



St John's
in the City
Presbyterian Church

15th Annual Report 2007/08

A good man leaves an inheritance for his children's children, but a sinner's wealth is stored up for the righteous. Proverbs 13:22



Foreword

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Little did I think when I wrote the Foreword to last year's Annual Report that I would be writing another the following year! I have found my role as Interim Moderator for such a long period demanding, but rewarding, in terms of getting to know and appreciate St John's people.

One of the signs of the vitality of St John's in the City is how well attendances at public worship have been maintained.

This is due I believe to:

- the quality of those, both clergy and lay, who have taken services,
- the steady work of its full time staff,
- the keen work of its key lay office bearers and its many leaders in various spheres,
- and the faith and hope of all its people.

For this we must be grateful to all concerned and to the energising of the Holy Spirit at work among us.

At the same time the level of congregational weekly giving is less robust than in many smaller and less favoured congregations. Good stewardship of our financial resources, as well as of our time and talents, is a mark of our calling as Christians. The impetus of a new Minister may well be a time for improvement in this aspect of our witness here.

It will not be long now that one known to some of you will be senior Minister. It is very important that the congregation to which he is to come is doing well together.

May I share with you a concern I have in this regard? In my Foreword last year I said perhaps so guardedly that it was not as clear what I was intending:

"A vacancy can be a difficult time when sometimes latent 'causes' make bid for attention."

What I meant was this. St John's has the good fortune to have many people of real ability and talent, but that itself involves the risk that some who give their energy and skills to the church can in a vacancy drive for their own cherished projects in a way that may, unintentionally, risk destabilising the huge asset there is in the cordiality in the working together of the congregation.

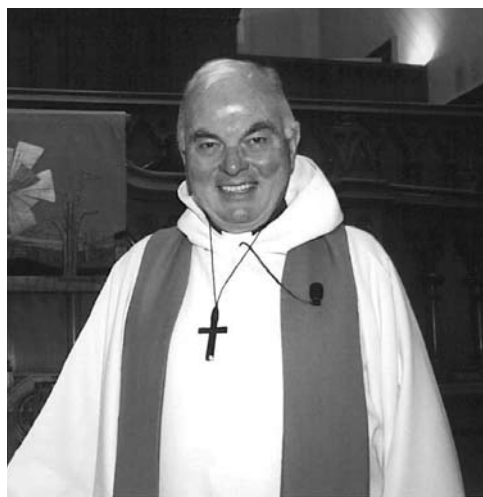
It is tempting to assume that the concern, the conviction, for which I / we stand is clearly so right that now is the time to ensure it wins the day.

As we are on count down to Allister's arrival, please, please take care, lest zest in the advocacy of particular projects undermines good feeling of the congregation as a whole.

St Paul wrote to a congregation like St John's : You are the body of Christ. Remember that the body has within it many limbs and organs. It is important no limb or organ asserts its priority in the body. Because then the whole body will be in real trouble. The health of the body depends on all parts working harmoniously together.

In St John's there is a fellowship of young and old, a wide range of theological insight and an acceptance of a central faith, an enriching cluster of almost a dozen ethnic minorities, social traditionalists and social liberals, and a huge range of abilities and experience. It is a really stimulating fellowship. Keep it that way - a cherished fellowship in the common life of the body of Christ - and give thanks to the God of hope and the giver of all good things.

Denzil J Brown,
Interim Moderator



Rev. Tom Cuthell



Rev. Denzil Brown

Session Report

It is a pleasure to review the 2007/08 year at St John's in the City. It has been an amazing year in so many ways. The strength of the lay leadership is such that even in a year of ministerial vacancy there has been strong resolve to continue to build on the past ministry and in so doing, reach out to the community around us.

At the beginning of 2008, the Session held a Planning Day, most ably facilitated by Paul Ramsay. With almost 100% attendance elders are to be commended for their willing commitment to this important day. The end result of much in-depth discussion was that three key areas stood out as requiring an immediate focus. These were Children and Families, Youth and 18-30's age group. Pastoral and Outreach were also priority areas and will be addressed in more depth at a later date. It was emphasised that both Pastoral and Outreach underpin the other three and all five priorities must be seen as part of the overall mission to our parish and the community which we are a part of.

Session acknowledges the assistance of a number of ministers who have willingly conducted worship over the past year. The quality of all the services has enabled us to maintain a high standard in both morning and evening worship. Our own lay leaders have also conducted worship and we give thanks for the talents and skills of so many people in this parish. The Interim Moderator, the Rev Denzil Brown, has worked tirelessly in the best interests of St John's. He brought a lifetime of experience to this role and session acknowledges his leadership and guidance throughout the year. Denzil has gone the second mile for us and we thank he and Marget for their commitment to this parish.

Through Denzil Brown's incredible networking with ministers throughout the world we were especially fortunate to obtain the services of a recently retired minister from Edinburgh, the Rev Tom Cuthell. Tom arrived at the end of October 2007 and as locum Minister for two 3 month periods settled immediately into the position as the resident minister. He was loved and respected by all ages and his ministry will be remembered as a high point during this vacancy. We give thanks for Tom's ministry, leadership and pastoral care in this parish.

In October, we had the pleasure of hosting the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, the Right Rev Shelagh Kesting. St John's was privileged to have her preach at morning worship, one of only two churches she attended during a whirlwind visit to NZ.

St John's in the City has been officially recognised by PCANZ as a 'Kids Friendly Church'. The initiative and leadership of Anna Davis is acknowledged along with the team of dedicated teachers and supporters who willingly give of their time to the ministry of our children every Sunday morning. Session endorses the continued leadership of the Youth Groups by Ryhan Prasad and

assistants. Also Margaret Galt and Mark Edgecombe. Session also acknowledges the work of the Christian Education Committee under the leadership of Geoff Annals.

The Pastoral work is so important in the life and work of any parish. The parishioners of St John's are very blessed by the dedication and professionalism that Margaret Galkison brings to this role as our Pastoral Worker. During the year she presented a paper to the Session highlighting aspects of her work and the role of the elder. The 2008 year is known as the Year of the Good Shepherd. The Pastoral Care committee is ably led by Cynthia Krogh and is an important link with the congregation especially through the increasingly popular 'area' lunches. In September 2007, the Boys' and Girls' Institute decided to appeal the decision of the Wellington City Council declining consent to lift Spinks cottage to enable a Youth Café to be built in the basement area. The appeal was heard in early 2008 and subsequently declined by the Court. At this stage both the BGI and St John's are working through the outcomes of this decision.

At the end of January 2008, long time members, Margaret and John Hunt left Wellington to live in Feilding. This couple each gave more than 50 years service to this church. Session acknowledged their dedication to the life and work of the Parish. John, now an Elder Emeritus, was an Elder for 40 years. They return regularly and retain their membership at St John's in the City.

Under the convenorship of Rev Chris Nichol and Rev Sharon Ensor, the Ministry Settlement Board has been extremely diligent in its search for a suitable minister to lead the ministry team in this parish, with more than 40 ministers having been approached. Toward the end of June 2008 the Session and Congregation agreed to a recommendation from the MSB that Mr Allister Lane be called to the Senior Ministry position at St John's in the City. Wellington Presbytery has subsequently agreed to this call and it has been accepted by Allister. On completion of his studies at the Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership, Allister will be Licensed, Ordained and Inducted at St John's. The board saw in Allister an exciting opportunity for St John's to build on its past and move creatively into a new future. He is committed to working with the congregation to enable effective mission. He has a keen sense of the centrality of worship and the potential of a gathered city community of faith. We look forward to welcoming Allister, Naomi and son Pearse as together we continue the mission of Jesus Christ in this city.

Music is an important component of any service of worship. St John's is fortunate to have professional and highly skilled musicians to lead us each Sunday. Thank you to The Music Director and Organist Eleanor Carter, Pianist Dayle Anderson, Choir Director Guy Jansen, and members of the choir and music group.

The commitment and work of all convenors, committee members and groups who have contributed in any way to the life and work of the church is greatly appreciated. Thank you to all who have offered assistance and willingly taken leadership roles during the vacancy. Those who organise monthly and quarterly communion services, the people who provide floral arrangements each week, the greeters, those who serve the morning teas, the bell ringers and those who manage the sound system and do door duty all contribute to the smooth running of Sunday worship. A special thank you to Jinny Irvine and the social committee. Jinny has now stepped aside as convenor and Session gratefully acknowledges her leadership and expertise in this role. We welcome David Ensor as the new convenor.

Finally, I wish to record Session's appreciation of Jan Stiebert's role as Finance and Administration Manager over the past 6 years. We wish her well in her retirement and welcome Grant Garner who brings both management and finance experience to that position. Thank you to Barbara Newdick, a most competent receptionist/secretary and to the caretakers Lou Radich and Phil Cassin. Their dedication and willing assistance is very much appreciated.

Muriel Ewan
Session Clerk



Rev. T Cuthell, Rev. C Nichol and Rev. D Brown



Judi Ferguson presents NZ patchwork wall hanging to Rev. Tom Cuthell from St John's in the City



Back row: Alice Potts, Anna Davis, Rob Anderson, Rev. Sharon Ensor, Margaret Galt, Paul Ramsay, Front row: Rev. Chris Nichol, Allister Lane, Muriel Ewan, Absent: Helen Beaumont, Ryhan Prasad



John Irvine with Margaret and John Hunt

Council

This has been a year of challenges for St John's in the City. The biggest of which has been the absence of a Senior Minister for the entire year. We knew that finding a new Senior Minister for St John's would be a tough job, and it would take some time to find the right person. Now that we have accomplished that task we look forward to warmly welcoming our new Minister later this year.

On the surface, it would appear that the absence of a ministerial team would allow the Church to recover our cash reserves, as a savings from ministerial salaries and related expenses. Unfortunately the vacancy, as is often the case, came with additional expenses, which combined with a high inflation rate to leave us in only a modestly positive financial position.

This year saw a Resource Consent decision and an appeal to the Environmental Court which prohibited the Church and BGI and from proceeding with the Youth Café project under Spinks Cottage. It is my hope that in the near future the BGI and St Johns can come together to discuss the lessons learned in the process and find new and improved ways of working together in the future.

I am very pleased that St John's continued to move forward during the vacancy, with Session taking a hard look at priorities. Session noted that the composition of the neighbourhood around St Johns has shifted, and if we want to respond to the needs of our community, we need to make some changes in what we are doing. Through

that process three areas have emerged as priority activities to focus on. These are: Children and Families, Youth, and 18-30 year olds. Initiatives in these areas will require additional commitment of time and finances. It is my firm hope that the congregation will respond positively to these initiatives and get firmly behind them in terms of both time and money.

The Council at St Johns went through some changes this year with new convenors in some key committees, and the addition of a new committee. We welcomed David Ensor who stepped into the shoes of Jinny Irvine to lead the Social Committee. Geoff Annals has replaced Elaine Pearse as the convenor of the Christian Education Committee, and Cynthia Krogh has taken on the Pastoral Care Committee, taking over from Anne Simpson. Our new committee has a preliminary title of "Sustainability Committee", which is led by Andrew Johnson (AJ as he is affectionately known). Climate change and global warming are real issues which require a faith-based response. This committee will be working with other community groups, and within the congregation to help St John's focus on ecological issues, and to make St John's a church which can be proud of its environmental impact.

Ted Cizadlo
Convenor



Allister and Naomi Lane with baby Pearse

Choir

It is my pleasure to present this report on The Choir of St John's in the City for 2007/8. I am grateful to the choir for their commitment, and for their hard work and preparedness to wrestle with new music and extra responsibilities. Eleanor and I appreciate, very much, the loyalty of our Choir members. We want to thank Dayle for assisting in many ways, soloists including Linda (upon whom we rely so much) and Lucy and other accompanying instrumentalists.

As I said in last year's report, "I see a church choir as a servant organization. Its main function is to serve cheerfully in divine worship, to help lead congregational singing, contribute to the proclamation of the Word (in song) and in other ways enhance the themes of worship services."

Choices of anthems have again, therefore, been made primarily with the Lectionary readings in mind, but this has not always been easy to achieve because of the changes of preacher within the Ministerial vacancies. We have revisited established repertoire such as *Like as the Hart* (Herbert Howells); *Psalm 150* (John Harper); and *O Saviour of the world* (Sir John Goss), and added new offerings by Purcell, Ley, Wood, Grayston Ives, some New Zealanders and others. The words of choral pieces continue to be printed in the Order of Service so that congregational members can meditate on the written Word. More contemporary pieces have been introduced and music from the Taizé and Iona communities appears to have been appreciated by congregational members. Visiting musician Donna Dinsmore presented some of this music and a global song in a morning service. Another visitor who assisted us for over five weeks was baritone, Dr Gerald Sundberg of Wheaton College, Illinois.

We also had guest singers with us on the occasion of the choir's major presentation for the year: "A Ceremony of Nine Lessons and Carols" on Sunday evening 9 December 2007. Through association with, and the active support of, Stewardship for Mission, proceeds went to Downtown Community Ministry. The event was popular – thirty of the audience had to find seats in the Gallery – and it demonstrated how our Choir can mount an excellent, spiritually stimulating Christmas venture. Beginning in the North Gallery the Choir sang the a cappella pieces *O Nata Lux* (Morten Lauridsen), and *The Lamb* (John Tavener). The latter was with the choir of St Mary of the Angels, who later contributed two Palestrina Christmas motets independently. The combined choirs then processed into the chancel for *Once in Royal David's City* with special lighting, and solos from Janey MacKenzie and Jerry Sundberg. From the Choir loft, we presented *Magnificat* in G (Stanford), and *I Sing of a Maiden* (Richard Madden), with Linda as soloist. The remainder of the programme included an aria from *Christmas Oratorio* (J S Bach),

some Rutter and contemporary carols, eg, *Upside down Christmas* (Shirley Murray) and *Away in a Manger* (arr Willberg) for the children.

During the year we have also welcomed choristers to augment our numbers on one or two Sunday mornings. Particularly after the increased stability that the arrival of our new minister will bring, I am keen to gradually build up choir numbers (eg, from newcomers to Wellington and newcomers to the church,) so that we can sing more new and substantial music. Four new members have joined us this year. However, I haven't ever had a choir with so many members overseas or absent because of conflicting engagements. Let me share with you some of their exciting (and for us, difficult) plans.

We have known for some time that Andrew is going to University College, London; Stephanie is travelling overseas for at least two years, and Christina has gone to Toronto. Anna is moving to Auckland, Jeanette has spent five months in Switzerland, and Mary returns to Belgium for 4 months each year – this apart from various members' short trips overseas, and so on. I'm pleased to announce, therefore, that we will be appointing a Tenor and a Bass as Choral Scholars: men with superior sight-reading ability, substantial vocal training and choral experience, capable of singing solos within choral works, and available for 40 Sunday mornings a year. I will also try to enlarge the Choir of St John's through school leavers. Thus from October I will be visiting four or five of the schools which sang in the "Big Sing" festivals in Wellington this year. If I'm successful in gaining interest there will be one or two special events at St John's to help the young people to feel comfortable in our environment. One of the challenges today in secular New Zealand in maintaining church choirs, is to persuade good choral musicians to come to church most Sunday mornings!

In due course I hope to establish an "occasional" choir of former choir members and others who would prefer to rehearse and sing for limited periods of time. These would be "seasonal" participants, singing at services when the regular Choir is not available. I would also like to encourage the formation of a children's singing group, hopefully using attendance at the excellent Royal School of Church Music's National Winter Choir School in Masterton, July 2008, to stimulate its growth. Some integration of the Choir of St John's with a children's singing group, and with the work of the contemporary music group would be well worth pursuing.

Our choral offerings in gathered worship have included introits, benedictions, prayer responses and communion reflections. The six months that the Reverend Tom Cuthell was with us saw a burst of Scottish introits and other service music, capped off twice by Highland Cathedral with bagpiper.

On Palm/Passion Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Day the Choir helped lead the services, while Pentecost found us taking part in a combined evening worship at St Peter's with the St Mary's Choir (Director: Robert Oliver) and St Peter's Choir (Director: Dianne Halliday). Our anthem was Douglas Mews' A sound came from heaven, which some St John's members found more meaningful and beautiful in the St Peter's acoustic than in St John's earlier in the day!

Monthly rehearsals are 7.15 to 9.40 pm on twelve Thursdays during the year, in addition to pre-service and after-service rehearsals on Sunday mornings. Social activities have included suppers, and an afternoon at our home in Paraparaumu for members, spouses and significant others.

Guy Jansen
Choir Director



Angus Campbell



Eleanor Carter (Organist) & Guy Jansen conducting a section of the Choir

Music

Not a lot has changed in St. John's music making this year. The choir, as usual, is the backbone of the musical leadership in the morning services, along with an organ that is still, as yet, unchanged. Thanks goes to many people involved in the contemporary music group for their unerring dedication.

We appreciated the work and learned enthusiasm that the Rev Tom Cuthell put into the direction of church music, for the six months (and beyond) that he was here. Tom is an excellent organist and church musician and always had good suggestions for music in worship.

Our combined ecumenical services continue to be a highlight of the choir and parish year. This year we hosted a Nine Lessons and Carols service at which St. Mary of the Angels choir were guests. Later in the year, we sang at St. Peter's for Pentecost.

A personal highlight for me was the trip to Kaikoura that has been a regular thing for St. John's organist for the last hundred years or so. A small contingent from St. John's went in November to help celebrate St Paul's 130th anniversary. As part of the celebrations, Linda Van Milligan and I gave a recital in the church on the Sunday afternoon. Entitled English Airs, Linda sang some Handel Airs and Britten folk songs. The beautifully restored Sandford organ was perfect for Handel organ music, Elgar's Vesper Voluntaries and Mendelssohn's First Sonata.

St John's in the City played host to part of the lunchtime concert series of National Organ week. Judy Dumbleton played the first concert of the series.

We welcome other newcomers to our organ loft for the next few months, as I begin a long period of maternity leave. I am very grateful to all who replace me, so willingly, the newest member of the team being Stephen Rowley.

The organ is such a big part of our worship and for that reason, it is extremely important that we cherish the beautiful instrument we have. To make sure that we are doing this, we have a dedicated committee of Glen Labrum, David Galt, John Irvine, Ross Chesney and myself who are working through issues related to church music and in particular, the possible restoration of the organ.

Eleanor Carter
Director of Music.

Embroidery Group

This year the group has completed a pulpit fall, a white cross on a cream background, suitable for weddings. The embroiderers are currently working on a stole, to be presented to the Rev Dr. Graham Redding when he becomes Moderator in October 2008.

Because of the wintry conditions the group has been meeting at members homes but if larger items are requested we will reconvene at St John's.

Any enquiries about embroidery matters, please contact the Church office or Heather Smith on 04 385 1675.

Heather Smith
Convenor

Flower Group

The flower group is one that quietly does its work during the year providing the attractive floral arrangements that grace the Church each Sunday. It also arranges flowers for weddings and funeral services as appropriate. Weddings provide an occasion for more spectacular arrangements, primarily because flowers, if requested, are part of the cost of the hiring of the facilities so one can be somewhat extravagant in purchasing. Brides get excellent value because while they will have paid for the flowers, they get the arranging free of charge. Thanks are given to those members of the team who are able to do such large arrangements for the special contribution they make.

We have some good gardeners on the team and in the congregation and appreciate their contribution of flowers, as well as donations that are made to providing flowers. Thanks to everyone on the team for your support and the great arrangements which demand time, skills and some strength to achieve. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

And we are delighted to recruit new members to the team should you feel this is somewhere you can contribute to the churches activities.

Ailsa Salt
Convenor



Outreach

Pending the call of a new Minister to St John's, much the same pattern of grants has been continued this year following the approval (in 2002) for guidelines by the congregation.

In broad terms, ongoing partnerships rather than a wider range of more modest grants, has continued.

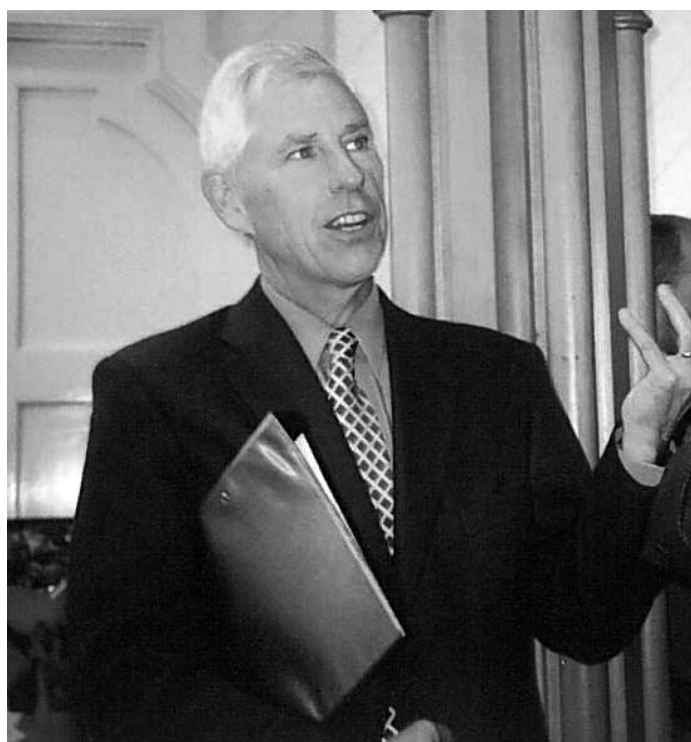
Finance was provided to the Scripture Union of NZ, Presbyterian Support Central, Lower Hutt City Foodbank, Mt Cook School (swimming instruction), Wellington Women's Health Collective (for Counselling), Wellington Rape Crisis, and Downtown Community Ministry. Ongoing support for the VUW Lectureship in Theology continues in accordance with the decision of Session.

In March 2008 a Session planning day identified five areas for St John's to concentrate on over the next 12-18 months; Outreach is one of these. That concentration specifically includes local, regional, national and international Outreach, but as always we can not do everything. Priorities must be decided and guidance provided. Current policy may be need updating, or simply be confirmed after further prayerful consideration.

Following the Session planning day, Mary Gibbs attended a Committee Meeting and is coordinating the Outreach aspects of the review with the Session. The aim is to develop a specific action plan.

Current members of the Committee are Dayle Andreson, Muriel Ewan, Rob Munro, Chris Parkman, and the Ministers (ex Officio).

Rob Munro
Convenor



Dr Chris Marshall Associate Professor in Christian Theology

Stewardship for Mission

What a difference a year makes! The outcome financially, for the year under review was well below target and well below the level achieved the year before. The cancellation of the Auction, one of our planned major fundraisers, combined with general economic conditions contributed to this.

From a fellowship perspective however, there were some great events and we are all the richer as a result. The Ethnic Dinner in June 2008, was an outstanding success both socially and in the variety and quality of the food. Under Margaret Gilkison's leadership the planning and presentation for this event combined the skilled resources of the Social Committee and others.

Similarly, the Nine Lessons and Carols in December 2007, combined the resources of the SFM committee and the St John's choir (augmented) under Guy Jansen's leadership and the choir from St Mary of The Angels. We were privileged to have as one of the soloists the highly rated American baritone Gerard Sundberg.

Fashion in The Abbey in September 2007, again under Margaret's direction, was a high quality event with what seemed like a cast of thousands and touched many more people than just ourselves.

An important role for the Stewardship for Mission committee is educating and encouraging members to see "giving" as an important part of their personal relationship with God. The Count Me In campaign in February 2008 and the promotion of Dr Chris Marshall's series in July 2008 were the main awareness activities. Dr Marshall's sermons and his presence was a highlight both for our congregation and with the many visitors attending in response to the series promotion.

The SFM committee was formed in 2005 with its primary role to raise funds for St John's mission and outreach projects and conduct campaigns about stewardship. In June, St John's Council reviewed the Terms of Reference for the SFM committee and concluded no changes were necessary. However, there have been changes in the personnel on the committee this year. Robert Anderson and Paul Ramsay, foundation members of the committee resigned during the year. Their wisdom and vision had a significant influence in the culture and achievements of the committee from its establishment. They have been replaced by Kathryn Annals and Linda Shaw and the other members are Margaret Gilkison, Ted Cizadlo and Rob Ewan.

Rob Ewan
Convenor

The Birthday Mission

About a hundred years ago the Rev H J Fletcher, working in the Presbyterian Church Māori Mission made the suggestion that if every Presbyterian gave one shilling a year, all the financial needs of the Māori Mission could be met. The church women's groups responded to the challenge and called it the "Birthday Mission". Today the Birthday Mission is organised by the Association of Presbyterian Women throughout New Zealand.

Together with the sale of stamps it has raised funds which have benefited many organisations, both in New Zealand and overseas.

For those who support the Mission Birthday Gift, we would like to thank you and assure you that your gifts are very much appreciated. As individuals we may feel that our contributions are small, but gathered together and allocated to so many organisations, they have a considerable impact.

Over recent years, a few of our members have passed on or moved away so we would very much like to welcome some new members.

I would like to express our grateful thanks to Mavis Johnston, who has been the Mission Birthday Convenor for many years. Because she has moved out of the area, Mavis had to reluctantly resign from her position earlier this year.

This Mission, which begins at our front door and spreads throughout New Zealand, is extremely important. If you would like to contribute to this valuable Mission, please contact Tricia Hastings on 973 1309.

Tricia Hastings
Convenor



Brigitte Hicks-Willer, Secretary of the Women's Association

Prayer Chain

The Prayer Chain has been operating at St John's for five years under the coordination of Elizabeth McKenzie.

At present we have 18 members one of whom is overseas and is contacted by email.

Requests have been many and varied and confidentiality is maintained. It is a privilege to "carry everything to God in prayer" and we give thanks and praise for prayers answered.

The Rev Blair Rodgers is taking up the role of co-ordinator and we wish him well in his new task.

Thank you to all members of the chain for their encouragement and commitment.

Elizabeth McKenzie
Convenor



Ethnic Dinner, members in traditional costume



Betty Robertson presents an Easter Gift to Barbara Newdick, Parish Secretary

Pastoral Care Committee

The Pastoral Care Committee's theme for 2008 is The Year of the Good Shepherd.

The principles adopted by the Pastoral Care Committee in 2005," we are a caring community" by

- Sharing the burden
- Healing the wound
- Celebrating the joy by walking the road together
- By the fostering of relationships in the love of God and of worship

Pastoral Care Worker

Current members are Anna Davis, Judi Ferguson, Margaret Gilkison (Pastoral Care Worker) Cynthia Krogh (Convenor) Lynn Pollock, Anne Simpson, and Mindy Simpson. I wish to thank all members of the committee for their hard work and motivational ideas.

The Committee was grateful for the contribution by Reverend T Cuthell on Pastoral Care and it was with regret that the Seminar on June 21st "Looking After Ourselves and Others" was cancelled, due to insufficient support.

Sunday Lunches

The Committee continues to provide fellowship lunches. The aim is to know your neighbour.

Five lunches were held in the annual year, three of which were Neighbourhood lunches for Karori, Southern, and Northern Districts, Central and Eastern Districts fall in the next annual year. The lunches have helped to introduce the congregation to new neighbours living in their district. Civil Defence bags of safety information were available to take. Sunday morning tea was held in November 2007.

Emergency Response Planning

Draft to be discussed with the new Administrator, Mr G Garner.

Newcomers Information

Package about St John's in the City and activities held, should be available by the end of the year.

Terms of Reference have been modified and are to be agreed by Council.

Our objectives for 2008/2009 are to be set but include a Church Picnic and an Educational Seminar early next year.

Cynthia Krogh
Convenor

Pastoral Care Worker

The past year has been a steady one for me as the St John's Pastoral Care Worker.

There are many people who provide pastoral care at our Church – the Ministry team, the Elders, Sunday School and Youth leaders... and members of the congregation. My role is to support these people and to provide an extra helping hand as required.

I liaise with the Ministry team, the Elders, the Volunteer Coordinator (Judi Ferguson), the Prayer Chain Coordinator (The Rev Blair Rodgers) and I take an active role on the Pastoral Care Committee.

My role is to work up to 10 hours a week. This varies from week to week. Although being a Registered Nurse is not a requirement for the role, I find the knowledge and experience I have in this field of great value.

An important part of my work is building relationships and developing trust. I am accessible day and night, and it is a privilege when people feel they can, and do ring me through the night, should a problem arise.

So much of my work is confidential and cannot be discussed, suffice to say, whatever arises, it is a pleasure to serve and help others.

I would like to thank all those who have supported and encouraged me in my role – The Rev Denzil Brown (Interim Moderator), Muriel Ewan (Session Clerk), The Rev Tom Cuthell (Relief Minister), Cynthia Krogh and the Pastoral Care Committee. Your support has been very much appreciated.

Margaret Gilkison
Pastoral Care Worker



Pastoral Care Worker Margaret Gilkison presents a cake to Betty Robertson on her birthday.

Wellington's Boys' & Girls' Institute

Tena koutou e hoa ma,

Building on its 125 year history, six years ago (following the sale of its Wellington building), BGI made a new start and with the impetus of \$30,000 funding from St John's, decided to partner together to create a new role at BGI – Director of Youth and Community Projects. The aim was to create community projects that the Church could be more involved in, rather than simply contributing funds to worthwhile causes, and to create opportunities for the Church to engage with the community personally and corporately.

Six years on, we are running eight major youth and community projects with a total budget of over \$800,000 and have 15 full and part-time staff. Many St John's people have taken up the opportunity to be involved in the support of projects such as ConfiDance, LINK, Wellington Youth Project, Challenge for Change, Footsteps, Crossing the Stile, Inner City Youth, the Parenting programme, Youth Week and JYMC. Together we have also undertaken the more ambitious joint project to take from vision to creation, a youth cafe under Spinks Cottage.

We appreciate the St John's partnership, which includes the \$30,000 funding for the Director, which has contributed to this result. In return BGI has also contributed substantial funding to the St John's youth group, about \$40,000 this year. The encouragement from St John's helps BGI maintain a distinctly Jesus-like community service, as there are strong pressures from our culture to slide into being just another secular agency.

The core services of BGI include holistic youth development through mentoring, adventure therapy, innovative interactive youth counselling, youth social groups, faith development, youth events, youth work consulting, cultural exchanges, youth action research, parenting programmes, dance & arts programmes and youth employment training.

We are blessed with amazing staff who are extremely dedicated despite the uncertainty of funding to continue the programmes from one year to the next. BGI is proud to have had a stable team of youth worker staff for the last 5 years, which is rare in youth work and says something about the BGI team culture. We celebrate the strength of relationship we have within our team, and that which we experience with the Church also. Youth work, for us, is about building relationships with young people and their families. This means we do not just 'provide services for youth' rather we are 'in service with youth'. This is a key difference to some other youth-focused organisations, largely because it reflects a scriptural understanding of service.

Although we did not achieve resource consent for the Spinks Youth Cafe, it was a successful project for BGI. We gained knowledge, friends, and supporters as well as

taking away many positive experiences from the process. Not only did people and youth from outside the church, together with the St John's Session and congregation, try to do something for the city's youth on the St John's site, it also brought significant organisational partners into contact with St John's, many of whom offered funds and expertise to the project. BGI and St John's could continue to build relationships with some of these significant Wellington organisations such as Tenth's Trust, WETA Workshop, Wellington Youth Project and the Wellington City Council. We believe we have portrayed St John's as a very progressive and generous Church and the contact between non church youth and the St John's congregation was a constructive and learning one on both sides.

We take this opportunity to extend our thanks to all the St John's in the City members who worked to make the cafe a reality. While the RMA process had its challenges for everyone the joint commitment to the idea allowed us to see the process through to its natural conclusion and even the Environment Court Judge noted he thought the youth cafe was an 'excellent idea'.

Our young people have said how much they appreciated the pursuit of the Spinks Cafe and have expressed a wish to write up the story of the journey, may be through the medium of a documentary, and have a party to celebrate what we achieved. Over the last five years we have not been able to identify any other viable site and our focus at present is on other projects.

Here are some highlights of the programmes in the last 12 months:

Challenge for Change: Co-ordinator, Jacinta Krefft was nominated for the 'Mucking In' TV show. Jacinta was selected and we all created a new garden for her with some help from the wider community, BGI volunteers and mentors and families of mentees. Mayor Kerry Prendergast and Councillor Hayley Wain contributed to the occasion by 'Mucking In'. The programme profiled Wellington's community very positively on National television.

Footsteps: We were informed that one mentally unstable boy we helped get back on track, not only immensely helped him and his family, has saved the government 6 million dollars it would otherwise have spent on his rehabilitation.

Positively Parenting Programme: The feedback from one of the kids "my friends say my father has changed".

ConfiDance: It is quite a busy time for the ConfiDance boys as they gear up for performing at the Dance Your Socks Off festival on September 1st. Ani has also set up a new group within ConfiDance called Guidance which is a faith based dance group aimed at teenage girls. It is in collaboration with The Rock youth group and we have a large number of our young girls attending and they love it.

Crossing the Stile: Many St John's youth have benefited from attending subsidised Crossing the Stile visits to the East Coast farm and marae and in turn, helping to host youth from rural areas.

Link: They are currently creating a Wellington youth survey to be sent out to local schools and a poster to highlight services in Wellington to help young people in times of change and need.

Youth Cafe: Thanks to the many professionals, not only for the donation of their time but for mentoring and learning this opportunity offered to the young people involved in the project – particularly Morris Love at Tenth's Trust, Richard Taylor at WETA, Tom Bennion at Bennion Law, Ian Athfield at Athfield Architects, Dr Donald Ellsmore and David Kernohan. We also thank St John's Church who in addition to many people's time, offered a rent free location under Spinks Cottage and to Wendy Walker and her team at WCC for offering help in searching for an alternative supportive community partner and location.

Ross Davis
Director

and Tanya Duncan
Board Chair



BGI's Crossing the Stile: taking urban young people on rural adventures and vice versa



BGI's Challenge for Change, mentoring graduation.

Christian Education Committee

Learning to live as Christians is a life-long process and St John's provides a wide range of Christian education activities catering to learning needs across the age spectrum. Dedicated and skilled leaders of learning activities plan, coordinate and run St John's many established programmes and from time to time initiate new ones. New programmes begun this year include the Alpha Marriage Course and a pilot Sunday preschool group. Reports on each of St. John's major Christian education programmes follow. As you read on take a moment to thank God for our many hard working and committed leaders and the richness they contribute to the life of us all at St John's.

Geoff Annals
Convenor

Social Committee

The report does not cover the whole year, as I only took control as Convenor in May 2008. After ordering and supervising the installation of a new dishwashing machine (the old one had given up after 14 years service), it was baptism by fire, so to speak. My predecessor, Jinny, assured me the task was easy to cope with, only one function every two months or so. June arrived, and not only did we have the Quarterly Communion Lunch and The Rev Tom Cuthell's farewell to cater for, but in-between the hugely successful Ethnic Dinner Fundraiser, which by all accounts realised about \$1500 for our outreach programmes. My thanks go to Jinny for handing over a well trained and efficient team, who have continued to provide excellent service all round.

David Ensor
Convenor

St John's Youth

Intentional Ministry - In, Around, Out

This year the youth ministry has focused on consolidating our community feel and looking ahead to developing future leaders.

With the departure of some young people to university and moving towns the youth group felt the vacuum of key personalities and so we concentrated the first part of the year on re-visiting our sense of community. We then looked to the future with identifying possible leaders to encourage sustainability in the future. It was really exciting to have three young volunteer leaders come on board early this year (Matt Potts, Sam Bennett and Peter Falloon).

The issue of Leadership is a pressing one and I have reflected on it a little and would like to share a few points that raise questions that lead to resourcing. The following are some excerpts from the page on Servant Leadership.

Parish ministry has often assumed that Ministers of Word and Sacrament have the responsibility of leadership in the Church. This belief is reinforced by a distinction often drawn between clergy and lay people. This distinction is not grounded either in Scripture or the Reformed Tradition of which our Church is part.

In the Presbyterian Church, leadership doesn't stop with the people who are ordained, ministers or elders. Leadership is a gift and a responsibility given to many within the Church community including youth leaders, APW leaders, and those leading home-groups.

Mission:

This mission is the 'vision' that informs the plans for the future of a congregation. It is a vision of life in all its fullness for both humankind and creation, grounded in the good news and mission of Jesus Christ, and it involves, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, interpreting and extending the Presbyterian Church's place in that mission.

This vision includes:

- the ability to tell the difference between what is of God and what is the latest fashion
- the ability to communicate in ways that make sense in today's world
- respect for tradition coupled with an eagerness to usher in the Church of the future
- creativity that is neither gimmicky nor trite
- perseverance especially when the going gets tough

When I read these things I was captivated by the idea of such leadership existing and functioning within our youth ministry at all levels, both paid and volunteer. At the same time recognising that this level of training and understanding probably isn't even invested in at the Eldership level of most Churches. In turn I realised that to impart this level of understanding and competency to our young leaders is a very time intensive process.

But that fact makes it no less important or needed.

The tension between running our programmes, building relationships, pastoral care and leadership development is a hard one to manage. But I feel that the leadership development aspect of this tension now needs to be given more priority, the hard question is how to do this within a ministry already functioning at full capacity.

Leadership and capacity building are key areas for the youth ministry at St John's and we are going to continue to put resources into training leaders to ensure future development. With this goal in mind it is with excitement that we endorse the Church Session's prioritising of youth ministry. We look forward to their proposed action plan, particularly in the areas of a dedicated youth space and the training and development of leaders.

Youth ministry is a fragile environment at the best of times and congregational support is vital. Enthusiasm and passion are a key aspect of Church life and you as the congregation are a big support factor for the young people and leaders of this ministry. Thank you and encourage you even more to keep us in your prayers and please make time to come say hi or drop into youth group one night. We would love to see you and share our faith journey with you.

Be encouraged the year ahead is one of possibilities - faith and leadership development, growth, fun, service and integration, mixed in with the addition of Allister Lane as the new Minister and the result is an exciting opportunity in the life of St John's youth ministry.



Youth Group fashion show



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

Sunday Programmes:

Building young people in the knowledge of God and his living word

Junior yr 6-8 / Senior yr 9-13

These two groups run at St John's 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 to live out our faith with God.

Contemporary services: Discovering God together

These services are held approximately once a term throughout the year. The essence of the contemporary services is to serve the St John's 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 what they are saying as we plan out the service together. The youth group has also formed a strong worship band led by Jesse Boyce. This year the band has been really key in providing the music for the contemporary services and the young people involved have grown immensely in skill and confidence.



Chillin' IN Spinks



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:

Joint Youth Ministry Committee: Doing youth ministry with others.

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



Hanging AROUND at the Grease Night



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

This year we have continued our learning of social justice issues both in the Friday night and Sunday morning programmes. We participated in the CWS fair trade café evening held here at St John's. We also held a World Vision 40hr famine event that simulated the reality tv programme project runway which showed young people how to choose sustainable clothes over labels.

We have also continued to sponsor Dennis our world vision child.

St John's Youth Group Numbers:

We have 58 young people connected to our youth group with an average of 31 attending our Social Friday night programmes and 28 attending the Sunday Morning faith development ones.

Leadership team:

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

Thank you!

Everyone at St John's for your support in helping the youth ministry flourish and grow.

Thank you to the Christian Education Committee for your unwavering positive support and enthusiasm which gives us energy to stay on top of our game. Particularly in the absence of a Minister, the committees role has been really supportive and empowering.

Thank you to the parents of all our awesome young people, you are a great help with transport (often with very little notice!) and encouragement to all of us in the team.

And thank you to the staff at BGI who provide us with an amazing creative environment and awesome resources that allow us to put our heart and soul into this ministry. We are so blessed to have your whanau support to encourage and enable us in our mahi.

Thank you also to all of our volunteer leaders, without who this ministry would not be possible. You are the branches of the vine from which the fruit will flourish.

Jesse, Alice, Nga, Steph, Anna, AJ, Mark, Margaret, Matt, Sam and Scofield

Thank you!

Arohanui ki a koutou
Ryhan Prasad



OUT and about at Parachute (above) and Hunting, Snow and God (below)



St John's Youth Activities



Youth Band



Jesse
Boyce

Confidance



Ani
Prasad



Friday Night



Alice
Potts
(12hrs)



Jesse
Boyce
(8hrs)

20 people under pastoral
care, 15 regularly attending

Sunday Morning



Margaret
Galt



Mark
Edgecombe

20 people under pastoral
care, 14 regularly attending

Junior Group

Senior Group



Andrew
Johnston



Ryhan
Prasad
(20hrs)



Ani
Prasad



Nga
Larsen



Sam
Bennett



Matt
Potts



Peter
Falloon
(3hrs)

42 people under pastoral
care, 19 on average attending



Ryhan
Prasad

42 people under pastoral
care, 15 regularly attending

Small Group



Ryhan and
Ani Prasad



Children and Families

As I think back over the year, I am reminded of one of the St John's Goals "We are a restless community. Discontent with the status quo, we grapple with questions of life and faith as we search for new and more effective ways of conveying the Gospel of Jesus to the people of greater Wellington and beyond." This restlessness tends to ring true for the St J's Kids leadership team as we continually assess the way we serve the children and families of St John's "and beyond" and how we are bringing them into an experience of God's Kingdom.

As a result of our 'restlessness', networks are forming in the St John's community beyond Sundays, e.g. the St J's Kids children belonging to the BGI ConfiDance boys dance group, 19 couples with connections to preschool Music & Movement, ConfiDance, St J's Kids and Youth Group attending the Marriage Alpha course, the preschool M&M families being part of St J's Kids and the wider Congregational social events including special church services.

A number of these people have a sense of belonging to St John's but may not be part of the worshipping congregation on Sunday mornings. Pete Ward describes this as being 'Liquid Church' in his book with the same title where the boundaries between who is inside and outside the church become less well defined. This is where our 'restlessness' comes in as we look beyond the model of "one programme fits all" and look at how to address the need for relational based gathering.

St J's Kids:

St J's Kids theme for 2008 - 'Going on a bushwalk':

Aligning a bushwalk with our spiritual journey of learning about living in God's way with Christ at the centre being our 'Bushwalk Buddy'.

Curriculum:

'Seasons of the Spirit' which follows the Lectionary with a social justice leaning. It's main aim being to lay the biblical story & example of Jesus Christ alongside the concerns and life choices we must face each day.

Dynamic Leadership team:

Children's Greeter: Catherine Galuszka

Clever Kiwis (0-4yr olds):

Leaders: Heather Walker, Nina Liando

Assistants: Mindy Simpson, Brigitte Hicks-Willer

Cheeky Keas (Yr 1&2s; 5-7yr olds):

Leaders: Janie Pack, Bronwyn Wood

Assistants: Nonie Murwanto, Melisa Webster

Random Rurus (Yr 3&4s; 7-9yr olds):

Leaders: Iris Webster, Chris Purchas

Assistants: Teena Waller, Ingrid McEnaney

Wacky Wetas (Yr 5 & 6s; 9-11yr olds):

Leaders: Nicki Read, Ross Davis

Assistants: Sean O'Connor, Jeff Liando

Casual Assistants: Cynthia Krogh, Olive Alexander, Karima Fai'ai

You cannot be thanked enough! - For the commitment you put in to providing a dynamic Sunday experience for the children in our midst. Your enthusiasm, creativity, energy, interest and care you show to the children is crucial in bringing them into an experience of God's Kingdom.

Room set up: Thanks to Mark Edgecombe & Sean O'Connor who arrive early on Sundays to set up the Conference Centre for us every week.

Leadership Training:

In February 2008 we hosted a Kids Friendly workshop 'Puppets @ church' on sharing our faith through puppetry facilitated by Jill Kayser, Kids Friendly Coach and Steve Fell an experienced puppeteer and children's minister. 37 people attended representing 12 churches. 3 St John's leaders and 1 Congregational member attended. It provided a good chance for leaders in children's ministry to network while learning new skills to share with our St John's children.

In June 2008 we introduced a new initiative to include crèche children and their parents in our preschool group, with a music and movement focus followed by morning tea. Already we are seeing increased numbers and a new preschool family has begun attending as a result of this new venture.

Attendance Statistics:

Number on roll aged 3-11yrs: 60

Number of families represented: 38

Average attendance: 30 with an increase in December to 40

Number on roll aged 0-3yrs: 17

Number of families represented: 16

Average attendance of under 3s since June: 8

Sunday holiday programmes:

Average attendance has increased with approximately 25 children attending during the school holiday break and long weekends. A significant number of families have returned to St John's as a result of their holiday programme experience.

Thanks goes to Jinny & John Irvine, Lesley Shaw, the Boston/Hutchinson family and the Riddle/Budd family for running the holiday programmes. The children have enjoyed connecting with others in the congregation and having a less structured programme.

Easter Sunday: a more intentional holiday programme was planned this year due to higher numbers attending the previous two years.



St J's Kids and Rev Tom Cuthell at a baptism

Social events:

They have been well attended by the children and their families. These have included shared lunches and breakfasts at St John's, 'Capture the flag' in the Gardens, PS Games at BGI, 'Wheels Afternoon' at the Kilbirnie Rec Centre providing opportunities to invite friends and build relationships between families and with their Leaders.

St J's Kids in Worship:

Highlights have been the children actively serving and engaging in worship such as the Christmas Pageant, making Palm crosses, singing at a recent Baptism, sharing their art work and baking and clearly enjoying All Age Worship. A comment from two children referring to our "Offerings of love" service: "The drumming was 'the bomb', when can we drum again? We liked giving the little gifts to the adults"... "Better than other All Age services because I felt more involved and understood what was happening." A parent's feedback: "I loved watching the kids give out morning tea and sharing their baking. It meant they chatted and made eye contact with heaps of people they wouldn't usually. It was fun."

Another highlight has been the powerful opportunity for a child to pray with the Minister and Elder before the service on the day they lead the Bible in.

Overseas Mission at St J's Kids:

We have supported two overseas mission projects creating opportunities for our children to think beyond their every day reality to serve other children living in compromised situations overseas.

The first was in December (you may remember our sales day we held after church?) when the children fundraised to purchase CWS 'living gifts' for disadvantaged communities in Uganda, Zimbabwe, and the Philippines. Thanks so much for your enthusiasm on the day and the generosity and support shown for our efforts with this. The biggest plus was the intergenerational 'community' developed in the process.

The second, during Lent when children made coin banks and filled them with loose change for World Vision's children in Crisis programme which relieves children living in forced labour situations around the world.

Thanks:

To all the people of the congregation who support us with encouragement, positive feedback and offers of help and who make an effort to welcome the children.

"If children are happy in church, parents are happier to come. If children are happy in church, they are more likely to keep coming through the difficult tweenage years and to keep bringing along their friends." Stuart Murray in his book 'Church after Christendom' on the place children hold in the church.

What a responsibility and privilege we have. Our challenge is to continue to ask ourselves if we are genuinely welcoming, respecting and celebrating the children in our midst and honouring our commitment to being a Kids Friendly church.

Preschool Music and Movement

In December 2007 we celebrated our 5th Birthday. All people who had connections with our group since its inception were invited to our final session for the year. Helium balloons, bubbles and birthday cake abounded. Approximately 100 parents and their children attended.

Attendance Statistics:

Since the beginning of 2008 numbers have steadily increased with approximately 35 adults and 45 children on our roll with an average of 25 adults and 30 children regularly attending.

The presence of 'child free' Congregational members has enhanced the atmosphere, particularly grandmothers Lesley Shaw and Margaret Gilkison.

Leadership & Training:

Heather Walker, Kerry-Lynn Sorrell, Nicki Read and I lead the sessions on a rostered basis. Mindy Simpson attends regularly as a 'child free' person providing a much needed extra pair of supportive hands to cuddle babies and to welcome parents and their children.

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

Group involvement:

Shared involvement of group members through morning tea and music leadership rosters continues, as do the spontaneous evenings out and invitations to wider church events such as Baptisms, All Age Worship and St J's Kids social events.

The group baked for, compiled and delivered Easter Baskets for elderly parishioners in March during a Coffee & Chat morning. This continues to be a much enjoyed 'tradition' with the Music & Movement parents as they contribute to St John's in this way. The many thank you cards written by the recipients are very much appreciated by the group.

Thanks:

Many thanks to Betty Robertson and Lynn Pollock for all that you do - for continuing to support our group 'via' Coffee & Chat. Special thanks to Margaret Hunt who has moved to Feilding.

Anna Davis
Children's Ministry Co-ordinator

The Girls' Brigade - 8th Wellington Company

"And let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith" (Hebrews 12 v1 & 2)

This is the Pioneer section of the bible verse and this past year has seen our Pioneers developing their skills in the company. This section under the leadership of Jo Nyberg have studied working with the elderly, teaching each other how to cook, fundraising by making homemade chocolates and learning how to raise monies after costs were taken out. The total profit was \$100 which will go towards their Young Leaders Training weekend in October 2008. We sent three Pioneers to Young Leaders Training in October 2007 and they learnt a lot of leadership skills which they use in the company. We had one Pioneer who has completed her Gold Triangle in 2007. We would like to thank Lynn Pollock for marking the girls photography projects. The Pioneers take part in games and devotions every week; they bring up the topics they want to pray for and one of the girls will lead the prayers.

The Seniors under Pauline Little have done a variety of badge work and art appreciation where they studied art through the ages and then created their own pictures. As well they did miming, quilting and learning the art of public speaking. The girls all delivered a five minute speech at the end of the session; topics were spiders, vegetarians and homework.

We wish to thank Harriet Johnson who came and showed the girls how to play badminton which the girls enjoyed. We started our 2008 year off with a barbeque and had a guest who showed the girls miming.

The Girls' Brigade movement has been going in New Zealand for 80 years and even though membership numbers have fluctuated there are many New Zealand women who have attended Girls' Brigade. We appreciate Fiona Bayliss who comes in each week to lead the girls in singing old and modern Christian songs.

In 2008 we made Dianne Little a Junior Leader and Avis Marshall as an Assistant Junior Leader. Company leadership is stable and attendance is 100% each night.

Katherine Sutherland
8th Wellington Team Leader

The Girls' Brigade - Juniors Report

Last year the Juniors completed their World of Friends' Badge for Africa, by doing the craft work, making two different African villages, a safari park for the animals and threading colourful beads for necklaces. A visit to the African shop was a highlight.

2008 began with three fun evenings: a clever mime artist and supper for the first, next a cosmetic evening and tea; and lastly swimming and sand castle building at Oriental Bay.

This year the World of Friends' Badge is about Europe. We are concentrating on the British Isles, where Girls' Brigade began. The Library was a good source of information for our journey and the girls made their own library books.

For our service we visited an elderly gentleman in a home and the girls are bringing 50 cents every week to help Plunket babies.

For God's Book we had the Christmas story and made a star. We made a model of Moses in the bullrushes following a visit from a Plunket Society representative. We also wrote the Ten Commandments and had a visit from a policeman. After learning about Easter, the girls took home a hot cross bun and an Easter egg. Later we heard about Ascension Day and Pentecost. Pincushions were made for Mother's Day with a card.

We would welcome more girls to join us and trust that the Juniors will continue to seek, serve and follow Christ.

Diane Little
Junior Leader



*Sarah's
African
Dance at
Break up
2007*



*Rachael's
sandcastle,
Oriental Bay*



*Rev Tom Cuthbell
pinning the
enrolment badge
on Rachael*



Frying eggs on a hobo stove



Ben rock climbing, with big brother Bryan as support staff



Cardboard soldiers ready for battle at 2007's Red vs Blue



Dodgeball - always a favourite

The Boys' Brigade - 2nd Wellington Company

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

Here at St John's those are words we truly live up to, and the 2007/08 year has been no exception. We have had a year packed with activities designed to develop today's boys into strong Christian men.

Activities in this year have included camping, both Team and Company Sections enjoyed camping with the BGI's Crossing the Stile program again. The Company Section was joined by the Boys from the BB in Tawa for a Survivor Camp - complete with bivouacking and open fire cooking, while Team Section enjoyed activities like swinging on vines and sleeping under canvas for the first time.

Over the past year there has been a larger emphasis on connection with other Companies around the Wellington area. On several occasions the Company Section has had shared activities with the Tawa group (as they also meet on Monday nights), while the Team Section have enjoyed sharing activities with the Lower Hutt Team Section.

In September 07 BBWGTN held 'Red vs Blue'. A day event where we spent the morning building suits of armour from cardboard boxes, and the afternoon destroying them in way of a wide game. At St John's we took this very seriously, we spent weeks practicing building armour, with devotions and Christian Education based around the armour of God.

I think it is also important to mention that drill is improving. This is important not only because it is part of BB's culture and method but because it represents the teamwork and commitment values these boys are capable of. This is great news as Christ calls us to counter today's highly individualized self serving society. This was particularly evident as four members formed a drum line to accompany New Zealand's Queen's Men and Women as they received their certificates from the Governor General, the Honourable Anand Satyanand in December 2007.

A special thanks to all who supported the the open day and awards presentation in 2007. You will be pleased to hear that the number of Boys participating in BB this year has increased and continues to grow as we develop an exciting programme they enables Boys to discover God in a way that is specifically relevant for them.

Yours in His service - Ki a koutou i te mahi o te Ariki

Captain David Jackson

Honorary Captain Harriet Johnson
Lieutenant in Charge (Team Section) Nathan Smith
Lieutenants Nathan Bayliss & Simon Anastasiadis
Staff Sergeants Matthew Bayliss & Stephen Jackson
Elders Sandy Lawson, John Hunt & Ross Davis



Members of the 2nd Wellington Company 2008

Monday Night House Group

The group has continued to meet most Monday nights for a meal and a study. The studies have been varied as we usually do six to eight weeks on a topic and then change to something else. The topics this year have included a look at the Ten Commandments, what social science and the Bible teach us about happiness, the Dead Sea scrolls, Elijah, and Martin Luther and his 95 theses. This latter study proved useful when the house group was asked to take the evening service on Reformation Sunday, and we also took another evening service based on our earlier studies on sustainability. We particularly enjoyed having the Rev Tom Cuthell to lead a study about his healing ministry, and the material that he used for this has been put on the website for anyone to look at.

This year we decided to watch the city fireworks instead of our usual practice of having our own celebration, but as usual we had a Christmas party, summer barbeque, and other social events. We also joined the other members of the Presbytery in an evening at Wadestown called "Standing Out in your community" which looked at different ways parishes were ministering to their surrounding community.

We always welcome new members, and anyone who would like to join should ring David or Margaret Galt on 934-4422 to find out more.

David and Margaret Galt
Convenors

Tuesday Night House Group

This year saw us celebrating our twentieth anniversary - although it is probably more, no one is exactly sure! - with The Rev Tom Cuthell leading a service of thanksgiving.

Our studies over the course of this year have been many and varied. They have included "Ephesians", "Character", "A Roche" (an international Christian nature conservation organisation), and occasional DVD-based reflections by Rob Bell and Louie Giglio. "Jesus Provocative Teacher" was also the theme of an evening service the group led during September.

Another highlight was having two members of the group share their experiences of living as Christians in a non-Christian country. This was a powerful testimony, and we are grateful for the insights that were given.

Prayer forms an important part of the life of the group, and we have been honoured and blessed to see its power at work in our own lives and the lives of others.

There have also been times of fun, food and fellowship, with shared meals, barbeques and the occasional dinner out together spread throughout the year.

Anyone is welcome to attend at any time. It can be for just a single evening, for a specific study series, or for as long as you like. Each person is an important part of the group, offering a unique and valued perspective on our Christian journey. The most important thing is that the group encourages and supports you in this journey.

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

Paul Ramsay
Convenor



Group at Music and Movement

Women's Association

It is with pleasure that I present this annual report on the activities of St John's Women's Association.

We have not really varied our meeting format this year – a short business meeting, followed by a guest speaker and then a shared lunch, which gives an opportunity for our members to have fellowship together.

Our guest speakers this past year have been:

June 2007 following the AGM: Rev Blair Rodgers reminded us of the aging process and the joys the 3rd age brings to us.

July: Dr Helen Hughes, the first Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment, spoke on "New Zealand's Alien Cargo" – and the implications for us.

August: Helen Milroy, Field worker for the NZ Motor Neurone Association outlined the work she did to help support clients and their families, suffering from motor neurone and health problems.

September: David Galt, President of the NZ Numismatic Society, gave us a potted history of coins, banknotes and tokens used throughout history, including the highly valued St John's Communion tokens.

October saw us transported to south-west Africa: Capetown, Namibia, Botswana and the Victoria Falls in Zambia with Mary Gibbs.

April 2008 set the scene for our APW "Opening Doors" Special Fundraising Project. Lesith Bacellar, an ex-Brazilian now living here, spoke to us about life in Brazil, especially for those on the fringe of society.

In May, Peg Hutchison took us to a remote country in Central Europe – Uzbekistan – along the old Silk Route.

As always, our Special Church Services gave us spiritual food for thought:

The Christmas Celebrations in November 2007 taken by the Rev. Tom Cuthell had as its theme "the Motherhood of God".

Then in March 2008, the Lenten Service conducted by the Rev. Blair Rodgers was on the totality of Easter and its implications for us today. We reflected on the symbols of Easter.

This year, instead of starting our meetings in February, we had a special gathering in January. Ailsa Salt kindly catered and opened her home for us, so we could say farewell to a number of people moving on. Margaret and John Hunt were moving to Feilding, and as they have been connected to St John's for so long, it was a wonderful opportunity to say thank you – au revoir! Also Mavis Johnston, a



Women's Association President Mary Gibbs, Muriel Ewan & Mavis Johnston

longstanding committee member of St John's Women's Association was entering a retirement village in Johnsonville and resigned from the committee.

The Rev. Tom Cuthell was at the end of his 3 month locum, even though we knew he would be back again in April.

February 2008 saw us BBQ'ing in the Courtyard at St John's in brilliant summer weather, and also reminiscing about our early lives – and very varied they were indeed.

You will see from the other reports being presented that though we may be small in numbers, we maintain our profile very well. Thanks go to Brigitte Hicks-Willer, our Secretary, who has managed to produce weekly clever, witty comments for the Church Bulletin.

Thanks also go to all of our group who have taken extra responsibilities, i.e. your committee. Just as well our Constitution is very broad, e.g. Avis Marshall has been organising the Sales Table since 1994, the same year that Elizabeth McKenzie also took over the Mission Convenor role.

Association of Presbyterian Women (APW) - Mary Gibbs

The Wellington Region of APW has been very active this year. Our Co-ordinators for the Region are Lois Robertson, who took over from Shirley Fraser, and Faaolataga Leasi. The parish liaison representatives are Carolyn Goudswaard and Mary Gibbs.

Meetings of the Region are held about every three months, usually on a Saturday. St John's is represented by 4 or 5 women most times.

The first meeting was held in Waikanae where we had a "Dorcas Day", dedicated to producing arts and craft. The finished articles were to be sent to churches in the Pacific. Josie Williams, one of our life members, who now lives in Waikanae, was there, so it was a special treat to catch up with her in person.

The Christmas Service 2007 was held at the Johnsonville Uniting Church and themed on the song about the "Twelve Days of Christmas" when my true love gave to me....great fun!

In November 2007 nine of us ventured by train to Masterton, where we attended a "Rally Day for Women", organised by St Luke's Church, Masterton. We spent the day at the historic Llandraff Homestead. Theme of the day was 'Healthy Eating', with guest speaker Sue McAulay from the Wairarapa DHB.

February 2008 saw us visiting the Newtown Pacific Islander's Church (PIC), with guest speakers from the Families Commission and Women's Refuge on the theme: "Family Violence: It has To Stop".

In April 2008 the Hutt Valley Presbyterial organised a region-wide event with author Joy Cowley as presenter.

"Gleanings", the publication that replaced "Harvest Field", is emailed monthly, with an occasional glossy publication. They are available to all women in the congregation. The latest glossy issue of "Gleanings" celebrated 100 years of mission in India.

The Special Project this year: "Opening Doors", was enthusiastically supported by all of the congregation with a retiring offering, raising \$796.60.

APW has representatives on several other organisations, such as the National Council of Women and the United Nations. The local representative on the Wellington Branch of the National Council of Women are Carolyn Goudswaard and Mary Gibbs.

Mission - Elizabeth McKenzie

This year we have paid particular attention to the "Opening Doors" APW Special Project: "House of Passage" in Brazil, being the overseas project and Chaplaincy in NZ State Schools being the domestic one. Since 1989, "House of Passage" in the port city of Recife in north-east Brazil has worked to give the young people, and particularly the young girls who make the streets their home, the life and vocational skills which will open doors to a new way of life for them.

We thank the people of St John's for giving so generously to the retiring offering for the project. \$796.60 was raised.

Nationwide, in 2007, the following money was raised by APW, in conjunction with the Methodist Women's Fellowship:

1. For APW/MWF Special Project 2007: \$75,699.97

For the ongoing projects:

From Mission Birthday Gifts	\$24,424.55
From Stamps	\$6,746.51
Total	\$31,171.06

This was allocated as follows:

Global Mission Office	\$10,000
Jagadhri Hospital, India	\$2,300
St Thomas School, Jagadhri	\$2,000
Prison Ministry, Thailand	\$2,000
Scholarship for Mynamar women to attend training in Thailand	\$5,000
Total for Global Mission	\$21,300

For Christian World Service:

CWS Appeal for Cambodia	\$3,000
Turakina Girl's College, Marton, NZ	\$4,178
PCANZ Youth Ministry	\$1,500
Christian Broadcasting Association	\$1,000
Total	\$9,678

Working together, it is remarkable what the APW achieves.

Leprosy Mission Report - Judi Ferguson

To date, this year has raised \$404.40.

8 more boxes have been recently issued, so there are now a total of 21 boxes.

Stamps - Grace Jarvie

Grace Jarvie, Betty Robertson and Mavis Johnston are the hardworking team who are involved in collecting, cleaning and sorting used stamps. We then sell them to a stamp dealer. Although a small amount of money is raised by St John's, when this is added to all the other parish stamps donations, it amounts to a significant amount of money for the APW Mission work.

All in all a very successful year. Our monthly meeting attendance numbers can vary quite considerably, but our influence continues to be felt at all levels of St John's.

The Constitution has undergone quite considerable changes since APW originally restructured. Our aim has been updated as follows:

- To unite in prayer, study, fellowship and service.
- To make a Christian witness in home, church and community.
- To support the work of partner churches in worldwide mission and evangelism.

I believe we upheld this aim very well.

Mary Gibbs
President

Property Committee

A year of big change for the Property Committee.

On the 6th January, John Hunt attended his final meeting on the committee. John recalled the less-than-enthusiastic response from the then convenor when he originally sought to become part of the committee in the mid 1950's - "young whippersnapper" being one of the comments made at the time.

Some of the hands-on activities undertaken by the group back then included the resurfacing of a roof area using an improvised mixture of paint and sand. (Thank God for the Trust Fund, no more working bees!) John said that he had always enjoyed being part of the Property Committee, particularly the professional atmosphere of the last few years, working alongside Jan Stiebert.

And then the second bombshell – Jan Stiebert, our inimitable office administrator and right hand person, gave notice and left in April after giving six and a half wonderful years of excellent service to St John's, in particular to the Property Committee. To say that these two good souls are missed is an understatement. But, "the Lord taketh away

and the Lord giveth," and we presently have an excellent committee with the recent addition of Ian Jolly and Ian Garrett.

We have enjoyed a brief respite during the extended vacancy as no manses have been required. Obviously in the next few months at least one new manse will be purchased. Meanwhile the buildings in the Willis-Dixon-MacDonald site continue to be well maintained and well used necessitating constant care, repair and expenditure.

We welcome our new administrator, Grant Garner and I am, as always, grateful for our good hearted and competent committee.

John Irvine
Convenor



Jan Stiebert



John Hunt and John Irvine



Hardworking group in Conference Centre kitchen. Grace Jarvie, Judi Ferguson, Carolyn Ferrier, Eleanor Clark and assistants

Communications Committee

Firstly, thanks to Gail Higgs-West, Ross MacKay, Lance Walker, Jesse Boyce, David Jackson, Jesse Boston and Ashley Waggoner for serving on the Committee this year.

Thanks also to David Jackson and BGI for some great design work at half the rate we paid previously. The Communications Committee has been strengthened with the addition of new members and are working on several new projects for the upcoming year. The committee has been mindful again of the Church budget and come in considerably under budget.

The committee has not provided much guidance re the website which has been ably handled by David Galt with increased “hits” this year. Thank you David. Also thanks to Rob Anderson who has edited the Messenger and changed the format to make it more appealing and digestible. Church newsletter editors often work in a vacuum -even quite controversial pieces by the Rev Tom Cuthell did not create a ripple! All of which is to say that letters to the editor are welcomed and it would be great to get more feedback from the congregation on the content.

Projects that the Committee completed last year include the reformatted Church Messenger, Parish Profile sent out to Ministers, Annual Report 2007, fashion show material, starlight storytime bookmarks and powerpoints, lectureship brochure and Allister Lane’s Sermon put on podcast for people that were unable to make it to Church on Sunday.

We suggested a new name was needed for the “Conference Centre”. The St John’s Council formulated and approved the “St John’s Centre” as the new name. We have designed and ordered a new sign for the “St John’s Centre” to reflect that and to connect it to the activities of the church a little more. This emphasis has been continued by the Session approving the Session Outreach review groups suggestion that the Conference Centre inside have more of a Christian and St John’s personality than a neutral space.

The sign board on the corner of Willis and Dixon saw less new designs as we have had difficulty getting something edgy and worthwhile that gets unanimous approval by the committee and acceptable to the Church Council. It is difficult to be edgy and funny and topical and try to appeal to those who do not go to church and at the same time be so PC we do not upset anyone at all. However the signs we have done had some good media coverage.

The committee is in the process of creating new thought provoking signs that connect with the challenges we hear from the pulpit on Sundays.

As well as some signs about Boys’ and Girls’ Brigade and Christmas services last year’s signs tended to have a bit of a “rugby” flavour due to the Rugby World Cup:

“Love thy neighbour... GO WALLABIES”

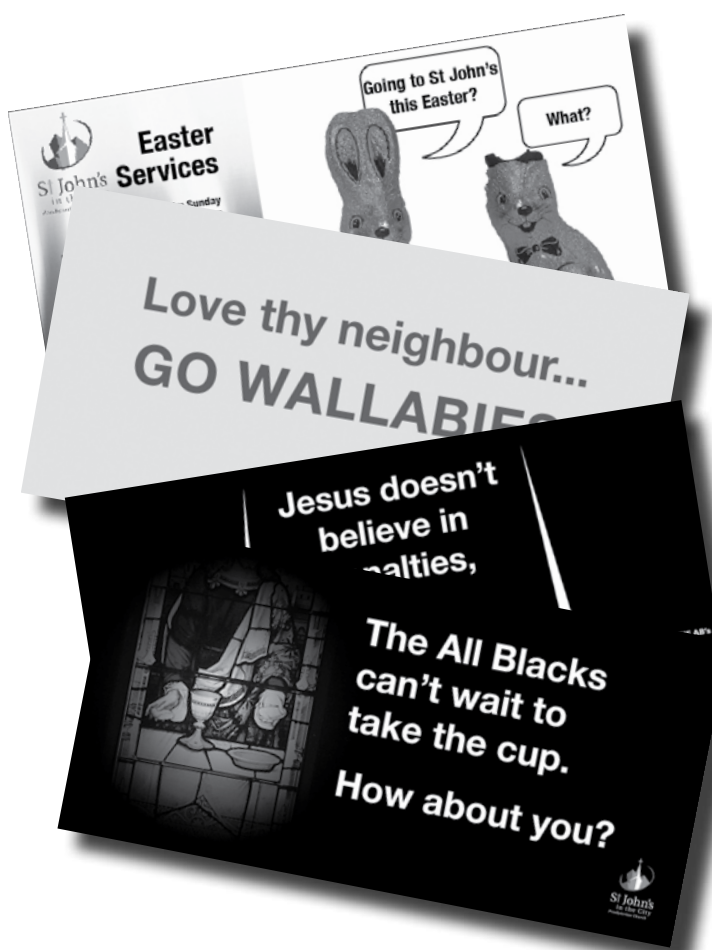
“The All Blacks can’t wait to take the cup. How about you?”

“Jesus loves the All Blacks” put up shortly after they failed to win the World Cup

“Jesus doesn’t believe in penalties, but loves conversions”

The Communication Committee projects aim to grow the Church by trying to break down the stereotype many people have about us. At times we do this by being funny and laughing at ourselves, at times by trying to be “clever” and at times by being challenging to the status quo. We hope to give the impression that St John’s is “not what one expects” at a traditional church. We hope when the general public sees the projects that we have completed that they might say “yeah that’s different, that’s interesting, maybe I’ll check it out”. Even more we hope when they get here they also see something authentically Christlike going on at St John’s in the City, or all the communication is in vain. I personally was very encouraged when I heard from someone new to Wellington that their flatmates referred to St John’s as the “Thou Shalt Not Park Church” and liked the quirky nature of the sign.

Ross Davis,
Convenor



A collection of this year's Willis Street signs

St John's Website

www.stjohnsinthecity.org.nz

The St John's web site remains as popular as ever and continues to grow in content. Now is a good time to take another look if you haven't done so recently.

First, a few statistics. For the year to June 2008, there were 28,250 unique visits, a rise of 34% over the previous year (measured as the sum of monthly totals). There were 34,586 visits with 90,654 pages viewed, up 32% on the previous year. Total bandwidth of downloads was 6.5 GB.

It is pleasing that many of the users are from New Zealand. As might be expected, many users are from other English speaking countries, but China shows up as a country with more interest over time. Robots and Spiders (automated machine usage of the site) are a very small proportion of use while Google shows up as by far the most popular search engine for people to use to reach the site.

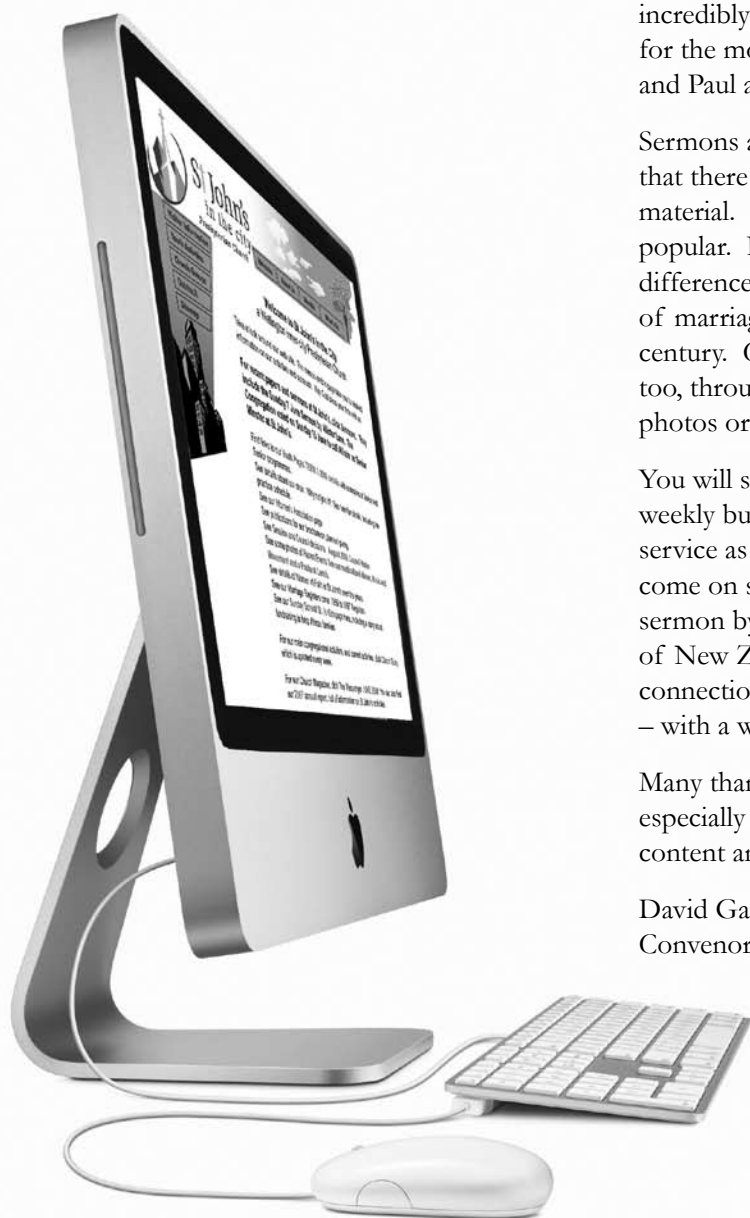
The type of material that is most popular remains much the same. First our free Sunday School resources, including children's plays and workbooks that anyone is free to use are incredibly popular. There were 2294 downloads of these for the month of June 2008, including plays about Naaman and Paul and Silas in Prison.

Sermons are downloaded in small numbers but it is clear that there is ongoing demand for much of our earlier material. Material from the Messengers of 5 years ago stays popular. People continue to look for our account of the difference between baptism and christening and for details of marriages carried out at St John's in the nineteenth century. Current developments at St John's remain popular too, through the Church Diary section. We also have new photos or recent events.

You will still be able to find the news contents of the weekly bulletin most weeks by the Saturday before the service as well as all major St John's publications as they come on stream. An innovation this year is a video of a sermon by Allister Lane – rather large, but as the majority of New Zealand internet users now have broad band connections, it is appropriate for us to provide such content – with a warning about file size.

Many thanks to all those who help to make this possible, especially Barbara Newdick and those who supply the content and photos.

David Galt
Convenor



Register for the Year Ending 30 June 2008

Number of Baptisms: 10

Number of Marriages: 2

Members joined during year: 12

The deaths are recorded of the following members:

Mavis Page

Sir John White

Financial Committee Report

The annual financial statements provide the financial record of all of the activities at St John's – our Ministry team, Sunday worship, Sunday School and Youth Group through to property rental, maintenance, cleaning and everything in between. Formal financial statements are presented in accordance with financial reporting standards¹. This doesn't necessarily make them easy to read and understand. Therefore, we have prepared a plain English summary which we hope will help. Also, we would like to draw your attention to the following key points.

Income

- Congregational giving declined by 7.5% since 2007. Giving of \$135,000 is a substantial amount, but when considered from the perspective of a congregation of some 400 and average attendance on Sundays averaging 200, we have one of the lower rates of per member weekly giving of Presbyterian churches in New Zealand. This amount isn't sufficient, for example, to support Ministers and Sunday worship let alone any wider work. This has to be provided for from other sources of income.
- Rental income from Troup House and especially the Conference Centre has increased by 9%. There is heavy demand for use of our Conference Centre facilities by a wide range of business and community groups.
- Although total income was almost the same as that in 2007 at approximately \$1.4m (after excluding the impact in 2007 of the sale of the manses), the need for higher inflation protection of the Capital Trust was the main factor that reduced our real surplus to \$87,000, from \$268,000 in 2007.
- Inflation for the year was 4% (on the back of significant price increases for petrol and food) compared with 2% last year. This meant that an additional \$250,000 of Capital Trust income was retained by the Presbyterian Church Property Trustees to inflation protect the Capital Trust.

Expenditure

- Staff costs include bringing the Rev Tom Cuthell from Edinburgh for two periods of three months.
- Property costs are lower than last year because we currently have no manses. Major refurbishment of the conference centre started late last year and continues into this year, funded from the Property Maintenance Reserve.
- The General Assembly Assessment levies reduced by \$30,000 partly as a result of ongoing negotiations about the basis of the levy for St John's and partly because the

Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand (PCANZ) is in a much stronger financial position than in previous years.

- The contribution to the Victoria University lectureship in Christian Studies, which attracts a large number of students each year, transitioned from \$70,000 to \$35,000 per annum as agreed by Session last year.

As well as managing our income and expenditure, we also need to manage the funds we have available to meet future commitments and the amount of uncommitted funds. Again, this is not easy to determine directly from the financial statements and is set out below.

Schedule of Committed Funds	\$000's
Cash and investments	
Cash at Bank	42
Cash at PCANZ	665
Accounts Receivable	18
Interest Receivable	206
Current portion - Capital Trust & Other Investments	4600
Term portion - Capital Trust & Other Investments	9872
Total cash and investments	<u>15403</u>
Less reserves and liabilities that are expected to be held in cash or investments	
Capital Trust	(12843)
Proceeds from sale of manses set aside for new manses	(1382)
Ordinary Legacies	(565)
Staff Training Reserve	(20)
Planned Maintenance Reserve	(357)
Share Revaluation Reserve	(127)
Accounts payable	(57)
Reserves and liabilities to be held in cash and investments	<u>(15351)</u>
Net Uncommitted Funds (to cover future budget deficits and purchases of capital equipment)	<u>52</u>

This shows that we have a very small level of uncommitted funds to support, for example, a future deficit. It is important that we maintain reserves for property maintenance over the next two or three years to cover major maintenance items such as painting the church.

Although economic conditions resulted in higher inflation last year with a similar level predicted for this year, meaning a lower proportion of income is available from the Capital Trust, our longer term outlook is positive. This means that, with the Congregations support, we can continue to move

forward with Session's priority initiatives in the areas of pastoral care, children's and families' ministry, youth and the 18 – 30s ministry.

Ross Chesney
Convenor, Finance Committee

¹ Accounting Standards and Financial Reporting Standards are promulgated by the New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants

Investment Advisory Committee Report

The past year has been a turbulent one for international financial markets and the position has deteriorated further in recent months with the failure or forced re-structure of a succession of hitherto highly rated and longstanding banks and other financial intermediaries. In addition a growing number of Central Banks have had to provide support on an unprecedented scale to ensure markets continue to operate and some degree of investor confidence remains. How long it will take for a reasonable degree of stability to be restored is not yet clear.

Current events highlight the importance and prudence of the Investment Advisory Committee's policy of requiring at least an "A" credit rating on its fixed interest investments. Even so, that does not entirely rule out the possibility of some borrowers' ratings being subsequently downgraded especially in times of market uncertainty. The Trust portfolio contains one such case about which the Committee has sought advice. A decision, which will be reviewed very regularly, was made to continue to hold.

While New Zealand has so far been somewhat sheltered from these global developments, it cannot expect to totally escape some flow on effects.

The Committee aims to maximise income from the Capital Trust¹ investments while minimising the risk of capital loss. To best achieve this, the Committee's policy has been

to invest largely in longer term fixed interest investments. Future maturity dates are staggered so that only a few investments mature in any one year. This limits exposure to any significant short term fluctuations in interest rates.

After a period when short term interest rates were higher than long term rates, the Committee had the opportunity during the year to lengthen the maturity profile of the fund. After adding a number of longer term loans to high quality borrowers at attractive interest rates, the Trust's fixed interest portfolio is now better balanced for this long term fund.

In addition to the Capital Trust, the Committee invests other cash reserves, such as the proceeds from the sale of the manes, until those funds are required.

The current Capital Trust investments are set out in Note 2 of the Notes to the Financial Statements.

Bob McCay
Convenor, Investment Advisory Committee

¹ The Capital Trust was created from the proceeds of the plot ratio sale in 1987 and was the mechanism provided by the Wellington City Council at that time to enable organisations with historic sites within the CBD to create a fund to assist with the very high cost of maintenance of the historic buildings.

St John's in the City

Plan English Summary of Financial Performance

for the Year Ended 30 June 2008

	2008 \$000's	2007 \$000's	
St Johns received income from the following areas:			
Weekly congregational giving by direct credits, envelope system and weekly collection	136	146	Congregational giving declined
Other donations and fundraising	20	34	
Rents received from leasing space in Troup House and Conference facilities	210	191	High use of conference centre
Net interest income from St Johns funds and the cash received from the air space sold above St Johns in the late 1980's ("Capital Trust"), less the adjustment for inflation to protect the cash received for future years and administration costs	516	782	Inflation protection increased from 2%CPI to 4%CPI
(Note adjustment for inflation is twice last years figure)			
Total Income available for General Use at St Johns	882	1,153	
St Johns incurred expenditure in the following areas:			
Church Activities			
Salaries paid to the Ministers and support staff	268	249	
Contribution to Christian education	54	52	
Other costs	70	83	
	392	384	Operational costs very consistent with last year
Property Costs			
Expenditure on maintaining the Church, manses, conference facilities & Troup House including rates, insurances, and repairs	140	143	
Depreciation to provide funds for future replacement	63	63	
	203	206	
Wider Work			
Contribution to the operations of the Presbyterian Church in New Zealand	101	130	PCANZ Levies reduced
St Johns financial support for the Victoria University Lectureship	52	70	
St Johns financial support for the BGI	30	30	
Other activities	25	24	
	208	254	
Net surplus available for use by St Johns	79	309	Surpluses enable recovery of reserves depleted by previous deficits
Other resources were used as follows:			
Gain from sale of manses that must be retained to purchase new manses when required	0	463	
Funds available from / (transferred to) legacies	-18	19	
Funds available from Planned Maintenance Reserve	26	0	
Net Surplus transferred to reserves	87	791	

AUDITORS' REPORT

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

We have audited the financial statements on pages 1 to 8. The financial statements provide information about the past financial performance of the Church and its financial position as at 30 June 2008. This information is stated in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 4 and 5.

Councils' Responsibilities

The Council are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which fairly reflect the financial position of the Church as at 30 June 2008 and the results of its operations for the year ended on that date.

Auditors' Responsibilities

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

Basis of Opinion

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

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

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

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

Qualified Audit Opinion

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

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

We estimate that had the Church adopted this policy, depreciation for the year ended 30 June 2008 would have increased by a further \$26,680. The effect on the financial statements would have been to decrease the Net Surplus for the year by \$26,680 and decrease the Unallocated Reserves by the same amount. The carrying value of the fixed asset category, Buildings and Improvements would have decreased by \$186,760 which represents the amount of accumulated depreciation as at balance date for the remaining Church and Spinks Cottage assets.

In our opinion, except for the effect of the departure from applicable Financial Reporting Standard No. 3 as outlined above the financial statements on pages 1 to 8, fairly reflect the financial position of the Church as at 30 June 2008 and the results of its operations for the year ended on that date.

Our audit was completed on 17 September 2008 and our qualified opinion is expressed as at that date.

BDO Spicers Wellington

BDO Spicers Wellington
Chartered Accountants

ST JOHN'S IN THE CITY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE for the year ended 30 June 2008

	Note	\$	2008 \$	2007 \$
INCOME				
Congregational Giving		136,042		146,422
Donations, Fundraising and Miscellaneous Receipts		15,134		31,411
Legacies Received		5,000		3,000
Rentals		209,512		191,394
Interest		52,088		42,922
Total Church Operating Income			417,776	415,149
Capital Trust Interest and Dividends		979,378		1,004,902
Capital Gain/(Loss) on Sale of Shares		-		(3,426)
Total Income from the Capital Trust			979,378	1,001,476
Gain on Sale of Assets			2,946	503,732
TOTAL INCOME			1,400,100	1,920,357
EXPENDITURE				
Church Activities				
Staff Costs		268,455		248,871
Christian Education		53,625		52,091
Worship & Music		3,336		1,693
Congregational Activities		1,644		896
Communications		19,836		26,791
Session Costs		1,860		2,461
General Expenses		27,292		32,786
Audit Fees		7,985		6,619
Accounting Fees		6,190		4,300
Legal Fees		3,200		7,662
PCANZ Capital Trust Administration Fees		22,005		20,802
Total Church Activities			415,428	404,972
Property Costs				
Church Running Costs & Repairs		112,805		99,202
Church Improvements & New Equipment		2,078		2,707
Manse Rates, Insurance & Repairs		175		20,502
Legal Fees and Commissions on Sale of Manses		-		40,854
Troup House Running Costs & Repairs		25,258		21,491
Depreciation		62,954		62,003
Total Property Costs			203,270	246,759
Wider Work				
Presbyterian Church National Services, Parish & MMF Levies		100,933		130,907
Outreach Appeals Committee		13,500		13,919
Donations		9,920		5,177
Contribution to the BGI		30,000		30,000
Boys Brigade		43		2,560
Girls Brigade		1,121		1,582
VUW Lectureship		52,498		70,000
Total Wider Work Expenses			208,015	254,145
TOTAL EXPENSES			826,713	905,876
NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR			573,387	1,014,481
Less: Transfers to Inflation Protect the Capital Trust	4		(493,963)	(242,138)
Less: Transfers to Legacies	4		(17,863)	-
Plus: Transfers from Planned Maintenance Reserve	4		25,972	-
NET SURPLUS TRANSFERRED TO UNALLOCATED RESERVES			87,533	772,343
Plus: Transfer from Legacies			-	19,207
TOTAL MOVEMENT IN UNALLOCATED RESERVES			87,533	791,550

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



ST JOHN'S IN THE CITY

STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY for the year ended 30 June 2008

	Note	2008 \$	2007 \$
Net Surplus for the Year		573,387	1,014,481
Share Investment Revaluation	4	(179,470)	61,518
Total Recognised Revenues and Expenses for the Year		<u>393,917</u>	<u>1,075,999</u>
Total Equity at beginning of year		22,094,544	21,018,545
TOTAL EQUITY AT END OF YEAR		<u>22,488,461</u>	<u>22,094,544</u>

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 2008

	Note	\$	2008 \$	2007 \$
Current Assets				
Cash at Bank		42,293		45,290
Cash at PCANZ		665,329		639,354
Accounts Receivable		18,049		5,324
Interest Receivable		206,383		104,656
Capital Trust and Other Investments	2	<u>4,600,114</u>		<u>3,539,519</u>
Total Current Assets			5,532,168	4,334,143
Non Current Assets				
Capital Trust Investments	2	9,871,690		10,681,109
Fixed Assets	3	<u>7,142,324</u>		<u>7,123,598</u>
Total Non Current Assets			17,014,014	17,804,707
Total Assets			22,546,182	22,138,850
less Current Liabilities				
Accounts Payable		<u>57,721</u>		<u>44,306</u>
Total Current Liabilities			57,721	44,306
NET ASSETS			22,488,461	22,094,544
CAPITAL AND RESERVES	4		22,488,461	22,094,544


Treasurer


Council Chairperson

17 September 2008

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



ST JOHN'S IN THE CITY

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2008

Note 1 - Statement of Accounting Policies

General Accounting Policies

Reporting Entity

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

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

Differential Reporting

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

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

Measurement Base

The measurement base adopted is historic cost unless otherwise stated.

Basis of Preparation

Adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards

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

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

Specific Accounting Policies

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable are stated at expected realisable value.

Capital Trust Investments

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

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

Unrealised losses in the value of share investments of \$123,981 are included in the assets (2007 - \$51,501 unrealised gain).

Fixed Assets

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

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

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

Depreciation

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

Musical Equipment	15 years
Office Equipment	3-5 years
Furniture and Fittings	5 years
Church Equipment	5 years
Commercial Buildings	50 years



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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2008 (continued)

Building Improvements
Website

3-10 years
3 years

Legacies

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

Edward Carter Funds

Income from the Edward Carter Special Assistance Fund is allocated to special projects. 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.



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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2008 (continued)

Note 2 - Investments

	Maturity Date	Maturity Value \$	2008 \$	2007 \$
On Call				
Amalgamated Investment Fund (including proceeds from the sale of the manes)			2,100,060	1,588,296
Stocks				
Westpac RCD	March 2008	1,000,000	-	952,153
ASB Bank RCD	April 2008	2,000,000	-	1,884,615
Westpac RCD	April 2008	1,000,000	-	942,066
National Bank Bonds	September 2008	500,000	-	500,000
Dunedin City Treasury Bonds	October 2008	1,000,000	-	1,000,843
Telecom Corporate Bonds	April 2008	450,000	-	450,380
ANZ Term Deposit	April 2008	1,500,000	1,500,000	-
NRMA Corporate Bond	August 2008	1,000,000	1,000,055	1,000,275
BNZ Senior Bond	September 2009	1,000,000	992,334	-
BNZ Term Deposit	May 2010	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000
Powerco Corporate Bond	March 2011	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Waitakere City Council Bond	March 2011	1,000,000	951,844	-
Fonterra Corporate Bonds	April 2011	500,000	497,620	496,580
Westpac Bond	December 2011	500,000	498,781	-
Rabobank Bond	May 2012	750,000	750,000	750,000
Powerco Corporate Bond	September 2012	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Morgan Stanley Bonds	September 2012	750,000	686,609	-
ASB Bank Bond	November 2012	1,000,000	1,003,283	-
Telecom Corporate Bond	March 2013	500,000	500,000	500,000
Shares and Notes	No of Shares	Cost		
NZSX 50 Portfolio Index Fund	353,394	615,199	491,218	655,420
			<u>14,471,804</u>	<u>14,220,628</u>

Note 3 - Fixed Assets

	2008 Cost \$	2008 Current Year Depreciation \$	2008 Accumulated Depreciation \$	2008 Net Book Value \$	2007 Net Book Value \$
Furniture & Fittings	49,846	2,565	41,096	8,750	6,698
Musical Equipment	70,126	1,490	19,891	50,235	8,615
Hall Equipment	60,179	5,370	44,410	15,769	8,448
Church Equipment	2,797	280	2,668	129	409
Office Equipment	142,496	2,630	134,278	8,218	9,053
Building & Improvements	4,922,202	47,673	307,979	4,614,223	4,640,375
Land	2,450,000	-	-	2,450,000	2,450,000
	<u>7,697,646</u>	<u>60,008</u>	<u>550,322</u>	<u>7,147,324</u>	<u>7,123,598</u>

Note 4 - Capital and Reserves

	Balance 2007 \$	Net Movements for the year \$	Balance 2008 \$
Capital Trust	12,349,050	493,963	12,843,013
Legacies	547,455	17,863	565,318
Unallocated Reserves	1,372,977	87,533	1,460,510
Planned Maintenance Reserve	382,620	(25,972)	356,648
Property Brought to Account	7,370,845	-	7,370,845
Share Investment Revaluation Reserve	51,500	(179,470)	(127,970)
Staff Training Reserve	20,097	-	20,097
Total Capital and Reserves	<u>22,094,544</u>	<u>393,917</u>	<u>22,488,461</u>



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Note 4 - Capital and Reserves (continued)

The movement in the capital trust of \$493,962 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 2008, was 4.0% (2007 - 2.0%).

The movement in the Share Investment Revaluation Reserve of (\$179,470) represents the unrealised capital loss from the investment in units in the NZSX 50 Portfolio Index Fund.

Legacies are represented by the following bequests.

	Balance 2007 \$	Net Movements for the year \$	Balance 2008 \$
Tied Legacies for Sunday School prizes/funds	3,021	281	3,302
A W Reed Memorial (Kelburn) for Ministers books	1,523	142	1,665
Endowment Fund	23,434	2,179	25,613
E Carter Trust	161,019	14,974	175,993
A Gordon Estate	7,030	654	7,684
D Chappell Estate	7,030	654	7,684
Joan Andrews Estate - Specific or Special Item for St John's	126,110	(26,383)	99,727
Joan Andrews Estate - Andrews Family Memorial Trust	128,207	11,924	140,131
Noel Woods Estate	85,796	7,979	93,775
Alford Dornan Estate	1,172	109	1,281
J E Hetrick Estate	3,113	290	3,403
JC White Estate		5,060	5,060
	<u>547,455</u>	<u>17,863</u>	<u>565,318</u>

Note 5 - Movement in Planned Maintenance Reserve

	2008 \$	2007 \$
Balance of Planned Maintenance Reserve	356,648	382,620
	<u>356,648</u>	<u>382,620</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 based on valuations prepared by Telfer Young are as follows:

Property	2008 \$	2007 \$
Church, Hall & Spinks Cottage (reinstatement value for insurance as at 5 July 2007)	9,323,800	9,323,800
Troup House (reinstatement value for insurance as at 5 July 2007)	3,241,600	3,241,600

Note 7 - Related Party Disclosure

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

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

ST JOHN'S IN THE CITY

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2008 (continued)

Note 8 - Commitments

St Johns in the City has entered into a three year commitment with Victoria University to fund a Christian Theology lectureship. A renewed contract recommenced in January 2008. The commitments amount to:

- Current	\$35,000
- Non current	\$52,500

At balance date, there were no capital commitments outstanding (2007 – \$Nil).

Note 9 - Contingent Liabilities

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

In the previous financial year St John's retained a contingency for \$82,000 which was approved by the congregation for the establishment of a café in Spinks Cottage. The Wellington City Council declined resource consent. This was then appealed by the Boys and Girls Institute Incorporated at the Environment Court who upheld the Wellington City Council's decision.



MINISTERS

Interim Moderator
Vacancy - April 2007 - November 2008

Rev. Denzil Brown

ELDERS EMERITI

		INDUCTED
Lloyd Mr Roger	3 Winsley Tce, Churton Park	1979
Littler Mrs Betty	40 Cheshire Street, Wilton	1968
McCay Mr Robert	Flat 7/300 Oriental Parade	1980
Owen John Mrs Norah	35 Philip Street, Johnsonville	1970
Darroch Mr Alan	50 Sefton Street, Wadestown	1975
Gould Mr Russell	129 Barnard Street, Wadestown	1993
McKenzie Mr Bruce	Unit 33/389 Adelaide Rd, Berhamphore	1993
McKenzie Mrs Elizabeth	Unit 33/389 Adelaide Rd, Berhamphore	1993
Robertson Mrs Betty	407/2 Karori Rd, Karori	1992
Hunt, Mr John	248 Kimbolton Rd, Feilding 4702	1968

KIRK SESSION

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	12/25 Tacy Street, Kilbirnie	1990
Ewan Mr Rob	12/25 Tacy Street, Kilbirnie	1990
Pearse Ms Elaine	85 Beauchamp Street, Karori	1990
Van Milligan Miss Linda	7 Colchester Crescent, Newlands	1990
Labrum Mr Glen	114 John Sims Drive, Johnsonville	1992
Pollock Miss Lynn	49 Aro Street, City	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
Webster Mr Lawrence	5 Ngahue Crescent, Elsdon, Porirua	2001
Crombie Mrs Allie		2003
Davis Mr Ross	32 Talavera Terrace, Kelburn	2003
Poutoa Mr Mila	9 Murphy St, Thorndon	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
Annals Mr Geoff	142 Rakau Rd, Hataitai	2006
Chesney Mr Ross	1 Rossiter Rd, Tawa	2006
Gilkison Mrs Margaret	5 Henderson Street, Karori	2006
Prasad Ms Ani	21B Sunshine Ave, Karori	2006
Prasad Mr Ryhan	21B Sunshine Ave, Karori	2006
Salt Ms Ailsa	221B Karori Rd, Karori	2006

COUNCIL 2007-08

T.Cizadlo, Chair; D Ensor, M Ewan, J Irvine, J Marshall, R Chesney,
R. Davis, J Irvine, M Gibbs, R. Munro, G Annals, R Ewan, C Krogh

HISTORICAL RECORD

MINISTERS OF ST JOHN'S

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

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 (National)		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
125th Anniversary of the Wellington Boys' and Girls' Institute Inc.		2008

Interest Groups at St John's

: -new members always welcome - :

Women's Association

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

The Embroiderers' Group

Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month.
Contact Heather Smith on 385 1675

Monday Home Group (evenings)

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

Tuesday Home Group (evenings)

Meets fortnightly at various homes throughout Wellington city. Contact Paul and Louise Ramsay on 386 27 55, or paul@clear.net.nz

Tertiaries, 20s and 30s Sunday Study Group

Meets at 11.15 a.m. in the church office.
Contact Ashley Milkop on 488 8781 (Home).

English as a Second Language Bible Study

Meets every 2nd Monday, evenings, at 7.30 p.m. in the church office lounge. Contact Rev. Cherry Thompson on 383 6109

Wine & Theology Discussion Group

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

Topical Discussions

Information on topical discussions may be found in the weekly Bulletin, or on our website www.stjohnsinthecity.org.nz

Choir

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

Contemporary Music Group

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

Girls' Brigade

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

Boys' Brigade

Intermediate and High School Mondays 6 p.m. until 8.30 p.m. Primary School Thursdays 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. For all Boys aged 6 – 16 yrs.
Contact David on 237 9677 or 2wgt@bb.org.nz

St J's Kids

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

Pre-School Music and Movement

Meets weekly, on Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. in the gymnasium of the Conference Centre. Contact Anna Davis on 934 2167

St John's Youth

Junior Group ages 11 – 13 yrs
Sundays at 10 a.m. and Fridays 6.30 – 8.30 p.m.

Senior Group ages 13 – 18 yrs
Sundays 10 a.m. and Fridays 6.30 – 8.30 p.m.

For more details on any Youth activities, contact Ryhan Prasad on 385 9549

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