harvey	15,000	35,230	33,300	41,000
Natural Gas Corp	20,126	15,642	76,882	55,548
			<b>12,024,204</b>	<b>11,738,235</b>

### Note 3 - Fixed Assets

	2005 Cost \$	2005 Current Year Depreciation \$	2005 Accumulated Depreciation \$	2005 Net Book Value \$	2004 Net Book Value \$
Furniture & Fittings	45,028	4,056	33,295	11,733	11,484
Musical Equipment	39,373	2,625	27,331	12,042	14,667
Hall Equipment	44,206	6,978	25,803	18,403	22,333
Church Equipment	2,797	280	1,829	968	1,248
Office Equipment & Website	129,803	13,855	117,943	11,860	22,232
Manse Equipment	14,062	1,738	5,395	8,666	8,035
Building & Improvements	5,454,508	44,835	169,199	5,285,310	5,265,470
Land	2,800,000	-	-	2,800,000	2,800,000
	<b>8,529,777</b>	<b>74,367</b>	<b>380,795</b>	<b>8,148,982</b>	<b>8,145,469</b>

### Note 4 - Capital and Reserves

	Balance 2004 \$	Net Movements for the year \$	Balance 2005 \$
Capital Trust	11,324,185	317,077	11,641,262
Tied Legacies	26,051	-	26,051
Edward Carter Special Assistance Fund	85,000	-	85,000
Ordinary Legacies	310,842	243,153	553,996
Unallocated Reserves	516,275	(55,667)	460,608
Planned Maintenance Reserve	362,620	20,000	382,620
Church Property Brought to Account (refer to Note 1, Fixed Assets)	7,370,845	-	7,370,845
Share Investment Revaluation Reserve	81,889	37,377	119,265
Staff Training Reserve	20,097	-	20,097
Edward Carter Fund - Unspent Income	44,205	9,533	53,739
Victoria University Lectureship Fund	17,365	(8,089)	9,275
<b>Total Capital and Reserves</b>	<b>20,159,374</b>	<b>563,384</b>	<b>20,722,758</b>

The movement in the capital trust of \$317,077 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 2005, was 2.8%.

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## ST JOHN'S IN THE CITY

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2005 (continued)

### Note 4 - Capital and Reserves (continued)

The movement in the Share Investment Revaluation Reserve of \$37,377 represents the unrealised capital gain from the investment in shares in the Capital Trust.

The increase in legacies totalling \$252,686 comprises new legacies received of \$219,779, interest from ordinary legacies of \$23,374 and interest income from the Edward Carter Trust of \$9,533.

### Note 5 – Movement in Planned Maintenance Reserve

	2005	2004
	\$	\$
Opening Balance	362,620	342,620
Plus Transfer from Unallocated Reserves	20,000	20,000
	<u>382,620</u>	<u>362,620</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	2005	2004
	\$	\$
Church, Hall & Spinks Cottage (reinstatement value for insurance as at 16 March 2005)	8,252,200	6,826,200
Troup House (reinstatement value for insurance as at 16 March 2005)	2,894,300	2,373,300
Manse - 29 Ponsonby Rd, Karori (current market valuation at 27 June 2003)	405,000	405,000
Manse - 21 Lower Watt St, Wadestown (current market valuation at 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 \$70,000
- ☐ 1-2 years \$102,000
- ☐ 3-5 years -

At balance date, there were no capital commitments outstanding (2004 – \$54,806 to Accent Architects).

### 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 2004 – \$82,000).

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## Ministers

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

## Elders Emeriti

Stanley Major Gordon (deceased)		Inducted 1978
Black Mr Ian		1993
Brown Mrs Noyle (deceased)		1979
Dorman Mr Alford (deceased)		1960
Lloyd Mr Roger	3 Winsley Tce, 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	Unit 33/389 Adelaide Rd, Berhamphore	1993

## 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	Unit 33/389 Adelaide Rd, Berhamphore	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	9 Murphy St, Thorndon	2003
Simpson Mrs 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 Mr Richard	200A Mitchell Street, Brooklyn	2004
Shaw Mrs Lesley	177 Glenmore St, Kelburn	2004
Cizadlo Mr Ted	53 Ponsonby Rd, Karori	2004

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## Council 2004-05

T.Cizadlo, 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. (Assistant)	2003

#### Parish Counsellor

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

#### St John's Own Missionaries

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

#### Deaconesses

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

#### Jubilees

Diamond Jubilee of Church	November	1913
Womens Association Golden Jubilee	August	1937
Young Men's Bible Class Golden Jubilee		1938
Young Women's Bible Class Golden Jubilee	November	1953
Centennial Jubilee of the Church	November	1953
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



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