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## 150th Annual Report 2002-2003

*“I will rise now and go about  
the city,  
in the streets and in the squares;  
I will seek him whom my soul  
loves.”*

*I sought him, but found him not.  
The sentinels found me,  
as they went about in the city.*

*“Have you seen him whom my  
soul loves?”*

*Scarcely had I passed them,  
when I found him whom my  
soul loves.*

*I held him, and would not let  
him go.*



**St John's**  
in the City  
Presbyterian Church



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Paintings in the 'Song of Solomon' series

### 'The Day His Heart Rejoiced'

The title of this painting was taken from Solomon 3 v 11.

In this series of paintings I have been looking at the search for the beloved in the city.

The beloved is Jesus.

*"By night on my bed I sought him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I found him not. I will rise now and go about the city in the streets' and in the broad ways I will seek him whom my soul loveth; I sought him, but I found him not. The watchmen that go about the city found me: to whom I said, saw ye him whom my soul loveth?"*

*It was but a little that I passed from them, but I found him whom my soul loveth: I held him, and would not let him go . . ."*

*This is a nuptial song, where the love between the bridegroom and his bride are set forth. This illustrates the mutual affections that pass between God and his people.*

*In the Old Testament God betrothed the people of Israel to himself; he entered into covenant with them, and it was a marriage-covenant. He had given abundant proofs of his love to them and required of them that they should love him with all their heart and soul. God wants continual faithfulness.*

*In the New Testament Christ is represented as the bridegroom of his church and the church as the bride.*



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# ST. JOHN'S IN THE CITY

## 150th ANNUAL REPORT 2002/2003

### Foreword

As I think ahead to our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in October and read a draft copy of *A Church Standing Tall*, I am struck by the changing character of the church. A series of snapshots, 50 years apart, tells an interesting story.

We start at 1853. John Moir begins his ministry. His congregation – largely a breakaway group from St Andrew's – is a settler church consisting of Scottish migrants, exercising characteristic vision and gritty determination, with a bit of dissension bubbling away in the background. It is a time of rapid growth, for both emerging city and church, and the first building, opened in 1856 and seating 200 members, has to be enlarged within 4 years.

We skip to 1903. The settler church is now a settled church. The 35-year ministry of James Paterson, who succeeded John Moir, comes to a close and James Gibb is about to commence his ministry. A new church has been built, designed by Thomas Turnbull, seating 800. The congregation, with some of Wellington's most influential people in its ranks, is described in a Presbytery report as wealthy and prosperous. This is the era of George Troup – architect, mayor, sponsor of the arts, advocate for education, church elder, founder of the Bible Class movement and Wellington Boys Institute (now BGI).

We jump to 1953: The centenary celebrations convey a strong sense of thankfulness for the past, confidence about the present and optimism for the future. New Zealand is a Christian society, the church is growing and the Bible Class movement is at its height. The harvest is ripe. It is the time of the New Life Movement and parish missions. Bill Temple, a renowned preacher and radio broadcaster, has been St John's minister for 5 years.

And finally we come to 2003. The context for ministry has changed dramatically. New Zealand is now described as a post-Christian society; the

Church in this country has been in steady decline for the last 40 years; and the confidence and optimism of the 1950s has given way to uncertainty and pessimism. Once standing at the heart of society, the Church is now often dismissed as irrelevant. Has the harvest field become barren ground? Because of its trust funds St John's is able to withstand the financial pressures experienced by other congregations, but it knows it can't survive on memories of a golden age.

That's the context for this annual report. Behind this report stands a fundamental challenge of how this church – 150 years old and standing tall – is exploring new

ways of being church and exercising ministry and mission in a context quite unlike that of our forebears and founders. What will this church look like in 50 years time? If we want to flourish and not merely survive, we will require many of the attributes shown by those that have gone before us – vision, innovation, tenacity and canniness, all undergirded by a confidence in God's providence and grace. I hope you will be encouraged by the reports that follow, and detect in them signs of all of the above.

In closing, I do want to acknowledge with thanks everyone who contributes to the life and mission of this church, and to once again thank on your behalf our Session Clerk, Muriel Ewan, for the leadership role that she has exercised this past year.

*Grace and peace to you all.*

**Graham Redding**



*Graham Redding*

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## Session Report

At a time when Christian Churches in many parts of the world are declining in numbers and are perceived to be irrelevant in the modern age, it is exciting to belong to a church which is not only growing in numbers but is reaching out into the community in relevant ways. The Rev Dr Graham Redding continues to challenge session to 'think outside the square' and to keep in the forefront the real mission of the church.

In July 2002, The Rev Neil Johnston, accepted a call to St Andrews Church in Hamilton. At a farewell function session and congregation thanked Neil for his ministry especially his friendliness and pastoral care, and Beverley for her work with the Sunday School and Girls' Brigade during their eight years at St John's in the City. Graham Redding said Neil was a caring Pastor and spoke of the importance he placed on his role as Moderator of Presbytery. All present wished them God's blessing as they took up the call to a new ministry in Hamilton. The vacancy resulting from Neil's move prompted session to consider the future shape of team ministry at St John's. After some months of discussion the decision was made to seek an Assistant Minister to work alongside Graham. The kind of person required would be a capable liturgist and preacher and would have particular skills and experience in the areas of pastoral care and ministry with youth and families. The Rev Helen Martin from Dunedin was the preferred candidate and the congregation was unanimous in the decision to offer her the position. Helen's ordination and induction took place on 3 July 2003. We look forward to beginning a new year with a complete ministry team. During the vacancy, Mrs Allie Crombie, an elder, was appointed as a parttime pastoral worker. Allie, blest with outstanding people skills, has put considerable time and effort into her role and is warmly welcomed into the homes she visits. Following the Annual General Meeting in September, the Outreach policy was changed from being primarily that of a benefactor role to that of partner in mission with related community organizations. This important change in direction enabled St John's to prioritize and support major projects in its mission in the community. After 12 months of operation, the function of St John's Council was reviewed. The representative membership of the council is proving beneficial enhancing the communication between the committees and providing a much more holistic perspective in the administration of the parish. Session expressed its thanks to Malcolm Shaw as chairperson, for his diligence and commitment as well as acknowledging the Council's work. In February, six new elders were welcomed to session. During the year, long serving elders, Bruce McKenzie and Russell Gould retired from active eldership and accepted Elder Emeritus status.

The relationship between St John's in the City and the neighbouring churches has been further

strengthened this year under Graham Redding's leadership. The combined services at Christmas, Ash Wednesday and Pentecost, with St Peters and St Mary of the Angels, are evidence of the willing cooperation between the denominations. One of the requirements of Graham's Terms of Call, was to create a closer link with Victoria University. The initiative to fund a Lectureship in Christian Theology at VUW has been an exciting and interesting project for session. John Allen assisted with discussions to establish this position and so it is with considerable satisfaction that both parties have reached the stage of signing the Agreement to proceed. The next step will be the appointment of the lecturer to begin in 2004. A BGI initiative to establish a youth café in Spinks Cottage is currently under discussion. Having already obtained the agreement of the congregation to relocate the ministers and staff to Troup House the cottage would be available for such use. BGI already has the support of the Wellington City Council and other corporate entities for this enterprise. The variety of programmes available to youth in the community through the BGI initiatives is exciting and underpins the value of the partnership with St John's.

At Graham's request, session appointed a group to conduct an appraisal of his two year ministry at St John's. Letters were sent to people who had working relationships with him in six key areas of his ministry. Namely, Leadership, Worship and Preaching, Education, Pastoral Care, Outreach and Work in the wider Church. The responses reflected a warm and enthusiastic endorsement of Graham's ministry. He is fulfilling the hopes and expectations that were expressed in his Terms of Call. Those of us privileged to work closely with him are full of admiration for his depth of vision and energy for the mission of the church. Graham's work in the wider church is held in high regard and it is inevitable that he will continue to make a substantial contribution in that area. In September 2002, he was invited to attend a Colloquium on Theology and the built Environment at Calvin Theological Seminary, Michigan USA. As an inner city church there is much we can learn from churches in similar situations in other parts of the world. Session was pleased Graham was able to represent New Zealand churches on that occasion.

Session is delighted with the quality of the worship services, the musicianship of our organist, Eleanor Carter, the contribution of the Choir, the Music group and all others who willingly assist each Sunday. Special thanks to Betty Robertson, her team of greeters, and those who attend to the morning teas after the service, also Jinny Irvine and the Social Committee. The youth work is very important and it is exciting to see so many children and young adults present on Sunday mornings. Session is indebted to the work of Margaret Galt as she supervises the Sunday School and to her team of teachers. Lisa Smith's Youth Ministry has been a

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demanding role and session is appreciative of her efforts in this area and of the leaders who assist her. We wish Lisa well as she moves on to further her training in other areas. The Counselling Service has again filled a valued need in the community. Session thanks Joan Baber for her dedication and integrity in this area and also Elizabeth Bayliss who has ably assisted Joan.

On behalf of the session, I acknowledge and thank all convenors, members of committees and groups who have contributed in many and varied ways to the work of St John's in the City. My grateful appreciation to the staff for their willing assistance, dedication and loyalty.

**Muriel Ewan**  
*Session Clerk*

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## **St John's Council**

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

Finance	Ross Chesney
Property	John Irvine
Mission and Outreach	(currently vacant)
Communication	Ross Davis
Christian Education	Beth Beard
Women's Association	Mary Gibbs
Social	Jinny Irvine
Staffing	John Marshall
150 <sup>th</sup> anniversary	Peter Baillie

Following the financial deficit suffered in 2002, the Finance Committee has been strengthened, with improved budgeting guidelines and better monitoring of expenditure now in place. However the real financial problem is that since 2000 our investment income has reduced by about \$200,000 a year because of reduced interest rates and higher inflation. There is no likelihood of an improvement in this situation in the foreseeable future, so if St John's is to maintain its present level of ministry and outreach and other activities, an increase in congregational giving will be needed.

For 2003, we have been fortunate that a combination of one-off bonus investment income and lower than expected expenses has meant that a financial surplus has been achieved. However, for 2004, we are forecasting another financial deficit. A continuing deficit can only be met by drawing down cash reserves, which will naturally result in lower investment income in future years. Just like a household, when spending is greater than income, then in future years there will be less money available. A campaign to invite all congregational

members to review their level of giving will be underway shortly. The present level of St John's offerings per member is about half the national average for the Presbyterian Church, and our aim will be to reduce that gap.

After a lengthy period of reviewing the upgrade requirements for relocating the St John's ministry and administration staff into Troup House, coupled with the decision by Session to enter into a partnership with Wellington City Council and BGI to set up Spinks Cottage as a youth café, it has been decided to reduce the cost of upgrades to Troup House by not installing a lift. This will reduce the cost of the upgrade by over \$100,000.

Improvements to the church's landscaping were undertaken during the year. Also, the church's sound system was upgraded and finetuned. Troup House is fully tenanted, and it is interesting to note that the parish's rental income is substantially greater than income from offerings. The Ponsonby Road manse was rented for eight months during the vacancy between the ministries of Neil Johnston and Helen Martin.

In common with many other community groups which are reliant on volunteers, the church is finding it harder to meet all of its needs from volunteers alone and increasingly must use paid staff and tradespeople to do much of its administrative and handyman tasks.

The book recognising the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St John's will be available in September. It is titled 'Church Standing Tall' by Scott Thomson.

**Malcolm Shaw**  
*Chair, St John's Council*

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## Worship

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

Pentecost 2003. A congregation of around 240 people. At the conclusion of the quarterly communion the table is rolled back, the lights are dimmed, and a dance interpretation of Psalm 147, choreographed and led by renowned dancer Michael Parmenter, begins. The musical score, composed by David Downes and sung by Maria and Peter Winder, Dayle Anderson and Jeremy Benet, is ethereal, and the dance, involving 12 congregational members walking in an interweaving pattern and passing lights to one another, is deeply moving. Eternity in time. At the end, silence. We have witnessed something quite special, and the presence of the Spirit is almost tangible. Pentecost is no longer just a date in the church year; it's a present reality.

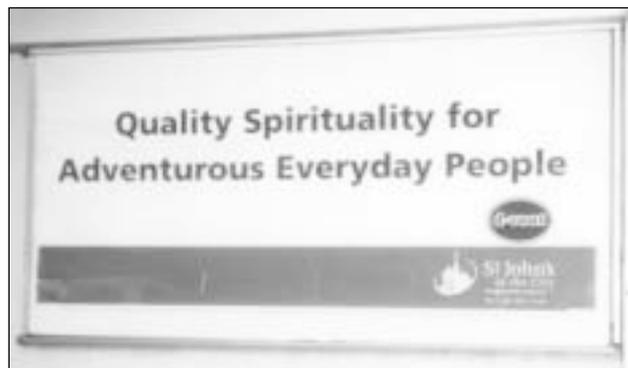
I will remember that moment for a long time as, I suspect, judging by the emails and phone calls that followed, will many others. There have been other moments too. Who among the Christmas morning congregation, for example, will forget Brendon Gourdsward's dramatic mime to the sound track of 'Mission Impossible'? Or the choir, under Maria Winder's able direction, singing movements from Handel's Messiah in the carol services. And then there was the scene of the whole congregation gathering in reflective silence around the cross on Good Friday, and returning two days later to cry, "Christ is risen!" There have been other moments too. The testimonies of John Hunt, Betty Robertson and Michael Parmenter in the youth service, which had as its theme Jesus' parable of the talents. The music group contributing in a significant way to our morning worship. The sports service featuring Linda Vagana. The hardy Maundy Thursday congregation, huddled around a brazier in the courtyard on a cold and stormy night. The spectacular and innovative floral displays. Linda van Milligan's solo rendition of Psalm 139 and Eleanor Carter's piano rendition of Mozart's Fantasia in D Minor. The summer music recitals. The all-age worship services, and children's dramas and musical compositions. And so on. As I look back on these and other moments I think we can say that we have truly been "a gathered community, drawn together in all our variety to joyfully worship the one God."

I want to record my thanks to all who have been involved in worship this past year, both up the front and behind the scenes. Special thanks to Peter Baillie, who convened the worship committee, and oversaw the upgrade of the sound system and the repair of the hymn books; Eleanor Carter, who has so willingly taken on more and more responsibility for the music and who is such a gifted organist; William Galt, who has faithfully operated the data projection unit each Sunday; all those who served on the Sunday duty rosters (sound, door duty, welcoming, bell ringing, morning tea, flowers); everyone who has led from the front (choir, soloists,

music group, readers and intercessors); and those who so willingly stepped in to conduct worship when I was unavailable.

As we celebrate 150 years of worship here at St John's, I think we can look to the future with a sense of thankfulness, joy and confidence, all of which is enhanced by Helen Martin's arrival. We look forward to her contribution to the worshipping life of our congregation over the coming year.

### Graham Redding



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## Counselling Service

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St. John's in the City Counselling Service

After 12 years of continuous operation the Counselling Service is in as much demand as ever. In the immediate city area it is the only totally free service, a feature of enormous benefit to the many financially struggling and psychologically disturbed people in our midst. Each year around 70 new clients receive personal help and, through them, many other lives are touched in positive ways.

The Assistant Counsellor, Elizabeth Bayliss, has completed her Diploma in Counselling and is now working towards completing her degree. Elizabeth is contracted for up to 30 hours a month which is additional to the 20 hours per week worked by Joan Baber. Having this assistance has been of great benefit in keeping the waiting list to a manageable size, and waiting times lessened. Even so, each week several people, who do not wish to wait, are referred to the few other, equally busy, low fee agencies. Also, having Elizabeth reduces the sense of professional isolation and gives clients more choice of who they see and when.

The question is sometimes asked, either by a client as a concern or a parishioner as an expectation on whether this is a 'Christian Counselling Service'. The short answer is "Yes, it is". Since its inception the Counselling Service has been grounded in Christian values, freely offering a non-judgemental interface between church and community. Those clients who have been hurt or been rejected by their traditional family church, or other church groups; or others who find institutional church either irrelevant or to be viewed with suspicion, are always relieved and grateful to find a safe place of caring and inclusive acceptance. A church offering a "Christ-like" service like this with 'no strings attached' is rare and precious in this modern world. The ethos also fits with the personal value system of the counsellors who are both active in their own parishes. Those clients who ask for or expect 'Christian Counselling' are usually already operating within a framework which includes 'church'. Other avenues of assistance are therefore possible.

The Counselling service at St. John's is frequently used by local mental and medical health services as a preferred referral agency known for its high

standard of professionalism and ethical practice as well as its availability to all.

Most indicators, such as referral source, ethnic mix and types of presenting issues have remained stable. (However, the percentage of females, of younger people and of the unemployed have all risen slightly. It is too soon to say whether these will be continuing trends). A very few people receive long-term, but less frequent support but most are able to move on after 6-8 sessions. There has been an increased readiness by the mental health services to recommend either additional or long term counselling to those with less severe and non-medicated psychological disorders. Difficulties in relationships and identity are very common in the younger age group.

A close association is still maintained with the Aro Health Clinic, a complementary, low-fee medical service now permanently located in Upper Willis Street.

Both Counsellors receive regular professional supervision and are conscientious in maintaining ongoing training and other professional and ethical standards. Two workers from the "not for profit" religious and welfare sector receive monthly supervision and although this represents a small source of income for the counselling Service, it is not possible to offer more without detracting from the 'core business'. It would be possible to offer a low-fee supervision service at no extra cost to St. John's as a separate activity, with considerable benefit to the social service sector and likely to generate considerable good-will for St. John's.

Spinks Cottage continues to be a welcoming and homely venue, an atmosphere which is enhanced by the friendliness and competency of the staff, Jennifer Cassels and Jan Stiebert, by the efficient caretaking duties of Tony Hastings and by the collegial support of the Rev. Dr. Graham Redding.

Both Joan and Elizabeth wish to thank the members of St. John's in the City for the continuing opportunity to contribute to the mission of the church through this gift of free counselling to troubled people in our community.

**Joan Baber, MZAC**

*Counsellor, July, 2003*

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# Outreach

*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.*

Following last year's AGM there was extensive discussion about the nature and structure of outreach. A congregational meeting in November 2002 approved the following outreach policy:

1. That up to 25% of budgeted income, net of the required inflationary adjustment to the Trust Fund, is committed to outreach. This will include the PCANZ national levies, which represent our commitment to the wider work of the church. It will exclude grants made from the Carter and Mackenzie funds.
2. That most of St John's commitment in outreach is to establish partnerships in outreach rather than be a benefactor of outreach.
3. That proposed financial outlays in outreach be assessed on the grounds of the nature of the relationship with the organization concerned and the possibility of an ongoing and active partnership that advances the mission of St John's. The stronger the relationship and possibility for partnership, the stronger the commitment. Projects can only be approved for an agreed term, with a review prior to the end of that period to consider whether there are good reasons for the project to be continued, should further funds be requested.
4. That a minimum of 5% and a maximum of 15% of the outreach budget (excluding PCANZ levies) be committed to national and/or international initiatives in mission.
5. That the congregation be invited and encouraged to contribute personally to projects wherever possible.
6. Where the anticipated level of outreach expenditure exceeds 25% of budgeted income, the congregation will be encouraged to make up the short-fall through a special appeal.
7. Where the amount available for outreach exceeds the budgeted expenditure the balance shall be available for distribution by the Outreach Committee provided there is a budgeted surplus of income over expenditure for the year.
8. That a minimum of 5% and a maximum of 15% of the outreach budget (excluding PCANZ levies) be set aside for discretionary spending in outreach. Discretionary funding is deemed to consist of this amount in the annual budget plus the monies available under the Carter Special Assistance Fund and the untied legacies (consisting mainly of the Mackenzie Fund).

One of the consequences of the above policy was that the outreach committee needed to revise its **terms of reference**, which it did in the following terms:

1. Prepare, seek approval for, and maintain strategies and policies on parish mission and outreach priorities and objectives.
2. Implement the St John's Policy on Outreach and bring forward recommendations to the congregation.
3. Identify potential partnerships in outreach and community involvement, and monitor and maintain existing partnerships. This will involve liaising and maintaining links with various organizations within the city and community, including: DCM, BGI, Presbyterian Support, Scots College, Queen Margaret College, Victoria House, Weir House, Everton Hall, and Capital City Preschool. It will also involve liaising with other faith communities within the city, including the Wellington Agape Church, the Victoria University chaplains and the Ecumenical Chaplaincy Board, St Andrew's on the Terrace, St Peter's Anglican Church and St Mary of the Angels.
4. Identify, encourage and recommend to Council people who can represent St John's and maintain links with these groups, organizations and faith communities.
5. Provide the Council, Session and the parish with relevant information on initiatives and activities undertaken by those organizations.
6. Develop, implement and review guidelines and procedures for the allocation of discretionary spending in accordance with the St John's Policy on Outreach.
7. Identify, investigate and recommend initiatives locally, nationally and internationally to be supported or undertaken by parish groups or individuals in relation to mission and outreach opportunities that are consistent with parish priorities or recommendations of the national church.
8. In consultation with the Education Committee of St John's, provide opportunity for discussion, debate and dialogue on ethical or public interest issues, including organizing fora and seminars.
9. Decide on and coordinate the drafting of submissions to relevant external bodies on behalf of the parish on matters of public interest.

Having revised its terms of reference, the outreach committee then set about establishing an **operational policy on discretionary spending** that was consistent with the overall outreach policy. In doing so it was keen to maximize the amount of money available for discretionary spending in a sustainable way – i.e. without eating too much into the church's reserves. It came up with the following:

1. That annual discretionary spending consist of 5-15% of the outreach budget (the actual percentage to be determined by the Outreach Committee as it considers the overall financial position of the church), the estimated annual income from the Carter Special Assistance Fund, up to 10% of unspent income from the Carter Fund, and personal donations from the congregation.
2. That the capital sum of the Carter Fund (\$85,000) be preserved.
3. That up to 10% of the ordinary legacies (including McKenzie Fund) be available in any given year to fund the University lectureship, should it proceed.
4. Assuming that the overall amount available for discretionary spending is between \$11,000 and \$22,000 a year, applications will be received twice a year (March & September), and in general a maximum of \$4,000 be given to any one applicant. The same assessment criteria that currently exist in relation to the Outreach Fund, would apply. These criteria are listed below. The criteria and the specified maximum should be communicated at the point of inquiry about the Outreach Fund.
  - a) Groups or individuals based in the Wellington Presbytery area should have the highest priority, but this should not preclude other groups if the panel feels there are special circumstances.
  - b) Groups or individuals should be involved in activities which are compatible with the work of the Christian Church, and which would receive broad support from the congregation.
  - c) The Committee cannot commit more than it allocated budget, nor can it commit the budget of future years. If a project is funded over a number of years all the funds must be put aside in the year that the decision is made.
  - d) Because of the lack of guaranteed continuity in the fund, great care should be exercised in supporting ongoing projects. In particular, the Committee will be hesitant to provide salary money.
  - e) Normally organizations or individuals will not be supported in successive years. Exceptions could be made should the Committee identify ongoing needs of particular worthy applicants.
  - f) The Committee will aim to commit at least 25% of each year's resources to assist with projects relating to the needs of the underprivileged in inner Wellington.
  - g) Preference is given to the support of specific projects rather than general funding.
  - h) Care should be given to avoid bias on the grounds of gender, age or race in the overall pattern of giving.
  - i) It is preferable that the application have the support of a member or adherent of St John's. Funding from this source should not duplicate or replace funding normally given through St. John's

main budget, though this does not preclude new outreach projects being initiated by St John's.

One of the effects of the expanded terms of reference is that, whilst the outreach committee is appointed by, and accountable to the AGM, it needs to report to, and be represented on the St John's Council, which meets monthly.

We are grateful to all who have served on the outreach committee this past year, in what has been a time of change. We want to acknowledge in particular the contributions of Lesley Shaw and the convener Roger Gyles, who have chosen not to continue on the committee. Janice McCullum has been overseas the whole year and will also need to be replaced. We were pleased to welcome Dayle Anderson on to the committee during the year. Existing committee members are Muriel Ewan (Session Clerk, ex officio), Ray Wilderspin, Dayle Anderson, Graham Redding (Minister, ex officio), Allie Crombie, and Lois Baillie.

Outreach funds totalling \$88,466 were distributed in the following manner:

<b>A) Established commitments:</b>	
Counselling service	33,635
BGI	28,375
Presbyterian Support	5,000
Cook Island Ministry	5,000
People's Resource Centre	5,000
DCM	6,970
<b>B) Discretionary spending:</b>	
St Peter's Pantry	3,000
Room at the Inn	500
Arohata Women's Prison	186
Caci Clinic	800

Alongside the counselling service, the BGI partnership is a major commitment. Whilst BGI is a distinct organisation from St John's, its Board is appointed by St John's, its operations are coordinated from St John's, and St John's funds half the salary of the Director of Youth and Community Projects (Ross Davis). BGI runs several youth and community projects in the Wellington region, including Challenge for Change (a youth mentoring programme). There are opportunities for congregational members to get involved in these various forms of outreach.

In the new financial year, commitments to the Cook Island Ministry and the People's Resource Centre will cease. The commitment to the lectureship in theology at Victoria University will commence in January 2004. This is a significant initiative in our 150<sup>th</sup> year. The outreach committee is looking to fund this commitment from a variety of sources, including grants (e.g. Presbyterian Foundation), personal donations, draw-downs on unallocated legacies (e.g. McKenzie Fund) and personal donations, as well as the outreach budget.

**Graham Redding**

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# BGI

*BGI has experienced a period of great change over the last twelve months. Here's a summary of who we are, our reason for being, what we've been up to over the last twelve months, and where we're headed...*

## What is BGI?

Wellington Boys' and Girls' Institute, known as BGI, is committed to a holistic view of personal development (physical, mental, spiritual and social) from a relational perspective that takes seriously family, cultural and religious contexts.

BGI was established in 1883 when a group of young people (members of St John's church) donated their own money to provide bathing facilities for other young people whose families used their baths to store coal. For nearly 120 years BGI has continued to inspire youth to work in the youth development field in the wider Wellington region.

During this time the face of the BGI has changed. BGI is recently known for its gymnasium and swimming pool facilities on Tasman Street (the first indoor pool in the Southern Hemisphere). When pool and gym facilities became well catered for elsewhere, these were sold in 1999 in order to initiate more innovative youth development programmes.



## Youth Development? – the last twelve months...

BGI rescued several fantastic youth projects when Project Adventure collapsed. Since then, BGI has been creating a terrific team delivering several projects currently on the go...

**Challenge for Change** is a mentoring and family support programme that works with 9-13 year olds who are experiencing difficulty. They are matched with carefully selected and trained 'mentors' who provide guidance, friendship and support. Coordinator, Jacinta Krefft, has had a varied career of teaching and counselling in New Zealand, Samoa, America and Russia.

**Footsteps** programmes are designed for at-risk youth, refugees, mental health

adolescents who want to improve their way of life in Wellington. We encourage confidence in an adventure-based learning environment using a high ropes course for personal development, counselling and psychotherapy. David Clegg is our adventure therapist who has been with BGI for several years.

**Northern Suburbs Youth Project** is a community coordination initiative focussed on improving the sense of belonging which young people experience in their community. This happens through responsive youth-initiated projects and by linking youthworkers to provide better services through networking and greater communication. Rod Ottaway, Coordinator and Young Wellingtonian 2001, has worked on this project since its inception in 2000.





*The BGI Team*

Ross, Rod, Jenni, Ryhan, Jacinta, Ani and David.



**Wellington Youth Project and Lower Hutt Youth Project** are 'action research' projects involving secondary school students researching their peers to identify youth needs. Information is analysed by young people so that different groups can plan and take action together. Coordinators, Ani and Ryhan Prasad have joined the team from Christchurch.

**New initiatives in the pipeline...**

In partnership with St John's and Wellington City Council, we are establishing a **Youth Café** in Spinks Cottage. This venue aims to attract a sophisticated inner city culture and act as a deep space to build relationships and engage in discussion.

We're creating a **Youth Magazine** that promotes a positive media presence of young people and allows talented youth to use their creative skills to reach other youth. The youth team involved in the publication will be mentored by experienced professionals currently working in the field

The **GAIN** parent and teen communication programme has been around for several years and has recently asked BGI to provide future support. GAIN is a way of building stronger family relationships through a five-week programme covering various topics such as Anger Management and Alcohol and Drugs. BGI clearly has a lot of balls in the air and we're thankful to be supported by our Director, Ross Davis, and our Finance Manager, Jenni Redding. It's been an exciting year of development and we're all looking forward to see what the next twelve months have in store for us!



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# Music and Worship Committee

## Music Report July 2002 – July 2003

In February 2003, Eleanor Carter took over the role of Music Director at St. John's. Ray Wilderspin had previously stepped down from this role and is now Music Advisor.

### Choir

St. John's choir leads singing in the morning worship on Sundays. It is a small but dedicated group of singers whose standard is always high. They rehearse every Sunday before and after church. By request from the choir, there are now once a month rehearsals during the week. In February, Eleanor took over responsibility for leading the choir. Although they already have an extensive repertoire, they have responded well to some new repertoire. The congregation is always warm and supportive towards the efforts of the choir.

Rehearsal times and anthem titles (listed monthly) can be found on the website.

This year we welcomed Peter and Maria Winder, and Wycliffe Watako as new members. It is with sadness that we also say farewell to these people. They have all been great assets to the choir. Peter and Maria have both conducted several times and Wycliffe has been half of the tenor section for six months.

After the Christmas services, Rob and Muriel Ewan resigned from the choir. We look forward to having them back for special occasions.

One of the longest serving members of St. John's choir, Margaret Hunt, retired at the end of 2002. St. John's was very lucky to have had her beautiful voice in its choir for so long and it is sorely missed.

On occasion, organist Nigel Williams has been employed to accompany the choir when they are singing a particularly difficult anthem that needs to be conducted. This has enabled Eleanor to sharpen conducting skills. Performance in this manner is always advantageous to the choir and this will continue to happen occasionally.

### Organ

Whilst Eleanor Carter plays most services, Eoin Cameron, Max Parnham and Nigel Williams are reliable replacements.

We celebrated National Organ Week May 24 – 30) with organ music by Bach and Buxtehude. After the 10am service on the 25<sup>th</sup>, there was a guided tour of the pipe organ given by Max Parnham, John Hunt (blower room) and Eleanor Carter.

The South Island Organ Company continues to maintain the organ.

### Music Group

We are fortunate to have a group of talented musicians who lead some music in the Sunday morning services. Dayle Anderson has coordinated and developed a group of instrumentalists to lead

modern songs. Maria Winder coordinated the singing group this year.

### Children's Choir

The Children's Choir meets after church on a Sunday morning. Maria Winder has done a superb job of coordinating and training the children. They sang with the adult choir for the 2002 carol services and on their own at the All Age Worship services. They have recently written and performed three of their own songs, which are to be recorded soon.

### Special Services

#### Christmas

Maria Winder organized and conducted the choir for these services. The massed choir started rehearsals in October and gave convincing performances at both services.

John Gorrie played trumpet and Alec Carlisle played timpani.

**December 15<sup>th</sup> 10am Carol service.**

Massed choir sang choruses from Handel's Messiah

**7pm Combined Carol service with St. Mary's**

**December 21<sup>st</sup> Choir went caroling. Choir BBQ.**

#### Easter

Choir sang at every service. This is the first time in a while that the choir has done this. It especially added to the atmosphere of Maundy Thursday's service, during which they sang Tallis' *Verily, verily*. Linda van Milligan also sang a solo.

**Easter Sunday 10am service**

Choir sang Cherwien's *Christ is Arisen* as a special introit with trumpet and glockenspiel.

Peter Baillie sang *The Trumpet Shall Sound* from Handel's *Messiah*

Mark Carter played trumpet. Alec Carlisle played glockenspiel.

#### Pentecost

A combined evening service was held at St Mary's of all the Angels. The choirs of St. Mary's, St. Peter's, St. Mary's Karori and St. John's sang vespers.

### Committee

With the music and worship committee disbanding at the end of 2002, Ray, Dayle, Maria, Graham and Eleanor have worked, as a team, to organize the church music. It was felt that monthly meetings are not necessary, but the team keeps in constant contact via email and the telephone. This system is working very efficiently.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of the team members for their hard work. It is not an easy task to organize 52 weeks of music. The group has managed to facilitate the performance of sacred music that appeals to all ages. Graham clearly states his preferences and services are organized well in advance. This enables Dayle to sort out instrumentation and Maria, the children

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and the singing group, in good time. It also enables Eleanor to consult with Ray and choose suitable choral and organ music.

We have had a busy and rewarding year of music and worship and we look forward to another year in

which we can truly *Sing a new song to the Lord! Sing to the Lord, all the world! Sing to the Lord, and praise him!* Ps.96

**Eleanor Carter**  
*Music Director*

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## **Pastoral Worker Report**

It has been my privilege to work as a part-time pastoral worker for the past year, since Neil Johnston's move to Hamilton.

I have enjoyed sharing parishioners' concerns and joys, and responding where appropriate.

Graham and I have shared the pastoral workload during this time. My work has presented a variety of situations including:

Home and hospital visits

Many phone calls

Bereavement support

Assistance for seeking legal advice

Nursing advice

Support at appointments

Linking people to appropriate social services

Advocacy role

Liaising with our youth worker, school teachers and BGI for some of our young people.

A common parish concern I have observed is when people are faced with down-sizing from their current home or needing to consider retirement home accommodation. This requires much thought and support. It is less stressful if options can be explored and planned before a crisis situation arises.

We have a wonderful St John's family – rich in culture, backgrounds and across the age spectrum. I believe it is important that we care for each other and “look out” for one another, especially in times of need. My plea to you all is that you contact the church office or your elder on such occasions, young and old alike, so that the pastoral team (including the ministers) can be informed.

I look forward to continuing this pastoral role at St John's in the coming months.

**Allie Crombie**  
*Pastoral Care Worker*

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## **Property Committee Report**

The complex is looking very tidy after last year's re-paint and with this year's 150<sup>th</sup> festivities in the offing, it is good to have all the buildings spruced up.

The gardens have been tidied up and re-planted under the guidance of Lesley Shaw.

Some work was needed at the Ponsonby Road manse to make it presentable for our new minister, Helen Martin

Two big tasks this year were the preparation of a new maintenance schedule, covering all our properties and buildings. This has been done by Tse

Group and will greatly assist in future budgeting.

The other biggie has been the proposed move of the office to Level 1, Troup House, and the conversion of Spinks Cottage to a Youth Café.

Our small but efficient committee has overseen the usual maintenance problems and I thank them all – John Hunt, David Wood, Lesley Shaw and our hard-working Admin. Manager, Jan Stiebert.

**John Irvine**  
*Convener*

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# St John's Women's Association Annual Report 2003

The past year has been one of change for the Women's Association, with more to come this year. Annette Black, President, moved to Christchurch late in 2002. The vacancy was filled temporarily by Muriel Ewan, Session Clerk, till April when Mary Gibbs agreed to take over the role.

The Women's Association meets monthly, on the fourth Tuesday, in the Conference Centre, at 11 a.m. The usual format is a short business session, followed by a guest speaker, ending in a shared lunch. All the women of the congregation (and any men who wish to attend) are always welcome. Because of other commitments for the younger women of the congregation, the regular members are mostly retired from paid employment.

The guest speakers have included travel talks by:

- Denzil and Margaret Brown who outlined their journey to the Nile and Morocco;
- Wendy Smith who talked about Laos and her work for the International Red Cross;
- Peg Hutchinson who took us to Mongolia;
- Sara Robinson who spoke of her travels in India and Tibet where she met a child she was sponsoring who has now been recognised as a Buddhist lama.
- Jenni Redding who talked about her childhood in Malaysia.

Other speakers were Dr Anne Simpson, who described her work in the Palliative Care field, and Raymond Boyce MBE who took us on a journey back to Shakespeare's time, informing us of the research, creation and design involved in producing the embroidered curtains that were NZ's gift to the Globe Theatre, London.

Highlighting the church calendar of events was the Advent Service in November and the Lenten Service in April. Graham Redding conducted both services with input from members. Eleanor Carter was the organist.

This year began with a very relaxing picnic at Day's Bay.

The Women's Association is more than just the monthly meetings. Members are also involved in other activities, - often separate groups which had their beginnings in this group, e.g. the Church Flower Committee.

Betty Robertson and Margaret Hunt also maintain links with the Young Mothers Coffee and Chat Group which they set up over 8 years ago. The aim of this group is to maintain contact with the under-5's of the congregation and their mothers. Each birthday a card is sent. Recently, they have combined with the pre-school music and movement group and have a musical interlude at the start of their get-together.

The Reverend Neil Johnston, his wife Beverley and family were farewelled at a luncheon on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2002. Neil's contribution to the Women's Association was always greatly appreciated.

The Association of Presbyterian Women's (APW) Special Project this year was titled "Building Partnerships through Families, Communities and the World". Judge Andrew Becroft - Principal Youth Court Judge - spoke at the fund-raising luncheon in May on "Issues of Youth Justice in N.Z."

Presbyterian Support - Child and Family Service will receive 1/3 of the total money received.

The triennial conference of APW was held in Feilding in April. Unfortunately, no-one from St John's was able to attend. Peggy Jourdain who is on the Wellington Presbyterian Committee voted on our behalf. She also reported back at the May meeting.

The conference theme this year was "Growing into Change" which reflected the new directions that were being discussed. The restructuring of the functioning of APW at a national level was agreed to. A National Committee comprising members from throughout NZ (an individual Presbyterian previously took on this role) has been voted in, with Jeannette Luxton as the President. As well, a National Consultative Core Group of 5, plus 2 representatives from each Presbyterian has been commissioned. Its aim and function is to "facilitate and lead the consultative process toward the presentation of a new structure and way of working, and that this structure be presented at an Extraordinary Business Meeting in 2004".

As always, we need to remember the passing of members. Particularly sad was the death of Mabs Piper in August 2002. Mabs had been a stalwart of this group over many years. Also deceased were Amy Dornan and Betty Coker.

No group could operate without people willing to take on specific responsibilities. The convenors of these special responsibilities were:

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| • Birthday Mission     | Patricia Hastings  |
| • Leprosy Aid Missions | Elizabeth McKenzie   |
| • Sales Table          | Avis Marshall (the money raised is also added to the APW special projects) |
| • Stamps               | Margaret Krebs   |
| • Kitchen duties       | Mavis Johnston, Grace Jarvie and Patricia Hastings                         |

The officers are Grace Jarvie, Secretary, and Kathie Sutherland, Treasurer.

A special thank-you to all for helping to keep the Women's Association running so smoothly.

Jenni Redding audits the books and we extend our grateful thanks to Jenni for doing this.

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In this, the 150<sup>th</sup> year of St John's, we remember the people involved in the church and realise the huge social changes that have occurred both in NZ and globally. We realise the impact that women have made, - often unnoticed -, but without it, St John's would be the poorer.

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

To unite all in prayer, study, fellowship and service,

enabling them to make a Christian witness in home, church and community ;

To support at home and abroad the work of the parent churches ;

To encourage an informed interest in worldwide mission and evangelism.

**Mary Gibbs**

*President*

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## Social Committee

This year has seen the social committee have two luncheons after communion and a family fun night held in June. The theme for this function was "Time Warp" and several people dressed in costumes appropriate to some period during the last 150 years. The evening was excellently emceed by David Burton with items from the singing group led by Mrs Marie Winder and accompanied by Eleanor Carter with some excellent skits by some of the younger members of the congregation. A highlight was a graceful pas de deux performed by Fonzy Redding and a tall attractive blonde, known only as D G. The attendance at the family fun night was not as high as hoped for but next time we will consult the Rugby Almanac as the All Blacks/England match

may have limited numbers on the night. My grateful thanks to my hard working committee, Grace Jarvie, Linda Shearer and Alister Lane. Thankyou also to all those who so graciously and willingly assist at luncheons and morning teas. It makes my job possible and the occasions enjoyable for everyone. In September there will be another luncheon to coincide with the launch of the book on St Johns history. The committee are very grateful to all those who have helped at each function and would welcome suggestions from the congregation for activities that they would like held in the future.

**Jimny Irvine**

*Convenor*



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



## **The Past:**

When William A. Smith founded The Boys' Brigade in Scotland in 1883, he builded better than he knew for he not only started a great movement, but one which continues today in many countries throughout the world.

In 1943 at the Diamond Jubilee of the Brigade, the late King George VI said: "I feel sure that The Boys' Brigade will go from strength to strength because it is built upon the twin pillars of Religion and Discipline and so is meeting two of the greatest needs of the present." Sixty years later, the needs of youth are still the same.

St John's Boys' Brigade Company was started in 1949 by the late Rev. Bill Temple and Duncan Fowler who was our first B.B. Captain. Duncan now lives in Tauranga.

## **The Present :**

St John's Boys' Brigade Company – the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wellington -, is in good heart with a membership of 33 Boys, 5 Officers, and 2 Helpers.

The Boys have an enjoyable weekly programme of Devotions, Drill, Badge-work and Games. During this past year the Boys have undertaken training in leadership, kayaking, rifle shooting, First Aid, bushcraft, chemistry, arts and crafts.

One of the highlights at the end of last year was a Company dinner when we celebrated the 21<sup>st</sup> birthday of Nathan Smith and the forthcoming marriage of David Jackson.

The Boys' Brigade band is progressing. The very capable bandmaster is Alex Carlisle.

Leadership is as follows:

### *Chaplain:*

The Rev. Dr Graham Redding;

### *Acting Captain:*

Harriet Johnston

### *Lieutenants :*

Nathan Smith, David Jackson, Taili Latu

### *Warrant Officer :*

André Poroku

### *Helpers:*

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The four young men mentioned above have been in B.B. since they were 6 or 8 years of age.

The assistance of parents and others with badge work is much-appreciated. These are :

Dr Redding, Iain Mackay, Barry Jackson, and Ross Davis and David Clegg of BGI.

## **The Future :**

Where else but in The Boys' Brigade would Boys and young men hear about Jesus, learn discipline, and have a fun time ? And where else is there an Object such as ours, which is The advancement of Christ's Kingdom among Boys and the promotion of habits of Obedience, Reverence, Discipline, Self-Respect and all that tends towards a true Christian manliness. ?

With the continued keenness of the current, capable young Officers, St John's Boys' Brigade Company will go forward with confidence as it enters its 55<sup>th</sup> year. It is an honour to head this team.

**Harriet Johnston**

*Acting Captain*



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## Choir Report 2002-2003

This past year has been a time of change for the choir at St. John's in the City. We have enjoyed a year of Eleanor Carter's leadership of the choir. This culminated in a very exciting performance of carols and excerpts from the Messiah at Christmas, capably directed by Maria Winder. It was thrilling to have so many people join us for this occasion. We also repeated some of the music at the combined carol service with St. Mary of the Angels choir, this year hosted at St. John's in the City.

We were pleased to have a good turnout for our carolling to various rest homes around the city. It was a full afternoon, covering people from Tawa to Lake Heights. Afterwards, the Carters hosted a barbecue for those who could stay.

The new year has brought a change of membership. Muriel and Rob Ewan and Margaret Hunt have retired from the choir after many years of faithful service. Their contribution has been greatly

appreciated. We have been fortunate to have Maria and Peter Winder join the choir this year. Unfortunately, it has been for too short a time as the family moves back to Auckland. Again, we thank them most sincerely for their contribution to the musical life of the church.

The choir has been very active in special services this year. There were musical contributions at Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services as well as a combined Pentecost vespers at St. Mary of the Angels. In addition to our Sunday morning rehearsals, the choir has been meeting one evening a month to learn some of the new music.

We have been very blessed with Eleanor's capable leadership. More choir members would be very welcome to help make a joyful noise in the coming year.

**Linda Van Milligan**

### **St. John's in the City Register for year ending 30 June 2003**

Number of baptisms	6
Number of marriages	15
Members joined by transfer	13
Members removed by transfer	3
Members joined by profession of faith	-

The deaths are recorded of the following members:

Amy Florence Dornan

Mabel (Mabs) Piper

Matthew (Hew) Walls

A memorial service for Noyle Brown was held on 14/10/2002

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## **I 50 Celebration Planning Committee**

### **ANNUAL REPORT TO 30 JUNE 2003**

The first minister of St John's in the City, the Reverend John Moir, was inducted on 17 November 1853 in a service held in the Athaneum on "The Beach", as Lambton Quay was known. This date we celebrate as the birthdate of St John's.

The Planning Committee proposed that 2003 be a celebration year with special occasions throughout the year, and a weekend of Celebration on Labour Weekend 25 and 26 October 2003.

Many projects were proposed and those that have emerged are:

- Friday 28 February, 7 March and 14 March, at 5:30 pm a series of 3 Summer Evenings at St John's in the City – concerts arranged by Eleanor Carter. They were received with enthusiasm and pleasure
- Establishing a Senior Lectureship in Christian Theology in the Religious Studies School at Victoria University of Wellington
- Sponsoring a visit to St John's by the Reverend John Bell of the Iona Community in Scotland with a special emphasis on new hymns and songs for worship
- A commemorative Quilt to be displayed in the Chapel is being created by Judi Ferguson and the Quilters
- The register of marriages and baptisms in the early years of St John's up to 1900 is being entered onto the St John's website, for genealogical reference, by Margaret Galt
- A Congregational Family Fun night on 24 June, with an historical flavour. There were some spectacular costumes

- Publishing a history of St John's concentrating particularly on the last 50 years, written by the Reverend Scott Thomson, to be launched at a luncheon on 14 September
- Ongoing programme of Food Parcels for Downtown Ministry. The aim is to provide 150 parcels this year
- The main St John's Celebration is planned to be over Labour Weekend 25 and 26 October 2003, with a programme of events, historical displays, an ethnic lunch, and a concert in the evening on Saturday 25 October
- At 10:00 am on Sunday 26 October, there will be a 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Church Service. Special music has been commissioned for this occasion
- After the Anniversary Church Service a Luncheon is to be held in the Wellington Town Hall
- On Sunday 16 November, the day before St John's "birthdate", we will celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> birthday at the 10:00 am Worship Service, and at lunch after the Service

The Anniversary Planning Group thanks all those enthusiastic and creative people who are making these events reality.

**Peter Baillie** (Convener)

**Betty Robertson**

**Judi Ferguson**

**Ailsa Salt**

**John Hunt**

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## Flowers in St John's

### ANNUAL REPORT TO 30 JUNE 2003

As group convenor, I am very pleased to report that 2002/03 was another satisfying year of activity for our small group of volunteer flower arrangers. Thank you again to our helpers, who have enthusiastically provided such a wide variety of colour and style to enhance our Church, and to inspire worshippers throughout the year. I am very conscious of the time commitment that this entails. The colours, styles and sizes of arrangements varied to suit the occasion. The flowers and foliage came from gardens, markets and shops.

Financially, Flowers in St John's expended \$1,242 during the past year, excluding weddings that were

paid for to Church Office by the marrying couples. The year's result compared favourably with the annual budget of \$1,575.

We are, as usual, looking for more volunteer members. Assistance will be available to anyone wishing to ease into the role gradually.

**Winifred Bain**

(Tele: (04) 939-7562 or (04) 939-7624.

(Please leave a message on 939-7562 if Winifred is unavailable)



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

The Mission statement of Girls Brigade is "Girls Brigade New Zealand empowers girls with skills, Christian qualities and values to succeed in tomorrow's World"

8<sup>th</sup> Wellington Company has 2 sections - 5-8yrs old known as Juniors and Company section which has girls 9 years upwards.

At the end of 2002 it was decided to change the Juniors meeting time to 5.30-7.00pm to allow both groups in 2003 to come together for a time of singing which the girls enjoy.

### Junior Section

All the girls completed the Junior Star and some of the many activities and crafts were Care of Pets, Drama and Rhythmic Ball exercises. They visited the SPCA to take Crafts which were Pompoms for kitchens, Catmint Mice for Cats and Felt balls for Puppies.

Six Juniors were promoted to the Company at 2002 Breakup.

The 2003 Year has seen Juniors trying Fishing at Greta Point and visiting Staglands as part of the Journey Point in their badge work. Their 2003 Service Point is collecting Money for the Free Ambulance service and 2 Ambulance Officers have visited the Juniors. The second service point is Stamp collecting for Missions. The Juniors participated in the Area Sleepover which was held at St. John's. The juniors for Mother's Day made Chocolates and cards for their mothers.

The Juniors are taking an interest in Corinna Davis's daughter Rachael who was born on 3/6/2003 and she has visited them twice.

### Company Section

This group of girls aged 9-14 years presented some skits on the Lord's Prayer and Mary & Martha at Breakup.



During the 2003 year the Juniors joined the Company to visit Karori Wildlife park to see the Star Goldmine and Native Birds.

The Girls have learnt how to kayak at Kilbirnie Pool and the skills required when you fall out. The girls also appreciated David Clegg from the BGI who taught them kayaking skills. The 10-14year olds have learnt about Skin Care which was taken by B. Watkin. Lisa Smith has introduced the girls to photography and each girl completed a photo book telling something about themselves in photos which they had taken.



The 9 year olds have learnt Floral Art, Cross stitch and Astronomy. These 1st year Seniors have worked on their workbooks extending their knowledge of Girls Brigade in the senior section. They spent an evening at Carter Observatory looking at the night sky which was most enjoyable. To end term one the older seniors organised a night at Ferg's for Rock Climbing and Roller Blading. The Seniors took part in the Area Ten Pin Bowling function at Porirua Bowlarama and the old seniors team won 2<sup>nd</sup> Place for the team event.

We took the train to visit Paremata Company as they meet on the same night as we do. The girls played games and got to know 1<sup>st</sup> Paremata Girls. The Company has been planning menus for a dinner which they will cook and serve toothier parents in August.

I would like to thank Avis Marshall (Junior Leader) and Lieutenants Dianne Little, Pauline Little and Corinna Davis for the time they put into running the Junior Programme each week.

I acknowledge the teamwork of Jo Nyberg who works with me in the Company.

I acknowledge the support of the Christian Education Committee and Church for their ongoing support.

**Katherine Sutherland**

*8th Wellington Team Leader (Captain)*

## Treasurer's Comments on the Financial Statements

This year's financial results are significantly better than predicted. The Church received unexpected income in the form of bonus interest from the Presbyterian Church Property Trustees, inflation was lower than predicted which meant a smaller proportion of the Capital Trust income needed to be retained to protect the fund against inflation, and there were fewer expenses such as being without a second Minister.

When reading the financial statements, it is important to note that, to comply with the Financial Reporting Standards issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of New Zealand and to which our auditors ensure compliance, certain items are presented differently to the way in which we consider them for operational purposes.

The main difference arises from our obligation under the Capital Trust Deed to protect the capital value of the fund. This increase in the capital of the Trust is deducted from income generated from the Trust fund and reduces the income available for the operation of the Church. We reflect this situation in our budgeting process by showing the net income available to meet operational expenditure. However, for accounting purposes, we must record the gross income received, with the amount required to inflation protect the Capital Trust shown as a transfer to reserves from the "Net Surplus or Loss for the Year". The effect of this accounting treatment is to overstate the surplus (or understate the loss) *available* for future operational activities or outreach, as follows:

	2003	2002
	\$	\$
Surplus / (Loss) per the Statement of Financial Performance	307,866	(64,817)
Less Inflation protection of the Capital Trust in accordance with the Trust Deed	163,430	296,760
Net Operating Surplus / (Loss)	<u>144,436</u>	<u>(361,577)</u>

In previous years, the Surplus or Loss in the Statement of Financial Performance included any increase or decrease in the market value of investments in shares, even though they are

unrealised. From an operational perspective, this is not income that is currently available for future operational activities or outreach. Therefore, this year we have changed the accounting policy in respect of share revaluations. These are now recorded in a reserve - the Share Investment Revaluation Reserve - to better reflect the unrealised nature of any change in market value.

During the year, the Church received donations and bequests for special purposes and funded some expenses from special reserves and legacies. These items are set out below.

	2003	2002
	\$	\$
<i>Contributions and transfers to reserves:</i>		
Ordinary Legacies Received	7,174	457
Edward Carter Fund - unspent portion of income from investment of the fund's capital	9,136	3,303
Donations for the Victoria University Lectureship	5,089	-
Annual transfer to the Property Maintenance Reserve for funding major maintenance projects such as painting the church	20,000	20,000
Transfer to / (from) Unallocated Reserve	<u>143,986</u>	<u>(224,361)</u>
	185,385	(200,601)
<i>Expenses funded from Reserves</i>		
Painting costs drawn from the Property Maintenance Reserve	(36,974)	(160,406)
Special purpose expenditure drawn from tied legacies	(475)	(570)
Outreach expenditure taken from last year's unspent allocation	(3,500)	-
Net Operating Surplus / (Loss)	<u>144,436</u>	<u>(361,577)</u>

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# Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2003

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## AUDITORS' REPORT

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

We have audited the financial statements on pages 1 to 7. The financial statements provide information about the past financial performance of the Church and their financial position as at 30 June 2003. This information is stated in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 4 to 5.

### St John's Council's Responsibilities

The Council is responsible for the preparation of financial statements which fairly reflect the financial position of the Church as at 30 June 2003 and their financial performance 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 generally accepted auditing standards in New Zealand. We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatements, whether caused by fraud or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

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

### Qualified Audit Opinion

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

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

We estimate that had the Church adopted this policy, depreciation for the year ended 30 June 2003 would have increased by a further \$37,780. The effect on the financial statements would have been to decrease the Net Surplus for the year by \$37,780 and decrease the Unallocated Reserves by the same amount. The carrying value of the fixed asset category, Buildings and Improvements would have decreased by \$75,560, which represents the amount of accumulated depreciation.

In our opinion:

- proper accounting records have been kept by the Church as far as appears from our examination on those records; and
- except for the effect of the departure from applicable Financial Reporting Standard No. 3 as outlined above, the financial statements on pages 1 to 7:
  - comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand; and
  - fairly reflect the financial position of the Church as at 30 June 2003 and their financial performance for the year ended on that date.

Our audit was completed on 5 September 2003 and our qualified opinion is expressed as at that date.

  
BDO Spicers

Chartered Accountants  
Wellington

## ST JOHN'S IN THE CITY

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE for the year ended 30 June 2003

2002	INCOME		2003
\$		Note	\$
78,347	Congregational Giving		85,595
14,028	Donations, Fundraising and Miscellaneous Receipts		20,769
89,041	Rentals		130,029
13,512	Interest		16,626
<b>194,928</b>	<b>Total Church Operating Income</b>		<b>253,019</b>
836,507	Capital Trust Interest		787,109
-	Capital Trust Bonus Interest		91,596
10,657	Capital Trust Dividends Received		15,842
(29,003)	Capital Trust Share Revaluations		-
(47,919)	Stock Value Adjustments		(36,901)
<b>770,242</b>	<b>Net Income from the Capital Trust</b>		<b>857,646</b>
<b>965,170</b>	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>1,110,665</b>
	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
	<b>Church Activities</b>		
259,379	Staff Costs		263,402
26,650	Christian Education		15,044
2,436	Worship and Music		6,508
235	Congregational Activities		388
17,859	Communications		21,099
9,035	Session Costs		18,059
28,549	General Expenses		33,192
5,256	Audit Fees		5,583
9,510	Accounting Fees		6,315
4,286	Legal Fees		908
16,497	PCANZ Capital Trust Administration Fees		26,033
<b>379,692</b>	<b>Total Church Activities</b>		<b>396,531</b>
	<b>Property Costs</b>		
53,420	Church Running Costs and Repairs		67,815
6,899	Church Improvements and New Equipment		4,118
23,099	Manses Rates, Insurance and Repairs		7,674
21,385	Troup House Running Costs and Repairs		21,593
69,125	Depreciation		75,031
160,406	Planned Maintenance - Painting Costs	5	36,974
18,653	Relocation Project Costs		22,318
<b>352,987</b>	<b>Total Property Costs</b>		<b>235,523</b>
	<b>Wider Work</b>		
68,370	Presbyterian Church National Services, Parish and MMF		71,982
94,442	Outreach Appeals Committee		3,500
47,383	Donations		23,002
31,767	Counselling Service		35,308
30,000	Contribution to the BGI		30,000
4,386	Boys' Brigade		4,589
2,080	Girls' Brigade		2,356
18,880	Broadcasting and Church Events		8
<b>297,308</b>	<b>Total Wider Work Expenses</b>		<b>170,745</b>
<b>1,029,987</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>802,799</b>
<b>(64,817)</b>	<b>NET SURPLUS (LOSS) FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>307,866</b>

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ST JOHN'S IN THE CITY

**STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY** for the year ended 30 June 2003

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2002			2003
\$			\$
(64,817)	Net Surplus/(Loss) for the Year		307,866
-	Share Investment Revaluation	4	31,707
<u>19,547,432</u>	Total Equity at beginning of year		<u>19,482,615</u>
<u>19,482,615</u>	<b>TOTAL EQUITY AT END OF YEAR</b>		<u>19,822,188</u>

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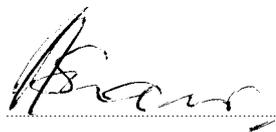
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION** as at 30 June 2003

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2002				2003
\$		Note	\$	\$
	<b>Current Assets</b>			
9,569	Cash at Bank		42,780	
208,883	Cash at PCANZ		225,192	
13,344	Accounts Receivable		<u>4,079</u>	
<u>231,796</u>	Total Current Assets			272,051
	<b>Non Current Assets</b>			
11,231,622	Capital Trust Investments	2	11,514,942	
<u>8,110,189</u>	Fixed Assets	3	<u>8,077,215</u>	
<u>19,341,811</u>	Total Non Current Assets			<u>19,592,157</u>
<u>19,573,607</u>	<b>Total Assets</b>			<u>19,864,208</u>
	<b>less Current Liabilities</b>			
<u>90,992</u>	Accounts Payable		<u>42,020</u>	
<u>90,992</u>	Total Current Liabilities			<u>42,020</u>
<u>19,482,615</u>	<b>Net Assets</b>			<u>19,822,188</u>
<u>19,482,615</u>	Capital and Reserves	4		<u>19,822,188</u>



Treasurer



Council Chairperson

September 4, 2003

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**Note 1 - Statement of Accounting Policies****General Accounting Policies****Reporting Entity**

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

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

**Differential Reporting**

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

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

**Measurement Base**

The measurement base adopted is historic cost unless otherwise stated.

**Specific Accounting Policies****Accounts Receivable**

Accounts receivable are stated at expected realisable value.

**Capital Trust Investments**

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

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

Unrealised gains in the value of share investments of \$116,951 are included in the assets.

**Fixed Assets**

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

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

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

**Depreciation**

With the exception of the Church, Spinks Cottage and the Manses, depreciation is charged on a straight line basis so

as to write off the cost of the fixed assets over their expected economic lives. The estimated economic lives are as follows:

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

**Legacies**

Legacies and Bequests are included within the Reserves of the Church. New Legacies, and income and expenditure specifically relating to legacies is 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.

**Outreach Projects**

The Church allocates the Outreach projects a budget each year. Any surplus or deficit from this budget is transferred to the next year and is available to meet future outreach 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**

During the current year, the church adopted a policy of accounting for increases or decreases in the current market value of investments in shares through equity by way of a Share Investment Revaluation Reserve. This will prevent unrealised fluctuations in market value from year to year impacting the surplus or deficit in the Statement of Financial Performance. Previously, all such fluctuations in the market value of shares at balance date were recognised in the Statement of Financial Performance.

The effect of this change in the current year on the Statement of Financial Performance is to reduce the surplus by \$31,707. The effect on the Statement of Financial Position for the current year is to create a Share Investment Revaluation Reserve of \$31,707 and reduce the Unallocated Reserves by \$31,707.

With the exception of the above change, accounting policies have been applied on bases consistent with those used in previous years.

## Note 2 - Capital Trust Investments

	Maturity Date	Maturity Value	2003	2002
		\$	\$	\$
<b>On Call</b>				
Amalgamated Investment Fund			2,597,374	4,781,311
<b>Stocks</b>				
ANZ Bank	March 2003	1,000,000	-	1,005,040
ASB Bank Subordinated Debt	December 2004	1,000,000	1,014,440	1,024,640
National Bank Bonds	April 2005	1,000,000	1,016,268	1,025,564
Watercare Services Bonds	April 2005	1,000,000	1,012,355	1,019,415
Fonterra Senior Debt	November 2006	1,000,000	1,018,681	1,024,565
United Network Bonds	April 2007	1,000,000	982,075	977,295
Fonterra Corporate Bonds	November 2005	500,000	500,000	-
National Bank Bonds	September 2007	500,000	500,000	-
Dunedin City Treasury Bonds	October 2007	1,000,000	1,014,603	-
Telecom Corporate Bonds	April 2008	450,000	452,492	-
NRMA Corporate Bonds	August 2008	1,000,000	1,001,155	-
<b>Shares and Notes</b>	<b>No of Shares</b>	<b>Cost</b>		
Telecom	60,000	214,200	314,400	295,800
Carter Holt Harvey	20,000	46,973	35,800	39,600
Natural Gas Corp	35,222	27,375	55,299	38,392
			<b>11,514,942</b>	<b>11,231,622</b>

## Note 3 - Fixed Assets

	2003	2003	2003	2002
	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Net Book Value	Net Book Value
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Furniture & Fittings	35,572	24,869	10,703	14,253
Musical Equipment	39,373	22,082	17,291	19,916
Hall Equipment	38,081	12,107	25,974	7,868
Church Equipment	2,797	1,269	1,528	1,807
Office Equipment	120,339	81,078	39,261	54,771
Manse Equipment	4,354	3,175	1,179	465
Building & Improvements	5,263,521	82,242	5,181,279	5,211,109
Land	2,800,000	-	2,800,000	2,800,000
	<b>8,304,037</b>	<b>226,822</b>	<b>8,077,215</b>	<b>8,110,189</b>

## Note 4 - Capital and Reserves

	Balance	Net Movements	Balance
	2002	for the year	2003
	\$	\$	\$
Capital Trust	10,895,344	163,430	11,058,774
Tied Legacies	26,909	(475)	26,434
Edward Carter Special Assistance Fund	85,000	-	85,000
Ordinary Legacies	235,667	7,174	242,841
Unallocated Reserves	457,666	143,986	601,652
Planned Maintenance Reserve	359,594	(16,974)	342,620
Property Brought to Account	7,370,845	-	7,370,845
Share Investment Revaluation Reserve	-	31,707	31,707
Staff Training Reserve	20,097	-	20,097
Edward Carter Fund - Unspent Income	27,432	9,136	36,568
Outreach Projects - Unspent Allocation	4,061	(3,500)	561
Victoria University Lectureship Fund	-	5,089	5,089
<b>Total Capital and Reserves</b>	<b>19,482,615</b>	<b>339,573</b>	<b>19,822,188</b>

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**Note 5 - Movement in Planned Maintenance Reserve**

	2003	2002
	\$	\$
Opening Balance	359,594	500,000
Less Painting of Church Complex	36,974	160,406
	322,620	339,594
Plus Transfer from Unallocated Reserves	20,000	20,000
	<u>342,620</u>	<u>359,594</u>

**Note 6 - Statement of Resources**

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

**Property**

	2003	2002
	\$	\$
Church, Hall & Spinks Cottage (valued 27 March 2003)	6,826,200	6,593,200
Troup House (valued 27 March 2003)	2,373,300	2,292,300
Manse - 29 Ponsonby Rd, Karori (valued 27 June 2003)	405,000	370,000
Manse - 21 Lower Watt St, Wadestown (valued 27 June 2003)	585,000	550,000

**Note 7 - Related Party Disclosure**

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

St John's in the City has Capital Trust Funds and bank deposits that are managed by, and registered under the name of Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa, New Zealand (PCANZ), although St John's in the City is the beneficial owner.

All investment income generated by the investments is collected and accounted for by PCANZ to St John's in the City, less an administration levy.

**Note 8 - Commitments**

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

Less than one year	\$40,833
1-2 years	\$70,000
3-5 years	\$99,167

(Commitments outstanding in 2002 - Nil)

**Note 9 - Contingent Liabilities**

There are no contingent liabilities outstanding at balance date (2002 - Nil).

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## Ministers

Rev Dr Graham Redding B Com, B Theol, PhD	21 Lower Watt St, Wadestown	2001
Rev Neil Johnston M.A., B.D.	29 Ponsonby Road, Karori	1994-until Aug 2002

## Parish Counsellor

Joan Baber M.A. Hons.	Church Office, cnr Willis and Dixon Streets	1993
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## Christian Education Youth Co-ordinator

Lisa Smith	Church Office, cnr Willis and Dixon Streets	July-2003
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## Elders Emeriti

Stanley Major Gordon (deceased)		<b>Inducted</b> 1978 to 2001
Black Mr Ian	165 Derwent St, Island Bay	1993
Brown Mrs Noyle (deceased)	27 Beerehaven Road, Seatoun	1979
Dornan Mr Alford	65 Trelissick Cres, Ngaio	1960
Lloyd Mr Roger	15 Furlong Cres, Churton Park	1979
Woods Mr Noel	30 Harrison Street, Brooklyn	1950
Littler Mrs Betty	40 Cheshire Street, Wilton	1968
McCay Mr Robert	Flat 7/300 Oriental Parade	1980
Owen John Mrs Norah	35 Philip Street, Johnsonville	1970
Piper Mrs Mabs (deceased)	5B 88A Salamanca Road, Kelburn	1972
Sir John White	23 Selwyn Terrace, Thorndon	
Lady White	23 Selwyn Terrace, Thorndon	
Darroch Mr Alan	50 Sefton Street, Wadestown	2002
McCausland Mr Fredrick	7 Brasell Street, Lower Hutt	2002
Harris Mrs Betty	29 Mortimer Tee, Brooklyn	2002
Gould Mr Russell	129 Barnard Street, Wadestown	2003
McKenzie Mr Bruce	112 Upland Road, Kelburn	2003

## Kirk Session

Shiels Mr Bert	19 Fernhill Tee, Wadestown	1965
Hunt Mr John	24 Krull Street, Vogeltown	1968
Ferrier Dr Robin	57 Wadestown Road, Wadestown	1974
Stewart Mr Charles	42 Braithwaite Street, Karori	1979
Anderson Mr Rob	137 The Ridgeway, Mornington	1980
Ferguson Ms Judi	114 John Sims Drive, Johnsonville	1987
Galt Mr David	11 Lewer Street, Karori	1981
Galt Mrs Margaret	11 Lewer Street, Karori	1987
Goudswaard Mrs Carolyn	20A Epuni Street, Aro Valley	1987
Lawson Mr Sandy	200 Pembroke Road, Northland	1987
Ewan Mrs Muriel	106A Tauhinu Road, Miramar	1990
Ewan Mr Rob	106A Tauhinu Road, Miramar	1990
Baillie Mr Peter	5 Grosvenor Tee, Wadestown	1990
Pearse Ms Elaine	85 Beauchamp Street, Karori	1990
Van Milligan Miss Linda	7 Colchester Crescent, Newlands	1990
Robertson Mrs Betty	407/2 Karori Road, Karori	1992
Labrum Mr Glen	114 John Sims Drive, Johnsonville	1992
McKinnon Mr Ian	Scots College, Monorgan Road	1993
Walker Mr Colin	11 Lambeth Road, Northland	1993
Pollock Miss Lynn	49 Aro Street, City	1993
McKenzie Mrs Elizabeth	112 Upland Road, Kelburn	1993
Stoecklein Mr Albrecht	2 Pa Road, Pukerua Bay	1998
Allen Mr John	76 Weld Street, Wadestown	2001
Fulcher Mrs Jane	1A Gladestone Terrace, kelburn	2001
Irvine Mr John	39 Frederick Street, Wainuiomata	2001
Lane Mrs Naomi	22 Cottleville Terrace, Thorndon	2001
Ramsay Mr Paul	27 Arawa Road, Hataitai	2001
Shaw Mr Malcolm	177 Glenmore Street, Kelburn	2001
Tuiasau Mr Fuimaono	1 Kate Way, Karori	2001
Webster Mr Lawrence	5 Ngahue Crescent, Elsdon, Porirua	2001
Crombie Mrs Allie	14 Zetland Street, Kelburn	2003
Davis Mr Ross	32 Talavera Terrace, Kelburn	2003
Poutoa Mr Mila	12 Takatimu Way, Johnsonville	2003
Simpson Ms Anne	67 Balfour Street, Mornington	2003
Winder Mr Peter	17a Lochiel Road, Khandallah	2003
Wood Mr David	129 Parkvale Road, Karori	2003

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## Council 2002-03

M Shaw, Chair; Rev Dr G Redding, Rev N Johnston, M Ewan, A Black, R Ewan, R Anderson, G Labrum, P Baillie, J Irvine, J Marshall, R Chesney, R. Davis, J Irvine, M Gibbs, B Beard.

## Historic Record

### Ministers of St John's

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

### Parish Counsellor

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

### St John's Own Missionaries

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

### Deaconesses

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

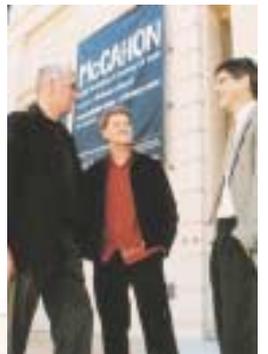
### Jubilees

Diamond Jubilee of Church	November	1913
Womens Association Golden Jubilee	August	1937
Young Men's Bible Class Golden Jubilee		1938
Young Women's Bible Class Golden Jubilee	November	1953
Centennial Jubilee of the Church	November	1953
75 Anniversary of present Church Building	December	1960
Young Men's Bible Class 75 Jubilee	July	1964
125th Anniversary of Church	November	1978
Centenary of present Church Building	8 December	1985
100th Anniversary of Girls Brigade		1993
50th Anniversary, 2nd Wellington Boys Brigade Coy		1999
Opening of New Halls, Troup House and Mackay Chapel	3 April	1994





Rod Orlansky





Rod Ottaway