

ST ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

OUR VISION

a bridge to the city
- where love and
friendship meet



OUR MISSION

to worship and
work with God
in the world.

The Bridge



Photo by David Roberts 11 May 2024
Pentecost—one week later

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Psalm 147:4

He counts the stars and knows each of them by name.

Amos 5:8

The one who made the Pleiades and Orion ... the LORD is his name.

Waiata 147:4

E taua ana e ia ngā whetū, te maha; e huaina ana hoki e ia ō rātou ingoa katoa.

Amoho 5:8

Rapua te kaihanganga o **Matariki**, o Tautoru ... ko Ihowā tōna ingoa.

시편 147:4

저가 별의 수효를 계수하시고 저희를 다 이름대로 부르시는도다

아모스 5:8

묘성과 삼성을 만드시며 사망의 그늘로 아침이 되게 하시며 백주로 어두운 밤이 되게 하시며 바닷물을 불러 지면에 쏟으시는 자를 찾으라 그 이름이 여호와이니라

Ps 147:4

Hy besluit oor die getal van die sterre en gee elkeen 'n naam.

Amos 5:8

Hy deur wie die Sewester en Orion gemaak is.....sy naam is die Here.

诗篇147章4节-

⁴他數點星宿的數目，一一稱他的名。

阿摩司书5章8节-

⁸要尋求那造昴星和參星……耶和華是他的名。

भजन संहिता 147:4

परमेश्वर सितारों को गिनता है और हर एक तारे का नाम जानता है।



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From the Stated Supply Minister

I am taking this opportunity to share with you a ministry in which I have shared and, with the support of Parish Council, intend to offer to the parishioners of St Andrew's. It is the ministry of anointing.

Anointing is the ritual use of oil or perfume, usually sprinkled or wiped onto someone's head or poured over their whole body.

"Christ" means "the anointed one."

Jesus was anointed twice: first, by the Holy Spirit at his baptism; secondly, by Mary of Bethany who anointed him for his burial with expensive perfume.

Anointing with oil as part of Christian worship began with baptismal rites. By the 2nd century, people were regularly being baptised by having oil poured over them. The oil had been prayed over and was believed to be blessed, or inhabited by the Holy Spirit in a special way.

In the Middle Ages, anointing became associated with healing, as people suffered the effects of numerous plagues and wars. Scriptural justification for its use in this manner was taken from James 5: 14-15:

Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.

This ministry was not originally part of Protestant worship. Following the Reformation, there was a desire among Protestants to move away from forms of worship which seemed "magical," or which gave clergy special powers of laity or implied special knowledge on the part of clergy.

Over the past half century, there has been greater appreciation in Reformed circles for liturgical forms of worship, and anointing is now practised by clergy and laity alike in many Presbyterian churches. It is seen as a demonstration of the priesthood of all believers, and is often accompanied by a sharing of prayer concerns.

In the Iona community (an ecumenical community with Presbyterian roots), a weekly service of anointing is held.

The PCANZ Directory for Worship has this to say regarding form and freedom in Presbyterian worship:

The Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand acknowledges that all forms of worship are provisional and subject to reformation. In ordering worship the Church is to seek openness to the creativity of the Holy Spirit, who guides the Church toward worship which is orderly yet spontaneous, consistent with God's Word and open to the newness of God's future. While respecting time honoured forms and set orders, the Church reshapes them to respond freely to the leading of God's Spirit in every age.

I am deeply committed to the doctrine of the priesthood of all believers. We don't need someone else to pray on our behalf, and anointing does not magically make us closer to God. However, there is something about the act of standing up and coming forward, and saying "I would like anointing...I need help..." that is powerful. It is a public proclamation of our vulnerability and our need for each other. In the Old Testament, anointing was a way of expressing one's faith.



When we call on the Holy Spirit to be present in the oil, I believe the Spirit is there in a mysterious way. However, the oil has no power in and of itself. It is in the **act** of coming forward for anointing and of receiving the earnest prayers of a fellow Christian that the power of God lies.

During July, with prior notification, those who would find anointing helpful will be able to be anointed, perhaps initially immediately after the service. Thereafter, I plan to issue this invitation whenever there is a fifth Sunday in the month.

Blessings on you all.

Kelly Gilson (Rev)

Rev Ham Tae Ju and Moon Jum Soon

Parishioners are aware that while there is some encouraging news about Jum Soon's cancer treatment in Korea, Ham Tae Ju moksa nim has himself been unwell. They are both grateful for the prayerful and practical support of the whole St Andrew's family.



Rev Daniel Park

오래전에 황제펭귄에 관한 다큐멘터리를 티비에서 시청한 후 큰 감동을 받은 적이 있습니다. 남극은 지구상에서 가장 추운곳으로 평균 기온이 영하 55도로 사람이 살 수 없는 날씨입니다. 가장 추울 때는 영하 75도까지 내려가는 극한의 남극에서 펭귄들이 서로의 몸을 의지하여 살아내는 모습은 참 감동이었습니다...



황제 펭귄들은 허들링이란 것을 통해 서로 살아남습니다. 펭귄들이 서로가 밀착하여 서로를 품습니다. 가장 밖에 있는 펭귄과 가장 안쪽에 있는 펭귄의 기온차가 10도 이상 차이가 납니다. 그 안쪽에서 보호받던 펭귄들이 몸의 기온을 높인 후 밖으로 나가고 밖에서 추위를 몸으로 막아내던 펭귄들은 안쪽으로 들어오고 이렇게 서로가 양보하며 순서를 맞춰 서로의 몸을 품어주는 허들링 하면서 약 4개월간의 그 기나 긴 혹한의 추위를 이겨내는 것이었습니다.

동물의 세계에서 공동체는 자신의 생명과 같습니다. 무리에서 이탈된 동물들은 언제나 육식동물의 표적이 되고 맙니다. 그러나 이러한 공동체는 동물세계 뿐만 아니라 우리 인간에게 있어서도 너무나 중요합니다. 말세에 이룰수록 다른 사람에 대한 배려와 관심은 사라지고 지극히 개인주의적인 성향으로 세상은 흘러가지만 우리 믿는 자들은 히브리서 10장 25절의 말씀처럼 더

욱 "모이기에 힘쓰는 자들이 되어야 합니다." 히브리서 기자는 다음과 같이 말씀합니다. "모이기를 폐하는 어떤 사람들의 습관과 같이 하지 말고 오직 권하여 그날이 가까움을 볼수록 더욱 그리하자."

세상에 다양한 공동체들이 있지만 특별히 믿음의 공동체인 교회는 너무나 중요합니다. 왜냐하면 우리의 삶과 우리의 믿음이 공동체로 말미암아 회복되고 성장할 수 있기 때문입니다. 추워지는 뉴질랜드 겨울 날씨 가운데, 서로 함께 모여 주님의 사랑과 서로의 따뜻한 정을 나누는 우리 믿음의 공동체가 되길 소망합니다.

I was deeply moved a long time ago, after watching a documentary about emperor penguins on TV. Antarctica is the coldest place on Earth, with an average temperature of -55 degrees Celsius, making it uninhabitable. It was truly touching to see penguins rely on each other to survive in the extreme cold of Antarctica, where temperatures drop to -75 degrees Celsius at the coldest times.

Emperor penguins survive together through something called huddling. The penguins stay close to each other and embrace one another. The temperature difference between the outermost penguin and the innermost penguin can be more than 10 degrees Celsius. The penguins who had been protected inside raise their body temperature and move to the outside, while the penguins who had been enduring the cold outside come inside. In this way, they huddle, taking turns to protect each other, for about four months. It is about overcoming the long, bitter cold together.

In the animal world, community is essential for survival. Animals that stray from the herd often become targets for predators. These communities are crucial not only in the animal world but also for us humans. As we get closer to the end times, consideration and

concern for others tend to disappear, and the world moves towards extreme individualism. However, as Hebrews 10:25 says, we believers must strive even more to gather together. The writer of Hebrews states: "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encourage one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching." There are various communities in the world, but the church, a community of faith, is especially important.

It is because our lives and our faith can be restored and grow through community. As the weather gets colder, we should gather together more often as a faith community, looking after each other with the love of Christ.

Baptism of Lydia Liu

What a joy to welcome Lydia into the Christian family through her baptism on 31 March 2024, Easter Sunday, by the Rev Ham Tae Ju, and in the presence of her husband, elder Park Chun Bae, and their children, Ji Sun and Ji Min.

Members of the large Korean congregation presented Lydia with bouquets of flowers and gifts in celebration of this occasion.



Women's Group - April Outing

... was to the Cornerstone Alpaca farm in Gordonton. The tour started with a very interesting informative session prior to going out to pat and feed the alpacas. At the beginning of the tour one of the alpacas (Naphtali) dropped a baby which was named Guni (the second son of Naphtali and grandson of Jacob).
Maria Chuang



Kaimai Presbytery Gathering

On 4 May, St Andrew's was honoured to host the Kaimai Presbytery Gathering, under the theme "Multi-cultural Ministry." We were selected as a host congregation due to our multi-cultural identity which was "on display" on the day. Thank you all who came for the opening worship led by the Revs Kelly Gilson and Ham Tae Ju, and for those who took part in the day's programme.



The speaker for the Gathering, Shireen Chua, Director of Third Culture Solutions Ltd, assisted by our Interim Moderator, the Rev Christine Harding, addressed the topic of "Moving from multi-cultural churches to inter-cultural churches".

Using material from the Uniting Church of Canada, she answered the question What does "inter-cultural" mean? It means living together with a respectful awareness of each other's differences. We do this by

- examining ourselves,
- building relationships, and
- distributing power fairly.

When we affirm and welcome a variety of expressions of faith, it deepens our understanding of God and of each other.

An intercultural church is a

- welcoming church
- relational church
- adaptive church
- justice-seeking church
- intentional church
- missional church.

Shireen traversed a considerable amount of material, far too much to even summarise here.

In her letter in the previous edition of The Bridge, Kelly posed these questions:

How might we deepen our knowledge of each other's cultures? How might we improve our communication skills?

They provide a good starting point for self-examination as noted above.

We Are One

Where fields are green and skies are blue,
this is the land for me and you.

Where town and city meet open space,
this is ours, regardless of race.

Known as the friendly people we -
to the world, that's not hard to see.

When trouble strikes under our sun
just remember, friends, that we are one.

To the world we are but small
but Kiwis know to now walk tall.

From North to South and East to West
this is the country we call 'Best'.

We may not have all power and might
but we are one in our God's sight.

Kiwis prevail when work is done
because, in God's sight, we are one.

There will be times when life is tough.

We know this true and well enough.

From ANZAC Cove to home town strife

We are one and this is OUR life.

Trevor Gibbs (who says he had never written a poem in his life, but in the middle of the night immediately after the 15 March mosque massacre woke up and just wrote).



The Old Rugged Cross has been crafted by Des Morgan entirely from flooring of the church removed when the heating system was installed. The symbolism includes a mark on the timber which represents the crown

of thorns put on Jesus' head. The difference in the cross pieces might represent the different responses of the two who were crucified on either side of Jesus. Unlike the crucifixion, no nails were used in making this cross.

Thank you, Des.

Introducing Isabel Mackay

I was born into a Scottish family in the Highlands, spending my early years there.



When my father returned from the war, the austerity of postwar meant we had to go to England where we remained after my father found employment.

Settling into school was a massive culture shock. Starting midyear, being fairly chubby, having a strong accent and being overwhelmed by the big city meant learning my first lessons on fitting in.

Joining the Bayswater Church family helped greatly in this and I remained an active member until I left for New Zealand.

Completing high school I went to college in Brighton, returning after 3 years to teach in an East End school, the most fulfilling and eye opening time in my career.

Then I signed up to teach in a British Army school in Cyprus. My first time abroad!

Back to London, at the end of my contract, I took up my old position. This is when my life took a dramatic change, meeting and falling in love with a Kiwi from Gore.

Don was undertaking further study in order to be part of the team setting up the new Radiation Therapy Department being built in Waikato Hospital,

When he qualified, we married and sailed to New Zealand arriving in Auckland in July 1967. Down to Gore we went for introductions to be made, then on to Hamilton.

We built our home in Glenview and joined St. Stephen's, Melville, remaining there until its closure last June.

I had 56 years of belonging to an incredible group of people, in a place where my faith grew and I became involved in many areas

of church life.

Don and I had 4 children, Sandra, Iain, Stephen and Janet and now have 6 grandchildren. Unfortunately Don only lived long enough to meet four of them.

Throughout the years I have become involved in a wide range of community activities and hope to continue to do so and now look forward to developing a loyalty to the family at St. Andrew's.

Warning— I talk too much and have an opinion on everything!

Eon Malan

When this former organist at St Andrew's was applying to enter the School of Divinity at Gardner-Webb University in Charlotte, North Carolina, we supported his application. He has graduated with a Masters degree in Organ/Church Music.

At present, he is in Albania where he attended a conference last week and did a presentation on 'Conflict Resolution Skills for Missional Leaders'. He would have included the use of church



music in his presentation. The group he is with plan is to visit churches in Montenegro, Macedonia, Albania and Kosovo where they will be doing outreach workshops after the conference.



Eon says his time in New Zealand and especially at St Andrew's meant a lot to him in his faith journey and that he would be forever thankful for our support and prayers.

INVOLVEMENT AT ST ANDREW'S

While Parish Council is grateful for the small number of people who have come forward to assist since this invitation was first issued, others are needed.

Opportunities to Take Up Voluntary Roles

St Andrew's functions as well as it does because of the considerable contributions and involvement of so many members. As in other churches, many folk have made these contributions for some time and have been very happy to do so. Of course, this can have the effect of preventing others from offering to step up. Please don't be bashful about volunteering: you, too, are needed!

SUNDAY ROSTERS (MANY TO CHOOSE FROM)

Sunday rosters include **door duty, finance, audio-visual** (including **streaming**), **Bible reading, intercessory prayer** and **morning tea**.

MORNING TEA TABLES AND CHAIRS

Having a person/persons to put out the tables and chairs for morning tea on Sunday would be most helpful. No need to put them away.

MUSIC

If you have the skill to play our pipe organ and have been keeping that quiet, we'd love to hear from you. If you play another instrument and would be happy to provide accompaniment for singing, please let us know.

CHILDREN

Having different volunteers on hand to assist Linda with the children during Sunday services would be appreciated. Similarly, with Rev Kelly's children's programme, **Proud Prayers**, at 5.00 pm on the first Friday of the month.

WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

St Andrew's always has folk on duty whenever there is a wedding or funeral in the church. Especially when the minister or celebrant is not from St Andrew's, such people are on hand to ensure that the ceremony can go ahead as planned by making sure what is needed can be accessed. One of our A-V operators is always on duty too.

FOOD

There are lots of very good cooks in St Andrew's. Perhaps you could offer to help prepare an occasional dish for the Koha Lunch on the first Tuesday of the month (although there will be no Koha Lunch in June).

COMMITTEES

Parish Council committees, which all have monthly meetings, need to augment their membership. Those committees (and their convenors) are:

- **Christian Education** (Rev Kelly Gilson)
- **Kiwi-Korean Liaison** (Rev Ham Tae Ju)
- **Pastoral Care** (Margaret Gault)
- **Resource Management** (includes staffing, property and finance; convenor to be decided)
- **Social & Ecumenical Action** (Lance Kendrick)
- **Worship** (Graeme Kitto)

THE BRIDGE

St Andrew's produces a quarterly newsletter, The Bridge. Don't be reluctant to indicate that being responsible for this is something you would be interested in doing.

HOSPITAL CHAPEL

On occasions, St Andrew's folk assist patients in Waikato Hospital to attend chapel services on Sunday mornings.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information about these opportunities, to put your name forward or share other thoughts about how you might be able to help, chat to the following:

Audio-visual	David Roberts
Bible reading	Elaine Riddell
Children during church	Linda Annals (or just volunteer)
Children's Friday programme	Rev Kelly Gilson
Finance	Fraser Annals
Hospital chapel services	Margaret Gault
Koha Lunch cook	Marian Carmichael
Morning tea	Graeme Kitto
Morning tea tables & chairs	Graeme Kitto
Newsletter editor	Graeme Kitto
Parish Council Committees	Convenors as listed above
Playing the pipe organ	Jacky Overdevest (Secretary)
Playing an instrument	Rev Kelly Gilson
Prayers	Elaine Riddell
Sunday door duty	Graeme Kitto
Wedding/funeral duty	Jacky Overdevest (Secretary)



Thank You Volunteers

SOCIAL & ECUMENICAL ACTION [SEA]

Shakeela Gill's return visit to Pakistan

The SEA Committee was gratified that its proposal to Parish Council on 30 January was heartily endorsed, approval being given for it to fundraise amongst our two congregations for airfares and travel insurance to enable our member, Shakeela Gill, who came as a refugee, to visit Pakistan to see her ailing and elderly mother. With much effort by many parishioners and some agencies and interpreters, this fundraising and logistical planning was achieved. Shakeela flew out on 21 March and will return within the near future. We were pleased to see the photos of delight on Shakeela's face as she reunited with her mother.



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40% off until the end of June, at

Worley Place shop (near the edge of Civic Square) - Excludes food and beverage; sale prices only available in-store.

St Andrew's is a Christian World Service "Fairtrade Church" and Trade-Aid is a local example of the Fairtrade organisations operating internationally. For many years, the Social & Ecumenical Action Committee has organised a Trade-Aid stall at St Andrew's in December and you have supported this well, often buying \$700-\$800 worth of goods. Some of you have shopped quite regularly at Trade-Aid in Worley Place. Others of you have sourced various Fairtrade products from supermarkets and other shops. Thank you.

Trade-Aid has had 50 years of achievements and success during which the lives of thousands of producers and farmers have been improved. However, Trade-Aid also has a responsibility to ensure the organisation's viability for the next 50 years. Although a non-profit organisation, like many retail businesses Trade-Aid

has faced a challenging environment in the past two years. The cost-of-living crisis has led to rising costs and diminishing sales, which has significantly impacted on the organisation's financial performance.

To ensure its ongoing sustainability, Trade-Aid has made the difficult decision to progressively reduce its retail-shop network. However, through focusing on importing, wholesaling, and selling online, Trade-Aid remains committed to its purpose: to improve producers' and farmers' lives through providing them with a fair income and a way out of structural poverty, and to raise Kiwi's awareness of fair trading.

Going into the future, online purchasing of Trade-Aid beverages, pantry items, chocolates, crafts, homeware, toys and gifts is available through <https://www.tradeaid.org.nz/shop/shop-all/>.

"NEIGHBOURS DAY" - APPLE GIVEAWAY

Thanks to the generosity of the Woolfords, the owners of Newstead Orchard, we were donated a bin full of Royal Gala apples to share with St Andrew's neighbours. We chose Memorial Park as our closest community space. Being visible near the road ensured our popularity and we had lots of very happy apple takers. Most of our tasty apples were given away by 12 noon on Saturday 6 April. This gesture of neighbourliness was hugely appreciated, and stunned many passers-by. Leftovers were given to our church members the next morning for them or their neighbours.

A great team effort by the SEA committee and thanks to our congregation who donated all the bags for the 200kg of apples. A flyer in each bag explained this was a project by St Andrew's in support of Neighbours Aotearoa. Our website address was included.



Extracts from **Minute of Appreciation** of St Andrew's Parish Council for **Wynne Dymock**

Wynne Dymock joined St Andrew's Presbyterian Church in 1975 soon after he (a Gisborne lad) and his Oregon-born wife Sue arrived from the USA as young-marrieds, settling in Hamilton. With Sue, Wynne forged a strong connection with St Andrew's: their three children were baptised by the Very Reverend Lawrie Hampton and were active members of the children and youth groups. The family's involvement with St Andrew's evolved over the years. In Wynne's case, he quickly began serving on the Board of Managers at the request of the Rev Ian Purdie, and he was ordained as an Elder of the PCANZ on 12 December 1982, serving periodically on Session/Parish Council. Wynne's service also included being on the Ministry Settlement Board which went on to recommend that the Rev Neil Johnston be called by the congregation.

Wynne's activity turbocharged from 2007 through to the end of 2023. It has been an outstanding series of efforts by Wynne, for which the Parish is hugely grateful.



From August 2007, Wynne convened the Centre Redevelopment Committee, responsible for leading the development of **The Link: St Andrew's Church Community Centre**. This step of faith for the Parish was ambitious in its scale, its envisaged workload, and its likely cost. Wynne and Lance Kendrick were the Principal's Co-representatives throughout the period of planning, design and construction, with very busy years between Sept 2007 and December 2010. Others assisted the Centre Redevelopment Committee. The celebrations held on 4 and 5 December 2010 included the re-dedication and opening of The Link on the Saturday, and 125 years of

St Andrew's as a parish on the Sunday. The dreams for The Link were achieved as a mission project, not just a building project which cost \$1.9M. Nowadays, more than 500 people from 35 groups, organisations and businesses use The Link every week. Over a period of time, net income has nonetheless helped to support the wider operations of St Andrew's Church.

In 2012, Parish Council streamlined some of its committee structures, establishing the **Resource Management Committee (RMC)** with wide-ranging objectives (covering buildings, grounds, technology, finances and salaried staff) in support of Parish Council. Wynne convened the RMC from its inception right through to the end of 2023. Again, this workload has been a role requiring stamina, for both himself, the Treasurer Fraser Annals, and the rest of the RMC. Five times, with Wynne's professional skills as a valuer, and his contacts, he has found very suitable houses for St Andrew's to rent as manses for Ministers.

Wynne also convened the sub-committee to work on a **commercial café project** at The Link from 2012. It was a long-held dream to build this café as a place for development of informal worship and exploration - with real coffee – outside of usual trading hours. The Kirk Café opened in January 2017 after a long process of fundraising, design and construction, and of securing an appropriate operator. This required a great deal of Wynne's time.

The church was at risk if it could not be earthquake-strengthened and brought up to code. Wynne was the man for the job. As convenor of the RMC, and assisted by others in his wider team, Wynne therefore undertook his third major property development which was celebrated in the service on 11 February 2024.

(This is detailed in the Autumn edition of The Bridge.)

Prepared by Lance Kendrick for Parish Council

From the Treasurer

Financial Operating Update to 31st March 2024

With over three-quarters of the financial year to 30th June 2024 now complete, the operating financial performance of St Andrew's Presbyterian Church to 31st March 2024 can be summarised as follows:

	YTD Actual		YTD Budget	Variance
	%	\$	\$	\$
REVENUE				
Regular Offerings	34.1%	\$142,818	\$129,850	\$12,968
Special Appeals	5.7%	\$23,795	\$20,000	\$3,795
General & Sundry Donations	7.5%	\$31,280	\$28,000	\$3,280
Minister & Youth Ministry Subsidy	11.7%	\$49,026	\$46,500	\$2,526
Other Church Revenue	3.9%	\$16,423	\$17,905	(\$1,482)
Total Church Revenue	62.9%	\$263,342	\$242,255	\$21,087
The Link Revenue	37.1%	\$155,353	\$162,998	(\$7,645)
Total Operating Revenue	100.0%	\$418,695	\$405,253	\$13,442
EXPENDITURE				
Ministers	37.9%	\$158,737	\$158,061	\$676
Property	9.4%	\$39,458	\$47,333	(\$7,875)
Other Parish	28.9%	\$120,950	\$105,975	\$14,975
Total Church Expenditure	76.2%	\$319,145	\$311,369	\$7,776
The Link	28.3%	\$118,608	\$119,744	(\$1,136)
Total Operating Expenditure	104.5%	\$437,753	\$431,113	\$6,640
NET DEFICIT	(4.5%)	(\$19,058)	(\$25,860)	\$6,802

The church's actual gross operating revenue exceeded budget by \$21,087, mainly due to regular offerings being 10% more than budget. The Link's total gross revenue was \$7,645 short of budget mainly because just \$14,598 of the \$22,500 revenue budgeted to be derived from grants was received; however, the \$140,500 target set to be derived from bookings revenue was achieved. Combined, gross operating revenue for the first nine months of the financial year totalled \$418,695 which exceeded budget by \$13,442.

Combined operating expenses for the same period totalled \$437,753, thus a \$19,058 deficit has resulted. While a deficit is not desirable, the deficit is \$6,802 less than had been budgeted.

Treasurer's 2024 Autumn Appeal

With a fall in temperatures and the church's 30 June financial year end being only weeks away, reaching the Autumn Appeal target becomes more urgent.

Not only is it important that our church is able to pay for expected items in a timely fashion, but it is also prudent to build up cash reserves so that any unexpected costs, that may arise from time to time, can be paid punctually as well as allowing us to 'ride out' any periods of financial hardship.

To give you an idea of some of the regular recurring expenses that must be met out of income, approximately \$3,900 is paid for net salaries and ministers' house rents each week. After adding monthly stipends, PAYE tax and superannuation payments, the equivalent total sum spent each week on remuneration and rent is about \$6,900.

The 2023/2024 budget approved at last year's AGM had allowed for \$15,000 income to be received by way of a special appeal to be made sometime in the autumn. While St Andrew's Church's financial performance up to the end of March 2024 was \$6,800 better than forecast, a \$19,000 deficit had been incurred with still three more months left to go. Although regular donations and Link revenue are expected to exceed regular expenses over the next three months, there is a \$10,000 covid loan that will need repaying in June 2024 if the church is to avoid being charged interest on this loan.

The non-dedicated cash fund that has been used over the past nine months to help finance the deficit currently has a balance of about \$2,500, which is \$7,500 short of the \$10,000 loan balance to be repaid.

By 18 May 2024, \$9,370 had been received for the Autumn Appeal. If you feel you can make a special donation additional to your

regular donations, please consider donating towards the Autumn Appeal before the end of June 2024.

Donations can be made electronically to **St Andrew's Church**, bank account: **02-0316-0046144-000**. Please include either your **name** or your **envelope number** in the **Particulars** field and enter "**Autumn**" or "**Appeal**" in the **Reference** field.

Your support is always appreciated.

Thank you.

Fraser Annals – Church Treasurer

Other Ministries

The Ministry of the Rev Oh Yo Han as Director of the Korean Sunday School is funded through donations of St Andrew's parishioners, Korean-speaking and English-speaking. And the Rev Daniel Park's Multi-cultural Youth Ministry is funded through the Kaimai Presbytery's Mission Initiatives Fund and by St Andrew's parishioners.

Donations can be deposited in the account of **St Andrew's Church 02-0316-0046144-00** with **your name** or **your envelope number** as **Reference** (for a receipt) and **either OYH** (Oh Yo Han) **or MYM** (Multicultural Youth Ministry) as **Particular**.



Part of the display entitled Wharenui Harikoa/ House of Joy—Whakapono (Faith), Tumanako (Hope), Aroha (Love).



2024 Missionary Kids Bible Camp

국립유교 대학에서
 열다섯이 세상으로의 첫 걸음, 사춘기의
 첫 걸음(공부)을 준비하는 이 시기를 영혼의 준비이다
 영국의 영교 학생을 영혼의 준비를 위하여

2024.04.26(금)-2024.04.28(주)
 The ark_3/2596 Cambridge Road, Te Awamutu

JESUS MAN



Mā te wā
 We hope to see you again soon

Elaine reflects on her Camino walk

... an annual tradition for me at this time of the year. Each day between April 20 and June 2, I read my Camino diary for that day and look at the photos which I took then. I am writing on 19 May and in 2017 on this day I walked 25.6 km from Rabanal to Molinaseca. It was a significant day in a number of ways. It was the day I reached the Iron Cross, a bitterly cold day, the only day I experienced falling snow on the Camino. It was also the day the Camino path reached its highest point of just over 1500m. It was the day I met three lively women from Canterbury, NZ.



The Iron Cross is just that, a cross made of iron fixed at the top of a tall pole near the highest point of the track. Reading about the Camino before I went, I knew to take a stone that I could leave at the cross. When I left to walk the Camino, it was not yet four

months since the death of my husband, Alister, so my journey involved the processing of grief. I left two stones at the foot of the cross. One was an 'Alister' stone, acknowledging the end of his earthly journey. The other stone was for myself, a symbolic starting point of a new journey into the unknown. I had expected that I would spend some time at the Iron Cross, but conditions were so hypothermic I had to move on quite quickly. The photo shows the Iron Cross. The mound on which it stands is simply the pile of stones that pilgrims have left behind over the years.

The three Canterbury women, I had met earlier in the day. I was walking faster than they were and made a comment to them as I overtook them. The reply was clearly in a NZ accent. I dropped back to investigate and continued to walk with them. I was very conscious on the Camino of God's grace being with me. I'm sure they were a gift to me at that

time. We were at the Iron Cross together. The weather was cold, the countryside was bleak, the thoughts I had at the cross were also bleak. The three women were very outgoing, interacted with everyone they met, were often quite cheeky and were great fun to be with. They were just what I needed at that time. I walked with them on and off for the next few days and we went on an alternative route together to Samos, the location of one of the largest and oldest monasteries in the western world, founded in the 6th century.

After the Iron Cross and the highest point on the track, there was a lengthy descent that day on quite a rocky path down to the valley floor at Molinaseca at 600m. It was a day of contrasts from the bleakness and wilderness of the mountain top, to the calm and ordered town of Molinaseca where I stayed overnight. I was asked to write about how I reflect on my Camino seven years later. In many ways, 19 May 2017 illustrates some of this. There were ups and downs, days were not predictable, there were good times of being by myself, but also good times with other people. God's grace became the theme of my walk - there were so many happenings that I could describe as 'moments of grace'. Going by myself turned out to be a great gift. Many people walking the Camino are there because they have come to crossroads in their lives. Because I was often by myself, people would share their stories with me. In the six weeks I was on the Camino the only method of transport I used was walking - no buses, taxis or bikes. I was moving at medieval pace within a different culture and language environment. I had very few belongings. The only task I had to do for the day was to walk to the next destination. Each day I stepped out on an unknown path, trusting God's grace. My six weeks on the Camino and the many wonderful people I met, have had a profound effect on who I am today and on my journey of faith.

WINTER CALENDAR -

Every Sunday, worship services (unless indicated differently) are at
9.30 am English language-with children's programme;
11.30 am Korean language—with children's programme; and
11.30 am Multicultural Youth (in Media Room in The Link)

Every Monday during term time—**Mini Movers** from 9.30-11.00 am—pre-schoolers, parents and grandparents meet for music, play and socialising.

Every Tuesday—**indoor bowls** at 10.00 am

First Tuesday of month—**Koha lunch** at 12.00 noon—but NOT in June

2nd & 4th Tuesdays of month-**Craft Group** at 9.30 am

Third Tuesday of month—**Women's Group**—time varies

First Wednesday of month-**Men's Breakfast** at 7.00 am

Every Wednesday—**Prayer group** at 12.15 pm

First Friday of month— **Proud Prayers Children's Programme** at 5.00 pm

June	2	Usual service times— 9.30 am Communion
	3	King's Birthday
	9	Usual service times and 4.30 pm Games Afternoon
	16	Usual service times
	23	Usual service times—World Refugee Sunday
	28	Matariki
	30	10.30 am Combined Service —Moderator Rt Rev Rose Luxford
July	7	Usual service times— 9.30 am Communion
	14	Usual service times
	21	Usual service times
	28	Usual service times
August	4	Usual service times— 9.30 am Communion
	11	Usual service times
	18	Usual service times
	25	Usual service times
September	1	10.30 am Combined Spring Festival/Father's Day/Communion Service



1-29 September—Season of Creation



For **additional information** about any event, please

- ⇒ See notices in the weekly service bulletins
- ⇒ Call the office on 854 9737
- ⇒ Visit www.standrewshamilton.org.nz
- ⇒ <http://tiny.cc/FBStAndrewsHnNZ>



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