



St John's in the City  
Presbyterian Church  
158th Annual Report  
2010 - 2011

***We are a caring community.***

*We are committed to the well-being of those who are hurting in body, mind or spirit.*

***We are a gathered community.***

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

***We are a learning community.***

*We seek to follow the way of Jesus and grow in understanding of the Bible and the Christian faith.*

***We are a restless community.***

*Discontent with the status quo, we grapple with questions of life and faith as we search for new and more effective ways of conveying the Gospel of Jesus to the people of greater Wellington and beyond.*



## Foreword, 158th Annual Report 2010/11

The news can seem like a Top Ten of the most terrible things happening in New Zealand and around the world while we've been getting on and doing things during the day. These 'highlights of horror' are carefully compiled by those in the media who have made it their business to know what shocks and appals people most. Care is given to the order the series of tragedies are presented, to ensure that only the most horrendous is given top spot. However, what is common to them all is that they throw up the most gruesome there is on offer; it is this that merits them the honour of being 'newsworthy'. The weather, that which is most likely to have any effect on us, is shown last, before we go back to our real lives and get on with what's truly important.

The stories in this Annual Report fail the 'newsworthy' test. They are about ordinary people living with humility, love, and grace. They are about people just like you, sharing with others of the St John's community and beyond St John's. They are not presented in order, starting with the most 'horrendous', but rather each expresses the care different people offer in serving others as they are able. There are reports of individuals and groups serving selflessly, expressing who we are and who we want to be. This Annual Report paints a picture of a community faithfully living with wisdom and generosity, seeking to share the blessings received to be part of the ongoing ministry and mission in the city.

Reading through the following pages you may be disappointed by the lack of calamity and scandal. But we hope you are inspired by all that the people of St John's in the City are doing in the name of Jesus.

*Yours in Christ*

*Allister and Stuart  
Ministers*

# Session Report

*Everything we have – personally and as a church community – is a gift from God.*

St John's in the City is a church that it is richly blessed in people's time and talents, and in the resources we have through circumstance (who we are and where we are) and the foresight of others. But it is a blessing that is only truly realised when it is shared with others.

As you read through this Annual Report, please take a moment to acknowledge and give thanks for the generosity of so many different people, and to think about how you, too, can become involved and support the work of the church.

In July, Session received an update from the Pastoral Care Committee on its work which includes its support of a number of Community Day activities (on Thursdays) and the pastoral lunches. These lunches play an important part in helping us to get to know each other better.

The following month the Christian Education Committee gave an update on its work. This includes the oversight of youth ministry, Girls' and Boys' Brigade and our children and families ministry. Our young people are the future of the church, and we are very grateful for all who help and support them in their faith development.

Session also held a combined meeting with Council to review and discuss the draft budget to be presented at the Annual General Meeting. This was a wide-ranging discussion as we worked through the many challenges, demands and opportunities that we face in light of current economic

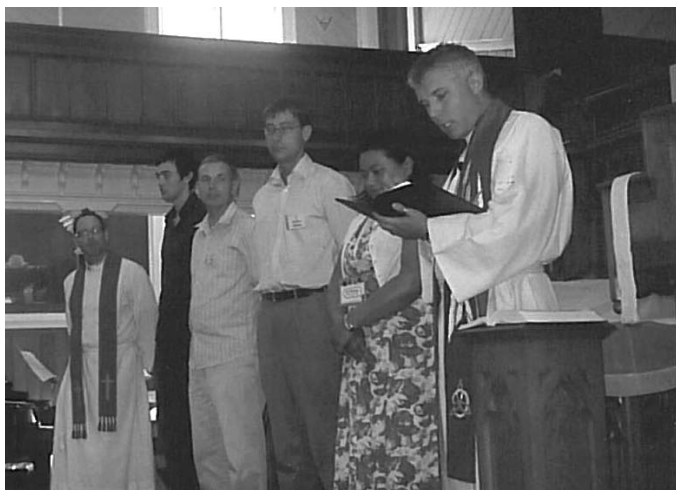
conditions. Our Treasurer, Ross Chesney, and the Finance Committee provide wise and prudent advice as stewards of our financial resources while endeavouring to enable the church in its mission.

The Outreach Committee continues to go from strength-to-strength, and has provided regular reports throughout the year. As a church, we now support a wide range of activities from the work of local organisations such as the BGI, DCM and Presbyterian Support Central through to international mission programmes in Myanmar and India. The Committee is always looking for ways to involve us all in these outreach activities.

In September, Session discussed Eldership and what we can do to better hear and recognise people's contribution on issues. Suggestions included the importance of the role of the moderator, better structuring meetings and reports, and encouraging people to both listen and contribute. At a subsequent meeting in March we also looked at the role and responsibilities of Elders. These include pastoral care, spiritual oversight, and leadership in worship. The Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership has produced a new "Handbook for Elders" if you would like to know more about the role of Elders in the Presbyterian church.

At our meeting the following month we had a report back from the General Assembly, and approved the continuation of the Lectureship in Christian Theology. In addition to this, Session also approved the establishment of a Visiting Scholar in Christian Theology. Both of these decisions strengthen and affirm the important work being undertaken by Chris Marshall as Head of the School of Art History, Classics and Religious Studies at Victoria University.

Session also increased our commitment to our children and families ministry. This included the appointment of a part-time Assistant Children and Families Ministry Worker, a role that Heather Walker took up on a permanent basis in the New Year. Working alongside Anna Davis, our Children and Families Worker, and we are fortunate to have two such talented people as part of our ministry team.



*Ordination of four new Elders. John Atkinson, Anton Ojala, Ashley Milkop and Iris Webster with the ministers*

Our Annual General Meeting was held in October, and provides an opportunity for us all to pause, reflect and celebrate what has been achieved during the year. Anton Ojala was elected as the Chair of Council at this meeting, taking up the role from Ted Cizadlo. We are very grateful to Ted for his contribution, and we thank Anton for being prepared to serve in this way.

The Christmas/New Year period is typically a quiet time for Session, with no meeting until the beginning of February. However there were a few changes over this period, with Charles Stewart stepping down as an Elder and four new Elders being ordained. Charles has been an Elder since 1979, and has faithfully served the church at both a local and a national level, including 23 years on the Church Property Trustees. Charles also played an important part in the reconstitution of the BGI. In recognition of this contribution, Session appointed Charles an Elder Emeritus at its meeting in December.

At the beginning of the year Ryhan, Ani and Eli Prasad moved to Wadestown Parish. Ryhan has been our first Ministry Intern under the new internship model for training ministers in the Presbyterian church. Ryhan, Ani and Eli have been an important part of St John's, and we wish Ryhan all the very best in his final year.

John Atkinson, Ashley Milkop, Anton Ojala and Iris Webster were ordained as Elders in February. In addition to their involvement in a wide range of church activities including Council, the Outreach Committee, St J's Kids and the Finance Committee, they also bring their own unique skills and experience to the role. We welcome them and their contribution to the work of Session.

A day-long retreat, led by Nicki Read and Beth Beard, was held during March and was an ideal way to get the year underway. It gave us an opportunity to reflect and to share time with one another in the wonderful surroundings of the Home of Compassion in Island Bay.

In April, Session discussed how we celebrate communion. Thanks were expressed to all those who help with preparation of communion each month, in particular Linda van Milligan, Carolyn Goudswaard,

Ailsa Salt and Judi Ferguson. Margaret Gilkison's appointment as Pastoral Care Coordinator was also announced. This is an important role which helps to coordinate pastoral care within St John's in the City, and we are blessed to have Margaret in this role.

The Church Organ Refurbishment Committee has continued its work throughout the year. This has included a number of workshops with the congregation, and further work on exploring the different options available for the refurbishment of the organ. The Committee comprises Glen Labrum, Eleanor Carter, Ross Chesney, David Galt and John Irvine. The Committee has also been supported by a number of specialists including Evan Dumbleton, Roy Tankersley and Max Parnham. Max died in February, and as well as being a highly-experienced organist, engineer and organ builder, was a valued member of our St John's family.

A separate Music Review is also underway which is looking at the place of music in worship, and how this is provided and resourced. We have been fortunate to have Rodney McCann, a musician and member of the Central Baptist Church, to assist us with this review. Allister prepared a paper on "Music and Worship" and this was discussed at the Session meeting in May (this paper and a wide range of other resources are available on the St John's website, and I would encourage you to check the website regularly).

Rev Blair Rodgers died in April. We give thanks for his ministry, and acknowledge his support during the vacancy and his subsequent coordination of the prayer chain. The prayer chain is an important ministry, and we grateful to Gail Higgs-West who has taken up this role.

In June, we were pleased to be able to support Dr Carlton Johnstone in his application for ministry. Press Go also presented an opportunity for St John's to help support the redevelopment of the Knox Waitara church complex. Press Go encourages and enables significant growth initiatives in the wider church, and is contributing \$500,000 towards this project (their biggest commitment to date). This was subsequently unanimously supported by the congregation. What a fitting act in this our "Year of Sharing".

In Allister and Stuart we are blessed with two very talented and capable Ministers who have provided leadership, insight and humour throughout the year. They have also shown us the true meaning of “team ministry” in the way that they have complemented and supported each other and the wider team.

Ailsa Salt has continued to serve as our Presbytery delegate, and provides an important link between St John’s and the wider Presbyterian church.

My thanks, too, to Mary Gibbs for taking the minutes throughout the year, and to Muriel Ewan for her continued work in maintaining the Parish roll and the Elder’s visiting lists.

I would also like to thank our office staff of David Coplon, Barbara Newdick, Fennie Dewar and Graeme Coppel. Phil Cassin left during the year, and we were joined by Mark Farrow. Each of you

play a vital part in the smooth running of the church, and your contribution is much appreciated.

Finally, on behalf of Session, I would like to acknowledge and thank each one of you for everything that you do to support the life of the church and the wider community. Through each act of service, generosity and love – no matter how small or insignificant it may seem – may we be worthy representatives of Christ’s kingdom here on earth.

As God has blessed us, may we share those blessings with others.

*Paul Ramsay*

*Session Clerk*

## Council

In some cases, the less you hear about a committee, the more effectively it’s running. I’d like to think that’s the case with Council – on the basis that I don’t think you probably will have heard too much about it this year. Most of the decisions the Council took in 2011 were taken and implemented without fanfare. I only took over as Chair of Council at last year’s Annual General Meeting so I don’t have any basis for comparison, but my impression is that the Council and the various committees it oversees have been working well.

Council meets on the third Wednesday of the month in the St John’s Centre. The meetings usually last about 90 minutes and are open to observers.

### *Council Membership*

Council is made up of the conveners of the standing committees of St John’s, the Ministers, the Session Clerk and the Chair. The Finance and Administration Manager is the *ex officio* secretary. The Council currently comprises the following:

Chair	Anton Ojala
Minister	Rev Allister Lane
Minister	Rev Stuart Simpson
Association of Presbyterian Women	Mary Gibbs
Christian Education	Geoff Annals
Communication	Elizabeth Gibbs
Finance	Ross Chesney
Outreach	Ailsa Salt and John Atkinson (co-convenors)
Property	David Wood
Pastoral Care	Judi Ferguson
Social	David Ensor
Staffing	Paul Ramsay
Secretary (Finance and Admin Manager)	David Coplon





### *Session and Office Bearers*

*Front row: Ross Davis, Lesley Shaw, Beth Beard, Judi Ferguson, Allister Lane, Lynn Pollock, Stuart Simpson, Carolyn Goudswaard, Nicki Read, Iris Webster*

*Second row: Richard Read, John Irvine, Ted Cizadlo, Mary Gibbs, Muriel Ewan, Allie Crombie, Margaret Galt, Eleanor Carter, Paul Ramsay*

*Third row: David Galt, Rob Anderson, Ashley Milkop, Malcolm Shaw, Lawrence Webster, Linda Van Milligan, Margaret Gilkison, David Ensor, Rob Ewan, Elaine Pearse*

*Back row: Ross Chesney, Glen Labrum, David Wood, Ailsa Salt*

*Absent: John Allen, Geoff Annals, John Atkinson, Andrew Johnston, Anton Ojala and Mila Poutoa.*

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The major change to the operation of the committees in 2011 was the revamping of the staffing committee, with Session Clerk Paul Ramsay as convener. Membership of the Staffing Committee now comprises the Session Clerk, the Chair of Council, the Ministers, the Convener of the Finance Committee and a representative of the congregation (currently Ailsa Salt).

In August, Council noted the resignation of Ross Davis as Chair of the Communications Committee after nine years of service, with effect from the Annual General Meeting. We acknowledge the experience Ross brought to the area of communications and thank him for his contributions both to the Committee and to Council discussions.

### *Major Tasks in 2011*

Many of the major tasks Council was involved with in 2011 will be reported elsewhere in this report. Some highlights from my perspective include the appointment of the Pastoral Care Coordinator and the Assistant Children and Families Worker, as well as a new Caretaker. Work on updating the terms of reference for Council and its committees is almost complete. There is no intention to change the roles of the committees but rather to ensure the terms of

reference accurately reflect the tasks the Council and committees respectively are undertaking.

### *The Year Ahead*

Although 2011 was a steady year, there are a number of bigger activities which are likely to require Council involvement in the year ahead. These include the organ refurbishment – which was flagged in last year's Council report – and refurbishment by the Boys and Girls Institute (BGI) of the space they lease from the church in Troup House. Overseeing management of a more difficult budget situation will also require close observation and consideration of budget policies in conjunction with Session and the Finance Committee.

Finally, I would like to formally record my thanks to the conveners and their committee members for the many hours of work put into keeping things running smoothly throughout the year, and also to our *ex officio* secretary, David Coplon, for his untiring assistance with compiling papers, distributing agendas and taking minutes.

*Anton Ojala*

*Chair*

# Music and Choir

We continue to be blessed with talented, devoted musicians and singers who all enjoy giving their time and talent, willingly, to enrich the musical part of worship at St John's.

Recently some of our young musicians including Sam Bennett, Rose Morris, Zoe Henderson, Katie Lee and Sophie Macaulay were inspired by their time in Katikati at a workshop (the Co-Op) with a few dozen Presbyterian musicians from all over the country, where they were hosted by Malcolm Gordon. They heard many speakers including ministers, musicians, and the moderator-designate, Ray Coster, all of whom highlighted important aspects of our worship worth considering when both writing and selecting songs for worship. A real emphasis was made on writing songs that suit the contexts and visions of our own churches, including making sure the songs are singable and theologically sound.

Our Junior Choir (aka The Chocolate Fish Singers) have sung beautifully in church several times and seem to really enjoy the extremely early morning starts on a Sunday. A good series of warm ups is always necessary at 9am. By Christmas last year, about 12 of the choristers were presented with their RSCM White Level Voice For Life badges and certificates. This is a great achievement, especially as some of the recipients were as young as 4. The list of things they have to be able to do to get this award is long and complicated.

The Senior Choir welcomed new Bass Scholar – Rory Sweeney. He is a first year university music student who has already made a great impression on us and we hope enjoys his experiences here.

Another welcome addition to our bass section is Eric Sidoti, who is also an excellent conductor. He filled in for Guy Jansen for 3 months, whilst Guy was visiting family and working overseas. Guy was honoured in the recent Queen's Birthday honours list and for that we are very proud of him.

I usually have many joyful things to say in these reports, but it is with great sadness that I reflect on a night in mid January that I went to the church to practice, knowing that I was practicing music to be played at Ray Wilderspin's funeral later that week. I carefully chose music that appeared to be his favourite organ music, pieces such as Karg-Elert's Improvisation on *Nun Danket*, Widor's *Toccata* and as much Bach as I could fit in. It was the most difficult practice session I've ever done. I kept remembering the many times that Ray would creep into the church whilst I was practicing, wait until I'd finished a piece and then quietly say *Yes, that's right*. Or he would offer just the right, succinct advice I needed to get it right. In the middle of my practice that night, I went to get his organ shoes which had sat on the step in the loft for many years. They had gone. Ray was organist and choir director at St John's for 32 years. Those shoes are too big for me to fill.

*Eleanor Carter*



# Outreach

Outreach at St John's has been busy during 2010/11. Many members of the congregation are involved in some form of outreach in the community and an active Outreach Committee is working to provide opportunities for the congregation to implement the Outreach Policy approved by the Congregation in 2002. The policy sees the Church being active in outreach locally and overseas, particularly working in partnerships with other groups. Members of the Outreach committee are: John Atkinson and Ailsa Salt (co-convenors), Dayle Anderson, Beth Cizadlo. Rob Anderson has been co-opted to promote the Victoria University partnership. Rev Allister Lane, Rev Stuart Simpson and the Session Clerk are ex officio members. The Committee held ten meetings during the financial year.

## *Helping Others in the Community*

Last year the congregation at the AGM agreed that \$12,000 should be in the budget to assist community groups which are involved in activities that are compatible with the work of the Christian Church. Grants have been made to *Mt Cook School* for swimming lessons (\$4,000) where there are 21 ethnicities and 50% of the pupils speak English as a second language. Many families are on the basic wage or benefits so charges for swimming lessons are often beyond their means. *Berhampore Junior School* is a highly multicultural school with a large number of special needs children and low income families. Trips outside the classroom to broaden experience usually require buses, for instance, to visit Te Papa or a Marae or the Dowse Gallery, so St John's is helping (\$1,970) with bus costs. *Wellington Women's Health Collective* provides a free general counselling service for low income women in Wellington who find it hard to afford counselling help. A small grant (\$1,000) was given to assist with office rental costs. *Wellington College* has a trained chaplain who works primarily to assist Pasifika students and their families with advice and guidance on how academic goals can be realised. She also offers support on a number of levels to students who are referred to her by staff. The College must raise the money itself for a chaplain (it cannot use Government funds) so, because of the importance of the role, a grant (\$2,500) was made from St John's.

In addition, St John's gave over \$4,000 to the *Christchurch Earthquake Appeal*.

## *Mission Work and Grants*

St John's annual budget provides \$12,000 for grants for overseas and local mission and the committee makes an allocation once a year. Grants made this year went to the PCANZ *Myanmar Rice Bowl* appeal (\$4,381 for small fishing boats, nets, small paddy fields and palms for roofing) and support for two St John's members to visit Myanmar under PCANZ umbrella (\$2,719), Open Home Foundation International (\$1,000 towards a village well in Zambia) and \$4,900 for St John's two missionaries overseas. PCANZ has established a partnership with the Presbyterian Church of Myanmar and this is coordinated by Angela Norton and the St Columba's Church at Botany Downs, Manakau. St John's has formed a Myanmar Group that is joining with this work and in November will have two members in a group visiting the church in Myanmar. Evening church participants are taking a great interest in the project and have raised funds for travel costs for their two friends who are going. Margaret Galt coordinated our connections with St John's two missionaries overseas and there will be further fundraising for them in the last quarter of 2011.

## *Partnership with Victoria University*

The Committee continued to work with Victoria University on our partnership for the *St John's Lecturer in Christian Theology* (Prof. Chris Marshall) and the *Visiting Scholar in Christian Theology* (similar to the Burns Lecture at Otago University). Chris spoke on the work of the lectureship to a Session meeting this year and with Allister Lane, Rob Anderson and Geoff Troughton (Victoria lecturer) has been involved in the search for a Visiting Scholar. Dr William T Cavanaugh, Associate Professor of Theology, University of St Thomas, Houston Texas, USA is to be the first Visiting Scholar and he will be here for ten days in August 2012, giving lectures and addresses at both the University and St John's.

### *Edna Carter Fund*

The Church was left a bequest by Edna Carter, a parishioner who had a particular interest in helping women at Arohata Prison. The Outreach Committee is looking at ways it can assist the rehabilitation and reintegration of women prisoners back into the community. The committee is concerned that it has been able to find no useful research or programmes to assist women prisoners and parolees and the committee is looking at how it might initiate activities that would be of benefit.

### *Bequests Administered*

St John's has been left two bequests, one from Joan Andrews and one from Noel Woods. This year grants were made to Presbyterian Support Central and Downtown Community Ministry to support programmes for people in great need in the City.

### *Discussion and Dialogue on Ethical or Public Interest Matters*

The committee's terms of reference require it to provide opportunity for discussion, debate and dialogue on ethical or public interest issues, including organising fora and seminars. Prof. Jonathan Boston is leading this. The first forum, Exclusion and Embrace: Prisoner Rehabilitation, Reintegration and Reconciliation, organised by Jonathan Boston in June in the Conference Centre, was a great success with over 170 people attending. (About 30 were St John's members.) The three speakers, Prof. Chris Marshall, Kim Workman, and Assoc. Prof. Julian Buchanan addressed the issues in different ways and provided challenging information. The audience was attentive and sympathetic. It is expected two or three forums on various topics will be held each year.

### *St John's Outreach Partnerships and Relationships*

St John's has a very close relationship with the Boys and Girls Institute as it appoints the members of the BGI Board of Management. It contracts with the BGI to provide a Christian education programme for its youth group (the Christian Education Committee manage this) and gives a grant towards the salary costs. BGI rents offices in Troup House, owned by St John's.

St John's is a member of Downtown Community Ministry and is represented on DCM's Board by Richard Read. The DCM food bank is supported.

Rev Lane was President of Victoria House, which provides accommodation for University students. This role alternates between St John's and the Anglican Church who were partners in establishing Victoria House, originally for women students. Two parishioners are members of the Board of Everton Hall student residence.

We have links with Queen Margaret and Scots Colleges which were founded by St John's.

We have joint services on an annual basis with St Peters Anglican Church and St Mary of the Angels.

We have contacts with Presbyterian Support Central, and have had members on the Board. St John's founded PSC.

And there are many other contacts that members of the congregation have with organisations that provide assistance and outreach in our community.

*Ailsa Salt and John Atkinson*  
*Co-convenors*

## Pastoral Care Committee

2011 - The Year of Sharing. That's the theme and that is what we continue to encourage at the lunches hosted by The Pastoral Care Committee. There is something very biblical about sharing a meal. Shyness is overcome and new people are met in a very non-threatening way. Neighbourhood dining in 2009 made way for Mixed-up lunches in 2010 and now we are doing Directory dining. We divided the church directory into four and have been hosting lunches for the alphabetical groupings. The challenge for each group has been to come up with acronyms about the lunches only using the letters in their group. We have been amused by some very clever ideas.

The annual 'Loaves & Fishes' morning tea was very popular again in November. We do loaves as we're not very good at muffins or scones and the chocolate fish are also very popular with all ages.

Many people share their love by giving meals for the Pastoral Care Freezer. These meals have been welcomed in all sorts of situations – tired new parents, illness or bereavement. Many thanks to all the people who have used one of the suggested recipes, or your own to make meals for this tangible way of sharing our care.

Much of 2010 was spent developing an appropriate job description for the role of Pastoral Care

Coordinator. We were delighted when Margaret Gilkison was appointed to the position. Part of Margaret's role includes developing a team of visitors (maybe including you?) who are willing and able to help in some way with a pastoral need in the parish. This can be as intensive or relaxed as you feel inclined. Margaret would love to hear from you.

The next task for the committee is to review our Terms of Reference. The committee was set up in 2004. So much has changed since then – two new Ministers, two Children and Families Ministry Workers and of course the Pastoral Care Coordinator. They are all involved in caring for the pastoral needs of our community and we will be working through how the Pastoral Care Committee can fit and work best with these changes.

Personally I would like to express my gratitude to the committee members who have all supported me through a tough time with my Mum's illness preceding her death in April. Cynthia Krogh, Anne Simpson, Mindy Simpson, Anna Davis and Lynn Pollock are all very caring people and I consider my role so greatly supported by their enthusiasm.

*Judi Ferguson*

*Convenor*

## Christian Education Committee

A notable feature of St. John's community is the rich diversity of its Christian educational activities. St. John's Session continues to make support for Christian education a priority and we are a community richly blessed, both with a desire for learning and with many talented and dedicated leaders of Christian educational activities.

The role of the Christian Education Committee is to provide oversight and support for those activities on behalf of Session. A key resourcing decision made by Session this year was to approve an Assistant Children and Families Ministry Worker position. Heather Walker was appointed to this position in

December 2010. We are indeed blessed. Our paid ministry workers are crucial to the recruitment, co-ordination and support of our excellent and numerous volunteer leaders. Together, paid and volunteer leaders make our Christian education programmes the wonderful success they are. As you read the reports of St. John's various Christian educational programmes, I invite you to take a moment to thank God for our leaders and all the many blessings we enjoy.

*Geoff Annals*

*Convenor*

# Pastoral Care Co-ordinator

*Carry each others burdens and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ. – Galatians 6-2*

I began as St John's Pastoral Care Co-ordinator in March 2011. My role is to complement and co-ordinate pastoral care at St John's, ensuring individual needs are being met as we journey together and walk alongside one another. This is an 8 hour a week position and I work alongside Reverend Stuart Simpson and other members of the ministry team. I liaise with the elders and others providing pastoral care.

Pastoral care is given by us all in some form or other and is given in many different ways. However, we are a large congregation, we are a "gathered community", a diverse group, with diverse needs. Sometimes in our busy-ness, pastoral care does not always happen as we would like. We want everyone to feel cared for, their needs met and their faith strengthened. We want newcomers to feel welcomed, no one to feel isolated and above all, we want a genuine feeling of togetherness and belonging within our church family. Pastoral care is relevant to all age groups and cultures and is shared in times of sadness and need, in times

of celebrations and in our day to day lives.

At St John's we have a group of people, Pastoral Assistants, who can help with visiting, transport, phone calls, providing meals and assisting in times of emergency. My role is to co-ordinate these people.

Our recent pastoral survey has given us good insight into what you, the congregation, would like in the way of pastoral care. We will endeavour to meet these needs.

God has entrusted us to 'journey with others' and God will be journeying with us, holding and strengthening us as we travel forward.

It is a privilege to assist with pastoral care at St John's.

*Margaret Gilkison*  
*Pastoral Care Co-ordinator*



*Helen Nixon, Anwyl Fowler and Joy Pearce enjoy lunch at the Women's Association visit to Peter and Pat Isherwood's home*



*Picnic Church at the Troup Picnic Area at Otari, Wilton's Bush, March 2011*

# The Wellington Boys' and Girls' Institute Incorporated

Kia ora, Talofa Lava, Greetings to you all.

Jesus' preaching on the Kingdom of God and Jesus' social justice actions can be described as two sides of the same coin. There can not be one without the other. The BGI - St John's partnership is similar.

## *Working in Partnership*

In 1883 'The Boys' Institute' was established by a group of young people from St John's, who raised money to set up bathing facilities for disadvantaged children and young people in the area.

This group embodied the link between faith and works, connecting their biblical study with seeking to prevent illness by providing a community bath. Nearly 130 years later we are still placing high value on this same link, this same connectedness in working together.

In 2001 when St John's and BGI jointly created and funded the role of Director of Youth and Community Projects, the vision was that this role would "initiate support and manage youth and community projects on behalf of St John's and BGI".

Today BGI focuses on linking young people to a faith community (in particular St John's) while providing personal development, family support and opportunities for service. Not all of the current nine youth groups we run are faith-based. However we hope that the link with St John's will help enable us to hold onto the faith aspect, as we are aware of many other NGOs who, in order to move forward, have distanced themselves from their Christian links.

This value shows through in our programmes. One youth group that is not faith-based has changed their name from "Wellington Youth Project" to LINK. This group has been helping with St John's youth film festival, which provides them with a link to a faith community.

We have worked on a number of projects with St John's with the intention to outreach together with our combined resources to the community as the Director's role envisaged. Examples include St John's members serving on the BGI Board and St John's members volunteering as mentors on BGI's

"Challenge for Change". Through its community programmes, BGI has attracted new members to St John's as well as promoted the St John's Centre as a good venue for other NGOs to work in.

Recently, at a Session meeting, it was suggested that it is time to review the partnership with BGI. In 2012, we will strive to do this. This will be a good opportunity for as many people as possible to be aware of what we have been trying to achieve together since 2001.

We have recently been thinking of ways St John's and BGI can work more practically together. Looking at past annual reports, and at the job description for the Director, there has always been the best of intentions for BGI and St John's to actively work together to support one another. BGI has worked hard to maintain our identity as a Christian organisation, making our connection with St John's all the more important to us. While organisations such as Presbyterian Support connect with many churches, BGI is solely connected with St John's, and we think that this is something to be celebrated. The partnership was inspired by St John's saying it wants to be a restless community and we have continued to try to live this out.

We look forward to future endeavours in which St John's and BGI can join together in our shared restlessness. We want to be with you in mission to our community, and to help facilitate mission ideas which members of the congregation of St John's may have. We are always open to hearing your thoughts and ideas.

## *The Work We Continue To Do*

We are continuing to work with young people and their families throughout Wellington, some of whom are very high-needs, while others are young leaders in our community. We are also widely respected in the youth sector for our youth participation and mentoring practice, and provide training to youth workers around the country. In all our activities, we work alongside young people to develop their strengths. We address any challenges that arise in a positive, youth-friendly way, and assist them to build strong and healthy relationships with their families/whanau and the people around them.

As well as continuing various projects, which have been outlined in previous years' reports, we are currently running two new projects, *Urban Art Connections* and *The Journey Te Whakatika*.

*Urban Art Connections* grew from a project started by the Wellington City Council, involving young artists in legal street art. This opened our eyes to a number of talented young people in our community who lack the formal skills and opportunities necessary to engage with their talent. Urban Art Connections offers these young people a chance to develop their skill and use it to benefit their community. We are currently fundraising for a number of these young people to travel to Christchurch in October, to work on some community artwork there for a church even though the group does not have a faith focus.

*The Journey* is designed for 17-20 year olds who are at risk or are already offending. This programme helps young adults to identify their strengths through challenging adventures and therapeutic reflection techniques. Makere Derbyshire, our facilitator, was encouraged to attend the Crime and Reintegration seminar at St John's to learn from a Christian perspective the current thinking on reintegration, and to look for practical ways these boys could be integrated more positively within the wider community and St John's.

With these two new key projects, we'd like to bring St Johns on board with BGI to work together in encouraging the boys to take the 'straight and narrow' path. In 2010 we were encouraged when the Session approved our request (with certain provisos) for the graffiti art boys to paint murals around the church site. Our intention was that they might feel a connection with a faith community through BGI.



*Over 100 people participate in the We \*heart\* Christchurch fund raiser quiz, organised by Link*

We hope this could be the first step to belonging and we hope for the church to be more part of the boys' lives and encouraging of their interests.

Over 130 volunteers support BGI, some of whom have been working with BGI for over 7 years. These volunteers are essential to the running of successful youth programmes and BGI is ever grateful for the work that they do. Three of our mentors have been from St John's, and many others from the congregation have supported us over the years.

BGI would like to thank St John's for the continual support that they have offered over the years. Looking forward, we would like to strengthen this partnership. We would love to grow our culture of active participation between BGI and St John's, and are exploring projects and opportunities that we could work on together. There are always opportunities to volunteer, from being a mentor to a young person, to being on call as a driver or cook for youth events. We are always open to new ideas on collaborative projects, and how we can contribute to the St John's community.

We look forward to your continued support for the work of BGI and the new opportunities that we will undertake when working together with our partners in Christ, St Johns.

*Iris Webster  
Chair of BGI*



*BGI artists paint a mural on Opera House Lane 2011*



# Youth Group

St. John's Senior Youth is a purpose driven community. It is our aim to create a community that is equipped for action. I (Dave) have been in this role since early March, taking over from Trevor Neal, who has since moved to work with those at Wellington City Mission Alternative School. By all accounts, he is having a positive impact there. The past 5 months have really been a learning process –moving churches and moving youth groups to a place with different norms and practices. This has been an opportunity to both learn and to teach.

Youth group is split into two weekly events: a Friday night social (generally with a weekly theme, crazy games and a faith based thought) and a deeper Sunday Morning study. It is our hope that we can create a welcoming and 'new person friendly' environment with a faith based thought that will leave youthies thinking and curious to take things to the next level.

## *Sunday Mornings this Year*

Sunday Mornings are designed to be a space to cater for that curiosity. Since the start of this year, we have been trialing a Sunday Morning study model called the 'three week model'. This entails the youth purposely revolving around the Sunday Morning sermons to help them relate and interact with a Sunday morning sermon and to put this sermon into language they can engage with. Week 1 of the three week cycle entails us prepping the youth by studying the passage that will be talked about in church the following week. This gives the youth a little bit of context and prior knowledge about the text before hearing it discussed. Week 2 involves the youth sitting in the service where we provide them with blank A4 artist's notebooks to take notes with. On the third week, youth meet out of church again to debrief the sermon and to discuss any questions the youth had about the sermon.

## *Leadership Team*

We are blessed to have a large and very capable volunteer leadership team at St J's youth. We've seen two departures of volunteer leaders and four new additions this past year. Talia Carlisle and Thomas Seer-Bud have departed. Andrew Kasonde, Richard Hpa, Rose Morris and Yoon Ji are new to the team and are very welcome additions!

We want to be a place where youth find community and are equipped for action.

## *Community*

Community is essential to St J's Senior Youth. We strive to be a community that is inclusive and welcoming. We want the youth to find a group of belonging – a place where their presence is celebrated and their attendance is missed when they are gone. We want to care for one another, to support each other to thrive and most importantly we want to have FUN together. Here are some of the ways we have tried to do that this year.

Parachute 2011 saw 25 excited youthies and leaders pack - out two vans and head to Mystery Creek for a long weekend of music, watermelon eating, sunburn and sweet hangouts.

Highlights included going crazy to the likes of Skillet and Stan Walker, small group hangouts in The Village and the torrential rain that flooded some tents on the first night! The weekend wasn't short of drama with Grace popping open her stitches while breakdancing, but it was awesome to see the group come together to support her and make the best of the weekend! Parachute was an awesome way to kick off the year with group bonding as well as saying farewell to Trev!

Cruising back in to Wellington late on Monday afternoon saw the Parachute 2011 peeps tired but exhilarated and pumped for Para 2012!

At Pimp My T-Shirt Night, youth were asked to bring old t-shirts and pillowcases with the intent to make old things new. Youth created stencils and spray painted new designs onto their derelict clothing. This was done to encourage creativity, to teach them new and practical skills and to give the youth an opportunity to encourage each other (therefore creating community) in their talents. We shared with the youth God's desire for us to be agents of change, making old things new, bringing heaven to earth. A very memorable night!

Rambo Night was a great opportunity to dress up and play lots of war games – From 'Grenades' to Human Battleships. We used the war theme to talk

about peace and how Jesus, while expected to win the victory and liberation of the Jews by force and by leading an uprising against the Romans, instead chose the path of peace, winning a deeper victory.

Our Progressive Dinner was a great opportunity for youth to make greater connections with both leaders and parents from around church to greater build community within the youth and wider church. Youth went around Wellington in three groups to different places for each course then back to St. J's for a potluck dessert. We used this night to talk about the last supper and how sharing a meal with someone was an important sign of friendship in Jesus' day.

At our Secret Auction Night, youth assembled to bid fake money on mystery items with just an obscure word to describe them. The money was fake, but the prizes were for keeps. This was a great night with lots of hilarity as prizes were revealed and fake money was spent. We used this night to talk about how we as Christians are bought at a price and therefore should honour God with our bodies, our very beings.

### *Equip*

We want to equip, enable and upskill our leaders and youth to be self-sustaining in faith and growth. Some of the ways we have tried to do this are as below.

We took the volunteer leaders down to Connect (1-3 July 2011) in Christchurch for the annual PYM Connect youth working conference. This gave the leaders access to high calibre youth working theory, creative approaches and solutions from those with experience. This allowed for some great team bonding time and space to come up with a team kawa.

Early this year, we took some of our leaders away to Ian and Margaret Garret's bach in Waikanae for a Leaders' Retreat. We used this opportunity to focus on what core values we have at our youthgroup's centre, making sure all who are in the youthgroup are feeling connected and how we can better our leadership.

A new initiative we have tried this year is a three week Sunday cycle. Through this, we cycle Sunday

morning program, to aid youth engagement and increase the ability to wrestle with sermons and scripture to better own their own faith. It has been our hope, that through our Sunday morning sessions, youth will be able to defend what they believe through discussion, and be aware that they will be challenged, stretched and given capacity grow. We have taught them essential bible study skills, such as the inductive bible study method, and how to seek information from other sources, such as a bible dictionary, internet and commentaries. We wish to equip youth to seek and find answers to both troubling questions and questions of curiosity.

### *Action*

A key value in our youthgroup is that God's love should overflow in our lives and spread beyond us. Some of the ways we've actively tried to extend God's love this year include; a Random Acts of Kindness Night, where we asked the youthies to bring \$5 each this night. We split them into groups, then pooled their money in each group, gave them a bit of time to brainstorm then sent them out into Wellington to creatively bless people with their random acts of kindness – a fun and easy way to put our faith into action

We also supported Doran's (one of our youthies) last basketball games of the season and we hadn't seen Doran in a while, so as a youth group we decided we wanted to pay a visit to Doran's basketball game to give a little support with our presence and our voices. A really practical way of spreading our love as a youth group and caring for others!



*Dave Adams - Youth Ministry Worker*



*A sample of the money used at our auction night*



*Grampa night*

As a youth group we choose to take a weekly collection to support our sponsor child, Pont Pont (our World Vision Sponsor Kid Collection). We recognize that we are blessed and choose to bless others. Jesus had a real heart for the poor, thus we choose to follow in his footsteps. Earlier this year we found out we had been left with a \$400 bill from World Vision left over from the previous year; so as a youth group we rallied together to try and wipe this. We took a special collection to do so, raising \$280 as a whole – a decent effort – proud of my youthies!

A highlight of Easter Camp this year was Angels and Mortals. Every camper was assigned a 'Mortal' ie a fellow camper whom they were to look after or be 'Angel' to, over the weekend. It is such a great way to build a loving and giving community at camp, as campers do things from delivering lollies, rights to get their dinner first, a comfy couch all to

themselves at the camp concert and special deliveries of Powerade to provide that extra energy for showing your stuff on the dance floor at the dance party. But it's not just all gifts, but also hugs, notes, words of encouragement, company, laughter, and just sharing good times!

### *The Year Ahead*

We are looking to plan Fridays that are more connected to each other – like a series instead of one off topics. We have started that this term by launching the term long theme of Identity. We've split the youthgroup into teams and those teams have been competing for the new St. J's Youth coveted trophy. We hope by the end of this term we will be a youthgroup with a greater sense of identity and be able to launch a new youthgroup name and logo (logo complements of our resident BGI graffiti artist – Yels). Looking ahead, we are also exploring the option of linking Fridays and Sundays closer together, with Fridays thought giving a taste tester to Sunday morning's expanded study. While also remaining heavily linked with the Sunday morning service – seeking more opportunities to serve in church and inviting elders more often to share their testimony with the youth.

### *We have Youth from...*

Wellington High School, Wellington College, Wellington East Girls College, Wellington Girls College, Onslow College, Tawa College and Rongotai College

*Dave Adams*

*Youth Ministry Worker*

## Epic (Junior Youth Group)

Throughout this last year at EPIC we have been looking at how to grow more as a holistic community with our families and with the church whānau. We have made events like the Whānau Dinner an annual event. This helps us get to know each of our young people's families have a chance to meet each other and share in their admiration for their children. During the night we celebrated all of our young people's talents and servant hearts through their performances and waiting. One of my favourite moments from the Whānau Dinner was when two of our newest young people joined together to do a live piece of art work reflecting our EPIC crew. Everyone at the dinner then signed it. We then used this creation for the design of our EPIC hoodies. It was an amazing night filled with so many proud moments.

This year, as a ministry team, we have been working hard on transitions between St J's Kids and EPIC as we feel the transitions from EPIC to Senior Youth group are now strong, but coming into EPIC needed some work. So this year EPIC and St J's Kids have started working more closely together. In Term 3, 2011, we are even planning on aligning the whole term together with the aid of Seasons of the Spirit curriculum so that we can do at least one session together each term so that the Year 6's can get to know our EPIC leadership team and young people in EPIC.

Our programme still runs on Fridays from 6:30-8:30pm and on Sundays during church. We have a range of young people in Years 7 and 8 from the following schools: Scots, South Wellington and Evans Bay Intermediate Schools, Queen Margaret's, Brooklyn, Ridgeway, Hataitai, and Northland.

This year we have filled our programme with so many fun activities it's hard to name them, but here are a few: paintball, laser force, movie trips, quiz nights, filming for Film Fest, playground missions, jousting and parties!

We have also ensured that giving back to our communities has been big on our list of priorities so we have included cooking nights in which we then give the food that we make to others. One night we cooked meatballs for the church pastoral freezer, another night we baked cookies and delivered them to some elderly in our congregation, wishing them a Merry Christmas.

Our leadership team has grown and changed in the last year with Casey James leaving us and David Jackson joining us in a co-coordinator role, myself, Nga Larsen, staying in the other co-coordinator role, this being my third year with EPIC. Then recently Michelle Knight, Jack McCarthy and Zoë Henderson joined us to help volunteer and lead weekly.

*Ngahuia Larsen*  
*Youth Ministry Worker, Junior Youth*



*Water fight in the courtyard, Summer 2011*



*Eve Davis and Calvin Jones looking forward to their Big Mac shake, yum!*

## Children and Families

*'Parents are the primary faith teachers, mentors and role models for their children with the church as a reinforcement – not replacement – of the parent's duties.'*  
Rich Melheim, Faith Inkubators

One of the main contexts in which faith moves from generation to generation is through our families. The emphasis on passing faith to 'your children, and your children's children' is fundamental, as reiterated in Deuteronomy Chapter 6 verses 4-9: '

*Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.*

As we write this report, St John's is about to hold it's first Faith@Home workshop for families – a chance for parents/caregivers to share ideas with others about how to incorporate faith practices into everyday parenting – to make sharing our faith with our children simple. This is an outcome of our commitment to empower parents/caregivers, through support and encouragement, to be their child's prime spiritual teacher in simple, practical ways. To intentionally use their everyday lives in real time as faith examples for their children. Watch this space next year to see how this initiative has developed!

Thanks goes to you, the St John's congregation, for your support of the children in our midst – we appreciate your practical assistance, the generous giving of your time and energy in so many ways, the smiles you share with our children as they exit church on a Sunday morning, and your patience with their sometimes noisy and distracting behaviour(!)

In particular, we need to acknowledge with gratitude the contributions of our dynamic St J's Kids Leadership team of over 30 people involved during Sunday mornings and our many other activities during the year. This team is crucial in laying that foundation of belonging and connectedness which is instrumental in faith development.

## St J's Kids

Our theme for 2011 is in line with St John's pastoral care theme: 'The Year of Sharing'. Our small group names are based on the Rugby World Cup with the emphasis on being part of a 'team' – of knowing and caring for each other – what it means to be on God's team. So the connections we've made with 'The Year of Sharing' in our St J's Kids context is by describing it as the year 'of giving and receiving' – of 'passing and catching'!

The lectionary based 'Seasons of the Spirit' continues to serve us well. Our familiarity with it means it continues to be easy to adapt to suit our unique children's ministry in the context of the wider St John's family.

In October 2010 Session approved a proposal to increase the hours of the Children and Families Ministry to 35hrs/week 52 weeks a year. This is something to be celebrated as St John's shows foresight in endorsing the Children and Families Ministry in this way. A temporary Assistant position was introduced in November 2010 to manage the increased hours, and a permanent appointment was made in February 2011.

In February, Anna reduced her hours to 20 hours/week and Heather was appointed to the role of Assistant working 15 hours/week. Both positions are now for the full year, previously the role had been paid for 40 weeks/year.

### *Dynamic Leadership Team for 2011*

The majority of our leadership team are St J's Kids parents. In the younger groups we have had a significant number of new parents stepping up into leadership roles this year, bringing fresh ideas and new perspectives to an already very capable group of leaders. A number of other parents have begun assisting for the first time as part of the Sunday morning roster together with several of our young leaders in training.

Half Backs	Centres	Full Backs	Wingers
	Years 1 and 2	Years 3 and 4	Years 5 and 6
0-5 years old	5-7 years old	7-9 years old	9-11 years old
Leaders Heather Walker, Fiona Purchas, Vicky Wood	Leaders Janie Pack, Ingrid McEnaney, Adrienne Troughton	Leaders Iris Webster, Chris Purchas, Bronwyn Wood	Leaders Nicki Read, Kathryn Ojala, Ross Davis
Assistants Mindy Simpson, Nina Liando, Belinda Gilkison, Diane Shaw, Fiona Coughlan,	Assistants Brigitte Hicks-Willer, Susana Pramana	Assistants Lala Simpson, Alex Read	Assistant: Jeff Liando

It is wonderful to have members of our senior youth group (Alex Read, April Ojala, Alice McEnaney and Madi Ojala) actively involved in welcoming the children and orienting them for their morning's activities. We are continuing to work on the development of this role so the children have a strong sense of connection and anticipation when they see their Greeters on Sunday morning. Our aim will be to recruit some male Children's Door Greeters on to the team!

Beth Beard, Cynthia Krogh, Allie Crombie, Melisa Webster, Olive Alexander and Marg Gilkison fill a crucial role of providing experienced leadership support on a Sunday morning at short notice when someone is ill.

Many thanks to Elizabeth Gibbs, Warwick Beech, Jinny Irvine, Lesley Shaw, Carolyn Goudswaard, Mary Hutchison, Jonathon Boston, David Ensor, Sandra Waldrom, Marg Gilkison, Petra Malcolm, Linda Shaw, Vera & David Burton, and Vicky & David Wood for running the holiday programmes throughout the year. The St J's Leaders really appreciate being able to take a break during the school holidays. This is only made possible by the wonderful support of members of the congregation. Not only do the leaders appreciate the break, the kids also love having a break from the usual routine and it provides an opportunity to get to know different adults and make new connections within the church community.

### *Transformers*

St John's participated in a new leadership initiative this year, 'Transformers' - a 12 month mentoring programme for 10-13yr olds, a national Kids Friendly initiative instigated in 2009 to encourage and equip churches to develop leadership skills in their young people. Young people, 'Leaders In Training' (LIT), are partnered with an older congregational member to mentor and encourage them to pursue leadership opportunities in their church.

In September 2010, ten St John's young people from Yrs 5-8 and their Mentors attended the Transformers camp in the Wairarapa along with others partnerships from other Wellington churches. During the subsequent 12 months, the intent has been for partnerships to work towards achieving Awards, e.g. Faith Award, Service Award and Planning Award. This initiative has been instrumental in relationship building between the young people, their families and their Mentor, and enabling their unique involvement in the life of the church. As the programme for this initial intake draws to a close in October 2011, we will reflect on where to next for these youth, and the next group of young people coming through.



## *Christmas 2010*

Hosting of Mary and Joseph figurines during Advent 2009 was so popular, that in 2010, the Shepherds and Kings also set off on separate travels around 25 households. Each set of figurines came complete with their story and a diary for the host families to record their thoughts, wishes or prayers. This hosting provided many wonderful moments, one of the Kings acquired frankincense oil in his travels and subsequent families were challenged to identify which one, the shepherds watched over flocks of children rather than sheep at several households, and families hosting Mary and Joseph shared in the joy of expecting a new baby, with many stories retold to children about their arrival.

Christmas Day signaled the end of their journey and the travelling nativity characters were invited up the front to be reunited during the morning service.

The Christmas Pageant was incorporated in to an All Age Worship service. The children dressed in traditional costume and some took up the opportunity to play more familiar, everyday roles such as teachers, accountants, firemen and athletes. It was lovely to hear feedback from the congregation that they enjoyed this presentation of the Christmas story through song and pageantry, with thought given to how it relates to us today.

## *A New Year - 2011*

We repeated the very successful 'jump start' to the new year with a bouncy castle on 6 February 2011. Plans for an outdoor celebration were scuttled by the weather, but fortunately we were able to transfer activities indoors. The youth group contributed to our celebrations with their bar-b-que skills. Approximately 45 children (26 families) attended.

Two weeks later on 20 February 14 families joined with 10,000 other Wellingtonians to complete the 7km Round the Bays event. This is the second time we've participated as a group in the event and we were again joined by some of the youth group.

## *Lent and Easter Highlights*

We held an inaugural St John's pancake breakfast to celebrate the beginning of Lent. Approximately 85 people of all ages attended. Some serious pancake consumption was undertaken before more light hearted pancake tossing and other games in the courtyard. These games were led by a Transformer partnership, Alice McEnaney with mentor Nga Larsen, while Claire Davis and mentor Petra Malcolm worked on their partnership in the kitchen turning out pancakes for the hungry hoards! This breakfast marked the start of the St J's kids Lenten Challenge – a challenge for all members of St J's families to be more generous to others through small, everyday acts of service during Lent.

Five families who shared their experience of the Lenten Challenge won the opportunity to trial the recently launched 'Faith Box' – a devotion in a tin for busy families, developed by Mary Grant (Parents Inc) and Nikki Watkin (Presbyterian Minister). Feedback from this trial will be shared by these families at the Faith @ Home workshop, scheduled for August 2011.

The St J's Leaders organised a dramatic re-telling of the Easter story for St J's Kids two weeks before Easter. This was very successful – with children cheering and yelling during the re-enactment of Palm Sunday as the donkey (David Wood) plodded along a path of children's sweatshirts; experiencing the smells, taste and story of the last supper and listening attentively to the gardener at Gethsemane and the women at Jesus' tomb re-telling their story.

Eve Davis and Sarah Johnstone (a Transformer partnership) organized a palm cross making and social event on the Friday before Palm Sunday. About twelve St J's families enjoyed this opportunity to gather together and help with the preparation for the Sunday service.

On Easter Sunday, a team of five St J's Kids leaders and parents led approximately 60 children, regulars and visitors through the events leading to the Resurrection by singing, interactive story telling, small group challenges, music and movement and an Easter Egg hunt. The kids came away with a hollow plastic egg with a surprise empty cross inside – and a sense of the celebrating the risen Christ.

### *St J's Kids and the St John's Congregation*

Picnic Church (a St J's Kids initiative) continues to be a highlight of our year. In March 2011, St J's Kids families actively participated in our worship outdoors in God's creation at Otari Wilton bush. With the bar-b-ques functioning this year, many families also stayed on after the service to eat a bar-b-que lunch and socialise.

The children and leaders also continue to enjoy actively participating with the wider congregation in our All Age Worship.

This year St J's Kids along with their parents and leaders have enjoyed the opportunity to prepare and serve morning tea to the congregation in the Hall after church once a term. The success of the 'Wingers' (Yr 5&6 children, ages 9-11) morning tea in March meant that the Halfbacks (pre-schoolers) and the Centres (Yr 1&2 children, ages 5-6) eagerly took their turn. The one remaining team, the Fullbacks (Yr 3&4 children, ages 7-8) are anticipating their turn with fervour! A very unique experience for the Congregation to be served morning tea by a rugby team after worship!



*Pantry Raid, with Stephanie MacIntyre at DCM, November 2010*



Ailsa Salt took on the challenge of actioning the request for a children's lectern, and as a result we have a lectern beautifully carved by Dr Peter O'Hara. Dr O'Hara was acknowledged for his many hours of work during worship in June. The children are enjoying using the lectern already – they can see the congregation when speaking and the congregation can see them! We are very grateful to Ailsa and Peter for this gift and it is a physical testament to St John's commitment to being a Kid's Friendly church.

### *Social Events*

Beth Beard and Elizabeth Gibbs co-ordinated Starlight Story time in August 2010. This was the usual action packed evening with all ages involved telling stories, dancing and providing supper. We returned to having one session in the church rather than the chapel to accommodate numbers. Approximately 90 children and 55 adults enjoyed the evening. Thanks to the many members of the congregation who contributed to this magical evening for the children.

### *Outreach*

In response to low Foodbank stocks in Wellington, St J's Kids' again raided the pantry of the St John's congregation in November 2010 and were generously rewarded for their efforts. This was then transported to the Downtown Community Ministry (DCM) Foodbank after church one Sunday morning where the children and their parents restocked the DCM shelves. Stephanie MacIntyre, the Director, spoke to those present, giving us a real insight into the work of the DCM and the valuable role the children had played in enabling this vital work to continue.

# Crèche

Once again Crèche has had a good year. Workers are diligent at arranging swaps if they are unable to do their duty. We have been joined by two young workers, Claire and Eve Davis, who love little tots and are very good with them. More babies have arrived in the congregation: Fiona and Dave Coughlan and Belinda and Andrew Gilkison providing boys; Angela and Phil Garrity, Naomi and Allister Lane and Antonia and Ashley Milkop providing girls for us. There are others who have joined the congregation too.

With the very Child Friendly status of St J's Kids, most mothers are happy to attend in the St J's Centre with their toddlers, from 18 months old. This is a great forum for socialising and making friends as well as assisting the St J's Kids staff.

As always, St John's is a very welcoming place for parents with littlies. Long may this continue.

*Lesley Shaw*



*Toddlers have morning tea at Music & Movement*



*Round the Bays 2011*



## Preschool Music & Movement

### *Leadership and Training*

Leadership of the group continues to evolve as does the membership of the group. In addition to Anna and Heather, there are several capable participants who take turns leading the Thursday morning music sessions. These leaders include Vicky Wood and Naomi Lane, who are also members of the St John's congregation, and Kate Wasson and Jo Wu, regular attendees at music. Jo is the newest leader. Following attendance at a training course in June 2011, Anna has been mentoring her to develop her leading skills on Thursday mornings.

In September 2010, St John's provided the venue for the Kids Music Company workshop on their latest album. Vicky Wood attended and learnt different techniques for leading the new songs. In June 2011, Anna, Jo Wu and Naomi Lane attended another Kids Music Company training session.

### *Group Involvement*

Morning tea provision, as with Music leadership, continues to be delivered by the parents in the group. Many members of this group are also active member of St John's. Others, who are not members, also choose to participate occasionally in St John's activities, such as Baptisms, All Age Worship services, hosting nativity figurines and St J's Kids social events.

The group baked for, assembled and delivered Easter Baskets for elderly parishioners during a Coffee & Chat morning. This continues to be a much enjoyed 'tradition' of our group. The many thank you cards written by the recipients were very much appreciated.

### *Thanks*

Many thanks to Betty Robertson and Lynn Pollock for supporting our group with Coffee and Chat and for staying connected with so many of the parents. Thanks also to those who have helped Betty and Lynn. Your commitment to supporting our group is crucial for maintaining links with the wider St John's community.

Also it has made a huge difference to have the Hall exclusively booked for us on Thursdays. We are fortunate to enjoy such a comfortable and easy venue for the parents and children to enjoy.

## Alpha Marriage Course

Now in its fourth year, the course continues to be held twice each year. One course finished in September 2010, a second was held in Term 2, 2011. Over these two courses, 15 couples have attended. Participants have connections with preschool M&M, St J's Kids, 18-30s group, the morning congregation, the Ministers as Marriage Preparation, BGI and from the Alpha Marriage Course website on which St John's is listed.

### *Thanks*

Many thanks to Antonia and Ashley Milkop for assisting in facilitating the course last year, and to Nicki and Richard Read for giving their time and skills to facilitate the course in May of this year. And also to those of you from previous courses and the Ministers for continuing to help with advertising, set up, welcoming and providing desserts which play an integral part in the evening and gives a face to our St John's community. Also to the St John's office staff for setting up the space every Monday - it makes a significant difference to us being able to continue running the course.

## Children and Family Ministry

St John's children's ministry, including preschool Music & Movement, is regularly supporting over 90 families and over 150 children. Thank you for your continued support.

*Anna Davis and Heather Walker*  
*Children and Families Ministry Workers*

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

## *Junior Report*

This lively group of girls aged 5-8yrs has had a year of different activities as part of their Junior 'Star' certificate. They have studied the Caribbean and learned the limbo rock. They have made drums and shakers.

At breakup, the parents were invited to do the limbo with them as well as joining in with Israeli dancing.

The Journey Point of their Star was spent visiting Kilbirnie Fire station where they used the hose and sat in the Fire engine. For their Responsibility, they washed and cleaned a car in the church car park. The nearest Tuesday to Mothers Day, they made lavender sachets and served cups of tea and cake to their mothers at Brigade. They enjoy joining with the Company for singing and games. Avis Marshall is still part of Juniors and assists Diane Little each week.



*Rebecca and Simata at the Queen's Award Church Service December 2010*

## *Company Report*

The highlights of the past year were Simata Murphy gaining her Queen's Award. At breakup Sarah Bayliss and Rebecca Howan were presented with their Brigadier brooches and completed their first year of Queen's Award. It has been a challenging year with three girls doing Queen's Award, making sure they get enough Company service over the two year period. Rebecca has been teaching the girls new songs from Hillsong Music, taking Seniors for ukele, doing the Company notice board and doing badge work with the Junior section. Sarah Bayliss has taught the girls Israeli dancing and crafts to Juniors as well as God's Book. Both of these girls have organised fun nights at the end of each term.

We started off the 2011 year by combing with the Juniors to make robots, treasure hunt around the church and surrounding streets. Pauline Little has taught the Seniors Bible knowledge, sweet making and care of pets. All our Seniors and Pioneers attended the area camp held in June at Silverstream Christian Holiday camp. They made new friends and took part in the different activities.

Every night devotions are taken by leaders, Pioneers and then we prayed for different requests of our girls. We have appreciated our Chaplain coming into take devotions with us.

We have a loyal group of girls with 100% attendance each company night.

I would like to thank our Chaplain, Stuart Simpson, for his support over the last year, Pauline Little for her work in the company and Dianne Little and Avis for working with the Juniors.

While writing this report we have just heard that Sarah Bayliss and Rebecca Howan have passed Queen's Award and will have it presented at Government House in December. 8<sup>th</sup> Wellington Company has had eight girls over the last 25 years earn their Queen's Award.

*Katherine Sutherland*

*8<sup>th</sup> Wellington Team Leader*





*Aini and Mikayala (above) and Sarah Bayliss and Rebecca Howan (below) on 'Make a Robot' night*



*Fire Station visit*



*Andrew Davis and Chris Penlington complete a river crossing during Orongorongo tramp, Labour Weekend (October) 2010*





# The Boys' Brigade - 2nd Wellington Company

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

As the Captaincy of the Boys' Brigade changed with the new year, the 2010 year will be reported on by David Jackson and 2011 will be reported on by Matthew Bayliss.

## 2010

The final six months of 2010 were packed with activities. But the thing that really impresses me about St John's Boys' Brigade is the attitude and camaraderie that accompanies these activities. The Boys' Brigade covers such a varied programme and it is great to know that we consistently operate in God's Spirit as we build a supportive culture of these young men to develop into strong Christian men.

*The highlights of 2010 include:*

- + the continued support from our Chaplain Rev Allister Lane and elder Sandy Lawson
- + the continuation of our Junior/Team Section which meets Mondays at 5:45pm for boys aged 7 and upwards
- + the growth, both spiritually and numerically
- + the way leadership has grown in depth, with both our adult and young leaders
- + the commitment of all involved to honour and respect each other as we journeyed together.

## Farewell

It is with much sadness I decided to step away from BB service to pursue other areas of service at the end of 2010. The adventures, challenges and learning through BB will never be forgotten. I pray that each of those involved in this movement currently and in the future will receive the same blessing I did from being part of this exciting family.

The past ten years have been full of change and exciting times. Thank you to all the boys, parents, leaders and supporters of St John's Boys' Brigade. Thank you for making this ministry such a joy.

## 2011

Matthew Bayliss was officially appointed as Captain at a service on 3 April 2011. Leadership has been a challenge with David and Daniel Arnold departing at the end of 2010, and Kwasi Afosa moving to Australia at the start of term 3. These capable and committed leaders are missed at BB. I would like to thank Bryan Penlington for his constant support and his ability to think creatively, and for his compassion and care for everyone.

Boys' Brigade has a small but committed group of young men attending each week. Highlights from the year include mini golf, sending messages using morse code, using compasses, and many games of soccer and stopball. The seniors have also been able to show their own talents by each taking a class in skills as diverse as building 'Exploding Triangles' from popsicle sticks to how to shuffle (the dance style, not the card trick). We've been learning about Christian Manliness and what it means to be a man, and to be a man after God's heart. It has been encouraging for me to continue to see the boys grow in leadership and community, and to build each other up.

Ki a koutou i te mahi o te Ariki

*David Jackson*

*Captain (2006-2010)*

*Matthew Bayliss*

*Captain (2011-)*

*Special Awards at the 61st Presentation of Awards*  
Squad Shield - Blue (Squad 1)  
Miss Milliar Cup for Excellence  
of Character - Campbell Simpson  
Sportsmanship - Christopher Penlington  
Junior MVP - Thomas McKenzie Bridle

*Leaders of St John's Boys' Brigade 2011*  
Chaplain: Rev. Allister Lane  
Captain: Matthew Bayliss  
Honorary Captain: Harriet Johnston  
Lieutenants: Kwasi Afosa  
Staff Sergeants: Bryan Penlington  
Elder: Sandy Lawson

## Whitecastle Home Group

2011 was the start of a new and wonderful adventure - Whitecastle Home group. At the beginning of the year Matt Potts and I envisaged a home group where new people to St John's could feel welcomed and an environment where they could feel comfortable to share their struggles and triumphs. This year we have had about ten people come to our flat (The Whitecastle) each week to engage in fellowship over a cup of tea, or in Jack's case, his dinner. We have had plenty of good discussions covering topics such as fair-trade and social justice and we are currently making our way slowly through the book of Matthew. Some awesome friendships have been formed and we have become a tight knit group.

We think that we can speak for the whole group saying that home group so far has been both challenging and rejuvenating.

*Petra Malcolm and Matt Potts*

## Monday Night House Group

The Monday night housegroup has met most weeks, enjoying Chinese takeaways and discussions on different aspects of our Christian life. This year we covered a range of topics including justice, praise, being a disciple (the study set for the General Assembly) as well as 'book' studies from Matthew and 1 John. As usual we also have a Christmas party and beginning of year barbeque, as well as lots of fun from week to week. It has been great to see new housegroups starting up, just as we have enjoyed the new perspectives brought by our new members over the year, and we would encourage anyone interested to come and try us or one of the other groups out.

*Margaret Galt*

## Karori Home Group

This homegroup has now been meeting since the beginning of 2011. The group is reasonably small, which has created a wonderful environment for the members to get to know each other very well.

The group meets three Tuesdays out of every four from 7:30 – 9:00pm. Presently we are going through the book 'What's so amazing about grace' by author Philip Yancey. If you haven't read this book then I recommend it to you. One of my favourite quotes in the book is 'there is nothing we can do to make God love us more. There is nothing we can do to make God love us less'. To date we have looked at what grace is and isn't, grace in the bible, forgiveness: an unnatural act, why it is important to forgive and the issue of wanting to get even. The group has collectively

decided to go to the 'Jesus and Gospel' lecture series and therefore will continue to study WSAAG once the lectures have finished.

If you are looking for a homegroup to belong to, then St John's has a number of wonderful groups, where not only can you grow in faith but where you can build some long lasting friendships. You are most welcome to join us and if you would like more information then don't hesitate to contact Stuart Simpson on 476 0285.

Yours in Christ

*Stuart Simpson*

# Tuesday Night House Group

The Tuesday Night House Group now meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month from February to November at various homes around the city.

Most of the second half of last year was spent working our way through the “Making Disciple-Making Disciples” study based on the Moderator’s theme for General Assembly.

After a one-off study based on “The Gospel According to the Simpsons”, we finished the year with a hearty Christmas dinner at the Speight’s Ale House!

We started the New Year with our traditional barbeque, and then joined with the wider church in the “Life Balance” Lenten study series. This was a timely study, and concluded with a wonderful Passover service and potluck dinner shared with all the groups that took part in the study.

Throughout the year, we have also watched a number of programmes from the locally-produced ‘My God’ series presented by Chris Nichol.

We completed our latest study – on the Parable of the Prodigal Son – just in time to take part in Chris Marshall’s lecture series on “Jesus and the Gospels”.

We will resume our regular meetings on 11 October 2011.

A couple of long-standing members left during the course of the year with Rahmadi and Nonie Murwanto returning to Indonesia, and Jane and Peter Hazlewood moving to Australia. They were valued members of the group and are missed by us all. So, as a consequence, we are looking for new people to join us!

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

Prayer also underpins the life of the group, and every time we meet we spend time in prayer and reflection.

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

*Paul Ramsay*



*Dedicated volunteers on the flower roster continue to remind us of the joy of God’s garden*

# Badminton and Table Tennis Club

We are a club of many nations – Taiwan, Malaysia, Indonesia, China, Korea, Germany, Scotland and a couple of Kiwis. Those missing in the photographs are Stephen, Ross, Andrew and Qian. Total membership is around 15. Competition is keen and fun is in abundance. Even Abigail has her name down to join when she is old enough!

*Harriet Johnston*  
*Secretary*

*Kai Joeng*  
*Captain*



*The Badminton and Table Tennis Club*

## Prayer Chain

It is with sadness that we have to report that Rev Blair Rogers passed away in April this year. Blair had run the Prayer Chain for a number of years. His warmth and commitment to the prayer needs of our congregation were a huge blessing and I, for one, really miss him. Our sincere thoughts go out to his wife Lorna.

Do you know about this group of people in our church called the Prayer Chain? The members don't know who each other are and we do not meet up as a group, not even for coffee? Yet, every week the Prayer Chain is in action.

Although our Prayer Chain is often used for major situations, it is important to share what might be 'minor' situations. Frequently people say 'My problem is insignificant in comparison with others' problems' and my answer is 'Nothing is insignificant to God and we care about your needs'.

It is enriching when someone new asks to join the Prayer Chain and also when I am able to report on answer to our prayers.

Remember how James in his New Testament letter urged those who were sick to call for the elders of the church to come and pray over them (James 5:14)? We believe that prayer is a powerful force in

the world that we need to use to bring one another before God.

The concept of our Prayer Chain is that individuals wishing to be held in prayer will contact either of our Ministers, the church office or me. Those prayers will be added to the confidential prayer list and distributed to our Prayer Chain on a monthly basis. If urgent prayer is required a confidential message will be sent to all those on the Prayer Chain.

Currently our Prayer Chain consists of 26 members; it is a growing group of people whose joy and privilege it is to pray for anyone who requests prayer. We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us in prayer for others and that in all things God will be glorified in every situation.

We still need more people who believe in the power of prayer and are willing to spend time in prayer for others.

Will you consider becoming part of this chain? Anyone wishing to become a member of the Prayer Chain or would like to request prayer can contact me on 388 9746 or email me at [decision@clear.net.nz](mailto:decision@clear.net.nz).

*Gail Higgs-West*  
*Convenor*

# St John's Women's Association

It is with pleasure that I present this report of the St John's Women's Association for 2010/2011. Thank you to all who have helped in various roles.

Annual General Meetings are always a time for reflection (for me anyway), plus a time of looking to the future. I believe that, in spite of us all getting older and, for some of us, increasing health concerns and issues, we continue to play a dynamic role both here within St John's in the City and at a local, national and international level. We couldn't achieve this without the Association of Presbyterian Women (APW) to which we belong. Presbyterian women have always had a pivotal role in the continuing life of the wider church.

Our younger women are taking different directions than we were able to, but they also contribute in a variety of ways. Without their support, we couldn't achieve the things that we currently do.

Our group activities reflect our interests and involvements. We continue to meet monthly, except for December, but not always at the Church. Our format continues to be our tried and true method. Firstly, a business session, where we keep up to date with pastoral concerns, mission activities and upcoming events. This is followed by a guest speaker or a social gathering, and then a shared lunch.

## *Monthly Meetings*

We began the year in July with Margaret Orchiston who spoke about her career in broadcasting.

At the August meeting, Lala Simpson spoke about her childhood and life in Madagascar. So different to many of ours.

September had Brigitte Hicks-Willer trying to teach us how she creates her wonderful poems using a word rhyming method.

October was a social gathering at Mary Gibbs' new home (well, new to her anyway!) in Island Bay.

The meeting in January was a new departure for us as we got together for an informal picnic at the

Botanic Gardens and had a general brainstorming session about future guest speakers and direction for the year.

February – our traditional month of getting together after the holiday break – was meant to be a picnic, but this was cancelled due to the inclement weather. Brigitte Hicks-Willer gave a talk on the history of local place names in Wellington.

March saw us meeting in the home of Pat and Peter Isherwood in Khandallah, with the idea of exploring their garden. We just explored it from the inside of the house as the rain and mist came down.

May saw a larger gathering than usual. Everyone brought along some antique treasure to be valued by John Fyson of Tinakori Antiques. The sharing that accompanied the treasure was just about as fascinating as the treasure. The valuations brought a few surprises as well.

We attend two church services during the year. November is our end of year, but the beginning (nearly) of the Advent Season, so we begin our Christmas celebrations early. This year Rev. Allister Lane explored the Christmas symbols using reflection on four paintings. Something very different.

The Easter service was also taken by Allister and gave us time for reflection on the Easter period.

This year it was decided that we should have a theme for our devotions. 'Women of the Bible' was chosen, and very interesting it has been too.

The committee meets annually in January and organises a proposed programme for the calendar year, although this is always subject to change.

I continue to attend the St John's Council monthly meetings along with convenors of other groups. I report on the activities of our group and try to ensure that a woman's perspective is kept before Council.

### *Other Activities*

Coffee and Chat is organised monthly by Betty Robertson and a rota of helpers continues. This is in conjunction with the Music and Movement Group, which meets on Thursday mornings. A wonderful opportunity for inter-generational sharing.

### *Sale of Stamps (Grace Jarvie)*

This year the supply of used stamps has been very slow due to the fact that more and more people are corresponding by email.

Although we only raised \$140.00 to 31 May 2011, it does not accurately reflect the amount of work undertaken by our dedicated helpers; Helen Nixon (UK), Betty Robertson (Foreign and Australia), and Grace Jarvie (NZ) stamps.

In January 2011 we were given a very large number of used stamps, which took our group about 90 hours to clean and sort before being sent off for sale. As yet we have received no payment.

The total amount raised in 2010 by the Association of Presbyterian Women throughout New Zealand was \$9240.00. This money goes towards a variety of initiatives, in particular Jagadhri Hospital and St Thomas School in India.

The Women's Association wishes to thank John and Eleanor Clark and Lou and Derek Oldershaw, who deliver stamps to our dealer and thanks to everyone for their used stamps. We would appreciate it if you would ask at your place of employment as this would be a good source of supply. Otherwise Helen, Betty and Grace will have nothing to do!

### *Birthday Mission (Katherine Sutherland)*

This is a birthday gift with a difference. Instead of you receiving a gift you donate money which is sent to APW to join with all the other donations.

We have 54 people in the congregation supporting this appeal. (A challenge to those with birthdays in July - please join up as we have no birthdays to celebrate in July). We raised a total of \$982 - well done!

The Birthday Mission money plus the stamp money collectively in 2009/10 raised \$14,500 which we allocated as follows:

Global Mission	\$10,000
Jagadhri	\$1,000
St Thomas's School	\$1,000
Student Soul	\$1,000
Turakina Maori Girls' College	\$4,500

### *Sales Table (Avis Marshall)*

We have a small bring and buy table whenever we meet in the Hall. The money raised from this is put towards supporting the Turakina Maori Girls' College Scholarships.

### *Leprosy Mission (Judi Ferguson)*

Leprosy, fortunately not a disease found in NZ, continues to inflict pain, misery and family break ups in many parts of the world. Drugs will cure the disease but, of course, money is needed for this and for rehabilitation purposes.

Fifteen people in the congregation have Leprosy Mission boxes and each April and November they are collected and the money sent directly to the Leprosy Mission NZ.

\$746.00 was sent last year. We are always looking for more donors.

### *Mission (Elizabeth McKenzie)*

Part of APW's goal has been Mission Work. The major event is, of course, the APW/MWF Annual Special Appeal. (For further details see APW report.) As well APW continues to keep us informed of its activities and supports mission outreach, both in NZ and overseas, including Myanmar, India, the Middle East and Vanuatu. Turakina Maori Girls' College continues to maintain a special relationship with APW.



St John's Women's Association is part of the Association of Presbyterian Women (APW), and because of this we always have a special slot for APW in our monthly meetings.

The APW/MWF Annual Special Project Appeal means we have supported a variety of fundraising activities in the past.

There are always two parts to the appeal – a local organisation and an overseas group. This year the overseas portion was to help re-build Haiti following its devastating earthquake on 12 January 2010. Initially the Christian World Service helped fund relief supplies, but the need for ongoing support is still there. The Ministers focused on Haiti in the buildup to the 15 May 2011 retiring collection, and we raised \$520.

The local organisation benefitting this year is Habitat for Humanity New Zealand. Wadestown Presbyterian Church doesn't have an active Women's Group, but does have individual members who wanted to have a fundraising event. Naomi Lane agreed to chair a combined committee and 'An Evening of Stylish Motivation' with Lisa O'Neill was planned, highlighting the Habitat for Humanity NZ part of the appeal. A most successful evening was held on 2 June 2011 where \$4,413.80 was raised. Co-operation between the two parishes was wonderful and a lot of help on the night was provided by each church. A big thank you to the Committee, consisting of Naomi Lane, Heather Lane, Gill Burns (who works for Habitat for Humanity NZ as their Resource Development Manager) and Mary Gibbs, as well as to everyone, whatever their involvement.

I don't think St John's has ever been able to send so much money to the Special Project Appeal.

This was not our only fundraising project we undertook this financial year. You might remember that the Moderator, Very Rev Dr Graham Redding, had a special moderatorial appeal for Turakina Maori Girls' College. The Outreach Committee was

approached to see if it could provide some funding from the discretionary money. The committee agreed to underwrite a sum of \$5,000 which was forwarded in March 2010 (the closing date). Margaret Gilkison was appointed to organise an International Dinner and Auction which was held on 4 September 2010. This involved the whole congregation in helping cook up the feast, kitchen duties, serving at the tables, donating items for the auction and attending. Thank you to Margaret and her committee. We raised a profit of \$5,000.

We continue to distribute the official newsletter 'Gleanings' every two months to women in the congregation. This publication helps to keep us abreast of some of the other work undertaken by APW. This includes sending a representative(s) to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in March. This year the Very Rev Pamela Tankersley and Mary McIntyre went to New York. The discussion was 'The access and participation of women and girls in education, training, science and technology, including the promotion of women's equal access to full employment and decent work'.

On 21-22 April 2012, there will be a National Gathering of APW at the Rangi Ruru Girls' School in Christchurch. Our Womens' Association is planning to send a delegate.

The Parish Liaison Representative to APW Wellington Regional Presbyterial is Mary Gibbs. The Wellington Regional Presbyterial also pays for two delegates to attend the Wellington Branch of the National Council of Women. These are currently Carolyn Goudswaard and Mary Gibbs.

The Wellington Regional Presbyterial representatives are Lois Robertson and Tacolotaga Leasi. Regional meetings are held three times during the year – often in conjunction with the Hutt Valley Presbyterial. They include the Christmas service and a craft day.

### *Conclusion*

My heartfelt thanks go to all of you for the help, support, and encouragement you give me throughout the year.

I conclude this report by outlining the aims of the APW which we continue to strive to follow:

- + To unite all in prayer, study, fellowship and service to enable them to make a Christian witness in home, church and community

- + To support at home and abroad the work of parent churches
- + To encourage an informed interest in worldwide mission and evangelisation

Not just words, but aims that here at St John's we have endeavoured to put into action.

*Mary Gibbs*  
*President*

## Property Committee

Another year has turned around very quickly. So much attention has been focused on the Christchurch earthquakes, including extended attendance by two Property Committee engineers, that the first half of this year has been something of a blur.

We are pleased to be able to report on several sizeable pieces of work that have been completed this year.

The security system upgrade went quite smoothly considering its scope, and the system appears to be offering good service. A few teething problems were expected and experienced, but the worst of that seems to be over! Forthcoming installation of alarm sounders in the main foyer areas of the Conference Centre and Troup House will help to ensure that the system is restored (technical jargon for 'turned off'!) at the earliest opportunity. Currently the system sends hundreds of messages to the monitoring company each time it is (usually unknowingly) activated.

Spinks Cottage was partially re-roofed due to 'right through' corrosion of the existing cladding. Several other roof areas are due to receive more minor attention soon.

You will have noticed the new 'beefed up' bollards protecting the front of the church. These were

initiated by the considerable damage experienced by one of the main door uprights, we think on collision with a large reversing vehicle. Reinstatement to a suitable standard was costly, although partially covered by insurance. Slight bending of the new bollards since has confirmed the need!

Work continues on the redevelopment of the lower level of Spinks Cottage and on potential upgrading of the upper levels of Troup House.....both still at planning stages. Information will be shared when it's sufficiently developed.

The current large blot (blot, not blob!) on the radar is the increase in insurance premiums we are experiencing as a result of the Christchurch earthquakes. The whole church (in fact all owners of large properties) faces huge increases, at least in the next five years, as the world's insurance coffers are re-filled. We're looking at ways to reduce these, including the potential for earthquake strengthening of the church building over the next couple of years.

I'm grateful to the committee for their work, David Coplon for his expert hand on the tiller and our two terrific caretakers: Graeme Coppell in the morning and Mark Farrow in the afternoon.

*David Wood*  
*Convenor*

# Communications

*They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" - Luke 24:32*

Firstly, thanks to Lance Walker, David Galt, David Jackson, Elizabeth Gibbs and Jessie Boston for serving on the Committee this year. The Committee has been mindful again of the overall budget being in deficit. Thanks to David Jackson and BGI for providing the graphic designs at cheap rates. Also, thanks to Jessie Boston for designing some of the material for church events, and to Anton Ojala for Chairing the St John's Council this year.

I am resigning as Convenor after nine years. As well as reporting on the last year, I would like to raise some challenges and reflections to consider in reference to our communications. I will try to explain why I need to resign even though I have loved doing this communications role and the creative challenges it brings.

The new signs we did this year included a WGTN \*heart\* CHCH sign. This idea of David Jackson's was adopted as a city-wide sticker. We also did a Japan quake sign, an Easter Sign, a Christmas sign, as well as one promoting the 'Rehabilitation of Prisoners' seminar. However we have not attempted to produce new edgy or funny signs as in past years. We have mainly worked on advertising church events as they arise and have recycled some of the old signs.

Consequently, the Communications Committee has spent around half of the budgeted figure. This is the lowest spend on communications for ten years and is a saving of \$13,000. While it is important to be mindful of our spending, another reason for the under-spending was that I was not convinced that our budgeted plans would be to the advantage of the church at this present time for reasons I will explain below.

This year we had budgeted for a new website look and feel, for a consultant to advise us on how to make the most of the new social media, and for mass circulation of a 'Letter to the Wellingtonians' to be written as if it were from St John. We had planned for word art and poetry to be printed on the ground, and for kids to be popping out from all the signs around the site. These have not been undertaken. Before these can be done in a way that truly represents the church we need a clearer vision for what our physical site and our website should say.

Consistency is important, and some examples may be helpful. The similarly traditional church St Peter's on Willis Street say they are "the church with the open door" and when you walk past, there is an open door.

As I have got to know St John's better I am not convinced I could say that there is consistency between what we have been trying to communicate and what the church is. This is why I have decided I am the wrong person for the role of Convenor. I feel the approach I encouraged may have done the church and passerby a disservice, as I will explain later.

We need to communicate both who we are and what our dreams and visions are for our church and our world. It has become unclear what we are dreaming together as a church, so it is difficult to communicate that. Are our dreams to maintain an image and culture, or to change how we are seen and how we operate as a community? Are we dreaming that in ten years time we will be more or less as we are now, more or less as we were ten years ago? Do we want to be known for our interesting sermons and inspiring organ recitals for those from the suburbs? Do we want to be known as a modern, open, edgy, humorous, creative church for the poor and inner city residents? A good, all-round middle of the road church, with a large trust fund who are faithful stewards of our money and beautiful buildings?

In my time as Convenor of the committee, I have focused the committee on breaking down the stereotypes that those outside the church have of us. These stereotypes of churches as drab, cold, boring, traditional, moralistic, and a bit scary are contributing to a decline in church attendance throughout Aotearoa. The signage has tried to surprise the passer-by and challenge them to remove their preconceptions and pop in.

In contrast to St Peter's, the signs we have attached to the church are purposefully plastic, vibrant and modern, but is this appropriate for a treasured old wooden church, and is it appropriate for who we are as a community of faith? We need to ask ourselves if a stranger reads a modern, funny, edgy, ground breaking, flame shaped, lively sign and the promise "more than you might expect" and then came on a

Sunday morning, do they find us modern, funny, edgy, ground-breaking, lively and more?

Our slogan “More than you might expect” is not unique; it is the same slogan as the city of Hamilton. Are we more than the new comer would expect? If we are not, we could be wasting our communications money and misleading people. Last year we mimicked Tui’s campaign of “Let’s be honest”. Would our signs be more honest if, like St Peter’s, we had more traditional signs telling what we do in our church community? For example St Peter’s had a sign shaped like a temperature gauge informing people how they were going with the fundraising for their organ refurbishment. This creates an accurate impression of what you’d find if you came into the church.

In contrast our sign “Blessed are the meek for they shalt inherit Aotearoa” took a social justice angle. It took a huge number of hours to develop, engaged many opinions and, after changes and two debates, was narrowly approved by the St John’s Council. We had some interesting feedback from people outside the church. A Wellington Presbytery minister commented that we were “talking to ourselves, but in public”. We had criticism and worry from within the church. Perhaps the opportunity it created to engage with the Mana Whenua after church and learn about their land would have been too divisive.

The question we need to answer is that, on reflection, was a seven votes in favour and six opposed to the ‘meek’ sign representative enough for it to go up? Perhaps not. Perhaps we need to rethink the way that our committee operates, as we rethink the vision of our church?

The Communications Committee has been guided by these words from our mission statement: “We are a restless community. Discontent with the status quo... we seek to find new ways to convey the Gospel”. With this in mind, we have not reprinted the brochure and postcard you’d expect about our building’s historic significance. We have tried to embrace this sense of a church stretching in mission to new people, wanting to change and include them.

Is this approach consistent with who we are as a church, or is it misleading? Is it time to be more honest and communicate the history of the building and celebrate it more? Would it be more honest

if we changed our mission statement to “a content community” or “a community dedicated to tradition, worship services, and pastoral care of our members”? Other alternatives we might all agree on could be “a community dedicated to providing a peaceful oasis in the midst of a concrete jungle” or “come and enjoy the ambiance of this historic place and the sounds of the rare historic organ”. My personal experience of being on various church committees is that some of these would better suit the majority view than ‘discontent’.



The flames of our burning bush logo represent us nationally as people who ask each other “Wasn’t it like a fire burning in us when he talked with us on the road?” Is that us? If so, what evidence does the new-comer see of that? Locally our logo is of a building shining among office buildings. Is that a better fit?

On reflection, I have encouraged the committee to produce signage indicating what the church could become, rather than what it is. More time and effort needs to go into agreeing that what we convey is consistent with who we are. Then the signage can be more authentic.

There is a very good communication plan and policy written for the church. If we decide to try and grow our church, I believe it would require a skilled dedicated volunteer, or a part time person – like we have for property and administration – to manage and enact all the aspects of the communications plan, which covers everything from how we answer the phone to the consistency of our logo specifications and how we welcome new-comers. I am thankful for the considerable skills and experience Elizabeth Gibbs will bring as our new Convenor. However, until our vision is clearer and enthusiastically agreed on at a congregational level, it will be difficult to consistently communicate our true identity to our neighbours in our city.

*Ross Davis*  
Convenor

## Website

*www.stjohnsinthecity.org.nz*

The St John's web site remains available to all members of St John's and indeed to everyone globally as a resource. It continues to be well used. There were 24,362 unique visits in the year to June 2011, down 24% on last year. That rate of decline may be easing off – with visits down 15% in June 2011 compared with June 2010. Pages accessed for the year were 74,939, down 24% on last year too. A key to keeping up usage is compelling content and that now needs more thought.

The free Sunday School resources written by Margaret Galt still represent the most popular category of downloads. These simple plays and resources have not been added to for some time but continue to strike a chord with world wide usage. I would encourage current teachers in St J's Kids and in the Youth Group to consider whether any original resources they have created might usefully be added to the site as a service to world wide Christian education and outreach.

Historical records of St John's marriages in the nineteenth century continue to be popular, undoubtedly with more of a New Zealand audience. Would anyone be willing to transcribe more of these records for the site? They would be very popular and increase St John's attraction as a destination for genealogists – and make people more aware of the sorts of things we do now as an added outreach.

These popular resources reach two quite defined audiences. But we want more people to know much more about St John's than what these resources can

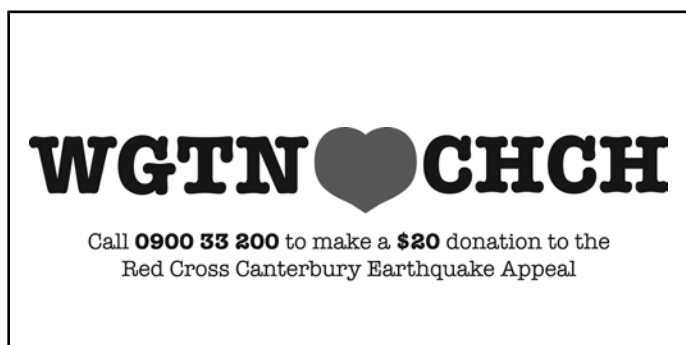
tell them. The site's other popular pages include the front page with all our current activities; the Church Diary which is updated every week with new activities; details about current facilities and 'getting married at St John's', and details about the St John's staff, all reaching audiences of great interest to us, including new members.

There is a lot of material on the web site, organised under some long-established, intuitive tabs. Searches through tools such as Google or Yahoo help people to find our content but we could consider adding a search tool to help people find content as it's not always easy to locate it. We have most of the obvious things on our current programmes, including all of the Bulletin notices, Messengers, annual reports, almost all sermons and special notices.

Some innovations being explored are more graphic content (very time consuming to add compared with text, though); more audio content – which might be better done with links to sites such as YouTube; and perhaps a freshen up of the overall look, first established around ten years ago.

Your ideas for web site content that could reach key audiences for you or St John's would be very welcome. Additional helpers who could realise some of these visions would be very welcome too. I would be delighted to hear from all of you.

*David Galt*



*The signs which appeared on Willis Street after the Christchurch Earthquake and Japanese Tsunami*

*Register for the Year Ending  
30 June 2011*

Number of Baptisms: 7  
Number of Marriages: 3  
Members joined during year: 2

*The deaths are recorded of the  
following members:*

Evelyn Janet Kennedy  
Joyce Erica Darroch  
Raymond John Wilderspin  
Max Parnham  
Heather Jessie Young  
Marjorie Ferguson  
Rev. Blair Steen Rodgers  
George Paterson Barton  
Barrie George Buxton





# Finance Committee

Last year we budgeted for a deficit and our actual results for 2010/11 are consistent with these expectations. After adjusting for inflation protection of the Capital Trust Fund and the investment loss previously provided, St John's operating deficit was \$111,000 compared with a projected budget deficit of \$249,000. This better than expected result arose mainly from interest rates being slightly higher than expected and property costs being lower than predicted.

Using our reserves as a buffer for variations in income has enabled us to support a very high level of activity over the year. St John's has been buzzing. We have been operating with a full complement of Ministry, Christian education and office and support staff. Together with our many volunteers, this resulted in a full range of activities across the parish which are set out in detail throughout this annual report. Significant activities of note in the financial statements include:

- Ongoing outreach partnerships and grants – BGI, Victoria University Lectureship in Christian Theology and grants to local community organisations and school programmes totalling \$130,000.
- Overseas mission – support of Arthur and Julia in overseas mission, for which the congregation raised almost \$11,000.
- Local mission – use of legacy funds totalling \$15,000 to support DCM, Presbyterian Support Central and the Beacon Trust.
- Christian education leadership – staff and other resource costs of \$150,000 spread across Music and Movement, St J's Kids, and the Junior and Senior Youth groups.

For the Finance Committee, the hard part of sustaining this activity is to ensure the required funding is available. The Trust Fund provides

approximately two thirds of our income, but varies from year to year depending on interest rates and inflation. Building cash reserves when the economy works in our favour for use when it doesn't is a key aspect of financial management for St John's. The Finance Committee has developed a reserves policy to provide specific guidance on the management of reserves. To keep on top of St John's funding requirements, the Finance Committee works closely with the Council and particularly the Property, Outreach, Christian Education and Investment Advisory Committees to manage expenditure and to monitor the likely impact of future commitments especially outreach partnerships. Examples range from our three year commitment to NZCMS to support Arthur and Julia in their overseas mission to support for Press Go's initiative to redevelop Knox Presbyterian Church in Waitara through a contribution of \$300,000 spread over the next five years.

The financial support of the congregation makes a big difference, both to the delivery of Sunday worship and to special projects. Currently the congregation give about \$130,000 a year through Sunday offering. We would like to see this grow to \$200,000 to cover the cost of Ministers and Sunday worship.

Given our current funding and people constraints, we have probably reached the limit of the activities we can successfully deliver. To do more, a step change is required. We will need more people to take up leadership roles for special projects and to be creative in developing new approaches to increase funding and, as a congregation, to more strongly support both our core activities and our range of outreach projects. Are you ready for this next challenge?

*Ross Chesney*  
*Treasurer*

# Investment Advisory Committee

About two thirds of the St John's Parish income comes from the Capital Trust Fund. The Fund was established in 1987 and, at its inception, the members of St. Johns made a prudent and visionary decision that the capital value of the Fund should be increased in line with the change in the consumer price index thus preserving in perpetuity the true earning capacity of the Fund. As a result the Fund has grown from \$7,038,000 in 1987 to \$13,479,728 at the end of the current year. Full details of the Fund's financial performance can be found in the accounts.

The Fund is invested substantially in secure fixed interest bonds. Unfortunately the interest rates for such bonds is at historically low levels compared with the interest rates that prevailed a few years ago. When bonds mature it is not possible to reinvest the proceeds at the high interest rates that were previously being earned and this will have an adverse impact on the Fund's earnings in future. Income will hold up reasonably well for the balance of the 2012 financial year but by the end of 2012 the full effect of lower interest rates will be evident. Bonds maturing in 2012 have an average interest rate of 8.1% and, although it is hoped that interest rates will have increased by then, it seems unlikely that they will be as high as 8%. Furthermore many economists

expect inflation rates to increase in the medium term and if this should happen an increased proportion of the Trust Fund income will be required for inflation indexation thus reducing further the amount of money available from the Fund.

Professional fund managers expect that in the longer term investments in growth assets such as shares and property will show enhanced returns compared with bonds but the volatility of such assets severely restricts the amount of money that can be invested in them because a reduction in value could make it difficult to inflation index the Fund. Investment in growth assets can only be made when there are sufficient reserves to cover any loss that might be incurred. The Trust Fund has limited reserves but this year we have increased our exposure in such assets by investing in a conservatively managed socially responsible New Zealand Equity Fund and an indexed Australian Share Fund. Both investments have been selected because of their diversity and low fees. Any reduction in the reserves will require these growth investments to be sold thus reducing not only the amount of money invested but also the overall investment yield from the Fund.

*Peter Isherwood*  
*Chair*

# Plain English Summary of Financial Performance for the Year Ended 30 June 2011

	2011 \$000's	2010 \$000's	
<i>St Johns received income from the following areas:</i>			<i>Congregational giving recovering from decline over previous years</i>
Weekly congregational giving by direct credits, envelope system and weekly collection	130	125	
Other donations and fundraising	33	12	<i>Focus on Arthur and Julia.</i>
Legacies received	10	32	
Interest on legacy balances	37	32	
Rents received from leasing space in Troup House and the conference facilities	219	213	
Net interest income from St John's funds and the cash received from the air space sold above St John's in the late 1980s (the "Capital Trust"), less the adjustment for inflation to protect the Capital Trust for future years	385	779	<i>Reflects higher inflation and loss in NZSX50 investment of \$194,377</i>
<b>Total Income available for General Use at St Johns</b>	<b>814</b>	<b>1,193</b>	
<i>St Johns incurred expenditure in the following areas:</i>			
<i>Church Activities</i>			
Salaries paid to the Ministers and support staff	364	313	<i>Reflects full complement of staff for the full year</i>
Contribution to Christian education	150	141	
Other costs	112	95	<i>Reflects full complement of leadership over the year and additional support for St J's Kids</i>
	<b>624</b>	<b>549</b>	
<i>Property Costs</i>			
Expenditure on maintaining the Church, manse, conference facilities and Troup House including rates, insurances, and repairs	179	175	
Depreciation to recognise previous capital expenditure	69	67	
	<b>248</b>	<b>242</b>	
<i>Wider Work</i>			
Contribution to the operations of the Presbyterian Church in New Zealand	85	94	
St Johns financial support for the Victoria University Lectureship	35	35	<i>Increased outreach through funding Arthur and Julia's overseas mission</i>
St Johns financial support for the BGI	30	30	
Other outreach including community groups, DCM, Presbyterian Support Central and overseas mission	66	48	
	<b>216</b>	<b>207</b>	
<b>Total expenditure to deliver programmes and outreach</b>	<b>1,088</b>	<b>998</b>	
<b>Net (deficit)/surplus before transferring legacies and planned property maintenance to reserves</b>	<b>-274</b>	<b>195</b>	<i>Deficit largely reflects impact of inflation on Capital Trust Fund and realised loss on NZSX50.</i>
<i>Other resources were used as follows:</i>			
Funds transferred to legacies	-28	-46	
Funds transferred to Planned Maintenance Reserve	-30	-6	
<b>Net Deficit/Surplus</b>	<b>-332</b>	<b>143</b>	

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

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

**Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the financial statements of St John's in the City (St John's Presbyterian Church) on pages 1 to 8, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2011, and the statement of movements in equity, and statement of financial performance for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

This report is made solely to the Congregation as a body of St John's in the City. Our audit has been undertaken so that we might state to the Congregation those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Congregation, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

**Council Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

The Council are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand and for such internal control as the Council determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand). Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view of the matters to which they relate in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates, as well as evaluating the presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified audit opinion on financial position and financial performance.

Other than in our capacity as auditor we have no relationship with, or interests in, St John's in the City.

**Basis for Qualified Opinion on Financial Position and Financial Performance**

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 and the Manse, all of which are heritage assets. This is a departure from Financial Reporting Standard No. 3 - *Accounting for Property, Plant and Equipment*, which requires that depreciation is charged on assets including heritage assets, against the Net Surplus so as to allocate the cost of the Church, Spinks Cottage and the Manse over their economic lives.

We estimate that had the Church adopted this policy, depreciation for the year ended 30 June 2011 would have increased by a further \$30,450. The effect on the financial statements would have been to decrease the Net Surplus for the year by \$30,450 and decrease the Unallocated Reserves by the same amount. The carrying value of the fixed asset category, Buildings and Improvements would have decreased by \$274,050 which represents the amount of accumulated depreciation as at balance date for the Church, Spinks Cottage and the Manse assets.

**Qualified Opinion on Financial Position and Financial Performance**

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion

paragraph the financial statements on pages 1 to 8:

- comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand;
- present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of St John's in the City (St John's Presbyterian Church) as at 30 June 2011, and of its financial performance for the year then ended.

*BDO Wellington*

**BDO Wellington**  
**Chartered Accountants**  
**12 September 2011**

# ST JOHN'S IN THE CITY

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE for the year ended 30 June 2011

	Note	\$	2011 \$	2010 \$
<b>INCOME</b>				
Congregational Giving		129,805		125,542
Donations, Fundraising and Miscellaneous Receipts		33,391		13,049
Legacies Received		10,424		31,950
Rentals		218,940		213,192
Interest		36,893		32,492
<b>Total Church Operating Income</b>			429,453	416,225
Capital Trust Interest and Dividends		1,019,637		1,059,522
Capital Gain/(Loss) on Sale of Investments		(194,377)		-
<b>Total Income from the Capital Trust</b>			825,260	1,059,522
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>			<b>1,254,713</b>	<b>1,475,747</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
<b>Church Activities</b>				
Staff Costs		362,442		312,721
Christian Education		150,396		141,152
Worship & Music		12,350		7,851
Congregational Activities		5,302		8,322
Communications		12,581		18,392
Session Costs		3,883		10,993
General Expenses		31,205		28,559
Audit Fees		9,370		9,090
Accounting Fees		7,318		9,936
Legal Fees		740		2,337
Brokerage Fees		4,623		-
PCANZ Capital Trust Administration Fees		23,769		47,141
<b>Total Church Activities</b>			623,979	596,494
<b>Property Costs</b>				
Church Running Costs & Repairs		147,076		105,511
Church Improvements & New Equipment		4,976		34,344
Manses Rates, Insurance & Repairs		3,848		13,390
Troup House Running Costs & Repairs		19,603		21,978
Depreciation		69,265		66,680
Loss on Sale of Assets		2,911		-
<b>Total Property Costs</b>			247,679	241,903
<b>Wider Work</b>				
Presbyterian Church National Services, Parish & MMF Levies		85,226		93,531
Outreach Committee Distributions	2	52,483		41,672
Donations		12,907		7,533
Contribution to the BGI		30,000		30,000
Boys Brigade		1,204		(1,466)
Girls Brigade		984		830
VUW Lectureship		35,000		35,000
<b>Total Wider Work Expenses</b>			217,804	207,100
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>			<b>1,089,462</b>	<b>1,045,497</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>			<b>165,251</b>	<b>430,250</b>
Less: Transfers to Inflation Protect the Capital Trust	5		(439,646)	(235,567)
Less: Transfers to Legacies	5		(46,645)	(64,158)
Plus: Transfers from Planned Maintenance Reserve	5		(30,000)	(5,784)
<b>NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT) TRANSFERRED TO UNALLOCATED RESERVES</b>			<b>(351,040)</b>	<b>124,741</b>
Plus: Transfer from Legacies	5		18,150	18,005
<b>TOTAL MOVEMENT IN UNALLOCATED RESERVES</b>			<b>(332,890)</b>	<b>142,746</b>

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



# ST JOHN'S IN THE CITY

## STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY for the year ended 30 June 2011

	Note	2011 \$	2010 \$
Net Surplus for the Year		165,251	430,250
Investments Revaluation Reserve	5	340,391	16,923
<b>Total Recognised Revenues and Expenses for the Year</b>		<b>505,642</b>	<b>447,173</b>
Total Equity at beginning of year		23,516,821	23,069,648
<b>TOTAL EQUITY AT END OF YEAR</b>		<b>24,022,463</b>	<b>23,516,821</b>

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

# ST JOHN'S IN THE CITY

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION as at 30 June 2011

	Note	\$	2011 \$	2010 \$
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Cash at Bank		32,493		19,745
Cash at PCANZ		718,336		682,115
Accounts Receivable		48,912		15,663
Interest Receivable	3	99,769		118,877
Capital Trust and Other Investments	3	6,699,330		5,176,510
<b>Total Current Assets</b>			7,598,840	6,012,910
<b>Non Current Assets</b>				
Capital Trust Investments	3	8,592,412		9,659,511
Fixed Assets	4	7,940,970		7,935,882
<b>Total Non Current Assets</b>			16,533,382	17,595,393
<b>Total Assets</b>			<b>24,132,222</b>	<b>23,608,303</b>
<b>less Current Liabilities</b>				
Accounts Payable		109,759		91,482
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>			109,759	91,482
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			<b>24,022,463</b>	<b>23,516,821</b>
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>	5		<b>24,022,463</b>	<b>23,516,821</b>

  
Treasurer

  
Council Chairperson

12 September 2011

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

# ST JOHN'S IN THE CITY

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2011

### Note 1 - Statement of Accounting Policies

#### General Accounting Policies

##### **Reporting Entity**

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

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

##### **Differential Reporting**

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

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

##### **Measurement Base**

The measurement base adopted is historic cost unless otherwise stated.

##### **Basis of Preparation**

##### **Adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards**

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

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

#### Specific Accounting Policies

##### **Accounts Receivable**

Accounts receivable are stated at expected realisable value.

##### **Capital Trust Investments**

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

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

Unrealised gains in the value of investments of \$143,267 are included in the assets (2010 - \$193,136 unrealised loss).

##### **Fixed Assets**

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

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

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

##### **Depreciation**

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

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

## ST JOHN'S IN THE CITY

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2011 (continued)

Commercial Buildings	50 years
Building Improvements	3-10 years
Website	3 years

#### Legacies

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

#### Edna Carter Funds

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

#### Goods and Services Tax

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

#### Taxation

St John's in the City is exempt from Income Tax and Resident Withholding Tax by virtue of its status as a charitable organisation under Section CB 4(1)(c) and Section CB 4(1)(e) of the Income Tax Act 2007.

#### Changes in Accounting Policies

There have been no changes in accounting policy. All policies have been applied on bases consistent with those used in previous years.

#### Note 2 – Outreach Distributions

Outreach distributions comprise:

Special Mission – Arthur & Julia	
- Funds from fundraising & donations	\$10,933
- Underwritten by Outreach Committee	<u>\$4,880</u>
	\$15,813
Presbyterian Church – Myanmar	\$4,380
Travel costs to Myanmar	\$5,000
Presbyterian Support Central	\$5,160
Downtown Community Ministry	\$5,160
Beacon Trust	\$5,000
Mount Cook School	\$4,000
Wellington College	\$2,500
Berhampore Junior School	\$1,970
Open Home Foundation	\$1,000
Wellington Rape Crisis	\$1,500
Wellington Women's Health	<u>\$1,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$52,483</u></b>

# ST JOHN'S IN THE CITY

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2011 (continued)

### Note 3 - Investments

	Maturity Date	Maturity Value \$	2011 \$	2010 \$
<b>On Call</b>				
Amalgamated Investment Fund (including legacies and proceeds from the sale of the manes)			5,043,872	2,689,634
<b>Stocks</b>				
Powerco Corporate Bond	March 2011	1,000,000	-	1,000,000
Waitakere City Council Bond	March 2011	1,000,000	-	987,176
Fonterra Corporate Bonds	April 2011	500,000	-	499,700
Westpac Bond	December 2011	500,000	499,831	499,482
Bank of America Bond	March 2012	500,000	505,396	513,524
Rabobank Bond	May 2012	750,000	750,000	750,000
Powerco Corporate Bond	September 2012	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Morgan Stanley Bonds	September 2012	750,000	731,925	716,875
ASB Bank Bond	November 2012	1,000,000	1,001,043	1,001,787
Telecom Corporate Bond	March 2013	500,000	500,000	500,000
ANZ Senior Bond	April 2013	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000
Westpac Bond	November 2013	1,000,000	1,012,753	1,018,057
Transpower Indexed Bond	May 2020	989,200	1,043,903	995,429
<b>Shares and Units</b>				
NZSX 50 Portfolio Index Fund	380,231	648,892	-	460,080
ASX 200 Fund	16,602	859,520	926,890	704,277
Tyndall SRI Equity Fund	937,190	800,000	875,898	-
			<b>15,391,511</b>	<b>14,836,021</b>

### Note 4 - Fixed Assets

	2011 Cost \$	2011 Current Year Depreciation \$	2011 Accumulated Depreciation \$	2011 Net Book Value \$	2010 Net Book Value \$
Furniture & Fittings	56,410	2,912	50,108	6,302	9,214
Musical Equipment	80,526	3,063	47,260	33,266	37,243
Hall Equipment	78,333	5,581	64,886	13,447	14,515
Church Equipment	2,797	-	2,797	-	-
Office Equipment	167,284	5,565	150,147	17,137	17,624
Building & Improvements	5,379,815	52,144	458,997	4,920,818	4,907,286
Land	2,950,000	-	-	2,950,000	2,950,000
	<b>8,715,165</b>	<b>69,265</b>	<b>774,195</b>	<b>7,940,970</b>	<b>7,935,882</b>

### Note 5 - Capital and Reserves

	Balance 2010 \$	Net Movements for the year \$	Balance 2011 \$
Capital Trust	13,322,597	439,646	13,762,243
Legacies	623,915	28,495	652,410
Unallocated Reserves	2,031,509	(332,890)	1,698,619
Planned Maintenance Reserve	344,983	30,000	374,983
Property Brought to Account	7,370,845	-	7,370,845
Investments Revaluation Reserve	(197,125)	340,391	143,266
Staff Training Reserve	20,097	-	20,097
<b>Total Capital and Reserves</b>	<b>23,516,821</b>	<b>505,642</b>	<b>24,022,463</b>

# ST JOHN'S IN THE CITY

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2011 (continued)

### Note 5 - Capital and Reserves (continued)

The movement in the Capital Trust of \$439,646 represents the amount of Capital Trust income required to be reinvested to preserve the real value of the Capital Trust against inflation in accordance with the Rules to Govern the Capital Trust Fund. Inflation, based on the Consumer Price Index for the year ended 30 June 2011, was 3.3% (2010 – 1.8%).

The movement in the Investment Revaluation Reserve of \$340,392 represents the unrealised capital gains from the investment in units in the ASX 200 Index Fund of \$71,694, the Tyndall SRI Equity Fund of \$75,898 and the accumulated unrealised losses of \$192,800 realised through the sale of the units in the NZSX 50 Portfolio Index Fund.

Legacies are represented by the following bequests.

	Balance 2010	Interest income for the year	Movements for the year	Balance 2011
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Tied Legacies for Sunday School prizes/funds	3,754	218	-	3,972
A W Reed Memorial (Kelburn) for Ministers books	1,750	102	-	1,852
Endowment Fund	29,122	1,691	-	30,813
E Carter Trust	200,107	11,617	(5,000)	206,724
A Gordon Estate	8,737	507	-	9,244
D Chappell Estate	8,737	507	-	9,244
Joan Andrews Estate – Specific or Special Item for St John's	113,390	6,583	-	119,973
Joan Andrews Estate – Andrews Family Memorial Trust	123,315	7,159	(6,359)	124,115
Noel Woods Estate	91,976	5,340	(3,961)	93,355
Alford Dornan Estate	1,456	85	-	1,541
J E Hetrick Estate	3,869	225	-	4,094
J C White Estate	5,753	334	-	6,087
N Owen John Estate	31,950	1,885	(2,830)	30,975
W S Barrett Estate	-	-	10,000	10,000
Scott Trust	-	-	424	424
	<b>623,915</b>	<b>36,221</b>	<b>(7,726)</b>	<b>652,410</b>

The interest distributions made from the Joan Andrews Estate, the Noel Woods Estate and the E Carter Trust were as follows:

- Presbyterian Support Central	\$5,160
- Downtown Community Ministry	\$5,160
- Beacon Trust	\$5,000

### Note 6 – Movement in Planned Maintenance Reserve

	2011 \$	2010 \$
Balance of Planned Maintenance Reserve	374,983	344,983
	<b>374,983</b>	<b>344,983</b>

### Note 7 - Statement of Resources

The Church is the beneficial owner of a number of properties that are legally held by the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa, New Zealand (PCANZ). The reinstatement value for insurance purposes of the Church, St John's Centre, Spinks Cottage and Troup House are based on valuations prepared by Appraisal Property Consultancy Limited, as follows:

Property	2011 \$	2010 \$
The Church, St John's Centre & Spinks Cottage (reinstatement value for insurance as at 1 June 2011)	12,244,700	9,323,800
Troup House (reinstatement value for insurance as at 1 June 2011)	3,504,500	3,241,600

### Note 8 - Related Party Disclosure

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

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



## ST JOHN'S IN THE CITY

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2011 (continued)

#### Note 9 - Commitments

St Johns in the City has entered into a three year commitment with Victoria University to fund a Christian Theology lectureship. The current commitment which was renewed in January 2011 will expire on December 2013.

To augment the Christian Theology Lectureship, St Johns' in the City will also fund a Visiting Scholar Programme in the upcoming financial year.

At balance date the commitments amount to:

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
- Current	\$45,000	\$17,500
- Non current	\$52,500	\$0

At balance date, there were no capital commitments outstanding (2010 – \$Nil).

#### Note 10 - Contingent Liabilities

There were no Contingent Liabilities at balance date for the current financial year (2010 – \$Nil).

## Ministers

Minister  
Minister

Rev Allister Lane  
Rev Stuart Simpson

## Inducted

November 2008  
January 2010

### Elders Emeriti

Lloyd, Mr Roger	3 Winsley Tce, Churton Park	1979
Littler, Mrs Betty	40 Cheshire Street, Wilton	1968
McCay, Mr Robert	Flat 7/300 Oriental Parade	1980
Darroch, Mr Alan	50 Sefton Street, Wadestown	1975
Gould, Mr Russell	129 Barnard Street, Wadestown	1993
McKenzie, Mr Bruce	Unit 33/389 Adelaide Rd, Berhamphore	1993
McKenzie, Mrs Elizabeth	Unit 33/389 Adelaide Rd, Berhamphore	1993
Robertson, Mrs Betty	407/2 Karori Rd, Karori	1992
Hunt, Mr John	248 Kimbolton Rd, Feilding 4702	1968
Lawson, Mr Sandy	200 Pembroke Road, Northland	1987
Ferrier, Dr Robin	57 Wadestown Road, Wadestown	1974
Stewart, Mr Charles	42 Braithwaite Street, Karori	1979

### Kirk Session

Anderson, Mr Rob	137 The Ridgeway, Mornington	1980
Galt, Mr David	11 Lewer Street, Karori	1981
Ferguson, Ms Judi	114 John Sims Drive, Johnsonville	1987
Galt, Mrs Margaret	11 Lewer Street, Karori	1987
Goudswaard, Mrs Carolyn	20A Epuni Street, Aro Valley	1987
Ewan, Mrs Muriel	12/25 Tacy Street, Kilbirnie	1990
Ewan, Mr Rob	12/25 Tacy Street, Kilbirnie	1990
Pearse, Ms Elaine	85 Beauchamp Street, Karori	1990
Van Milligan, Miss Linda	7 Colchester Crescent, Newlands	1990
Labrum, Mr Glen	114 John Sims Drive, Johnsonville	1992
Pollock, Miss Lynn	49 Aro Street, Aro Valley	1993
Allen, Mr John	76 Weld Street, Wadestown	2001
Irvine, Mr John	39 Frederick Street, Wainuiomata	2001
Ramsay, Mr Paul	27 Arawa Road, Hataitai	2001
Shaw, Mr Malcolm	434 Evans Bay Parade, Hataitai	2001
Webster, Mr Lawrence	5 Ngahue Crescent, Elsdon, Porirua	2001
Crombie, Mrs Allie	4 Lytton Street, Wadestown	2003
Davis, Mr Ross	32 Talavera Terrace, Kelburn	2003
Poutoa, Mr Mila	78 Leicester Street, Porirua	2003
Wood, Mr David	29 Donald St, Karori	2003
Gibbs, Mrs Mary	7 Severn St, Island Bay	2004
Read, Mrs Nicki	200A Mitchell Street, Brooklyn	2004
Read, Mr Richard	200A Mitchell Street, Brooklyn	2004
Shaw, Mrs Lesley	434 Evans Bay Parade, Hataitai	2004
Cizadlo, Mr Ted	53 Ponsonby Road, Karori	2004
Annals, Mr Geoff	142 Rakau Road, Hataitai	2006
Chesney, Mr Ross	1 Rossiter Road, Tawa	2006
Gilkison, Mrs Margaret	5 Henderson Street, Karori	2006
Salt, Ms Ailsa	221B Karori Road, Karori	2006
Johnston, Mr Andrew	61 Bayview Road, Paremata, Porirua	2008
Beard, Mrs Beth	135a Washington Avenue, Brooklyn	2008
Atkinson, Mr John	14 Thorby Street, Northland	2010
Ojala, Mr Anton	64 Eden Street, Island Bay	2010
Milkop, Mr Ashley	119 Creswick Terrace, Northland	2010
Webster, Ms Iris	5 Ngahue Crescent, Elsdon, Porirua	2010

### Council 2010-11

A. Ojala, Chair; D. Ensor, R. Chesney, P. Ramsay, R. Davis, D. Wood,  
M. Gibbs, A. Salt, J. Atkinson, G. Annals, J. Ferguson

# Historical Record

## *Ministers of St John's*

Rev John Moir	1853 – 1867
Very Rev James Paterson (Moderator 1902)	1868 – 1903
Very Rev James Gibb D.D. (Moderator 1901)	1903 – 1926
Very Rev Dr JR Blanchard B.A.	1927 – 1939
Rev P Gladstone Hughes B.A.	1940 – 1947
Rev William P Temple M.A., B.D.	1948 – 1957
Rev FH Liffiton B.A. (Assistant)	1954 – 1955
Rev Kingsley Fairbairn M.B.E., B.A.	1957 – 1968
Rev DTD (Jock) Kinloch	1968 – 1975
Very Rev Dr D Steedman M.A., B.D., Ph.D.(Moderator 1982)	1976 – 1985
Rev Dr J Veitch B.A., M.Th, Ph.D. (Hon Assistant)	1978 – 1985
Rev Maurice Brown B.A.	1986 – 2000
Rev Brett Johnstone B.A., B.D. (Assistant)	1989 – 1991
Rev Dr Ed Wulfekuehler B.A., B.D.-M.Dib., D.Min. (Assistant)	1991 – 1993
Rev Jane Griffith B.A., B.D. (Hon Associate)	1993 – 1994
Rev Neil Johnston M.A., B.D. Associate	1994 – 2002
Very Rev Dr Graham Redding B.Com., B.Theol., Ph.D. (Moderator 2008/10)	2001 – 2006
Rev Helen Martin B.A., Dipl. Rel. Educ., Post-Grad. Dipl.Theol. (Assistant)	2003 – 2007
Rev Allister Lane, B.C.A., B.Theol. (Hons)	2008 – present
Rev Stuart Simpson, NZCE Telecommunications, BMin	2010 – present

## *Parish Counsellor*

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

## *St John's Own Missionaries*

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

## *Deaconesses*

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

## *Jubilees*

Diamond Jubilee of Church	November	1913
Womens Association Golden Jubilee	August	1937
Young Men's Bible Class Golden Jubilee		1938
Young Women's Bible Class Golden Jubilee	November	1953
Centennial Jubilee of the Church	November	1953
75th 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	December	1985
50th Anniversary of the The Boys' Brigade, 2nd Wellington (St John's) Company		1999
Opening of the St John's Centre, Troup House and Mackay Chapel	April	1994
150th Anniversary of St John's in the City	November	2003
125th Anniversary of the Wellington Boys' and Girls' Institute Inc.		2008
60th Anniversary of the The Boys' Brigade, 2nd Wellington (St John's) Company	June	2009

# Interest Groups at St John's

## *Women's Association*

Meets fourth Tuesday of the month at 11am in the St John's Centre

## *Monday Home Group (evenings)*

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

## *Tuesday Home Group (evenings)*

Meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month from February to November at various homes throughout Wellington city. Contact Paul and Louise Ramsay on 386 2755 or paul@clear.net.nz

## *Whitecastle Home Group (evenings)*

Meets Tuesdays at 7:30pm 6 Curtis St, Karori.  
Contact Matt Potts on 027 319 9029  
or matt.a.potts@gmail.com or Petra Malcolm on football\_fanatic\_3@hotmail.com

## *Northland Home Group (evenings)*

Meets Tuesdays at 7:30pm 82 Creswick Tce, Northland.  
Especially for young women. Contact Rose Morris on 027 658 9868 or rolomo4@gmail.com

## *Brooklyn Home Group (evenings)*

Meets Thursdays at 7:30pm, 24a Connaught Tce, Brooklyn. Young adults discipleship and dinner.  
Contact Carlton or Sarah Johnstone on 389 2467 or carltonandsarah@gmail.com

## *Karori Home Group (evenings)*

Meets Tuesdays at 7:30pm, 39 Duthie St, Karori. All welcome. Contact Stuart Simpson on 027 215 5145 or s.simpson@stjohnsinthecity.org.nz

## *English as a Second Language Bible Study*

Meets every second Thursday evening, at 6:20pm, in the church office lounge. Contact Rev. Stuart Simpson on 385 1546 or s.simpson@stjohnsinthecity.org.nz

## *Wine & Theology Discussion Group*

Meets Monthly on the first Friday at 7.30pm.  
Contact Beth Cizadlo on 476 7733

## *Topical Discussions*

Information on topical discussions may be found in the weekly bulletin, or on our website [www.stjohnsinthecity.org.nz](http://www.stjohnsinthecity.org.nz)

## *Choir*

Meets Sundays 9.20 – 9.50am and 11.15am – 12.00 noon. Monthly evening practices are held on Thursdays. Contact Dr Guy Jansen at [gijansen2003@yahoo.com.au](mailto:gijansen2003@yahoo.com.au)

## *Contemporary Music Group*

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

## *Girls' Brigade*

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

## *Boys' Brigade*

Intermediate and High School - Mondays 6:30pm until 8.30pm. Primary School - Mondays 5:45pm – 7:00pm. For all Boys aged 6 – 16 yrs. Contact Matthew Bayliss on 021 0278 3981 or 2wgt@bb.org.nz

## *St J's Kids*

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

## *Pre-School Music and Movement*

Meets weekly, on Thursdays from 10am until 11am in the hall of the St John's Centre. Contact Anna Davis or Heather Walker on 385 1546

## *St John's Youth*

Junior Group ages 11 – 13 yrs  
Sundays at 10am and Fridays 6.30 – 8.30pm  
Senior Group ages 13 – 18 yrs  
Sundays 10am and Fridays 6.30 – 8.30pm  
For more details on any youth activities, contact Dave Adams on 385 9549

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