

Wakatipu Presbyterians

Annual Report

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IN MEMORIAM

With gratitude and respect, we remember

Elsie Chewings

Margaret Smith

Mary Cumpstey

Alan Lemm

Muffi Cooper

Romans 8:38-39

For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

MISSION VISION VALUES

Our Mission: To live in Christ, and to grow as a Community of Faith, Hope, Love and Joy.

Our Vision: Growing God's kingdom one life at a time.

Our Values:

Wakatipu Presbyterian Church is a community who are...

- centered on the **Bible**

The Bible is the living and active story of God. We are called to know, live, and share God's story. [Psalm 119:105](#)^L, [Hebrews 4:12](#)^L, [2 Timothy 3:16](#)^L

- growing in God's **Love**

Jesus calls us to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength and to love our neighbour as ourselves. [Mark 12:3-31](#)^L, [1 Corinthians 13:4-8](#)^L

- united in **Worship**

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to express the glory of God with adoration in spirit and truth. [Psalm 95:6-7](#)^L, [Revelation 14:7](#)^L

- called to **Discipleship**

Following Jesus we are called to know him, grow in his likeness, and to make disciples. [Matthew 4:19](#)^L, [Matthew 28:19-20](#)^L

- encouraged to **Participate**

We value the participation of all ages using their spiritual giftings and strengths to build up the church as the body of Christ. [1 Peter 4:10](#)^L, [Mark 10:14](#)^L. [1 Corinthians 14:26](#)^L

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

Your Church Council has continued to meet monthly with representatives from all Churches and in addition, leaders from each congregation have met twice to begin a process of review, discernment and decision-making regarding Church Buildings and their use.

In January we accepted from the Lumsden-Balfour-Kingston Parish responsibility for ministry to Kingston and surrounds. The transition from LBK took place in a special service of handover on the 31st of January 2021 at the Kingston Golf Club and was attended by representatives from Church Council. We are grateful to Claudio and Cassia for their leadership, enthusiasm and hospitality to the people of Kingston and Garston. Thank you.

Each Church continues to be well used every Sunday with numbers attending services growing again. The three services with children's programmes have been well supported and we are very thankful to those who lead these programmes. The Youth continue to meet at St Johns on a Friday night and this also has shown steady growth the past 6 months; however, we do struggle for leadership, and this does threaten the development of the group. The vibrancy of the church is reflected in the many groups of various kinds operating and individual reports from those groups follow in this Annual report.

The Council agreed to cancel the Fair last year and instead to hold a small market type day on the 31st of October in the carpark at St Margaret's. Unfortunately, the weather was inclement which lowered the number of people attending but it enabled a lot of potted plants and donated books to be sold.

An International Party was held in June - a wonderful occasion of bringing everyone together to share food and traditions of their countries and we welcomed many happy visitors from the community to join us. We were very grateful for the financial support from "Give it a Go". There is a sense that this party was the first of many to come, especially because it has created an amazing interaction among many nations represented in our church community.

Church Council made the decision this year to hold Pasta Cafe again at St Margaret's but only for the month of August. We were pleased to have the help of new members of the Church and for Budi who reviewed the menu and presented a choice with Pasta as the basis still. Unfortunately, it was interrupted by Level 4 lockdown. Thank you to all who were involved with the two evenings we did have.

On the mission front we continue to support the Santo Bush Mission in Vanuatu, and in Nepal: Church planters: Badri and Simon, the Apple of God's Eye, and the new initiative of the Hasta Memorial School. It has been wonderful to watch the school progress in Nepal and to receive regular updates from Anjali. Thank you to everyone who has donated and supported these missions.

Thank you to all members of the church. We acknowledge the help and things that are done on a weekly, monthly or annual basis, often in the background and with no job title. Thank you to our Elders and Office bearers teams who continue to meet regularly and make the decisions for the individual churches. Special thanks to Lita, our Church Secretary for the long hours she spends in the Office. Her willingness to help is much appreciated. Our sincere thanks must go to David McNeill, our Treasurer and Kim Wilkinson as Convenor of the Property & Finance Group. Their professionalism leading us in the financial aspects of the Church is truly appreciated. Thank you all.

A big thank you to our Ministers, Ian, Carlton and Clay - we appreciate their leadership and vision for our church which keeps us moving forward and to Amanda, Sarah and Graziela for the encouragement and support they give to their husbands.

Shirley Watson
Church Clerk

Church Council Membership

effective October 2021

Ministers	Ian Guy (Moderator - non-voting) Carlton Johnstone Clay Peterson de Oliveira
Church Clerk	Shirley Watson (18/21)
Treasurer	David McNeill
Arrowtown	Jayson Badenhop (19)
Global	none appointed at this time
Manna	Janetta Coulter(20), Kerrie Sproull(20), Kim Wilkinson(20)
Frankton	Janet Rutherford (17, 20), Lindsay Key (18, 21), Raewyn Byars (19)
Associates (non-voting)	Cláudio César Gonçalves (19),

The Church Council shall consist of:

- The Minister(s) of the Church or Interim Moderator.
- The Church Clerk
- Congregational appointees (up to 3 per congregation)
 - i. Duly elected, ordained and inducted elders. (60% or greater)
 - ii. Duly elected and inducted non elders. (40% or less)
- Church Council appointees (maximum 3)
- Associate members (appointed by the Church Council)
- A Minute Clerk (appointed by the Church Council)

The full organisational guidelines for the Church are available to read at
www.wakatipuchurch.com/2014/06/organisational-guidelines/

MINISTER REPORT: IAN M GUY

Welcome to the 2021 Annual Meeting and to the Annual Report.

Once again reading these reports gives me a sense of thanksgiving for the numerous individuals involved and the unique contribution each person, congregation, and ministry makes to our life together. Everyone - thank you for your participation, contribution, faith, and prayer.

To you who are elders, small group leaders, disciplers, prayers, cleaners, music makers, repairers, caterers, teachers, preachers, administrators, gardeners, encouragers, visitors, and members - it is you who enable so much, you who share love, you who reach out to others - you who are the Church. Thank you.

The past 12 months have continued to bring challenge to us as covid has lingered and caused untold damage to people, enterprises, churches around the globe. Locally we have struggled with less people actively involved in Church, reduced income, and the caution that comes when making plans in an age where nothing is certain, except the most important fact of all: God is!

Discretionary Fund

Each minister of the Parish has a discretionary fund which is resourced from income primarily generated from fees paid for the conducting of weddings and funerals. This is a wonderful resource that has enabled the support in the past twelve months of: YWAM members, repatriation flights, medical care for people in NZ and overseas, people in financial hardship, study fees, international aid, and ministry resources. Unfortunately, with no international weddings in the past year these funds are now constrained.

HASTA SCHOOL

A personal highlight of the year has been involvement in the promotion of the Hasta Memorial School and fundraising for the school and for the Safe Houses operated by the Apple of God's Eyes.

To see the project go from a dream to a 3 level - 7 classroom, fully equipped and ready to operate school over the past 12 months is extraordinary. Some of the donations for this have come from members of this Church, but the majority has been received from beyond the Church membership. Irrespective of the source I am grateful and encouraged: we are a generous people. I am also very aware that this has added extra work for our treasurer, David McNeill, and Office Administrator, Meilita Manusama: to you both my appreciation. This could not have been done without you.

Today the school is about to open but won't be at capacity for a few more months. We continue to need money for scholarships, with enough on hand as I write, for about 20 students. If you have not contributed to date, but would like to know more, please get in touch with me.

FUTURE PLANNING

In any organisation future planning is important, no less the Church. In making any such plans it is important to understand what you believe the Church needs to be focused on and what it needs to look like. This is where understanding God's call upon us, and the values we hold under God are important. Over the years we have identified, and tweaked as appropriate, much of this.

For example, our Mission Statement : *To live in Christ, and to grow as a community of faith, hope, love & joy*, helps us to see the necessity of paying attention to Christian maturity, which leads us to develop ways in which we can help one another to grow in faith, hope, love, and joy. Thus, we employ pastors, and we look to resource small groups, youth, and children's ministry; and we pay attention to ongoing discipleship - opportunities to serve, to learn, to practice faith.

Our vision statement: *Growing God's Kingdom One Life at a Time*, also helps us to look beyond ourselves, to value each one, to help those individuals come to know Christ and to live in Christ. With a vision statement like this we can expect that evangelism, mission, social service will be areas that are important to us.

An important part of our Mission is learning to do life together - we find benefit in small groups, friendships and congregations that are connected to their communities. We gather as Global, Arrowtown, Kingston, Manna and Frankton each part of the whole, each developing character and practices appropriate to their situation. We are a Church of multiple expressions, different gatherings, separate needs - there is a lot of strength in this. It ensures that a greater number of people are involved in leadership, both formal and informal, consequently we have many voices at the table, many giving input for teaching, administration, mission, ministry. This is one of our strengths - it allows room for difference, room to develop, room to be encouraged and challenged.

However, it comes at a cost. We have more paid Ministers than you would expect with a membership of our size, we require more buildings, more overseers, and we run the risk of becoming so comfortable within our smaller units that we dismiss the wider Church as irrelevant, and the unity that enables our diversity is then threatened. This is an area that has challenged the Wakatipu Presbyterians since the church was established here over 150 years ago. As part of our planning, we need to guard our unity and to be reviewing who we are and what we do to ensure we are maximising our witness and using our time and resources wisely.

Buildings This year we have - once again - begun to look at buildings and have agreed to improve the overall standard of our manses by committing to a rebuild in Arrowtown, and the purchase of a newer build in Frankton. Our Church buildings need similar attention and work has begun here to understand the needs and how best to provide for them. St Margaret's for example while an in-demand site, needs maintenance and improvement and is not quite meeting our current requirements; St Andrew's on the other hand is under-utilised and it too needs work done on it. So once again we need to look at the big questions: do we stay, do we go, do we redevelop? And where do we find the means for any of this. The office bearers will be working on these matters in the year ahead.

Staff Likewise staffing - who do we need where, in the years to come? I

repeat myself from previous years but workers for the children and teens I believe are urgently needed, both paid and volunteers. The teams we currently have are doing a wonderful job, but they need help to really ensure these ministries flourish - how will we achieve this?

Mission We continue to focus our mission activity on Nepal and Vanuatu. This has enabled deep and effective relationships, and we have seen how we can make a real difference for those working on the ground in these places. Occasionally we become aware of other opportunities and while these are important, to date, I believe it has been important not to do too much. I am sure there will be changes in the future but for now I feel we have the balance about right.

My co-workers in Christ I thank you for the encouragement and support you offer to Amanda and myself.

I give thanks that God has seen to strengthen us with many wonderful people; disciples of the Lord, drawn from the nations. I give thanks for the many who are following God's call on their lives; and that some of these find that calling by serving the local Church. I applaud the work of Clay and Carlton as they lead within Global and Arrowtown, I give thanks for Claudio and the Church of Brazil who enable him to serve here and build the Kingston Church.

I would be lost without the guiding hand of Church Council and our Church Clerk - Shirley Watson, who ensures we stay on task, and Meilita Manusama who quietly gets on with the business of the Church. Key within the administration are Property and Finance Convener: Kim Wilkinson, and Treasurer: David McNeill both of whom give hours to the Church.

We are reminded that our greatest resource are the people - each one a disciple sharing the journey, each a gift of God bringing blessing and strength to us all.

We look forward in confidence - the Lord is our God, and we are God's people - living, loving, and learning to the glory of God's name.

Arohanui

Jan Guy

REV CARLTON JOHNSTONE / ST JOHN'S

Tena koutou katoa,

Jeremiah 29:11-13 says:

¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. ¹² Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. ¹³ You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

This is a deeply meaningful promise that gets applied to many contexts. I have found much encouragement from these words over the years. God has plans for us. God has plans for his church. The changing state of the world over the last few years has confounded, ended, rescheduled, delayed, frustrated plans the world over. I had a number of plans change from my hip fracture and was still recovering this time last year. I have realised recently that this recovery took more out of me mentally as well as physically.

Plans we have made together as a church have constantly been changing over the last year. Things get cancelled - Mainly Music, mission trips to Vanuatu and Nepal for example; new initiatives get stalled, we are prevented from meeting in person for a short period. Men's prayer breakfast lost its rhythm of meeting and struggled to get going consistently again. Still a lot has happened and at times seems like a blur.

The women's study group has been meeting regularly. The intermediate youth group has grown this year. This is a very good partnership with the Salvation Army. We have a committed leadership team and a core group of kids who are excited about coming each week. The Sunday morning children's ministry is strong thanks to an excellent group of leaders who love being with the kids and teaching them about being followers of Jesus. The passion of the worship team is a joy.

I am grateful for the way members of St John's care for each other and welcome others. This year we have, when uninterrupted by wider events, begun to have monthly communion followed by a shared lunch as one of our ways of living our value of hospitality.

God's promise in Jeremiah is that regardless of what is happening to our plans God's plans for us are not frustrated and delayed and cancelled. What is more, we are encouraged to come and pray to a God who listens to us. We are invited to seek him with all our heart and to find him, to know him.

Cultivating spiritual practices of prayer and reading scripture strengthen our faith and our knowledge and experience of God. Such practices are not thawed by Co-Vid 19. They also help us discern God's plans for us and to participate in God's story in the Wakatipu.

Praise God for his goodness to us, Carlton

ST MARGARET'S – FRANKTON

The full impact of the pandemic hit St Margaret's hard in the past 12 months. Sadly, as noted last year, we continued to farewell a good number of people who returned to their homelands or elsewhere in New Zealand. Yet we have also welcomed a few new couples and individuals. Overall numbers at worship remain less than pre-covid times and we are slightly less diverse than we were.

Week by week we rely upon teams to ensure the smooth running of the Church and the connected ministries. The eldership team does a great job of providing pastoral care and guidance, the managers team of Raewyn, Eve and Neil, stay on top of maintenance matters. Various others take their turn welcoming, preaching, singing, playing, praying, reading, hosting - many hands do make light work.

Over the year we have begun to explore again the possibility of either redeveloping the Frankton site or relocating to another as the current buildings do need work done on them and they also struggle to meet current, let alone future needs. Preliminary work from an architectural designer clearly shows that the site can be developed but such work would come at considerable financial cost and would mean vacating the site while the work was underway. A green site would be an easier option but sites that are better than where we are now are few and far between, and again come at considerable cost. If anyone has any suggestions regarding this, it would be good to share them. In the meantime, the office bearers will continue to explore and pray and when there is something solid to share, we will look forward to developing ideas and making plans with the congregation and whole church.

We are grateful to Amanda Guy who continues to co-ordinate the Footsteps children's programme and to the team who ensure an enjoyable and learning time for the children. For the past year Footsteps followed the ALL In TOGETHER Curriculum, with changes occasionally for special days. More recently we have started to use the STORYBOOK BIBLE which the team appreciates. Raewyn and Amanda wrote a wonderful Christmas play which all ages enjoyed immensely - it was great to see parents encouraging their children in this. We now say farewell to Tate Crouchley who is moving to Te Anau with family. Tate has been a faithful creative and energetic member of the team. We thank God that Graeme, Tate and Thea have been part of us and pray God's blessing as they move on to new places.

Beyond Frankton the deepening connection with Kingston has reminded us of the strength we have together, a feature of the Wakatipu Church since the earliest days. With that in mind we thank God for the depth and the breadth seen within the congregations of the Wakatipu Presbyterians. The unity we share strengthens our witness to the Lord, enables mission and ministry beyond ourselves, and does model the truth that in Jesus there is One Church.

WAKATIPU GLOBAL COMMUNITY

Faith, Hope and Love

These three words are embedded in this annual report from the Global congregation. They are found at the writings of the Apostle Paul who, inspired by the Holy Spirit, penned one of the most notorious chapters in the Bible. 1 Corinthians 13 is a summary of love. Despite our limited understanding of what love really is, nobody doubts that all we need is Love. But not that kind of feeling found in popular songs from rock stars. We all need deep, meaningful and reliable Agape love, personified in Jesus Christ, our Lord. As the people of God, we are urged to love one another in practical ways, just like our Master did. In this report, I gladly acknowledge how much we are growing in this essential topic.

Love never comes unaccompanied. Paul finishes this chapter saying: ***“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.”*** Love is better expressed in a place where faith and hope are present. Our expression of love would fail in the absence of a strong biblical faith. True love doesn't come naturally from fallen humans; it is a fruit of the Spirit. This God given love is also full of hope. It must be, otherwise it couldn't point to this blessed future we are all willing to achieve. As a church community during this last year we are learning to love in this environment full of faith and hope.

Sermon Series

Aiming to grow as a loving and Christ-like congregation, Global followed a long series on the Sermon on the Mount. We've spent almost 7 months in this current year digging deep in only three chapters of the Gospel of Matthew (5-6-7). Our pastoral purpose was to remind our Global members and associates what it means to be a “Citizen of the Kingdom”, with all privileges and responsibilities. How encouraging was to witness the engagement of the congregation as we grew in our knowledge of the rich theology and everlasting values described in this iconic sermon of Jesus Christ. For this series I counted with the help of almost all the preachers of the Church, including ministers and volunteers. My deepest gratitude to all of them.

Pastoral Care in Challenging Moments

As an expression of love, pastoral care has been an important part of Global ministry. Personal issues and counselling were very demanding for most of these last two years. With the departure of our friend Irajá Max and his beloved family, a huge gap was created, but the grace of God was enough to sooth people's feelings. Almost at the same time, we've seen other two important members of our music team leaving to another chapter of their lives. It was particularly sad for me seeing the structure of this music ministry, so close to my heart, being radically removed. God graciously proved more than sufficient and our worship remains one of the highlights in our ministry, with the help of a very reliable new music team we are slowly putting together.

Pastor Claudio remains a great supporter and companion as part of the pastoral team, but we understand his new focus in this brand-new congregation in Kingston. With his reduced time available for Global, he left another significant gap at our teaching ministry.

For all the above, the overall work at Global was dramatically changed since my last Annual Report. In these times of closed borders in New Zealand and the ongoing difficulties related to the pandemic of Covid-19, it is not a surprise that we're not in a season of great growth, however, I thank God who is sustaining us at every step of the way. It has been a time to deepen the roots, not yet harvesting the fruits.

Global Kids Ministry

Michele Araujo continues her leadership role in our beloved kid's ministry where a steady number of toddlers and older children consistently receive teaching and enjoy several activities every week. We're so grateful to see that despite the small number of volunteers, our brave group of teachers is faithfully serving this ministry, always doing their best.

These are some highlights:

- The new classrooms downstairs for each age group were a big achievement. We are still working on decoration and furniture.
- We've been using The Gospel Project for Kids program in class, and teachers find the material quite substantial and easy to use. It has made lesson planning much easier and simpler.
- Average attendance of 15 kids every Sunday.
- For various reasons our number of teachers has reduced substantially, but, thanks to the hard work of a few, all children have been assisted in their Bible learning.
- Differently of what used to happen before the pandemic, we noticed the number of visitors has dropped.

Global Teens

The group of teenagers has experienced a big change since last year. Due to Cassia's new responsibilities in Kingston, she is now leading the activities and lessons every Sunday evening in St. Andrews at 5:30pm, after a long period serving in the morning in Frankton. The change was well received and supported by the students and parents.

The number of teens in class has increased to seven. A significant growth compared to last year.

The group is currently studying a new material based on the book of Genesis called "God is our foundation" with the purpose to prepare our teens to boldly face confrontation against their faith particularly at the High School.

We're so grateful to see our teens are maturing in their relationship with God and with one another. We also acknowledge the commitment shown by Cassia, who is basically doing all the work, due to the lack of volunteers for this particular ministry.

International Party

Global played an important part at our International Party, a new and exciting initiative that brought people from all congregations together to have so much fun and raise funds for the regular work of the Church at the Wakatipu and beyond. I just would like to acknowledge the time invested by a handful of very committed organizers, who made the party possible and all who join us along the way to strengthen the teams and bring so much food. We've seen so many people from the community during several hours, enjoying the games, performances and of course, eating a lot of good treats from different cultures around the Globe represented in our Church. How amazing was having the opportunity to value and experience a bit of so many cultural expressions from our own church members and associates! The International party was a highlight of the year for many of us. May God give us again the opportunity to celebrate who we are as a church with so many different cultures united under the banner of love and acceptance.

Men and Women Prayer Groups

During the last year we've seen the maturing of the "Women of Prayer", a distinct group of committed women who are getting together every week for prayer and fellowship. This group has become a ministry of the Church, helping us to plan a variety of events for the near future. Renata Santana is the convener of the group. With her loving personality she is encouraging this group to do more in order to strengthen the whole congregation. Sadly, a wonderfully planned Couple's Meeting with dinner was postponed due to level 4 restrictions. And this is only the first of many other plans to develop new ways of help families to live their lives before God.

More recently, the Men's group has an exciting opening night, with hot dog, fellowship and, more importantly a profound prayer time to encourage each other in our walk with Jesus. Darlan and Wagner are the main leaders of this group that are meeting once a month, in different locations, always with some great food and lots of fun involved.

The idea is to congregate these two groups in special occasions, like the couple's meetings mentioned above. We're aiming to help families to thrive in their relationship with God and each other.

Conclusion

We are grateful for every lesson learned and all the opportunities to serve our Lord faithfully in this beloved community. Times can be tough, but we are so blessed, in so many ways. God has been generous to us and as a congregation we give thanks.

TO GOD BE GLORY!

Rev. Clay Peterson de Oliveira

MANNA BREAKFAST CHURCH

Manna has continued to be a joy and blessing to us each Sunday morning. Our numbers are steady around 30/35 each Sunday morning. We have a regular group of YWAMers who are a real blessing and encouragement to us. They have become more involved in leading the teaching and music. It was a joy to share in the wedding of Abigail and Josh, the birth of Aimee and Jonathan's, little girl, and to hear of their mission outreaches throughout New Zealand.

This past week we are thrilled to have the kitchen renovation completed and look forward to using it. A huge Shout Out to Keith, Mike, Michael, Peter, Warwick for the work and time they volunteered to get the job done-the ladies love it!! There has been a huge clean up around St Andrews-a lot of work put in by Global members-Thank You! and then property people from Manna-particularly Raewyn S and Jo Clarke-clearing out a lot of 'stuff' that has been sitting around for years!

Each Sunday we are blessed with inspirational, thought provoking, biblical teaching lead by many! Its been good to have Ian on a regular basis as well as him being there before we start. Our teaching has seen us take a long journey through Acts, Christmas, Genesis and latterly The Fruits of the Spirit.

Hosting the combined service in July was a highlight and we really appreciated the support from other congregations.

Then just when we thought we were enjoying the new normal Covid gave us another swipe and we were back in Lock down! Zoom kept some of us connected but everyone was very keen to meet face to face as soon as we could.

We are meeting soon to further discuss the future of the St Andrews building and the way forward for Manna. There are some huge decisions to be made and we earnestly pray for God's guidance in this. If we are assured of His leading then we will know we are making the right decision.

Manna continues to be served by a faithful, dedicated team who willingly give of their time and resources. I deeply appreciate their commitment and pray that God will bless them as they reach out and bless others.

Thank you Team!

On behalf of you all..

Janetta

KINGSTON REPORT

The LORD has done great things for us and we are filled with joy (Psalm 126.3).

This is a report from the Kingston Presbyterian Church that aims to share some of the blessings and experiences that God has given us in this mission field. We have sought to serve God in community and service to others and worship the Lord in Sunday services. They are always with the faithful preaching of the word of God, hymns, spiritual songs, prayers, holy communion, celebrations and a delicious morning tea at the end with precious moments to improve our relationships between brothers and sisters.



Services in Garston Presbyterian Church

In accordance with decisions taken together with the brothers and sisters of Kingston Presbyterian Church and with the support of Wakatipu Presbyterian Church, on February 14, 2021, we decided to continue holding one service per month at Garston Presbyterian Church; always on the fourth Sundays of the month, as has been the case for many years. We have also decided to change the hours of services from 3pm to 10am as such as in the majority of Presbyterian Churches in New Zealand. So, on February 28th, we had our service at Garston Church, and we could clearly see everyone's joy and excitement at the change in hours and continued monthly services in Garton Church.

Address change

In the year 2020 our services in Kingston were held in the St. John's Ambulance Room. As the space became too small to comfortably accommodate the entire membership that was increased by the grace of God, so we decided to change our address. On March 14th, we celebrated our service at Kingston Presbyterian Church, now in a new location, Kingston Golf Club. We believe this change is a blessing, as it gives us more space and comfort to worship God and for an affordable price.



Always counting on the presence and help of our brothers and sisters who, with joy, work in the organisation of the place of worship and in the morning tea. Prior to service, it is necessary to remove all tables and rearrange some of the golf club chairs to become Kingston Presbyterian Church. And after morning tea, we happily clean the place and put everything back where it was. These are also opportunities to improve relationships and teamwork as a church.

Celebrations and new initiatives

On May 9th, we had a special service at Kingston Presbyterian Church to celebrate Mother's Day together. The previous Saturday, we delivered to the entire Kingston and Garston community over 200 magnetic Mother's Day calendars with some

information such as our address, contact details and days of service at Kingston and Garston Church. We believe that with this kindness and small gesture we will be showing the families of Kingston that we have a Church in this community and that everyone is welcome to our Sunday services. Some volunteers from the church helped us with the distribution of calendars, from house to house, and financially, for the purchase of material.

To improve our church publicity in the community, we ordered a banner stating our days and times of our services. Members have weekly advertised through Kingston Trading on Facebook our services and they have also personally invited their neighbours and friends to attend our Sunday services.

People attending

The Lord has blessed us with the attendance of members and new people who visit us relatively often. We pray that they come back other times and stay worshipping with us. God also gifted us this year in regarding to two more babies from families of our church. We have an average of 20 people attending our Sunday services in both, Garston and Kingston; and we are happy and excited about the prospects for spiritual and numerical growth in this new Church.



Relationship within Wakatipu

The Kingston/Garston Church is an important component of the Wakatipu parish - those who participate are recognised as either members or associates of the parish and are invited to participate in the full range of services, mission, and business of the Wakatipu Church.

We look forward to all that God is doing in these communities and as a Church we are committed to serving together in mission in this place.

Challenges

We understand that the increase in religious services at Kingston Presbyterian Church must be gradual; as of now we have services twice a month, but hopefully with God's grace we will have services every Sunday of the month in Kingston. We pray that God will continue to bless and direct the Wakatipu Presbyterian Church and Lumsden Presbyterian Church in fulfilling the mission that He has entrusted to us; especially in these days of pandemic that has brought great losses, including financial, to our family.

Cláudio Gonçalves and family.

Cláudio Gonçalves is a missionary pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Brazil, serving in partnership with the local Church.

SMALL GROUPS

As disciples of Jesus, we know that we are called to mature in faith and to relate to one another deeply, honestly, and compassionately. Small groups that meet to pray, to study, to worship all have a part to play in this. Below are reports from but a few of the groups currently operating within the Church, these reports give an insight into the life of the groups, and we trust they will encourage others to get involved, either by starting a small group or joining one of the existing ones. And to those of you who host and work on behalf of your group - thank you.

Remarkable Readers

At the end of 2020 all the Volunteers were treated to Morning Tea in the Staff Room and we were thanked for the help we gave with the Children's reading, and were presented with some delightful cards which some of the pupils had made. It was a real joy to see the expressions of some of their faces as they handed these out, what a privilege to be able to give some of our time to help these Children.

I would like to sincerely thank all our Readers for a great job which i know is appreciated by Teachers and Pupils. Special thanks to Shirley Watson and Neil Jackson for leading the Wednesday and Thursday Groups plus those who fill in at a moment's notice.

Unfortunately, Covid has reared its ugly head again recently but hopefully we will be back with the children for the last term of the year. We as Readers find the hour spent with the Pupils most enjoyable and very entertaining at times. If anyone would like to join us on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday please contact me.

JUDY HOLLAND - Reading Volunteer Coordinator

Women in Touch

Women in Touch meet monthly at St Margaret's and begin with devotions and end with supper. This year we enjoyed listening to Cora Huitt talking about women's health and she had us all trying some exercises. We also found Ann McNeill's account of life in Hong Kong very interesting. Another speaker was Amy Rutherford who spoke about her work as a senior diplomat at the NZ embassy in Washington DC. During the year we also visited Dorothy Brown's cinema and had a meal at New Orleans hotel in Arrowtown. At Christmas we went to the home by the hospital and sang carols and then treated ourselves to dinner at a restaurant.

To help others, we filled Christmas boxes for Children in the Pacific and supported a child through World Vision. We are pleased to keep the hospital supplied with bags containing a toothbrush, toothpaste and a comb. We seem to need at least 20 per month as many people arrive at the hospital after accidents on the ski fields and walking tracks etc and don't have these necessities. Both the hospital and the recipients are very grateful for our help.

This group is quite a social group but we care and support each other and enjoy the companionship of Christian women. If any lady would like to join our group please contact Janet Rutherford 034423569.

Preach it is a group led by myself for both experienced and developing preachers within our congregations. Currently those attending are associated with the Global Community and St Margaret's. We meet once each month on the first Tuesday to learn together how to be most effective in this ministry. Please make contact if you would like to know more.

Ian Guy

Blokes Group at Frankton

On every second Thursday at St Margaret's at 12-1pm, between 4 and 7 blokes come along. Each takes a turn of sharing a thought and this stirs up discussion and leads to praying for one another.

Currently those who attend are either members at Manna or Frankton - others from here and beyond are welcome.

Through this small group God continues to stir us up to faith and good works.

Brent Mitchell - Mobile: 0212200238

COME 2021

In 1 Samuel 30 v 6 when David stood completely alone, his men being bitter in spirit and are ready to stone him.... David did not retreat...nor did he turn to self pity, or even complain to God!

NO..... David found STRENGTH in The LORD, his God. (v 6b)

For Christians today, this needs to be our response also, for God and His Word, are for us, not against us, and well handled, is for our Blessing. To encourage, rebuke, and correct in our thinking.

It can also stir us up to love and good works for his people.

Through all of these, we find ourselves enjoying Him and enjoying the 'fellowship' we have with one another.

I believe this is the main purpose of COME.

Those who gather together on a weekly basis, are finding Our Strength is from the LORD, and where each of us are growing in our faith walk and enjoying a deepening desire to not only Know HIM more, but to increasingly share the abundant life we are awakening too, more and more.

Anita and Daniel Muir, with their 3 delightful daughters, shared with us prior to their departure for Zambia.

Returning to serve the Lord there through SIM.

In preparation for Easter we celebrated the Last Supper together, as one of our group, went around those reclining at the table, and washed our feet. Just as Jesus had done for his disciples.

We have also enjoyed a reasonably thorough study on: "THEREFORE put on The Full Armour of God".

In putting on each piece of the armour, we are Putting On everything we have in JESUS CHRIST, and so can stand against all of the devil's schemes.

COME is about: Coming to receive from the word of God and from each other....

It is also about taking away something of great value.

An encouragement for all "to strengthen themselves in the Lord".

Each meeting concludes with A Blessing being spoken to, and over those who meet, and this is also sent to those who are absent.....

GOD has Blessed this Group in amazing ways, as we meet each THURSDAY at 10:00 AM, in my home, 2 Gracefield Lane.

Please be assured that YOU are WELCOME TO COME.

LG HANSEN

MISSION TO THE NATIONS

We, the Presbyterian Church of the Wakatipu, are a Church of the Nations for the Nations. Our desire is to glorify God by serving people locally and abroad. The Church Council invites support of these missions by praying, by giving, and by going. If you are giving to mission: thank you. If you are not involved at this time, then we encourage you to prayerfully consider what you can do. Every prayer and every dollar and every person that takes an interest does make a difference.

The joy in mission is seeing lives changed and in the process of serving we ourselves are served, often changed, and God is honoured.

The primary task of Wakatipu Global Mission is to partner with local churches and other groups and to offer support in the areas that these groups believe it is most valuable. At home we raise awareness, teach, and encourage every member of the congregation to be actively involved in mission both within and beyond New Zealand.

Vanuatu: **The Santo Bush Mission**

It has been a challenging year for Santo Bush Mission. A large number of their church and school buildings were destroyed by Cyclone Harold last year.

During the last term, from May to July, mission workers focused on rebuilding damages mission facilities at Morkari. This is where we take a team each year. We have not been able to take a team for the last two years. Ps Tueni and Nangou are still unable to get back and remain in Auckland. Ps Tueni has been able to share on the work and life of SBM to churches around the NZ. Hopefully he can get back by the end of the year. Vanuatu has managed to avoid Co-vid entering the country.

Due to the heavy damages in Morkari Chief Maliu advised SBM to build new facilities in a new place, so we followed his advice. New place is called Sayonara, it is much sheltered and safe place from wind and rain. It is located near Wailapa river. We took a team down to this village when we were last there in 2019.

Mission workers have managed to build four houses including church, school, kindy, and one house for workers. It is not fully complete yet, so after the conference, workers will go back to finish off the remaining works. Then mission workers can be posted to start mission again.

The mission workers (pastors, teachers, mission farm workers) are keeping well and committed to serving God. The mission committee of SBM was able to run three mission conferences over the last year that the workers of SBM attend. This is a time of training, refreshing, and planning together.

It would be wonderful to be able to take a team back in 2022. All Nations Church are ready to partner with us in sending people to be part of the team.

Total Giving to Vanuatu

in the 12 months to 30th June 2021, we sent:

- \$2000 Supporting a pastor and a teacher \$500/quarter.¹

Nepal:

Our main connection is with a local church from the reformed tradition. They are developing a program of Church Planting and Evangelism across the nation; and we have committed to the financial support of two of their Church Planters: Badri and Simon.

They write to express their deep gratitude for the prayer and financial support provided. Covid has hampered the work yet despite this a number of folk are coming to and growing in faith. Badri asks for prayer for 3 adults who were baptised in August and for the ones he works with who are struggling with alcoholism, unbelief, and fear. Simon likewise continues to work with a range of people and is helping them mature in Christ and to leave behind behaviour that has hampered their lives. Simon and his wife have both had poor health in the last 6 months and we were able to send support to ensure good medical care - and, thanks to God, they are both well now.

Prior to the covid pandemic of 2020 and 2021 regular visits by members of the ministry team and others have been made to offer teaching, friendship and encouragement. It is hoped that these can resume in the coming year.

In addition, we have links with organisations dedicated to the support of young people. The Apple of God's Eyes (AoGE) is an organisation dedicated to the restoration of girls who have returned to Nepal after having been trafficked. They run homes for 200 girls, a school, and medical and dental clinics which are also available to the community. The Children of Nepal focuses on disadvantaged boys—providing a home, education and a future: our connection here is minimal.

Funding for this is a mix of self-funding plus grants made from your specific giving, fund-raising and the Ministers discretionary fund.

Hasta Memorial School

For the past year we have had a special focus on THE HASTA MEMORIAL SCHOOL

This is a project initiated by Anjali Tamang, a graduate of AoGE. Her dream has been to establish a school in her home district in Nepal to prevent more girls from being trafficked, to give them a bright future, to raise awareness, and to change the mindset of her people.

This time last year work on the school build was just beginning and we were setting out on a plan to raise \$50000 as our contribution to the project. It has been

¹ Money is received from regular donors from across the Church, and topped up from General Funds

wonderful to be part of this and to be able to invite support from many others around the country. As you can see in the year to 30th June figures below far more than \$50,000 was raised.

There remains a little building work to complete, and more funds will be needed for scholarships as the school grows in number. Today we rejoice in the knowledge that as of the 20th of September 2021 children are receiving a great education at the Hasta Memorial School. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this.

Total Giving to Nepal

in the 12 months to 30th June 2021 we sent:

- \$15,986.04 Nepal Church Planters²
- \$15,335.30 Apple of God's Eyes - Safe Houses³
- \$65,926.57 Hasta Memorial School³



² Money is received from a small group of regular donors from across the Church

³ Money raised locally and around New Zealand from the Ride4Freedom and presentations given by Ian.



Santo Bush Mission

Some photos from an earlier visit



Nepal Church

MAINLY MUSIC ARROWTOWN



It has been a very topsy turvy year for Mainly Music with continued Covid disruption. However, we were able to run through all of term 4 2020 and most of term one this year, without big disruption. That meant we were able to celebrate our Christmas session and our Easter Sessions as usual and give out our children's books. Mother's Day was another celebration which was able to go ahead, with a lovely time and special celebration for our mother's and carers. We made the gifts this year, being aware finances not as robust with closures from time to time. The team made some lovely, sweet treats which were bagged up after Church and they were much appreciated. We have managed one Favourites day, but our planned Matariki celebration was unable to go ahead because of a snow day. We continue to have some of our older team members retire, but we have been blessed with new people joining our team. We have welcomed Heather Morrison and Noeline Russel this year and it has been lovely to have them available. We were overjoyed that Amanda got a job which still allows us to keep her on our team for now, as she is such a valued team member and music leader.

We do hope once we get to level one again, we will be able to continue without disruption till the end of the year. The Care Home has rung and would love us to come back visit them as soon as able and their residents are now all fully vaccinated and so are the team.

A big Thank you to all Team members past and present who bring so much to this outreach into our communities.

Many Thanks

Eileen Toner

MAINLY MUSIC QUEENSTOWN

Our sessions have been rather stop/start-Alert level 2 means we can't run mainlymusic. We ended the year with our usual Christmas session-and as usual had a really good turnout of Families. We used this session to celebrate our 15th birthday as a mainlymusic group as well.

The year started well with families keen to get underway again. We have quite a core group that come quite regularly so we do get to know them better. We were able to celebrate Easter this year and we gave out little easter booklets to each family. Also, Mother's Day could go ahead-we like to honour our Mothers-and our Fathers-but for the second year we couldn't have our Father's Day sessions.

Mainlymusic continues to be valued by our young families in the community-they enjoy the connection with the older ladies and meeting up with other young families.

As team workers we are blessed as well by the opportunity we have to interact with the families in our community and to share God's love with them Thank you again to the great Team we have working-Jo, Jenny, Jan, Merlyn, Raewyn. Our team is small, so I do appreciate your commitment each week and your willingness to be involved.

God Bless you all!

Janetta Coulter

CHRISTMAS LUNCH @ ST ANDREWS

A new initiative for the Church was to work with the Salvation Army and Happiness House in the provision of a Christmas Lunch. The idea behind this was to provide for those feeling isolated and alone and those struggling financially.

Invitations were made to the various social support agencies in town to invite people known to them.

Many in our Church put a huge effort into making this a success and offers of support came from individuals and businesses all pleased to support the community. Indeed, such was the level of support that actual cost was negligible and was covered by money that had been donated for the previous Pasta Café and not used.



There are many people I could acknowledge for their contributions, and I have thanked them personally, but I do want to highlight the generous provision of design materials and the hours of labour given by Mike and Raewyn Stockham. They put days of work into this and did a tremendous job that made our guests feel like VIPs.

The only disappointment was the poor turnout - we were well below the 130 guests we had catered for.

Currently I am working with Happiness House and Salvation Army to put on another but smaller lunch for this Christmas. The venue will be the Queenstown Memorial Hall and soon we will be looking for people available to help on the day.

Church Council also supported the Glenorchy Christmas Dinner that was organised by 'The Hub' a local group who a group of volunteers who organise regular community dinners and workshops.

BASKETS OF BLESSING

Queenstown's Baskets of Blessings Charitable Trust and volunteer organisation provides a platform coordinating generous donations of products, time and money to deliver unexpected gift baskets and frozen meal/food packs to individuals and families suddenly struggling from unexpected life challenges. In recent times demand for Baskets of Blessing support has meant we now distribute over 500 gift baskets per year and up to 3000 free frozen meals per month.



The operations of Baskets of Blessing are centered on St John's from which volunteer teams collate, cook and distribute delicious, nutritious home-cooked frozen meal packs.

This is an important partnership for the Church as we seek to serve our community.

www.basketsofblessing.co.nz

PASTA CAFÉ



For the 2nd year running Pasta Café was curtailed by the impact of Covid-19.



Early winter the Church Council decided to run the café for a shortened 4-week season using the Fridays of August. It was felt by Council that there was need in the community for activities that built community, activities that helped avoid isolation and gave people a lift - Pasta Café fitted the bill. Whereas once it was focused on ski workers it is now more focused on families and individuals who are residents here. Following the success of using St Margaret's in 2020 it was decided to again base the café in Frankton.

We opened to a moderate crowd of about 140 with only slightly higher numbers the 2nd week and then we were forced to closed by the nation-wide return of Level 4 restrictions. This wiped out the last two Fridays of August. On September 8th we returned to Level 2 but with strict



restrictions on numbers and space Church Council agreed to suspend Pasta Café for 2021. While disappointing to only complete two evenings it was also encouraging to be able to host and encourage a good number of the community. I was also very encouraged by the wonderful number of people volunteering to help, even though one or two no-shows was frustrating.

We did not seek external funding this year as we still had some donated money left over from the previous year. We also received invaluable support from Kiwi Harvest who provided mince, vegetables, canned tomatoes, sauces, and pasta.



Chef Budi did wonders with diverse ingredients, and everyone else got stuck in and made it all happen.

Pasta Café is one of those events that pulls the whole Church together and makes a big impact in the community. It is hard work, but the joy generated, the love shared, the witness lived makes it all worthwhile.

Thank you to all who gave generously to Pasta Café in 2021. God has blessed us greatly.

Ian Guy



NEW INITIATIVES

The Better KIWI English Café



This is an initiative of Louise Jul Boeriis a member at Manna and YWAM . This ministry designed to help migrants improve their conversational English and awareness of local customs and awareness of what's what in Queenstown. It is a joint venture between the Church and YWAM and will be 'staffed' by a mix of both. It is planned to base this at St Andrew's every Tuesday afternoon, 3-5pm.

We have a team of volunteers to ensure a good welcome is provided and a programme has been developed for the first couple of months. The logo was designed by Lauren McNeill for which we are extremely grateful.

Started Tuesday 28th September

Faith Thinking short courses

Faith Thinking offer a range of courses that give in-depth teaching on various subjects, in order to help Christians love God with all of their minds. These subjects include New **Testament**, Old Testament, Systematic Theology, Practical Theology, and Church History.



Each course is taught by someone with expertise in that subject area - either by a university lecturer (predominantly from the Theology Programme), or a church leader. Currently in Dunedin and Invercargill a number of courses are offered every year.

Faith Thinking is a joint venture between the Theology Programme of the University of Otago and the Church and supported by Continuing Education at the University of Otago.

In Queenstown this would be offered to the whole Church, and I imagine hosted at St Margaret's. Faith Thinking is also offered on ZOOM from time to time.

The cost to the local church is the venue use - the University charges a small fee for most courses which covers their teaching and administrative costs. It is proposed to start this in the new year.



CAP or Christians Against Poverty is an organisation that works with local churches to provide resources and advice that can free people from debt and help secure their future. Mid-year 7 members of the church trained in this and will begin to offer courses shortly.

PROPERTY AND FINANCE REPORT

The Property and Finance Group have met regularly throughout the year and reported to the Church Council. The group comprises Kim Wilkinson, Convenor; David McNeill, Treasurer; Rev. Ian Guy, Senior Minister; Rev. Carlton Johnstone, Arrowtown Minister; Rev. Clay Peterson de Oliveira, Global Community Minister, Shirley Watson, Church Clerk; Bruce Patton, Keith Patterson, Jim Fraser and Stanley Swiety. Alison Mitchell has also joined our meetings on occasions as part of her involvement with the Arrowtown Property team dealing with the development of the new Arrowtown manse.

Following the disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, work to develop the new Arrowtown manse began again this year. The design for the manse has been finalised and the tendering process to build the manse will happen shortly. Other building projects include the upgrade to the upstairs kitchen at St Andrew's. This will also begin shortly, and we gratefully acknowledge grants from Synod and the Greatest Needs Fund for this project. Members from our Church groups will also donate their time to assist with the kitchen upgrade. Funding was also received from Synod to help develop the Sunday School breakout rooms downstairs at St Andrew's. Assistance from members of the Global Community also help with this project.

Work is progressing on selling the Douglas Street manse and purchasing a more modern manse with less maintenance required. This will hopefully occur in the next few months.

With the pandemic still causing hardship within the Wakatipu basin our Church has continued to work alongside various community groups and individuals to assist with the financial needs of many families both in our Church family and the wider community.

Our group would also like to thank all parishioners who do so much voluntary work for the Church throughout the year. For those involved in music, teaching, health and safety protocols, cleaning, gardening, maintenance, door duties, morning and afternoon teas and much more, we appreciate all you that you do.

I would also like to thank the assistance I've received from David McNeill our treasurer, Shirley Watson our Parish Clerk, Lita our Church secretary as well as the help and support from the rest of the P&F Group.

Kim Wilkinson (P&F Convenor)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE				
For the Year Ended 30 June 2021				
			2021	2020
			\$	\$
Operating Revenue				
	Freewill Giving		327,915	295,667
	Rentals		51,223	33,123
	Donations		21,444	37,512
	Bequests		0	25,274
	Synod Grants		3,973	11,400
	Mainly Music		4,620	3,841
	Wedding/Funeral Receipts		2,052	5,361
	Event/Fair Income		9,930	22,676
	Government Wage Subsidy		0	44,918
	Total Operating Revenue		421,156	479,772
Less Expenses				
	Administration		40,486	42,958
	Communications		5,491	6,655
	Depreciation		54,173	58,723
	Donations		4,000	6,882
	Staff Education & Welfare		1,092	2,435
	Event Expenses		3,412	17,055
	Ministry Costs		288,488	309,177
	Outreach		142,601	54,072
	Property Expenses		98,589	96,144
	Wider Work & Nat services		18,756	13,978
	Total Expenses		657,087	608,079
	Operating Deficit before Other Revenue		(235,931)	(128,307)
Other Revenue				
	Interest Received		7,811	19,998
	Outreach Donations		160,799	51,006
	Sundry Income		30,301	2,583
	Total Other Revenue		198,910	73,587
	Net Deficit before new church funds		(37,021)	(54,720)
	Release of funds for new church from statement of financial position		324,770	-
	Net Deficit		287,749	(54,720)
Allocated pursuant to Deed of Trust as follows:				
	Transfer to Accumulated Funds		287,749	(54,720)
			287,749	(54,720)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION			
As at 30 June 2021			
		2021	2020
		\$	\$
Accumulated Funds			
Trust Capital		5,055,080	5,053,080
Retained Surplus / (Deficit)		(19,330)	(307,079.00)
Total Accumulated Funds		5,035,750	4,746,001
Represented by:			
Assets			
Cash at Bank		54,714	37,462
BNZ - Achiever Saver		1,329	1,088
Presbyterian Investment Fund		500,532	557,731
Accounts Receivable		4,631	119
GST Receivable		31,349	5,524
Other Current Assets		112,378	70,770
Fixed Assets		90,286	103,859
Land and Buildings		4,277,173	4,306,281
Total Assets		5,072,392	5,082,834
Liabilities			
Accounts Payable		5,014	8,263
Funds Received New Church		0	324,770
Other Current Liabilities		27,828	-
Dr Alf Poole Trust		3,800	3,800
Total Liabilities		36,643	336,833
Net Assets		5,035,750	4,746,001

MINUTES 2020

of the Annual Meeting of the Wakatipu Community Presbyterian Church held Sunday 15th November 2020 from 2.30pm at St Margaret's Church, Frankton

Present: 32 members were in attendance (Register of names filed with these minutes)

Apologies: The following apologies were recorded - Rachel Ross, Elizabeth Key, Ian Henderson, Budi Kurniawan Jan Thomas, Judy Holland, Thunes and Kitty Cloete, Margaret Robertson, Bruce and Gillian Williams, Putu Young, Sarah Johnstone

Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was held for those members who have passed away since the last Annual meeting: John Wilson, Dorothy Taylor, Henry Krammer, Beryl Willsman, Florence Binney, Rosslyn Munro, Keith Syme, Vicki Tunnicliffe

This time was closed with the reading of Romans 8: 38-39 and prayer

2019 minutes

The minutes of the 2019 Annual meeting were discussed.

Matters arising: Rev. Ian Guy reminded people that in those minutes permission to borrow \$450000 was granted for the Arrowtown Manse project. This could start next year.

Reports:

Reports from Leadership, Church Council, Congregations, Outreach, Global, Youth and Small Groups as published in the Annual report were discussed.

Church Council Members

It was noted that Alison Naylor, Isabel Stanley and Ryan Feng were retiring from Church Council. Alison was presented with flowers

Children's Ministry

Church Council have been advised Kiesha Cox, the Children's Ministry team leader, has resigned. Rev. Ian Guy thanked her for the work she has done with the children and presented her with flowers. Rev Clay Peterson introduced Michele Araujo, the new Children's leader at Global

Property and Finance and the Financial report were presented for discussion.

Financial Report: David McNeill went through the Financial report as published in the Annual Report.

"That the financial reports as presented be received and that Crowe be re-appointed auditors for the coming year "

Moved David McNeill - Seconded by Kim Wilkinson

Carried

Comprehensive Motion

"It is moved that the minutes of the 2019 Annual meeting be confirmed, the attendance and apologies of this meeting as recorded be received, that the Church Council as listed be affirmed, and that the reports be received"

Shirley Watson/Alison Naylor

Carried

General Discussion

Things that have gone well, recognition for a job well done, highlighting individual contributions and successes.

Those present acknowledged people in all congregations who had worked behind the scenes in various ways but most of all thanked God for encouraging us during Covid and for the new families who are coming to all services.

Things that need improving, developing, and changing.

Covid lockdown made us connect with each other on social media and in the community. We could make better use of technology

Suggestions, questions, ideas, queries, clarifications

Altering St Margaret's to incorporate Church offices so our Ministers can work together and support each other.

Intentional relationships - be aware of sowing seeds whenever you talk

More space for Teens at Frankton - as the group is growing

How do we care for those no longer able to attend worship because of age.

Hosting another "Guess who is coming to dinner" (possibly one venue with many tables)

Be intentional about connecting across the wider church

Be more intentional about hospitality (inviting people home or for coffee after services)

Strengthening existing relations

Rev. Ian Guy wound up the discussions by encouraging everyone to Dream Dreams and to share their dreams with someone else, especially the eldership teams; and to encourage others to be involved in our outreach programmes

The meeting closed with the benediction at 3.45pm