

# KELBURN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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## S I X T Y - N I N T H A N N U A L   R E P O R T

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### INTERIM MODERATOR

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### KIRK SESSION

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Mr F. Nauta, Miss A.L. Pollock, Mr W.A. Poole, Mr A.W. Feed, Mr F.D.  
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Superintendent and  
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Mr M.B. McKenzie

Junior Leader:

Mr M. Rogers

Primary Leader:

Mrs A.I. Robertson

Cradle Roll Superintendent:

Mrs M.B. McKenzie

TWENTIES - THIRTIES GROUP

Leaders:

Mr and Mrs J. Maindonald

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Convener:

Col. S.B. Wallace

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SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

For the Year Ended 30 June 1977

To be presented at the Annual Congregational Meeting  
on Sunday, 14 August 1977 at 12.30 p.m.

INTERIM MODERATOR'S REPORT

Dear Friends,

One of the most interesting documents that I've read since becoming Interim-Moderator of Kelburn was the brochure that was prepared for your 50th Jubilee in 1959. What particularly impressed me was the buoyancy and enterprise with which Kelburn had started out as a parish, way back in 1909. You had only 40 members then (of whom I know that at least one is still alive), but decided to become self-supporting straight away, and started on the building programme which has given you so beautiful a set of buildings.

Well, I was interested in that spirit of 1909 because it seemed to be such a contrast with the feeling that prevailed in late December of 1976, and that seemed to intensify during the first few months of this year: a feeling of despondency, a feeling of financial, well, I won't say despair, but at least questionability, and a feeling of some uncertainty about the future of Kelburn as a parish.

But now I'm interested in that spirit of 1909 for a different reason: not because it is such a contrast with the spirit of 1977, but because the spirit of 1909 seems to be creeping back into Kelburn. It feels a much more hopeful outfit than when I first came to know it a few short months ago. People are volunteering to do things, or I should say, more people seem to be more willing to do more things, for there have always been many of you willing to do much. People are thinking of new things to do, and taking the initiative in doing them. Certainly, the momentous decision to share a minister with the Brooklyn parish has been made, so that Kelburn feels it knows where it's going for a little while ahead. That has, doubtless helped. But I get the feeling on every side that people are feeling a little more confident about Kelburn's future, and rather more people agree with me that it wouldn't be very surprising if, in the comparatively near future, Kelburn is once again not only needing, but fully able to support, the services of a full-time minister of its own.

4. Meantime, the Board of Nomination is tackling the task of finding a minister to share with Brooklyn. Meantime also, Kelburn still needs every ounce of initiative, of energy, of loving imagination, and, to be very mundane, every cent of money that we can put into it. For nothing is more certain than this: that whatever you or I may think about the future of Kelburn, there live within it several thousand people for whom God has shown His concern in Christ, and for whom He expects us to go on showing that same concern. For all of us need the good news of God's love for us in Christ, and His assurance of the Spirit's peace and joy and love in living to God's glory.

May the blessing, the guidance, and the love of God be with us all in the church year now starting. Up the spirit of 1909!

Yours sincerely,

Ian Ramsden.

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#### THE KIRK SESSION

Looking back on the year that has passed, we realise it has been a time of decision-making, the culmination of several years of planning and uncertainty. We have faced up to the sobering fact that membership has been declining, and that our financial resources have been eroded, with little or no prospect of income keeping pace with inflation. We might therefore expect that there would be a mood of pessimism, even of defeat, amongst office-bearers and congregation. It is even true that closure of the church at Kelburn was one of the options we faced during the course of the year. It was one we refused to contemplate.

Thank God, we begin a new year in a spirit of optimism, conscious of all He has done, is doing, and will do for us in the future. In dependance on His love and power, we are determined to do His work in our neighbourhood with renewed zeal and devotion.

In fulfilling its duty to report on the events of the past year, Session is aware of the need to summarise the various decisions that have been made in preparation for a final commitment early in July. Late in November the Rev. David Keall announced his resignation, after seven years of ministry in the Parish. This event coincided with a welcome approach from Calvin Presbyterian Church office-bearers in Brooklyn proposing that we hold discussions with them on the possibility of a shared ministry. Who can doubt the

Hand of God is revealed to His people in their time of need?

5.

A great deal of time has been absorbed during the first six months of 1977 in debating the Brooklyn proposal at meetings of office-bearers and congregation, and at the Board of Nomination appointed by Presbytery. By the conclusion of the church's financial year, agreement on all points had been reached, awaiting only the approval of the congregation and Presbytery.

During this demanding period we have been greatly indebted to our Interim Moderator, the Rev. Ian Ramsden, who has presided at every meeting, guiding us with wise advice and genial control of our discussions. It now seems certain that the Board of Nomination, augmented by four Brooklyn representatives, will be in a position to appoint a Minister to both churches, spending one third of his time in the service of Brooklyn, two thirds with Kelburn.

Already there are signs of stabilisation in membership and increased giving. As envisaged, the arrangement with Brooklyn should solve the immediate financial problems of both churches and, we hope, lead us eventually into a period of growth and effective witness.

At a meeting held on 29 May 1977 the members of the congregation pledged themselves to renewed service and support of a minister, when appointed. A priority for the coming year will be the implementation of this resolve. Session and Managers held an all-day Retreat prior to the congregational meeting at which the resolution was passed. The spirit of that resolution was reflected in the number of objectives defined by the office-bearers.

Apart from time spent on issues relating to the future of the Church, Session has been engaged in many other duties, some of a routine nature but essential to the life of the Parish. We shall miss Mr George Thomson who was Rolls Clerk, but are glad that he and Mrs Thomson are retaining membership of the Kelburn Church. Mr Harold Parsons and Mrs Parsons, made a wonderful contribution in several avenues of service and are sadly missed. To compensate for losses, we have had the joy of ordaining and welcoming Miss Janet Davidson, Mrs Winifred Maindonald, and Mr Paul Murphy to our ranks. Recent accessions to Session have appreciably lowered the average age of members - an encouraging sign for the future.

The Communicant Roll now stands at 108, 3 members having been received by transfer or by resolution of Session, 2 being disjoined, and the

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names of 7 deleted from the roll by reason of death or removal from the district. There were two baptisms during the year.

Two notable events toward the end of 1976 were the concert, and the Fair which made a splendid contribution to our funds. There have been several Parish meals and meetings on Sundays, with varied attendances. On Sunday evenings a small group meets for worship and discussion, its numbers considerably augmented on the last Sunday of each month when the tea for Sunday School children is followed by games and a helpful service of worship. It does appear, however, that evening meetings on any night of the week are a thing of the past.

We express gratitude to all who have helped in various ways - to visiting preachers, not forgetting our own people who have conducted services from time to time, to the organist, to those who gave the interior of the hall such a face-lift; and in our prayers we remember Mrs Gwenda Keall, seeking strength for her in the days to come. Older members of the congregation now in homes for the elderly are also in our thoughts and prayers. Above all, we thank God for His goodness to us during the year, and in His promises for all the days to come.

#### ASSOCIATION OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN : MORNING GROUP

This year, as last, no formal annual meeting was held, but over the last two years the group has been able to maintain its identity, and even increase its membership.

All our meetings have been in members homes, with an average attendance of about 12, and to the hostesses involved we express our thanks. In November we enjoyed a visit to Prof. and Mrs Seelye's home in Waikanae, and several husbands and children came too. We were glad to renew our friendship also on this occasion with Mrs Maddock.

During the year we said farewell to Mrs H. Parsons, who has gone to Tauranga.

For over a year we have had no President, but a system of more or less voluntary rotation of leadership ensures the continuity of the group, without undue burden on any one member.

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We feel we played a very essential part in the congregation's activities of the past year, even though our group is small. The highlight was our sharing in the parish's Spring Fair in November, which raised \$1,300. We contributed \$100 of this from early sales of goods and baking, and we gave woman-power and money on the day also, as we were able.

We gave \$10 to the Mission to Lepers from our funds, and supported their Cuba Mall Fair. \$5 was sent to the Ludhiana Hospital, \$10 towards the painting of the Sunday School hall, Conference fees were paid for our church's two delegates to the A.P.W. Conference in April, and we helped serve, and contributed plates, for several morning teas and lunches, including an enjoyable morning tea at Assembly at Lower Hutt in November.

Several of our members share in the work of staffing the P.S.S.A. lounge and shop in Cuba St, a worthwhile job, as \$28,000 was raised during the year. A parcel of linen was sent to the Carleys in Papua New Guinea, and Christmas greetings were sent to several former members.

We were very sorry to learn of Gwenda Keall's illness, and have been glad to share in providing help for her family.

To Mrs T. Robinson our Treasurer, Mrs R. Highet, Stamp Secretary, Mrs S. Wallace and Mrs R. Gibbins who share secretarial duties, Mrs J. Maindonald for sharing Conference experiences and Conference tapes for discussion, and to all our loyal members, we express thanks as we do also to Mr A.W. Reed as he retires as Session Clerk.

We are conscious of the large task the parish faces as we plan the next phase of our life, and though we know we must look to those younger and fitter than ourselves to carry the main burdens, and gather the future harvests, we are glad to pledge our prayers and support towards the successful outcome of the negotiations now in hand, and we give thanks to God for His presence and help during this past year.

#### BOARD OF MANAGERS

During a vacancy one discovers just how large is a minister's contribution to the daily chores in the running of a church. Thankfully one also discovers the numerous members of the congregation willing to assist, for which the Managers are grateful.

In this period of vacancy we have been well served by our Interim

TWENTIES THIRTIES GROUP

While continuing with meetings at members' homes after church on the first or second Sunday each month, our main activity has been to clean and paint the inside of the main Sunday School hall. We managed to have the primer on in time for Rev D. Keall's farewell luncheon. The painting took a lot longer, and it wasn't finished till May. It was a big job, but well worth all the effort. We also organised a Carol service on the Sunday evening before Christmas, which seemed to be enjoyed equally by the congregation and the participants.

During the summer months we had barbecues at Wilton Bush. One of these was quite successful, but the weather was not at all helpful for the other. In April an evening tea was held at Lyn Pollock's and some representatives went on to the Maori-Pakeha evening at Knox Presbyterian Church, Lower Hutt. In July a Corso representative spoke on the work they are doing overseas and at home. We have an average attendance of 12 adults and varying numbers of children.

FINANCE REPORT

Owing to the vacancy, and to the highly successful fair held towards the end of 1976, there is little comparison between the two sets of financial accounts displayed in this report (1976-77, and 1975-76).

The net income from the fair was \$1283.

Taking advantage of the vacancy, the Manse was let for most of the latter part of the financial year, bringing a substantial income from rent. Thus the vacancy has not diminished our income to the extent that might otherwise have been expected.

Within our more normal income, there has been a good rise in the offerings (\$1000) partly offset by some reduction in the giving at the special appeals (\$450).

In terms of net income, there has been a turn around in our accounts of more than \$2000 - an excess of expenditure last year of \$995 being changed to a net income of \$1178. But the two years are hardly comparable.

More important has been the boost of \$1400 in our liquid reserves. Estimates of the cost of maintenance now necessary to prepare the

Manse for a new Manse family suggest that we shall need considerably more than this - but as the reserves now stand at nearly \$4000, we can consider ourselves well able to cope.

Costs are continuing to rise. The rate of stipend for a minister in the current year (1977-78) is \$1000 above last year's level, and car expenses are correspondingly higher than last year.

For 1976-77 our assessment for the Assembly Budget was \$1132, and in response to an urgent appeal for funds made late in the year, we increased our contribution to a total of \$1250. Thus we met the former standard, of paying 110% of the assessment. In 1977-78, however, our assessment will be \$1710, which is a 50% increase on the 1976-77 assessment, or a 37% increase in the actual contribution.

Evidently, we cannot afford to relax our efforts to meet the financial needs of the Church as a whole, as well as meeting those of our own parish in Kelburn.

# ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

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## TRUST & DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS For the Year Ended 30 June 1977

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Presbyterian Church (£)	Balance 1976	Interest	Deposits	Withdrawals	Balance 1977
<u>Trust Accounts</u>					
Johns Memorial	126	13			139
McLeod Memorial	206	21			227
<u>Deposit Account</u>					
Pipe Organ Fund	68	4			72
Painting & Maintenance	216	13	2472	1300	1400
Transfer Expenses	289	16	300		605
Equipment Replacement	671	37			708
Church Renovation	421	23			444
Projector Equipment	94	5			99
Special Purpose	589	33			622
	2681	164	2772	1300	4316

(£)

## BUILDING SOCIETY SHARES

Group No.	Balance 1976	Profit	Subscription	Matured Value
45	193	12	10	215

(N.B. This terminates the final group of Building Society Shares)

(£)

## SPECIAL OBJECTS

Beneficiary	Congregation's Gifts		Church's Supplement		Total	Paid
	1977	1976	1977	1976	1977	1976
N.C.C. Christmas Appeal	101	153	-	-	101	153
Ludhiana Appeal	379	-	-	-	379	-
Presentations	247	-	32	23	279	23
P.S.S.A.	-	9	-	-	-	9
C.O.R.S.O.	-	109	-	1	-	110
Aroha House	-	18	-	-	-	18
Pacific Island Church	-	316	-	9	-	325
Victoria Student Chaplaincy	-	-	-	50	-	50
N.Z. S.C.M.	-	-	-	10	-	10
N.Z. Refugee Homes	-	-	-	10	-	10
	727	606	32	103	759	708

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

<u>Income</u> (£)	<u>1977</u>	<u>1976</u>
Offerings	7989	6955
Donations & Rent	1273	1281
Interest	14	9
Special Objects	727	606
Special Appeals	1254	1703
Profit from Building Society	12	39
Christian Education	-	311
Fair	1283	-
Excess of Expenditure	-	995
	<u>12552</u>	<u>11897</u>

Expenditure      (£)

Salaries	5983	7134
Direct Expenses	2140	1671
Indirect Expenses	1042	1029
Depreciation	200	200
Special Objects	759	708
Assembly Budget	1250	1155
Excess of Income	1178	-
	<u>12552</u>	<u>11897</u>

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS  
For Year Ended 30 June 1977

<u>Receipts</u> (£)	<u>1977</u>	<u>1976</u>
Balance from last year	500	400
Offerings	7989	6955
Envelopes	6789	5868
Plate	1129	1027
Sunday School	<u>71</u>	<u>59</u>
Donations	575	1261
Interest	14	9
Christian Education	-	311
Deposits Withdrawn	1300	500
Building Society Shares	215	413
Special Appeals	1254	1703
Special Objects	727	606
Rent	698	20
Fair	<u>1283</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>14555</u>	<u>12176</u>



Payments (£)

Salaries	5983		7040
Stipend	4084	5797	
Car Allowance	437	650	
Expense Allowance	188	250	
Organist	300	300	
Supply	974	43	
Direct Expenses	2140		1671
Christian Education	127	251	
Insurance & Rates	753	735	
Heat & Light	169	121	
Printing & Advertising	347	142	
Newsletters	53	57	
Telephones & Postage	161	152	
Property	499	88	
Travel Expenses	-	50	
Sundry Expenses	37	75	
Indirect Expenses	1042		1029
Beneficiary Fund Premium	882	802	
Seniority Levy	160	133	
Presbytery Levy	-	94	
Investments	2782		73
Building Society Shares	10	60	
Presbyterian Church	2772	13	
Special Objects	759		708
Assembly Budget	1250		1155
Balance to Next Year	600		500
	<u>11,555</u>		<u>12176</u>

BALANCE SHEET  
as at 30 June, 1977

(£)		1977	1976
(1) Trust and Deposit Funds			
Balance last year	2681	2959	
Add Interest	164	209	
Add Deposits	2772	13	
Deduct Withdrawals	-1300	-500	2681
(2) Accumulated Funds			
Balance last year	9532	10040	
Add Deposits Withdrawn	1300	500	
Deduct Deposits made	-2772	-13	
Add Excess of Income	1178	-95	9532
(3) Revaluation Reserve	67146		67146
	<u>80701</u>		<u>79359</u>
(4) The above represented by Assets as follows :			
(A) Current Assets			
Balance at Bank	600	500	
Presbyterian Church	3950	4550	2848
(B) Investments			
Trust Accounts	366	333	
Building Socy Shares	-	366	526
(C) Fixed Assets			
Furniture	600	800	
Deduct Depreciation	-200	-200	
	400	600	
Pipe Organ (Valuation)	2285	2285	
Land & Buildings			
(Valuation)	73100	75785	75985
		<u>80701</u>	<u>79359</u>



Auditor's Report

I have examined the books and vouchers of the Kelburn Presbyterian Church for the year ended 30 June, 1977, and have obtained all the information and explanations I have required. In my opinion, the above Balance Sheet and accompanying Receipts and Payments Account are correct and give a true and fair view of the transactions of the church for the year ended 30 June, 1977, and its position at that date.

(Signed) Margaret M. Hutchinson (F.C.A.)  
(Honorary Auditor)