

Wakatipu Presbyterians

Annual Report

of the Wakatipu Community Presbyterian Church

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IN MEMORIAM

With gratitude and respect, we remember

Lesley Uren

Fran Powell

Mavora McKenzie

Russell Styles

Margaret van der Zwet

Joy Martin

Graeme Botting

Danny Knudson

Joan Cooke

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 GOALS

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

Goals:

- To develop new opportunities for people to know Christ and to worship.
- To invite people of all ages to faith.
- To strengthen the existing congregations that they may grow and offer space/protection to the newly formed groups till they are established and strong, and they in turn can nourish and encourage the older congregations.
- To ensure that discipleship becomes a way of life (for all members) and not simply a programme.
- To ensure the Church is involved in the community, where we are actively seeking ways to be a blessing to all peoples.
- To strengthen and broaden our leadership to better reach our diverse and growing community.
- To be a Church of positive influence in the community for this and coming generations.

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

Your Church Council has met monthly with willing representatives from all Churches. We have explored, discussed and made decisions about the life of the Church. We continued to uphold each other and our nation in prayer and trusted in Gods wisdom to guide us through these times. Lindsay Key, and Claudio Cesar Goncalves have been our Presbytery elders and we thank them for their contribution

Each Church continues to be well used every Sunday with numbers attending services growing again. We are very thankful to those who lead the Children's programmes in each church. The vibrancy of the church is reflected in the many groups of various kinds operating and we are pleased with the number of small groups meeting weekly. Thank you to our Eldership teams who continue to meet regularly and make the decisions for the individual churches

Membership - It is pleasing to note even with all those who had to leave during Covid lockdowns and employment changes, that our membership has increased slightly although average attendance in June was down on the previous year

Church Council made the decision this year to hold Pasta Cafe again at St Margaret's for four weeks. Our grateful thanks to Raewyn Byars who volunteered to co-ordinate. This was an extremely busy job for just one person and in the future, we should endeavour to have at least two co-ordinators. Thank you to all who were involved whether it be setting up tables, cooking, preparing vegetables or baking, your help was very much appreciated.

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.

Reluctantly we accepted Lita's resignation as our church secretary and are thankful for the years of service that Lita has provided and are grateful she has offered to extend her employment to ensure that her replacement can be supported and trained in the role. We have pleasure in welcoming Daniele Vianna to the office. Dani will take up her new role for the church on Tuesday 13th December.

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.

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. Thank you also to Cláudio our Missionary Pastor for his work in Kingston and we acknowledge the support that he receives from Brazil to do this work. And thank you to their wives, Amanda, Sarah, Graziela and Cassia for their loving support of their husbands.

Finally thank you to all members of the church. We acknowledge the help and things that are done on a weekly, monthly or annual basis - from serving coffee to sweeping floors - know that you are all appreciated.

Shirley Watson
Church Clerk

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

effective 27th November 2022 (others may be added during the year)

Ministers	Ian Guy (Moderator - non-voting) Carlton Johnstone Clay Peterson de Oliveira
Church Clerk	Shirley Watson
Treasurer	David McNeill
Arrowtown	Jayson Badenhop
Global	Felipe Patricio de Aguiar
Manna	Janetta Coulter, Kerrie Sproull, Kim Wilkinson
Frankton	Janet Rutherford, Lindsay Key,
Associates (non-voting)	Cláudio César Gonçalves

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

As I begin this report I refer you to page 4. There you will read of our mission, vision, values, goals. These highlight who we are and why we are here, and at times they may help explain why we do some of the things we do. Most of what you see there is long standing with the goals being most recent yet even they stretch back to 2014.

Flowing from the goals we have seen it very natural to add a worship service or to encourage small groups as we seek to invite people to know Christ; likewise part of our DNA has been to seek ways to be a positive influence in the community: thus we serve where we can, we have worked with other churches and agencies to support the community, we have provided things like mainly music, pasta café, remarkable readers, money, parenting, marriage and pre-marriage courses. We partner with others to further this work - hence the relationship with Baskets of Blessing, the provision of rooms for plunket, adult literacy, AA, the Christmas lunch and the list goes on.

Partnering is seen in our global mission projects also - what we do in Nepal and Vanuatu is all about coming alongside of those who are there doing the work, to encourage, strengthen, resource, train, and to celebrate successes, lament loss, and through it all to look to God.

Partnering is at the heart of how we operate. The Wakatipu Presbyterians in one form or another have been in this district for over 155 years and in all that time, as far as I can tell, there has never been just one stand-alone congregation in the Wakatipu. From the beginning of ministry here we were scattered preaching places, held together by our shared faith and recognition that to serve here we were at our best when serving together.

Over the years congregations, people, ministries have come and gone. At times some parts of the church have flourished, others have struggled, yet even in the struggle remained faithful and fruitful expressions of the Church of the Lord.

Over the past decade we have seen tremendous investment into Arrowtown, into the Global community, and we now celebrate the wisdom of those decisions; and in the last couple of years we have made a small beginning in Kingston. At the same time some projects have not worked as planned or endured as hoped. This is true of some of the small groups, outreaches, and most notably the 5 Mile Project. Yet again even in the setbacks we have seen the strength of the whole in resourcing, in encouraging, in counselling, in challenging one another to be the best we can be as we seek to worship God and serve our Wakatipu community.

Our past gives me hope for the future. The challenges before us are immense. We must invest more in the younger generations, we must seek ways to build stronger ties in the community, and we must address the challenge of our buildings. Flicking back through annual reports and minutes of the Church Council it is obvious this has been a hot topic for well over 20 years. Some progress was achieved in 2011 with the new hall in Arrowtown - today as we gather for our annual meeting in this space we give thanks for the foresight, generosity and courage of those who enabled this to be built. It was costly, it was controversial, it was built to meet a need that did not then exist. But look at how much good has been enabled because of the building of the St John's hall. It has proven a blessing to community and church.

Going forward we will need the same cross-congregation co-operation, resourcing, praying, dreaming God's dreams and sheer hard-working to ensure that all of our buildings be fit for purpose, and that our mission plans in these communities and beyond thrive.

I found the first 6 months following our 2021 Annual Meeting hard going, covid restrictions lingered a little longer than I had anticipated and for a time the various responses to covid divided us. It meant that we could no longer meet together as we had and we found it difficult at times to listen to one another. Some seemed to give up on church through this time - and others left the region for opportunity elsewhere.

Yet I have been reminded that God does ‘...know the plans I have for you’, and that God’s plans ‘...give us hope and a future’. Jeremiah 29:11-12

Of course, there is another verse to be added to that. Verse 13 ‘You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart’.

We are called to a life of discipleship - a life of walking with Jesus, of committing our hopes and dreams to him, of seeking him and serving him with all of our heart. There is no room for half-heartedness and complacency in the disciple’s life.

Thus, as we come to the 2022 Annual Meeting we are spending 40 Days in Prayer - our desire is to know the Lord and to know the Lord’s plans for us.

I am reminded of our Mission Statement : *To live in Christ, and to grow as a community of faith, hope, love & joy*, and I ask you in what ways are you paying attention to your Christian maturity? In what ways are you encouraging maturity in others?

And our vision to see growth in *God’s Kingdom One Life at a Time*, reminds us to look beyond ourselves as we help others know Christ and to live in Christ.

In February this year I completed 10 years as Minister in this place. In my role as minister and team leader I am blessed and appreciative of all God has given us. I thank you for the encouragement and support you offer to Amanda and myself. I give thanks that God has blessed us with diverse congregations, amazing people, disciples of the Lord Jesus.

I give thanks that we are a church of the nations for the nations and that together we are seeking to serve and to save, to bless and to love those who are near and afar.

I am thankful to be part of a ministry team that sees each of us focused upon our primary calling yet here to encourage, inspire, and strengthen the whole.

I give thanks for our Church Clerk - Shirley Watson, and am in awe of the work-load she carries, and for the invaluable contributions of Kim Wilkinson (Property & Finance) and David McNeill (Treasurer).

I acknowledge the contribution of Meilita Manusama as she leaves our employ after serving us graciously and humbly this past 5 years and thank God for bringing Daniele Vianna to continue the work.

And I am thankful that I get to serve in this place with Amanda by my side - her encouragement, patience, love and wisdom are a very real strength that I receive every day.

The last few years have been challenging and across the Church we have farewelled many people, yet by God’s grace our Lord is bringing new opportunities, new people, a new day is dawning. Thus, I look forward in confidence - the Lord is our God, and we are God’s people, and God gives us hope and a future.

Mā te Atua koutou e tiaki e manaaki i nga wa katoa,
May the Lord bless and keep you at all times

Ian Guy

REV CARLTON JOHNSTONE / ST JOHN'S

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I like this greeting Paul uses to open a number of his pastoral letters.

So much has happened over the last year that parts of it seem to blur. I said something similar last year too! God is faithful, and it is good to see him working amongst us and leading us and growing us.

The easiest place to start actually is to give thanks for those who have served and lead in various roles - the elders and property team, the children's leaders, the Mainly Music team, the music-worship team, those who serve morning tea and those who look after the church grounds, those who lead our discipleship groups (see their reports), those who host the shared church lunches and hosted the marriage course.

Thanks to you who turn up on Sundays to worship God and grow in your faith and do life following Jesus with others. It is a joy and privilege to be your pastor. Thank you for your prayers and care of me and my family.

I am also grateful to the ministry team: Ian, Clay, and Claudio. We meet regularly. Pastorally supporting one another, praying for each other, dreaming together, discerning, planning together, leading together.

This term we started a discipleship group for our teenagers on Sunday mornings. They are exploring key questions of faith. We will run a couple of social events this term with the teenagers from our other congregations. Our first one was this month, taking them ten-pin bowling.

The children's ministry has grown for us this year. I performed my first baptism since I have been at St John's, Luca Pilgrim, Sarah and Amos' baby boy. This was a joyful celebration for us as a congregation. It is encouraging seeing the kids grow in their faith and participate in the life of the church. We raised finances to employ a children's worker 4 days a week. We are still looking for this person

Eight couples did the Alpha Marriage Course in August-September, including Sarah and myself. The material was excellent, and everyone found things throughout the course that strengthened their marriage. We hope to run this again in term 3 next year.

The shared lunches are one of our practices of hospitality together. They build relationships and have often been a place where new people have found a connection point. During each term we have stated to have an all-age extended worship service.

I finished my time on the Arrowtown Primary School Board but remain as the chair for the Baskets of Blessing Board (see the BoB report for the work they do).

I took a refreshing period of study leave for most of December into early January which flowed into annual leave. The study leave was a leisurely reading through the Bible and doing a twelve-week self-lead Ignatian Retreat. I am grateful to those from St John's who lead services and preached. And for the team who ran a family-orientated picnic carol service which was a hit.

Next year I am in the early stages of exploring further study leave to do a 30-day silent (can you imagine!!) Ignatian retreat as a prerequisite to doing a spiritual director's course.

And so here we are, almost at Christmas for another year. I look forward with anticipation to what 2023 holds for us as a church and what adventures God leads us into as we follow Jesus together.

Arohanui,

Carlton Johnstone

ST MARGARET'S – FRANKTON

The year was again shaped by covid and responding to ever changing regulations which had a significant impact on worship. To meet our obligations during the 'traffic light' system the elders implemented a change to Sunday morning worship by providing an early service that was 'vaccine pass not required' and a later service that did require a 'vaccine pass'. This created some personnel challenges but did mean that no one was excluded from in person worship. We were aware that Ian was also preparing a service on YouTube which ensured that everyone had an option. Once restrictions were ended we were delighted to come back together as a whole congregation.

To celebrate this Amanda organised a Guess Who is Coming to Dinner - the uptake for this was excellent and many enjoyed a fun evening of good food and fellowship. We have also begun a monthly pattern of sharing lunch on Communion Sundays. We are still getting into the flow of this, but it has been good to spend time together and get to know one another in a deeper way.

Another initiative to help families reconnect was a Family Fun night in July at the Frankton church.

However, it has been disappointing to note that many individuals and families are no longer regular at worship, and some have slipped away altogether. This factor along with the reality that we have farewelled many people over the year does mean that our congregation is smaller than it had been prior to the pandemic and because of the extended work schedules of many regular attendance has also been impacted. This has been seen in particular amongst our Footsteps families.

Our children's Christmas service last year was based around a play called Dr Luke - this was written by Robin Winter. Those who participated in the service went away impacted by the hard work of the children and their faithful leaders.

Remarkable Readers led by Judy Holland have had a quiet year in that the school remained closed to them because of pandemic restrictions until recently. Thankfully the doors were recently opened, and the team returned to the school on Wednesday 19th October. The children were excited to see them and each member of the team was given a little goodie bag and made to feel very special.

Eldership: Earlier in the year Janet Rutherford and Amanda Guy were ordained as elders following their election by the congregation - it has been good to have their added experience and wisdom available to the team. However, we also farewelled Thunes and Kitty Cloete to Napier. As an elder Thunes served the congregation at worship and behind the scenes; and as a couple they are deeply missed. We pray for them as they continue to seek the Lord in their new community.

A congregation is not just served by the minister or the elders but by many. So to those who serve in Bible reading, praying, singing, playing, welcoming, visiting, hosting, serving, cleaning, mowing, maintaining, improving we say thank you.

We have continued to be spiritually fed by solid biblical teaching from the preaching team of Ian Guy, Lindsay Key, Bronnie Hartley, Cláudio Gonçalves, Stephen Bond, Felipe Aguiar, Clay Peterson and others.

Going forward we need to invest in children and family's ministry and in our facilities, and while it may be tempting to leave these challenges for another day we believe we must find a way forward on these matters quickly. Thanks be to God who equips and leads and for whom we live.

WAKATIPU GLOBAL COMMUNITY

As the end of the year approaches, it is time to consider the achievements and ongoing challenges. I begin this report by acknowledging God's providence in everything we face. There's no such thing as mere fate or luck. Everything happens under the control of our sovereign and powerful King and Lord. To him we bow down in gratitude for all the blessings, but also all the learning through many adversities. In all things we see God's grace and faithfulness.

New Elder

One great highlight this year is the ordination of Felipe Aguiar as Elder at Global. He has been a blessing among us with his enthusiasm. He brings great ideas and some of them are already working wonderfully. With his dear wife Anne and one year-old son, Oliver, he finds time to serve as an eloquent preacher not only at Global, but also in other congregations when required. I remember when Felipe came to faith in 2014 in our outreach during the World cup. He received the message and was discipled, baptized, married and now he is a key leader among us with his young family. What a great blessing among many others, with similar stories. I really hope that others will step up for the eldership at any time soon.



YouTube Channel

After the lockdowns last year, we continued using Zoom meeting to reach out to those distant from us and interested in our preaching series. The quality of the connection wasn't good at all. That's when **Felipe** decided to improve the system by using our YouTube Channel for a better live experience. It has been great to know that every Sunday we have approximately twenty people watching live, and others are watching during the week. One of the services available online have reached more than a hundred views in a few days. We have people in other nations following our services and the comments seem to be very positive. God only knows how far our preaching is going. We're still working with very simple cameras and our goal is to be able to improve this ministry by the purchase of a professional gear and improved lighting at the church. All interested in helping us to reach more people, please get in touch.

Children and Teenagers

We have a heart for the new generation. We know how teaching our kids and teens must be a priority if we long to see the church thriving in the future. The challenges of raising our families in a completely different culture are many, that's why our leaders are working hard to minister to our children at every Sunday, with meaningful and deep lessons from the Scriptures. Our goal is to give them tools to overcome the world of unbelief they found at school and in the society in general. Our number of kids can vary throughout the year, reaching 20 kids when they are all together. Teenagers seem more settled with the average number of 7 attendees in their meetings and activities. **Michele** and **Cassia** lead these ministries with so much love and care. All the parents are grateful for their work and commitment.



Couple's Dinner

Recently our Women's prayer group organised a Couple's Dinner. This was a wonderful opportunity for couples to have a special time together. The food was beautiful and the decoration was carefully done to bring an Italian atmosphere to the hall in Arrowtown.



I could say so much more... God has given us so many blessings and we are thankful. TO HIM BE GLORY!

Clay Peterson

MANNA BREAKFAST CHURCH

It was a joy and privilege to be able to worship together again after a short lockdown towards the end of last year-attendance was quite steady as travel -particularly overseas was restricted.

The Christmas Eve service was supported by a very good attendance-people were blessed by an uplifting very well-presented service. A huge Thank You to all involved to make this service available.

Then February saw the introduction of vaccine passes and this really did present another set of challenges. Manna opted to keep our service open-i.e. no pass required but that meant our numbers were restricted to 25 and wear masks. We appreciate the graciousness of those who were not comfortable with this and worshipped elsewhere in the meantime. Apart from sharing a tea or coffee, a plate of table food, our breakfasts were put on hold.

Once borders re-opened we sadly farewelled several of the YWAM team. Some just going home to reconnect with family and then return, others leaving for good to begin the next chapter of their lives. We have been so blessed to have shared with them and they really have become part of the Manna family. The YWAM Team are always very supportive in presenting Teaching and Music -a huge appreciation to them! Through the year we have joined with them in celebrating engagements, weddings, new responsibilities. We look forward to meeting new young people as they take part in YWAM activities and courses.

Another blessing this year was the installation of a new coffee machine-many of the team felt that part of the Manna ministry was sharing good coffee together and went ahead to contribute generously to fund a new machine.

Some comments from those who attend Manna

- *we never know who will come through the door but they always enrich our time of worship*
- *the teaching is inspired and anointed constantly giving us a fresh encounter with God*
- *my faith is constantly challenged and undergirded*
- *all are encouraged to participate, it is a good platform for the expression of people's various giftings and opportunity to grow and develop gifts*

Blessings

Janetta Coulter

KINGSTON REPORT

“³⁵... Open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. ³⁶Even now the one who reaps receives wages and gathers the harvest for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may rejoice together.” John 4.35.36

With much gratitude to our God and to rejoice together with you, we share in this report some of the challenges, achievements, and blessings in this Kingston Presbyterian planting work.

Sunday Services

Throughout 2022 we have been encouraged by God to continue serving Him in this very rewarding work. We started the year with the challenge of holding 3 Sunday services a month, two in Kingston and one in Garston. At first, we were apprehensive about the attendance of the members, as previously it was only one service a month. But by the grace of God, they gradually got used to it and today they regularly attend Sunday services.

In our services we worship God with prayers, hymns, songs, offerings, Bible reading, preaching and the Lord's table. Members also participate with

Bible reading, prayer or even leading some services during our absence. Our morning tea after the service has been an essential moment for us to deepen the relationships between the brothers and sisters.

Despite various restrictions due to the “Covid19 Vaccination Pass” requirement during the first four months of the year our activities at Kingston Presbyterian Church continued as normal. Some of these services had to be online, but with the effective participation of the church.

In the second semester many of our services were held in the St John's rooms because the Golf Club was undergoing a renovation with a window glass shattering and carpet replacement. Thank God we have both the St. John's rooms and Garston Church available to us when needed.

Evangelism

We have taken advantage of commemorative dates in the calendar, such as Easter, Mother's Day, and Christmas, to make some celebrations, special tributes and, above all, to make our church known in the community and invite people to participate with us in worship.

On Mother's Day, like last year, we offer every family in Kingston, Garston and the region a Mother's Day 2022 Magnetic Refrigerator Calendar. We distributed the calendars from house to house on the Sunday after worship, we leave it in some public places. Along with the calendar, we also delivered the Hope booklet and an invitation with the schedule of services.





In April we had a special Easter service at Garston Presbyterian Church. With nearly all members in attendance and two more new families from Kingston and Garston visiting. After the service, we had a lovely Easter lunch at the Gordons' farm.

To improve our church's community outreach, in addition to announcing our schedules through Kingston Trading, we now also advertise on the Kingston Community Page, Kingston Bulletin and sometimes the Garston School Newsletter. With that, we have had a return with the presence of

different visitors in the services in both Kingston and Garston. We pray that they will come back again and continue to worship with us. We have an average of 15 people attending our Sunday services in Garston or Kingston; and we are happy and excited about the prospects for spiritual and numerical growth in this new Church.

Pastoral Care

This year we had a demand from many brothers and sisters in need of personal care due to illness or surgery. The church mobilized to assemble basic baskets, send gifts and we still had the very important and fundamental support of "Baskets of Blessing" with frozen foods, which we are immensely grateful. We made several visits to the brothers throughout the year, praying and sharing a word of encouragement from God.

Trip to Brazil

This was our first trip back to Brazil after 5 years of arriving in New Zealand. The main reasons for this trip were to visit and thank the various churches in Brazil that have been our financial and spiritual support in this mission field, and report on our work both here in New Zealand and Nepal during these years. The Brazilian brothers and sisters were happy to hear about the development of the church plantation in Kingston, as they are also part of this project. Although we had an extremely tight schedule, we also had the opportunity to visit our family and friends. Unfortunately, we were not able to increase the number of partner churches to improve our income, which has been decreasing significantly each year due to inflation and exchange rate instability of the Brazilian currency against the New Zealand dollar.

Relationship with Wakatipu and Lumsden Church

On 30th of January, we celebrated our first anniversary of transitioning Kingston Presbyterian Church from Lumsden Presbyterian Church to Wakatipu Presbyterian Church. After the service, we all gathered in Kingston's Park for a picnic by the lake. It was a wonderful time to see some of our brethren from Lumsden Church.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank some members of Wakatipu Church who have been supporting this challenge, especially Elders Felipe Aguiar and Lindsay Key who have helped us in preaching and Mrs. Meilita Manusama leading worship in services in Garston.

It was gratifying to see the effective participation of Kingston/Garston Church members at the Church Spring Fling Mini-Fair, interacting and working together with the churches of Wakatipu.

Challenges

As the increase in church services at Kingston Presbyterian Church has been gradual; from February of next year, we are planning to have services every Sunday of the month in Kingston, except for the fourth Sundays which will be in Garston.

We are planning some specific evangelistic actions for women and sporadic meetings. Pray with us that we can accomplish them and that it will be a blessing to the community and church.



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, honesty, 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.

Arrowtown Women Bible Study

Reflecting on the past year, there has been so much going on that it is difficult to remember back to Term 1! 2022 started with the muddle of COVID sweeping through our houses, resulting in a mixture of online and in person meet-ups. In Term 2 we worked through the video series The Wellbeing Journey and were encouraged to think through our physical, emotional, spiritual, financial, vocational and relational wellbeing and how all of that interrelates. Half of the group attended The Marriage Course at St Johns in Term 3, with the other half meeting just to connect and pray.

Currently we are working through the book of James manuscript discovery style and enjoying the challenge and encouragement of soaking the word in. Together, we have been growing both spiritually and in numbers, with many new people joining and visiting when they can. We have been encouraged as week by week we engage with God's word in our life, pray together and share our journeys.

As we look forward to the next year, we hope to finally have a women's retreat and to re-establish a day-time option for bible study, to enable us to reach more people. I would love to be able to resource a day-time bible study with a creche to give Mums the opportunity to meet together while their children are safely cared for.

Blokes Group at Lunch - 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.

Great year of Blessings. Seeing Peter have a knee replacement, Pete's became a new man.

Keith's back giving less aggravation and being able help his son build his house. A certain relief to Keith (and I'm sure His great wife)

Graham sharing and the presents of his great wife with song , so good.

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

Just an incredibly great place to be every second Thursday of the month. A place just to be who you are.

Brent Mitchell - Mobile: 0212200238

COME

I would like to begin this report, with a quote from one of our regular Ladies.

"I am Blessed to have those ladies, who are my sisters in Jesus' name, at your house 'COME' every Thursday.

Don't know how much I've grown in Jesus, BUT each Thursday adds to me, for sure.

I like that 'COME', even only to get together and talk, based on the same value, in a secure environment."

How true of COME. A secure environment where we are able to express views, thoughts, encourage and support one another, knowing that what is shared stays with those who meet together.

Within this environment, there is much learning from the Word of God and much growth in our walk of faith, as we come to understand more of the truth contained in God's Word.

We have looked at some great passages and themes: Endurance... Opening this by viewing, "We are Going on a Bear Hunt".

Bringing to light the things we need to endure in our daily life.

Be they short or long term.

We looked at Wheat and Bread.

Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies...

And Jesus said' "I am the bread of life".

What a Blessing it was to view the film, 'WAR ROOM'. Then to view the Making of WAR ROOM and to hear How God's Blessing was continually on this production. We took the opportunity to hear Priscilla Shirer, Motivational Speaker, Author and Evangelist and who played the major part of Elizabeth in the film, Preaching.

In more recent weeks we have been as much stretched, as we have been encouraged, as we viewed a series of sermons entitled "Questions Jesus Asked"

Wonderful in-depth teaching that can't help but stir us on in our walk of Faith, with Our Lord Jesus Christ.

We have also been Blessed by Guest speakers. Alastair and Krisztina Hansen, working with the Roma people in Tata, Hungary and also with the Ukrainian Refugees settling in Hungary.

AND Cameron and Jackie Sinclair. Cameron was for a short time Pastor of St Margaret's and St John's Churches.

With the table spread with the weekly 'COME' messages, I give Grateful Thanks to God for the way He has led us over this year. For Being able to meet together in His Name and for the way we are enabling each other to share and to grow, and to care for one another.

Lynley Hansen

Global Women's Ministry

Our prayer group has become a key ministry at Global, promoting events that are among the highlights of the year. **Renata** is leading a group of women very committed with the life of the local church. Their prayer group meet in different places every week, creating helpful connections and deeper relationships. This year, our Couple's Dinner organised by the group was a wonderful opportunity for couples to have a special time together. The food was beautiful, and the decoration was carefully done to bring an Italian atmosphere to the hall in Arrowtown.

Preach it

continues to meet on a monthly basis. This past year has seen us transition to a Book Study approach. This has seen us reading and discussing 'God's WORD for Today's World' by John Scott and currently 'Topical Preaching in a Complex World' by Sam Chan and Malcolm Gill. The group which is led by myself contains a mix of experienced and developing preachers, one who while not preaching today brings a lifetime of experience, and another whose preaching/teaching is primarily located within a small group context. We now meet once each month on the first Thursday to learn together how to be most effective in this ministry. This group is for all congregations of the Church. Please make contact if you would like to know more.

Ian Guy

St Johns Men's Prayer Breakfast

The St Johns Mens' Prayer Breakfast meets on Wednesday mornings. Historically, we have met at a number of locations, but in recent times we have settled at Franks 11th Avenue in Shotover Country. We start at 7:30am and end in time for folks to get to work and/or school drop off, and attendance is a mixture of St Johns attendees, friends of St Johns attendees, and visitors to Queenstown that are invited along.

The primary purpose of the Prayer Breakfast is to provide opportunity for us to share fellowship in an informal and welcoming environment. After we order our coffees, we discuss a bible verse, and how to apply the message of the bible verse in our lives. We then each have an opportunity share what's on top of minds, good and bad. As examples, a relative or family member may be ill, a parent may be going through a challenging period with a child, or an employee (or employer) may be facing issues at work. Or an attendee may simply want to express gratitude for good things that have happened in the previous week. We then close by going round the group and briefly praying for the person next to us, before we disperse to start our days.

The Prayer Breakfast is a place to meet new friends and get to know old friends better. It is a place where sharing is welcomed, and support is given. It is an extension of the spiritual life of St Johns, and a celebration of our collective faith.

Shaun Tipson

Wednesday Bible Study

The Wednesday night Bible study has been reading the following books this past year; Colossians, Acts, Revelations, Ruth, John and we watch Keswick Convention 2022 which looked at 2 Timothy.

As we delved deeply into God's word we have been richly rewarded through His constant guidance and grace, and encouraged by the fellowship of the group members. We welcome others to join us.

David McNeill

Women in Touch

Women in Touch meet once a month usually in the lounge at St Margaret's Church. We are involved in various community activities and are supportive and offer friendship.

We make up and pay for bags containing comb, toothbrush and toothpaste which are donated to the local hospital as many people who arrive there after an accident etc have nothing with them. This year we have helped cater for the Repair Revolution which took place in the hall and also a funeral. We also donated to a school which was set up by a local couple in Cambodia.

Over the year we have had various activities, including a book night and games evening. We sometimes have a speaker; our most recent was Sue Van Schreven founder of Orphan's Aid.

We commence our evening with devotions and always finish with supper. We have been pleased to welcome new ladies to the group this year. Next month we are going to the Home to sing carols and invite anyone interested to join us on 13 December.

Janet Rutherford

Faith Thinking



It has been good to be able to offer the Faith Thinking Short Courses to the Church and community this 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.

Our first Faith Thinking Course was Visual Faith: The Gospel Told Through Art taught by the Professor Murray Rae. This was held in Arrowtown on the 4 and 5th March. In May Dr Deborah Bower presented Going Deeper into the Gospel of Luke and this was followed up by her second course: Going Deeper into Acts in October - both these were taught at Frankton.

Programming is underway for 2023 with the first course of the year planned for the 23-24th February when Rev Dr Selwyn Yeoman will teach on the topic: Is God Green- and what about us.

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. I encourage more from our church family to attend Faith Thinking. Each course is \$20 and are excellent.

Ian Guy

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 challenges of the pandemic restrictions and rebuilding after Cyclone Harold have continued for the **Santo Bush Mission**.

Earlier this year Ps Tueni and Nanjoo were able to return and are slowly rebuilding momentum.

During this time of disruption we have continued to provide some financial support and from a distance offered encouragement and prayer. A return to Vanuatu is hoped for mid-2023.

Total Giving to Vanuatu

in the 12 months to 30th June 2022, we sent:

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

Nepal:

We continue to support the **Aashish Presbyterian Church** and their church planting programme across the nation. The financial support for Community Outreach Workers: Badri and Simon has also continued although giving from the congregations has reduced, and we may have to reconsider this if giving does not increase shortly.

Earlier this year, with generous support from members of the church here and in Brazil, Cláudio Gonçalves was able to visit Nepal. This visit the first since 2019 was an encouragement to our partners there.



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

Read on as Cláudio talks writes about his experience on this trip...

During the period from May 18th to June 2nd I was on a mission trip to Nepal to follow the face-to-face return of the training of the 20 local leaders and interview them individually to find out how the development of the churches is going and its challenges.. Most told us that



despite religious persecution, poverty and the aftermath of the pandemic, the church in Nepal is growing for the glory of God. We were privileged to visit Hasta Memorial School and witness the wonderful work that Anjali Tamang and her team have done in the region



in preventing child sex trafficking. Anjali is very grateful for the support Wakatipu Presbyterian Church has given to her and the school. Badri and Simon who we support in their church planting work also say how grateful they are for the support given.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you again for the resources lovingly offered by church members to pay for airline tickets; this demonstrates the missionary zeal, affection, and generosity of this beloved church.

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.

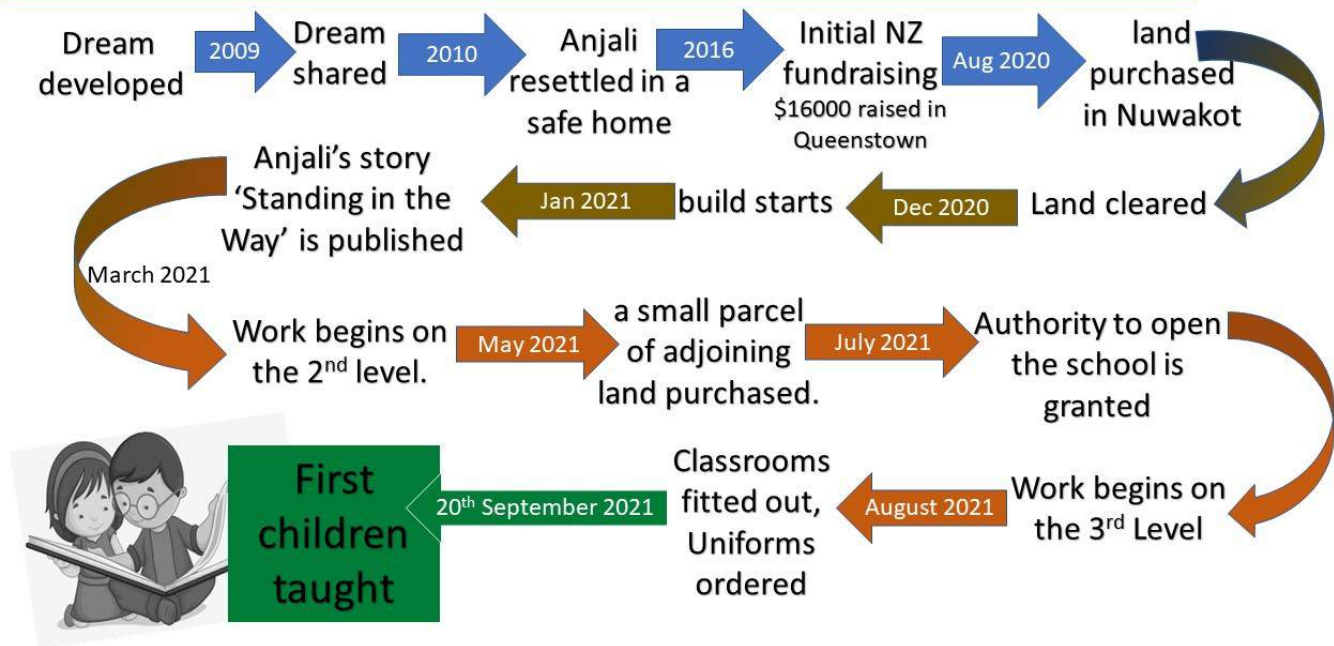
Funding for this is a mix of self-funding plus grants made from your specific giving, fund-raising and the Ministers discretionary fund.

Hasta Memorial School

It has been an exciting year to be involved with the **HASTA MEMORIAL SCHOOL**

Since our last Annual Meeting the initial building work was completed and the school opened to students on the 20th September 2021.

The timeline of the Hasta Memorial School ...



Progress since then has been steady and in August 2022 it was a proud day when the 100th student began classes.

Some building work continues as accommodation is needed for students who live too far from school to make the trip every day and guest rooms are also on the way. Currently our main financial involvement is the provision of scholarships for 29 students: this is provided by approximately 69 individuals some from within the church but most from other parts of New Zealand. This money enables everyone to attend who desires to and ensures the financial stability of the school. These photos are of some of our supported children.

Nursery/pre-school class





Class 1 with Mingmar Sherpa (teacher)

In April, the children had final exams and assessments as this was the end of the Nepali school year. Our teachers created beautiful, hand-decorated packets to share each child's first year results at parent-teacher conferences. We were delighted to see that almost all of our school families sent a parent or grandparent representative to meet with the child's teacher. This feels like a good sign that the community is getting behind this project, despite their hesitation in the beginning (aggravated by traffickers trying to undermine our work).

95% of Hasta school children advanced to the next grade in April. Since then we have added 21 students to our school family. 8 students have left the school, so our student population is now 60. We have also welcomed 3 new teachers : Asmita Kumal teaches L.K.G and Grade one. Neha Tamang is the assistant teacher for the Nursery/preschool class. Gita Shrestha is an assistant teacher for the Playgroup kids. We are so thankful for all our devoted teachers and amazing support staff.

In May, we were installed a metal roof to shield our courtyard from the elements. This has made it possible for kids to play and assemble outside even in the rainy season (Jul-Oct).



In June, we celebrated Ropain - a Nepali rice planting festival, by planting rice, playing and dancing in the fields!

We have been seeing an urgent need for residential care for girls who are at the highest risk and who live too far from school to walk each day. To address this need, with the love and support of our amazing community, in June we broke ground on the construction of a new headquarters, which will include dormitories for residential

students, offices and vocational training spaces, and a modest home for our Director, Anjali, and her family. We expect to complete the construction by mid 2023. While the new building is being constructed, we have rented rooms for some older girls, here in the village, and are providing tutoring, counseling, food and other services to help them stay in school. We have enrolled them in local government schools as our school only goes up to Class 1. Each year we will be allowed to add one or two classes, so our current students can stay in our school as we grow.



In July and again in August, we had early childhood education experts from Kathmandu, conducting training workshops on early childhood education, English and phonics for our teaching staff. They are from the ECEC program at Kathmandu. They taught our teachers the ‘play way’ methods to teach the children. Despite the landslide, they came and trained for 10 days about teaching methods,

classroom management and preparation and use of locally available materials. They also offered workshops for parents, and again we were overjoyed with the participation from our school parents.

Personal Message from Anjali

I am very grateful to God for his continuous support and blessings in the work that he has given us. I really feel blessed to work for the community and young girls. My heart is joyful to know that the work that I am doing is changing lives. I really feel grateful for the kind and generous people God sent in my life and in my project to support from their hearts.

The last few months have been very busy, tiring and lots of nights sleepless. Some teachers chose different directions for their lives than they had promised me a month ago. So, they left us. Young girls in the hostel were sick and had to rush to the hospital. Some nights were hard due to the accident that happened with my husband and broke his leg. My plate was full at the time. The school had first terminal exams and administration with teaching some classes was on my head.

I really thank God for His energy, strength and blessings to handle things. I believe many things will happen more but by the grace of God and with Him walking with me, and by the support and love of all my generous supporters from all over the world, the project will move ahead. Thank you all who have blessed and supported me. I am peaceful in my heart for the work that God has given me. Thank you everyone for being part of it.

Visiting Nepal: next year, 12th April to 8th May Ian Guy, Stephen Bond and Tony Pennycuick (Dunedin) will be in Nepal and will spend time with each of our mission partners.

Total Giving to Nepal

in the 12 months to 30th June 2022 we sent:

- \$15,750.08 Nepal Church Planters²
- \$9,005.00 Apple of God's Eyes - Safe Houses³
- \$37,212.96 Hasta Memorial School³

Additional Mission Giving:

In addition in the 12 months to 30th June 2022 we sent:

- \$320 Tonga relief
- \$2003.44 Senegal (money raised through the Global Community)
- \$800 World Vision Child Sponsorship (money raised through Women in Touch)
- \$588.10 Christmas Giving to Christians Against Poverty NZ (CAP)

Mainly Music Arrowtown

We have managed to continue Mainly Music during Covid restrictions for the most part all year. Although we did have mask wearing and distancing and ventilation in place as much as possible. We try to have morning tea outside as much as possible. Sarah sourced a lovely wee play hut which is well used as we have put the toys away to help prevent spread of Covid. Our props get cleaned after each session for this reason. As our team has also been affected (mostly by attrition), we have had Carlton helping out on the Welcome desk which has worked very well. Thank you Carlton, and he also took a session with Holly when my back injury was at its worst. We had some very positive feedback on that session. A big thanks also go to all our team who have had to work under these restrictions and also to Sarah, A and Catherine who have helped out during helper illnesses or absences. Of course, our numbers are down and have been since Covid came but we are enjoying smaller groups and chances for deeper conversations. This week we have even had one Mother inquiring about getting her child baptised.



Sadly, with Amanda's work hours increasing this year, we have lost her amazing presence and help at our sessions. We gave her a farewell morning tea at Jan and Jim Fraser's which turned out to be a beautiful sunny morning so we sat outside and had some lovely conversations and gave her a wee Thank you gift. We do miss her and have to pop into the shop for a catch up from time to time.

As our numbers are down, we have continued to try keep costs down as much as possible too. Because of illness we had to postpone our Easter session but held it belatedly at the beginning of term 2. Mother's Day was also acknowledged during that session with special songs and a flower for each Mum. We used Father's Day gifts unused from lockdown last year for gifts this year. We have been able to return to our Favourites Session at the end of term and using that

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

³ Money raised locally and around New Zealand.

as an excuse for dressing up. One of our helpers looked gorgeous dressed as an Angel for our Christmas session last year and was a great hit.

We look forward to once again celebrating Christmas with our families in our Christmas session in mid-December. I have bought Christmas books to give away at this session. We plan on having a special home baked Morning tea for our last morning.

A big Thank you to all who help out on the team who have been co-opted on and to helping this ministry be a much-loved part of many peoples week.

Eileen Toner

Mainly Music Queenstown

After yet another extended break at the beginning of the year we finally got underway again in May. Families were slow to come back this time-many affected by Covid or flu, work commitments. Those who come are really appreciative of the opportunity to meet with others and share in the session with their little ones. I am aware how much international families miss their extended families and value this connection.

I am always blessed and encouraged when I meet a parent from earlier years (this happens quite frequently) and they speak of how much mainly music meant to them as they parented their little ones

This term it is heartening though to see our families slowly returning and new ones coming. Our numbers are slowly creeping up with quite a strong core established with our longer term families. Most sessions a Grandparent will attend and they just love what we are doing.

Our Christmas session in December as usual was well received-the session always centres on the birth of Jesus. Pray that again families who attended will know the true message and spirit of Christmas.

Our team of helpers is still quite small-we manage each week but stretched a bit if anyone is away. Any suggestions/offer of help would be appreciated-even baking for morning tea (A highlight for parents!!)

Thank You Kerrie, Jo, Jenny, Merlyn and Raewyn for your commitment and the awesome work you do. May God bless you as you bless others!

Janetta Coulter

Christmas Lunch

The Christmas Lunch 2021 was again a project in partnership with the Salvation Army and Happiness House. As in the previous year the idea behind this was to provide for those feeling isolated and alone and those struggling financially. However, following the QLDC offer of the Memorial Hall the venue moved from St Andrew's. This made set-up and clean-up a little easier and meant that St Andrew's was available Christmas Eve for worship.

Invitations were made through all the church groups and to the various social support agencies in town to invite people known to them. However, for the second year running the response was not as high as we had expected, indicating that the need for such an event was not as anticipated.

Positively it was pleasing to see that many people from within the Church and elsewhere were willing to put in the work to make this a success, and by working together that's exactly what happened - because serving the community, seeing happy faces, and full tummies, and sharing the love of the Lord is always success!

Baskets of Blessing

“Baskets of Blessing have experienced the previous years abundance of product availability and variety, as well as cash donations significantly decreasing. More new charity groups and service providers have appeared, staffing levels have been challenged by frequent illness and supply chains have been severely impacted. All of these negative influences have occurred at the same time as the demand for our services has never abated, and worse, we still experience periods of escalation e.g. with the onslaught of raising costs (rents, petrol, heating, groceries including the most basic in meat and vegetables), winter illnesses etc

We've seen young families being forced to relocate and we've seen more of the middle age and previously stable population base in the community severely impacted by illness both physically and mentally. We also see the constant stress incurred by many of our owner operators' of small to medium businesses. We've seen support services under extreme pressure and demand. Baskets of Blessing is proud to be placed to be able to assist all of these groups.

Consequently, the demographic that Baskets of Blessing now consistently support has shifted from being a lot of the young migrant sector to more of the long term domestic residential families. We are now supporting more recipients who are fatigued either mentally, physically and financially, or worse, all three! We have a much more fluid recipient dynamic now supporting people more frequently on a short term basis to help them get back on their feet.

While our gift baskets continue to provide uplifting one-time feel good deliveries, our focus on food and meal deliveries now places us as an essential service assisting people at the top of the cliff rather than be the ambulance at the bottom. We know that food hampers and nutritious ready meals can make the difference in their physical and mental wellbeing. For that reason, we are committed to doing all we can, for as many as possible from whatever food resources we can get our hands on. Meanwhile, our separate gift basket operation also continues to give people a mental boost and comfort beyond measure as well just being reminded they are not alone in their woes and that there are people who care about them.

Most people do not realise our Baskets of Blessing current scale of operation. The following stats will help explain our recent volumes;

- With our weekly operation being between 2-4 days a week (consistently every Monday and Thursday but often other days are needed), we can account for 27,732 volunteer hours in the last 12 months
- We have received and delivered to 2524 nominations/addresses - which while not consistent every week, this suggests an average of 49 households per week. (Our busiest day ever was to 89 households in one day)



- We have produced and distributed 16,625 meals in a 12 month period, which we hand out in chiller bags of between 10 - 16 meals per package delivery.
- In 2021 over and above meal packs counted above, we sent out 3409 food boxes. We will beat that number easily in 2022
- During 2021, we produced just under 400 gift baskets even with suspending baskets during the lockdown weeks and a bit beyond, while we concentrated on food. We will again exceed that number in 2022 given we have had no suspension of this gift basket service to date.

Lee Nicolson

www.basketsofblessing.co.nz

The Better English Café

Just the fact we are able to do an “annual report” on the English café is a testimony in itself.

We started up the English café in September 2021, and have been running every Monday, with the exception of public holidays and winter break, ever since.

The purpose for the English café is to create an environment where migrants can come and practice their conversational English skills. We do this by having weekly topics and activities prepared, that helps them with their grammar and builds their vocabulary.

We have come to understand that most the participants enjoy the relational aspect of English café. One thing is what they learn from our English conversations, but many of them stay because it is a place where they can feel connected to a broader part of our Queenstown local community. A few of them even decided to attend Pasta café during the winter break, to stay connected to the volunteers and the Church during July/August.

We have a core group of about 6-8 participants, but we regularly have new faces show up for a couple of weeks to try it out. Some don't join the group permanently (because of work, schedule etc.), others come back occasionally when they have the time.

It is very encouraging to be able to write an annual report for the English café, and to say that we have been able to stay consistent in serving our migrant community for over a year now. Praise God.

Louise Jul Boeriis



Pasta Café 2022

Good news - Pasta Café 2022 was completed without a covid interruption.

Early winter the Church Council decided to run the café for a 4-week season starting on the 22nd July. The decision to continue with this was only made following the offer of Raewyn Byars to organise the event - a huge undertaking for which everyone was very grateful. The event this year



was also made possible by the commitment of YWAM to being there every night with a good crew of keen helpers. We were further blessed by a small grant from Te Hau Toka - Southern Lakes Wellbeing Group and by Kiwi Harvest.

By providing a place of welcome Pasta Café helps to bring people together and build that sense of community; it breaks down barriers between people, helps overcome stereotypical thinking and also at a very practical level provides some relief to stretched budgets for families and individuals. Over the 4 nights we served over 600 meals - this probably equates to 300 individuals, as many came more than once.



This year Pasta Café generated more media interest than is usual and we found ourselves reported in local, regional and national media. It is good to have positive stories about the church in the media.

Pasta Café is one of those events that serves the whole community without any expectation of a

return to us, even though of course, we do seek to use the time to share the love and the Word of Jesus. It is also an event that relies upon the whole Church working together - to invite and to serve. Going forward it is anticipated that we will run a similar event in 2023.

Thank you to all who gave generously to Pasta Café in 2022. God has blessed us greatly. Let's continue to share God's blessing with our community.

Ian Guy



CAP Money Course

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. Last year a number of our church members trained in this and this year courses have been offered.

The first course was held mid-year for 3 Tuesdays starting 31st May, with 13 people attending. This was held at St Andrew's and currently another course is also taking place in St Andrew's with 7 people attending. The team putting these courses on is David & Ann McNeill, Gillian Hodgson, and Janetta Coulter.

The strength of the course is that it is very practical and straight forward, there are no complex elements so anyone can benefit from the course, it is all about developing a positive discipline towards managing your money. The on-line budget sheet is easy to use and very helpful. It is also a great opportunity for non-Christians to be welcomed into a church environment and be blessed by this free course.

The challenges we have found include the number of participants for the latest course, perhaps more thought is needed to advertise wider in the community. Another challenge is the CAP focus on using cash, which in theory is excellent for budgeting but increasingly difficult in our cashless society.

Participants sometimes struggle to commit to three sessions on the same night over the three weeks, and time is also needed at home in which participants come to understand their spending habits and to build their budget.

We encourage the members of the Church to do this course for themselves, to pray for the CAP course and the participants, and to refer others to us.



PROPERTY AND FINANCE REPORT

The Property and Finance group have been active throughout the year. Members of the group are 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; Alison Mitchell; Bruce Patton, Keith Patterson and Stanley Swiety. Jim Fraser was also part of the group and retired this year. We have appreciated Jim's input and advice on all matters and thank him for his service over the years.

A lot of our focus this year has been on the two manses the Church owns and the development of the new Arrowtown Manse. The design of the new manse was completed and went out to tender in November 2021. Unfortunately with rising building costs the lowest tender price was greater than expected and this project has been put on hold.

In December 2021 the Douglas Street Manse was put up for auction but failed to reach the reserve price.

Work has been done this year on both the old Arrowtown Manse and the Douglas Street Manse to bring them up to the Healthy Homes standard. Further work to improve the living standards of both manses is planned as finances allow.

The upgrade of the St Andrew's upstairs kitchen was completed and I would like to thank Keith Patterson and his team of volunteers for all the hard work and many hours put in to achieve a fantastic result. This work also included the construction of a small office area at the back of the church.

The maintenance of our buildings and grounds always comes at a financial cost but we are also blessed by the huge number of hours put in by volunteers. This includes work around the grounds, cleaning the inside and outside of buildings, general maintenance and maintaining health and safety protocols for our buildings. This ongoing work done by volunteers is greatly appreciated and I'd like to thank everyone for their efforts.

I'd also like to thank David McNeill our treasurer, Shirley Watson our Parish Clerk, Lita our Church secretary along with the rest of the P&F Group for the assistance I've received over the past year.

Kim Wilkinson (P&F Convenor)

ST ANDREW'S BUILDING GROUP REPORT

Background and brief

Group was tasked with reviewing the available information, costs and requirements related to places of worship for the St Andrew's and St Margaret's congregations and producing a recommendation on buildings to Church Council. St John's was not included in the brief.

Group members

Kim Wilkinson (chair), Deborah Bower, Thunes Cloete (until August 2022), Alison Naylor, Mike Stockham, Alan Townsend

Assisted by:

Ian Guy, Bruce Patton, Clay Peterson de Oliveira, Matt Semple

Conclusions

With the St Andrew's site being the most valuable piece of land, the St Andrew's Building group has concluded that releasing capital by selling the St Andrew's site is the most practical option for funding a new development. The group also recognises the most desirable place to develop more comprehensive buildings which would incorporate a large worship space would be in the Frankton area.

The group's preferred option would be to develop on a Greenfields site. However, a suitable and affordable site may take a considerable length of time to find.

"Church Council is authorised to...

- take the steps required to sell the St Andrew's site on Stanley Street;
- to progress the search for a suitable Greenfields site;
- to progress a concept plan for the St Margaret's site.
- If a suitable site is not found and a concept plan for St Margaret's has been produced, costed and agreed then the decision can then be made to redevelop St Margaret's and terminate the search for a Greenfields site.
- the sale of St Andrew's would not proceed until one of these two development opportunities is agreed and approved by all relevant authorities."

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Statement of Financial Performance

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Operating Revenue		
Freewill Giving	368,496	327,915
Rentals	49,107	51,223
Donations	43,288	21,444
Bequests	10,000	0
Synod & Presbytery Grants	31,917	20,000
Mainly Music	1,735	4,620
Wedding/Funeral Receipts	2,113	2,052
Interest	6,283	7,811
Event/Fair Income	6,097	9,930
Sundry Income	635	30,301
Total Operating Revenue	519,671	475,294
Less Expenses		
Administration	39,637	40,486
Communications	4,768	5,491
Depreciation	49,798	54,173
Donations	2,000	4,000
Staff Education & Welfare	1,405	1,092
Event Expenses	2,093	3,412
Ministry Costs	293,111	288,488
Property Expenses	105,771	98,589
Wider Work & Nat services	20,990	18,756
Total Expenses	519,573	514,487
Operating Surplus before Outreach	98	(39,192)
Outreach		
Outreach Donations received	71,108	160,799
Outreach Given	83,258	142,601
Total Other Revenue	(12,150)	18,198
Net Deficit before accounting adjustment	(12,052)	(20,994)
Release of funds for new church from statement of financial position	0	324,770
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	-12,052	303,776
Allocated pursuant to Deed of Trust as follows:		
Transfer to Accumulated Funds	(12,052)	303,776
	(12,052)	303,776

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Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 June 2022

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Accumulated Funds		
Trust Capital	5,065,080	5,055,080
Retained Surplus / (Deficit)	(37,305)	(3,303)
;		
Total Accumulated Funds	5,027,775	5,051,777
Represented by:		
Assets		
Cash at Bank	37,318	56,043
Presbyterian Investment Fund	519,804	500,532
Accounts Receivable	4,468	4,631
GST Receivable	4,982	31,348
Other Current Assets	135,930	112,378
Fixed Assets	86,499	90,286
Land and Buildings	4,254,836	4,277,173
Total Assets	5,043,837	5,072,392
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	1,157	5,014
Other Current Liabilities	11,105	11,801
Dr Alf Poole Trust	3,800	3,800
Total Liabilities	16,062	20,615
Net Assets	5,027,775	5,051,777

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Budget

For the Year Ended 30 June 2023			
		2022 Actual	2023 Budget
		\$	\$
Operating Revenue			
Freewill Giving		368,496	396,133
Rentals		49,107	51,500
Donations		43,288	16,000
Bequests		10,000	0
Synod, Presbytery & Other Grants		31,917	26,000
Mainly Music		1,735	4,000
Wedding/Funeral Receipts		2,113	2,000
Interest		6,283	10,000
Event/Fair Income		6,097	5,000
Sundry Income		635	0
Total Operating Revenue		519,671	510,633
Less Expenses			
Administration		39,637	42,800
Communications		4,768	5,000
Depreciation		0	0
Donations		2,000	2,000
Staff Education & Welfare		1,405	3,000
Event Expenses		2,093	2,600
Ministry Costs		293,111	312,325
Property Expenses		105,771	101,888
Wider Work & Nat services		20,990	21,951
Total Expenses		469,775	491,564
Operating Surplus / (Deficit) before Outreach & Depreciation		49,896	19,069
Outreach			
Outreach Donations received		71,108	
Outreach Given		83,258	
Total Other Revenue		(12,150)	-
Net Surplus / Deficit before Depreciation		37,746	19,069

Financial Motion

It is moved : "That the financial reports as presented be received, the Budget adopted, and that Crowe be re-appointed auditors for the coming year"

Moved by David McNeill Seconded by

MINUTES of the Annual Meeting of the Wakatipu Community Presbyterian Church held on Sunday 23rd October 2021 at 10am at St Johns Church

Present: 69 members were in attendance (Register of names filed with these minutes)

Apologies

The following apologies were recorded – Janet Rutherford, Raewyn Byars, Eve Lilley, Noeline Murch, Lynley Hansen, Hank and Kerrie Sproull, Bruce and Gillian Williams, Ian Henderson, Jan and Jim Fraser

Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was held for those members who have passed away since the last Annual meeting: Elsie Chewings, Margaret Smith, Mary Cumpstey, Alan Lemm, Muffi Cooper
This time was closed in prayer

Matters arising: - Nil

Reports: Reports from Leadership, Church Council, Congregations, Outreach, Global, Youth and Small Groups as published in the Annual report were open for discussion

David McNeill (St Margarets), A Baydenhop (St Johns) Giovanni Sweety (Global) Carlton (St Johns Youth Group) Chiga Fukuda on behalf of Annette Dalziel (Kingston) presented short reports

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 Graham Williams

Carried

After questions and explanations Stephen Bond thanked Treasurer David McNeill for a very clear and transparent report.

Comprehensive Motion

“It is moved that the minutes of the 2020 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 remaining reports be received”

Kim Wilkinson/Judy Williamson

Carried

General Business

Bruce Patton explained Baskets of Blessings using St Johns facilities

Question was asked re Manse Sale and Rev. Ian explained that we had Presbytery approval but were still waiting on Synod approval

The meeting closed with the benediction at 11.35am

Comprehensive Motion:

It is moved that the minutes of the 2021 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 remaining reports, be received.

Moved by: Seconded by:.....