

Who are we?  
*Ko wai mātau?*



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

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A warm welcome to St John's in the City. We hope you enjoy being part of our church family. It's great to have you with us.

This information pack will give you a glimpse of the many and varied activities of the church. We hope it gives you a sense of belonging and will encourage you to get to know us better.

Please feel free to ring the Church Office on 385 1546 or any of the contact people, if you require more information about any aspect of our Church.

Again – a big welcome.

## *Ko wai mātou?*

Nau mai haere mai ki Hato Hone ō Poneke.

He mihi mahana nā Hato Hone.

Ko te tūmanako ka aro koe ki te whakakotahitanga ō tō tātou whānau whakamoemiti.

Kua rāranga tēnei kete ki i te matauranga, kia tirohia ki ō mātou mahi, hei whakawhānau hei turangawaewae mō te katoa hoki.

Mehemea hei pātai, he karere, he awangawanga rānei, waea mai ki te tari 385 1546.

Anō ngā mihi maioha.



## *About us and our dreams*

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

## *What is Presbyterianism?*

As a Presbyterian Church we are part of the network of Presbyterian Churches across New Zealand. The Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand (PCANZ) is part of the Reformed family of churches.

We recognise we are part of the universal Church of Jesus Christ which is called to express our faith in God in a meaningful way in our part of the world. A defining feature of Presbyterianism is that important decisions are made together.

Our Church is run by the ministers and the elders in partnership. Everyone is encouraged to consider how they may participate in decision-making at all levels: local, regional and national. These levels of responsibility are represented by these respective church bodies:

*Session:* minister/s and elected elders of the congregation meeting monthly

*Presbytery:* a delegate minister and elder from each congregation of the region meeting monthly

*General Assembly:* delegate ministers and elders from across New Zealand meeting every two years

Presbyterians believe in the 'priesthood of all believers'; the value of each individual. We are committed to a style of leadership that is accountable to, and serves, the people. Each person's contribution is valued. Your ideas count. Our tradition shows that we particularly value:

- diversity
- education
- overseas mission

With a long tradition St John's remains a thriving and strong inner city church. The spirit is buoyant, the Sunday school and youth groups are thriving, and we are striving to meet the needs of the 18-30 year olds.

Our small groups, music, pastoral care, and leadership are all strong and we continue to support a wide range of outreach programmes as part of our mission to the community. We strive to improve and not be content with the status quo, but reassess our goals so we are a restless community.



*nau mai, haere mai ki*



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