

Anglican Parish of Fendalton

149th Annual General Meeting



Wednesday April 10, 2024 @ 7.00pm
Fendall Hall, St Barnabas, Fendalton

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AGENDA FOR THE PARISH OF FENDALTON

149th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024

- 1) Welcome – Chairman, Marcus Read
- 2) Prayer – Andrew Butcher
- 3) Hymn - 'God gives us a future.'
- 4) Present
- 5) Apologies
- 6) Remembering those who have died (p4) - Jenny Wilkens
- 7) Minutes for the 148th Annual General Meeting of the Parish of Fendalton held on Wednesday, 29 March, 2023 @ 7pm in the St Barnabas Church (p5)
- 8) Matters Arising
- 9) Priest in Charge's Report – Revd Jenny Wilkens
- 10) Wardens' Report – Marcus Read and Wendy Kington (p9)
- 11) Treasurer's Report (p38) and Budget for 2024 – Alistair Sheard
- 12) Health and Safety Report – Greg Brown
- 13) Election of Officers -
Thanks to any retiring Vestry members.
 - a) People's Warden (1)
 - b) Treasurer (1)
 - c) Vestry Members (2 - 7)
 - d) 2 Synod's Representatives

18. Membership of Vestry

(1) The Vestry will consist of:

- a. the Vicar
- b. any other clergy licensed to the parish;
- c. a Vicar's Warden, appointed by the Vicar or, where there is no Vicar holding office, a Bishop's Warden appointed by the Bishop;
- d. a People's Warden elected annually by the members of the parish at the annual meeting;
- e. a Treasurer when elected annually by the members of the parish at the annual meeting; there is no requirement to elect a treasurer to the Vestry
- f. between two and seven ordinary Vestry members elected annually by the members of the parish at the annual meeting.

(2) No one may be elected as, or remain, a member of Vestry who:

- a. is not a member of the parish except as approved by Standing Committee in accordance with clause 19(2)(a);
- b. is under the age of sixteen (16) or, in the case of the Churchwardens and Treasurer, under the age of twenty (20);
- c. is an employee of the parish;
- d. is a close relative of the Vicar, any other clergy licensed to the parish; or
- e. fails to meet the requirements of section 16 of the Charities Act 2005.

(3) For the purposes of section 18(1)(f), prior to the election of ordinary Vestry members, the annual meeting of the parish may reduce the

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- 14) Recommendation of Auditor - Bevan Smith of Smith and Jack
- 15) General Business
- 16) Results of the Vestry election (if needed)
- 17) Closing Prayer – Rev Jenny Wilkens
- 18) The Grace

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

We give thanks and praise to God for lives well lived, full of faith and service to family, church and community. May our loved ones rest in peace and rise in glory.

Funerals for the following people were held in the parish since January 2023, and we also acknowledge some associated with the parish whose funerals were held elsewhere:

Nicolas James Greenwood

Judy Rose Robertson

Jean Reid Hammond

Noela England

David Raeburn Moore

(Elizabeth) Alison Ayling

Helen Clarissa Acheson

Jonathan Ramsay Horne

Gillian Churcher (Gill)

Neville John Chamberlain

Elise Cecilia Elder (Cecilia)

Stephanie Elizabeth Sturge

Neville Frederick Paris

Pamela Elizabeth Reece Morrow

Julie Rae Parr

Philip Richard Warrington Ellis

Anthony Ranulph de Vaux Dacre

Michael Robinson Petterson

Patricia Fernandez

Glenys Lewis-Dando (Glen)

June Ansley

William David Coop

**MINUTES OF THE 148th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE PARISH OF FENDALTON,
HELD IN THE FENDALL HALL AT 7pm WEDNESDAY 29 MARCH 2023**

Marcus Read opened the meeting and thanked all present for their attendance. It is great to be in the refurbished hall. Andrew Butcher then led with prayer.
Denis Guyan accompanied the singing of ‘God gives us a future’

PRESENT (49)

Jo Cotton, Becca Sewell, Rev Jenny Wilkens, Corinne Haines, Hanan Fokkens, Braden Ramsell, Alistair Sheard, Marion Cook, Carol Stewart, , Denis Guyan, Greg Brown, Angela Brown, Marcus Read, Pat Laban, Gillian Perano, Don Mackenzie, Judith Mackenzie, Wendy Kington, Madeleine Price, Cathy Chandler, Cheryl Earl, Olive Lawson, Don Rowlands, Jane Reid, Michael Malthus, Steve Wakefield, Marjorie Smart, Keith Wardell, Patsy Wardell, Nigel Yeoh, Richard McElrea, Selwyn Paynter, Nadia Roberts, Andrew Butcher, Yvette Butcher, Lucy Webster, Anna Webster, Jenny Glasson, Chris Glasson, Diane Brooker Newton Graeme Robinson, Andy Dickson, Diana Hann, Wayne Hann, Christine Fokkens, Lynette Crestani, Helen Wakefield,

APOLOGIES (19)

Lucille Ibbitt, Maryann Robson, Lois Ball, Bev Cocks, Joanna Frampton, Judith Rogers, Emma Read, Penelope Paynter, Kevin Cameron, Janice Cameron, Peter Mills, Mary Mills, Liz Yeoh, Rev Pauline Stewart, Earl Bennett, Erica Bennett, Mary Anderson, Margaret Yorke, Katherine Baird, Ruzz Barr, Margaret Tavener, Steve Johnston, Alison Tait, David Tait, Barry Fahey, Maurice Walker, Suzie Walker, Frieda Looser, Jenny Robinson, Judy Dodwell, Chris Wilson, Steven Marshall

The Bishop’s Warden, Marcus Read, chaired the meeting

Jenny read out the list of those who have died in the last year, and whose funerals/memorial services have been held in the parish since January 2022

MINUTES OF THE 147^h ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 23 MARCH 2022

These minutes had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

Michael Malthus moved the adoption of these minutes as a true and correct record. Wendy Kington seconded. Motion carried.

Matters arising –

- **Natural disaster insurance cover.** Marcus advised that we received a report from the Works MAT on the topic of adjusting the insurance cover to remove disaster cover. Vestry discussed this report and decided to continue to maintain natural disaster insurance cover.

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- **Vestry to have 2022 quota reviewed.** Questions were asked of the Diocese and Vestry was happy that the calculations were reasonable.

PRIEST IN CHARGE REPORT Jenny thanked the following people

- Rev Pauline Stewart and the gift of her time as a non-Stipendiary priest. Congratulations to her Family Drug Support for the recognition of their work by receipt of government funding and congratulations also for her Local Hero award.

- Rev John Shoaf and Rev Alexa Evenden for their support while we were waiting for Andrew to arrive in the Parish.

- The Lay staff who do so much work in the Parish – much of which is unseen.

- The Children Youth and Young Adults workers, especially recognising Barbara Neville who has now resigned and is on Sabbatical with her husband. We welcome Florence Fokkens who is helping with Kidzone Liaison and Support.
- Helen Wakefield for her work at Playgroup and Launchpad, and congratulations on receiving the community award that she received in the last year.
- Olive Lawson for her work with the English Languages classes
- Nathan Muirhead the youth worker at St Timothy's Burnside, and the support he is giving our youth. It is likely we will have around 25 youth going to Easter camp.
- Andy Dickson who has commenced his role in the Parish and is working with the Young Adults. He has set up a study group and helps out with the Antioch services.
- Angela and Greg Brown. Angela finishes her paid work in our Parish shortly. Thanks for her vision with ministry in the community. Angela will continue with Messy Church – 6 times in this year. Thanks to Greg for his work in the kitchen. Thank God for all the young lives that have been touched by Angela and Greg over the years.
- Andrew Butcher who in late January commenced as Senior Lay Assistant in Our parish. Andrew has answered God's call to come to the Parish of Fendalton from Tauranga
- Wardens, nominators and vestry, and especially those who worked on the refurbishment of the Hall. Thanks to all in the parish as they worked around the lack of space. Good to see the church could be used as a meeting space over the last year, but great to be using the Hall again this year.
- All members of this parish, who, following in the footsteps of Saint Barnabas, are such great encouragers to all of the staff team,

Currently we need to

- Find people to fill the Children and the Youth worker roles. These roles are hard to fill, and we have been advised that the best solution is to find people from our own parish community. We need to mentor young people into these roles.
- Focus on ministry and mission now the buildings have been finished. Mark Chamberlain from the Diocese is seeking a new Ministry Action Plan from our parish, which should concentrate on the Regeneration of the Diocese by making disciples, supporting families, and strengthening communities.

Jenny moved the adoption of the Priest in Charge report. Carried

WARDENS' REPORT

Wendy read the wardens' report which covered the wide variety of activities during the year and she thanked all those involved in those activities.

Corinne to write a letter to Fendalton New World for their support of the parish and the City Mission

Catherine Chandler moved the adoption of the Wardens' report, seconded Becca Sewell. Carried

NOMINATORS REPORT

Corinne gave an update on the search for a new Vicar and how this has progressed since the last AGM, at which time we had developed the Parish Profile, and were advertising for the role. At the last AGM Corinne had advised that the search could take a while, because of the specification for the role, and that we wanted to get the right person.

The parish advertised the role, but we had no applications for the role, but we were open to other options. That is what happened, and after several interviews and after the Bishop's approval we appointed Andrew Butcher to the Senior Lay Associate Minister role.

With Andrew in this role Jenny has kindly agreed to continue in her role of Priest in charge. Andrew is on a path of discernment and the Bishop is overseeing Andrew's pathway, with the hope that if all goes well Andrew will be ordained a Deacon at some stage this year. Andrew has a great leadership background which we can utilise. His Job Description is a living document and we will ensure that this is updated at regular intervals, and that we best use his skills and experience. As a parish we are blessed to have Andrew and Yvette in this Parish. We thank them both for taking the big step and for Andrew putting his name forward for this role in our Parish. We hope Andrew and Yvette have enjoyed their first weeks as they get to know this busy parish.

PARISH FINANCES

Annual Accounts 2021

Alistair talked to the PowerPoint slides presented to the meeting. He advised that the finance team review the accounts each month and these are then presented to Vestry at their monthly meeting.

Income has been hard to predict following the removal of cheques and envelopes, but Alistair was pleased to report that the uptake of people moving to direct credit giving has been successful – well ahead of budget.

Offertory giving in 2022 includes some large donations from parishioners, totalled over \$70k. Revenue from services held up, even though the hall was out of commission, which is a great credit to Marion, Jenny and staff for rearranging the use of rooms over the tough year. Facilities were fully used.

Investment Income is higher than was budgeted. We sold 131 Fendalton Road early in the year but did not pay for the Hall renovations until the work had been completed, so more money was invested than had been anticipated at the beginning of the year.

Fund Raising did not happen in 2022 so that figure is lower than we had budgeted, but we are committed to working on that for this year.

The focus for this year was to get Revenue to match Expenses. Expenses all reflect our current vacancies, so the costs are lower than budget. Unfortunately, vacancies put more pressure on other staff. Now buildings have been upgraded we hope that maintenance charges are going to be less for a few years. We have managed to get through this year, with a much lower deficit than budget, but we do have to improve over the coming year. In response to a question - Grants and Donation expenses include the Mission giving and the Diocesan levy.

The Balance Sheet shows a large increase of \$4.1m in the value of Land and Buildings due to new rating valuations. Special purpose funds are those with CPT. There are also General Reserves, a Mission Reserve, and the balance of Richard Barker Trust funds.

Alistair Sheard moved the adoption of his Financial Report and the Annual accounts, seconded Catherine Chandler. Carried.

BUDGET 2023.

In 2023 there will be no extraordinary income, so the Parish needs to find ways of getting income to cover costs. We need a sustainable funding base which primarily must come from parishioners giving. We will need to do fund raising this year. The budget for services is similar to what was achieved last year. Expenses are remarkably stable over the years. We need \$650k in revenue to break even.

Nigel moved the adoption of the budget, seconded Graeme Robinson. Carried

Marcus thanked Alistair and Cheryl for their work on the parish accounts, and also thanked all those who work hard on the revenue producing activities of the parish

HALL RENOVATION

Michael gave an update on this project. Hall project was finished in November. Thanks to

- Tony Ussher – the heritage architect.
- Don Mackenzie for his preliminary work.

- Chris Wilson the project architect, who worked through the whole project.
- Hanham and Philp the builders
- Greg Brown and Michael Malthus who attended the fortnightly meetings.
- Parishioners and other users of the buildings as they coped with lack of space for the entire year. The grant applications that we were hopeful of receiving did not come through but we were grateful for the sale of 131 Fendalton Road, which allowed us to have a positive cash flow on the project. We now have a great Hall that will last many decades.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Marcus thanked Greg for his H&S role, and for maintaining our grounds and buildings. Greg reminded people that they need to include H&S on their MAT agendas each time they meet. The report in the booklet was taken as read, and there was nothing further to bring to the meeting.

OTHER REPORTS

Marcus advised that we would take the large number of other reports as read. Marcus thanked all those involved in all of those ministries in the Parish and highlighted the exceptional goodwill and involvement of many parishioners in the activities as we carry out Christ's work in this church and the community.

Rebecca moved that these other reports be accepted. Don Rowlands seconded. Motion carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Bishops / Vicar's Warden

Marcus will continue in this role until a new vicar is appointed.

People's Warden

Wendy Kington was nominated and was elected unopposed.

Treasurer

Alistair Sheard will continue in the role of Treasurer. Vestry will appoint Alistair at the first meeting after the AGM.

Vestry members

Marcus reminded the meeting that there should be no less than 2 and no more than 7 ordinary Vestry members on Vestry.

The nominations for Vestry were as follows – 7 names - and these will be the Vestry members for the coming year:

Nigel Yeoh

Selwyn Paynter

Don Rowlands

Becca Sewell

Michael Malthus

Jenny Glasson

Hanan Fokkens

Synod reps are Steve Wakefield and Corinne Haines

Marcus moved that the appointed people be confirmed in their roles, and thanked Jenny and Hanan for joining Vestry for the coming year

Corinne moved the auditor Bevan Smith of Smith and Jack be reappointed for the coming year. Seconded Judith Mackenzie. Carried

Marcus thanked Geoff Bevan and Steven Marshall who were retiring from Vestry.

GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

CLOSING PRAYER

The closing prayers were led by Rev Jenny Wilkens, which were followed by The Grace and a blessing. The meeting closed at 9.10pm

SECTION 1 – Priest in Charge’s REPORT to be given at AGM

SECTION 2 – WARDENS’ REPORT

Marcus Read has been Vicar’s/Bishop’s Warden since 2017, and Wendy Kington has been People’s Warden since 2015. Responsibilities of the Church Wardens include

- To support and encourage the work of the Vicar and any other clergy having responsibility in the parish.
- To ensure, with the chairperson, that Vestry is properly informed about matters for which it is responsible, and that the decisions of Vestry are carried out.
- To ensure the provision of all things required for public worship.

Well, it’s been another exciting year with new staff and having our hall back in action again. Our priest in charge Rev Jenny Wilkens came back to us late 2018 and has been doing a superb job, along with our wonderful staff team, to accommodate the needs of such a diverse range of people and services. We are so fortunate to have her. Great news that we welcomed Rev Dr Andrew Butcher as Senior Associate Lay Minister along with his lovely wife Yvette at the end of January 2023. This was followed in July by Andrew being ordained a deacon in the Anglican church and in November, by Andrew’s ordination as a priest. We have had wonderful support from the **Rev’d Dr Pauline Stewart, Rev’d Jill Keir, Rev’d Philip Robinson, Rev’d Jan Brodie, and Rev’d Mike Coleman** who have served our parish in non-stipendiary roles over this past year, along with **Rev’d Dr Karen Kemp** who provided paid clergy support for some services. Our staff and clergy have been under immense pressure this year which has been very demanding, but again, we have come through as a very strong community – looking after each other as Christ’s family should.

Another wonderful thing that happened in February 2023 was the reopening of the Fendall Hall, the last of our building repair projects, so our services could return to normal hours. Thank you to Chris Wilson and the amazing Works team for all their hard work over the past few years.

We have welcomed several new staff members this year which has been a great gain for our teams. At the end of January our Young Adults Worker Andy Dickson began as part of our staff team taking over the role of guiding our Antioch service and being there for our young adults; he also has used his musical skills at the Lifestreams service – thank you Andy.

In March last year our Youth Group combined with St Tim’s on a Tuesday night for two terms with the great Nathan Muirhead as the leader, and in July on Social Service Sunday Nathan was welcomed as our Youth Minister, supported by his wife Claire.

Rev’d Jo Cotton was also ordained a Deacon in the church in late November, and with her amazing energy, has continued as the parish’s Pastoral Care Co-ordinator, as well as using her creative skills to create all manner of cards and brochures. Our Children’s Ministry has been successfully led by Barbara Neville with support from Florence Fokkens, and continues to be a thriving ministry.

Grateful thanks to Angela Brown for her wonderful outreach to the community with Messy Church, thanks also to Helen Wakefield for her work with Playgroup and Launchpad (Bible in Schools) and to Liz Yeoh for her leadership of Mainly Music.

Thank you so much to Liz Yeoh, Andy Dickson, and Yvette Butcher and all those other musos who have stepped up to provide music for Lifestreams. We are so grateful also to have Denis who leads worship in the church as our organist, and John Dodgshun and Evie Anderson who have filled in as organist while Denis was away.

The Wardens met regularly with Jenny and Andrew, to discuss staffing, vestry decisions and other issues. We welcomed Jenny Glasson and Hanan Fokkens to Vestry this year and thanked Geoff Bevan and Steven Marshall who stepped down. All of those on Vestry bring great gifts and we thank them for the knowledge that they are able to share with us.

Exciting things are happening

We are still live streaming the Sunday 9.30 morning service and we Zoom a quiet, meditative service at 8pm Sundays. We also livestream funerals and weddings which is such a help for people not able to be present in person.

The church is used for a variety of functions, outside of regular services including weddings and funerals, keeping staff and volunteers busy.

St Barnabas is a registered Eco-Church. It is our duty as Christians to look after our world and by being part of this initiative we can all contribute by being aware of what we use and how we dispose of what we don't need. Waste management is the first thing that has been a focus, along with more energy efficient heating and lighting systems.

Vestry and Parish Strategy Team

Vestry continues to meet on the 3rd Wednesday of every month and the Parish Strategy Team (PST) meets when required.

Ministry Action Teams: Our parish ministry and mission is organised around a number of Ministry Action Teams. Some are geared toward practical matters such as Finance & Stewardship, Works, again special mention must be made of the tremendous number of voluntary hours given by the members of the Works and Finance Teams, especially Michael Malthus, Don Mackenzie, Braden Ramsell, John Pearse and Greg Brown (Works) and Selwyn Paynter, Alistair Sheard, Cam Moore, Katie Klingenberg, Andrew Butcher, and Cheryl Earl (Finance). Without their time and expertise, we would not be able to undertake so many projects and to have progressed as we have. We are extremely grateful to Alistair Sheard, who is stepping down as Treasurer and has put in countless hours of his time and expertise as our parish Treasurer for many years!

Social & Hospitality, Funeral catering, all these teams continue to work incredibly hard. Others like the Pastoral Care Team, Outreach Team, Children, Youth & Young Adults Team, provide oversight, direction and coordination of the mission of our parish. Thank you to all those who lead and are involved in these teams.

Congregational services: We have continued with our five congregational Sunday services and Thursday morning service in our St Barnabas Church and Hall buildings. During the winter months the Sunday 8am and Thursday morning services were held in the Tui room, which worked very well.

We had a great Parish Patronal dinner on the 9th June and the Bishop was delighted to Confirm eight people at the Antioch service on the 11th June. Baptisms continue to be steady.

Messy Church is a great success and was held on Saturdays six times this year – with an average of 80 people attending. Special thanks to Angela and her team for this important community outreach. The Tongan congregation also have their weekly Sunday services in the church.

Our annual Spring Flower Sunday service was very successful this year after us not being able to do it last year. People love to receive the beautiful posies and our grateful thanks to Aromaunga Baxters Flowers and the lovely Gerberas that are given to us by Gunns Flowers.

Finance & Fund-Raising: Our financial needs continue to be addressed with Selwyn Paynter as chair of the Finance Team. Thank you to our Treasurer Alistair Sheard and Assistant Cheryl Earl, and Finance Team including Katie Klingenberg who joined the team this year. Thank you to those on the Fundraising Trust who administer those funds so faithfully on the parish's behalf, and to the fundraising team under the guidance of Corinne Haines who, with help from Margaret Harper, are setting up for us to have another Garden Tour in November this year.

Communications: The monthly (this year bi-monthly) Mooring Post magazine is an excellent publication going to 700 households. Our website <http://www.stbarnabas.org.nz/> is worth visiting regularly. One-off publications such as posters, flyers and postcards advertising church and community events have proved very successful. Thank you to all the magazine distributors for delivering both fliers and the magazine, and keeping us up to date with the many activities and changes that occur within our boundaries. A data-base for church management is available for individuals and groups to access and use. There is also our weekly digital Newsletter "Connect" which goes out to 720 subscribers via 'Hail'. Our magazine and pewsheets are also accessible via the parish website. Special

thanks to Hanan Fokkens and Braden Ramsell for all the livestreaming and the amazing technical support that they so willingly provide for services and events.

Community Care: There is significant community and outreach work done by members of the parish, and the Christchurch City Council Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board continues to be very supportive. We have supported parishes on the east side of the city with food and other items, including new blankets in the winter, frozen chickens and vegetables at Christmas and arranged regular food pick-ups from Fendalton New World for City Mission, St Aidan's and St Chads.

English Language Class for migrants and refugees continues under the wonderful guidance of Olive Lawson and her group of volunteers. An application was made for funding for evening meals after the class and this was granted, this was also supplemented by a generous gift from a parishioner. Some of the people who attend are now gradually integrating into both morning congregations and some are attending Messy Church and Mainly Music. Olive was awarded a community service award for her work in the community. Thanks to Braden and Hanan for using their technology skills to help those older people struggling with their devices – it was very much appreciated.

Grateful thanks to all who volunteer for our Eldercare group which meets on a Monday afternoon under the wonderful leadership of Maria Light.

Health & Safety: Greg Brown (Verger) has continued his appointment as Health & Safety co-ordinator following the Health & Safety at Work Act. The Hazard Identification Register has been updated as new issues have been identified, and scheduled reviews have been undertaken. Vestry and each ministry team consider Health & Safety at each meeting.

Thanks: Special thanks go to our willing and dedicated Clergy team, and we acknowledge the guest presiders and preachers who helped out at various times. There are so many other people and groups that make up our Parish community and you will read about them in this AGM booklet. It is impossible to mention everyone, but special thanks go to Marion Cook (the go to for everything!), Greg Brown, Denis Guyan, Braden Ramsell, Lynette Crestani, Liz Yeoh, Barbara Neville, Andy Dickson, Florence Fokkens, and Nathan Muirhead from the staff team. We also want to thank Roberta Smith who has faithfully filled in as receptionist in the parish office over holidays. Personal thanks also go to all the leaders of the many groups in our Parish, and to each and every parishioner for their support, attendance, financial contribution and prayers, along with the many people who turn up for working bees – thank you. You have all supported the Clergy, each other, and the wider community. We appreciate all that you do in your personal ministries in the parish and look forward to your support and enthusiasm through 2024 and beyond!!

Marcus Read (Vicar's Warden) and Wendy Kington (People's Warden)

SECTION 3 – WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Worship Team for Sunday services at 8am, 9.30am, 5pm and Thursday at 10am

The Worship Team provides oversight for the worship for the 8am, 9.30am, 5pm and Thursday congregations. The Priest in Charge leads this team and it met quarterly in 2023.

The team consists of the following members; Lois Butler, Denis Guyan, Wendy Kington, Richard McElrea, Roberta Smith, Catherine Chandler, Wayne Hann, Rev Andrew Butcher and Rev Jenny Wilkens.

It was very good to have all our buildings back in full use for 2023, which enabled all our services, music practices, morning teas etc to run smoothly.

We were very appreciative to welcome Rev Philip Robinson and Rev Jill Keir back to the parish in their retirement. We are privileged to have such experienced and able priests to assist us with our church services, and Jill is also assisting with our many resthome services, including a new one in the Ashley Suites of Russley Village once a month.

We continue to be grateful for the contributions of guest preachers on occasion through the year. We also much appreciate the enthusiasm and creativity with which Carol Stewart, Shirley-Anne Collins, Wendy Kington and their teams decorate our worship spaces for such events as Harvest,

Anzac Day and Sea Sunday. The care and presentation of our worship spaces all enhances the atmosphere of worship and we are grateful for all the dedicated workers of our Sanctuary Guild and Florist team who behind the scenes keep everything looking so beautiful, well-prepared and tidy.

We have recently formed an Organ Review Committee of Denis Guyan, Wayne Hann, Richard McElrea who will be looking at long-term issues of organ maintenance and repair, and whether any changes need to be made to our organ in the future.

Our discussions also range over more mundane but equally important topics as heating and lighting, the development of our livestreaming capacities for services and plans for special events. We are grateful to Hanan Fokkens and Braden Ramsell who run the Sunday 930am livestreaming for us, and to our team of PowerPoint operators who multitask in running the PowerPoint slides and recording the sermons! We are delighted to have some new bellringers join our dedicated team.

This team continues to be an excellent sounding board for ideas and an encouraging and positive group to work with. Rev Jenny takes notes for the group, which then reports to Vestry.

Rev Jenny Wilkens | Convenor

Lifestreams Oversight Group – LOGOS

Our members in 2023 were: Christine Fokkens, Gavin Kingsley, Tim Klingenberg, Becky George, Nigel Yeoh, Liz Yeoh, Yvette Butcher, Rev'd Jenny Wilkens and Rev'd Andrew Butcher.

LOGOS is our dynamic and committed oversight group who come together approximately every 6 weeks to pray and consider how the Lifestreams congregation can best serve each other and the wider community. We recognise the importance of connection, a sense of belonging and maintaining our networks and interest groups. LOGOS continues to seek ways to support our members to engage with our communities.

Lifestreams members contribute and participate in a range of discipleship and evangelistic opportunities, serving in a wide range of ministry areas. We are extremely grateful to our community and the many members who fulfil roles and undertake ministries within our services and wider parish. Our prayer ministry team, hospitality, pastoral care, communion, technology, children, youth, music, welcomers, readers, and prayers contribute significantly to the sense of belonging, community of faith, and connection enjoyed each time we meet. We are seeing more young people getting involved and serving, especially in the areas of children's ministry, audiovisual tech and in the Lifestreams Band.

LOGOS actively seeks to support new areas for growth with our service and ways to develop the faith of our people, and pastoral care within our community. Life @ 91, a small group that meets fortnightly at the Yeohs, was restarted in 2023. Another Lifestreams small group, that met at the Bevans, finished in 2023 and we hope to create more opportunities for people to join a small group in 2024. This year there are already two women's "Bible Book Clubs" running and in late 2023 for around a term, Katie Klingenberg ran a 'Women of the Bible' small group series.

It was great to be back in familiar, but new and improved surroundings, as we began to gather in the Hall again as our usual worship space. The annex with acoustic sliding glass doors at the end of the Hall is a valuable space for our younger members, and we've managed to work through early teething issues with regards to this space - thanks must go to everyone as we've moved forward with grace and understanding to see how this space can be best incorporated into our service, to work for the better of us all.

Our end of term Friday Whanau Fellowship evenings continued (end of Terms 2 and 3) and they are a lovely intergenerational event and place of worship and encouragement for those who want to 'give it a go' with a musical instrument or voice. The evening starts with BYO dinner (usually fish'n chips or pizza) and it's great to always see the sharing of food - we never seem to run out and people will be fed, even if they come unprepared!

LOGOS continues to recognise the enthusiasm of our congregation to learn te reo Māori, with an increase in the bicultural content within our weekly services. We are delighted to welcome people

of other cultures who come our way and some of our members are instrumental in sustaining and supporting the English language class run at St Barnabas.

LOGOS continues to value the uniqueness and diversity within our service. We want to make members of all ages feel a sense of belonging within our worshipping community, meetings, and services. As a team we strive to consider new ideas, new music, and new ways to interact together to strengthen a sense of ownership of our Sunday time and space before God. In 2023 we included in our Sunday service rotation, a 'non-Eucharist' service - initially every second week, but now occurring on the third Sunday of each month. Our non-Eucharist services allow us to be more flexible and creative with our time when we gather together - for example, the inclusion of a 'this time tomorrow' slot where we interview someone from the congregation about what they are up to in their coming week and areas of prayer we can uphold for them; space for creative prayers and activities; longer periods of sung worship.

LOGOS is pro-active in encouraging participation of children and members of all ages. We have had great joy welcoming the range of new youth, children, and members in attendance. We collaborate to deliver a variety of service styles that support and enable active participation from the congregation. This enacts our vision of supporting church members to live out their faith and to be able to express it creatively. It has been great to see a good handful of newcomers across 2023 and already into 2024.

It is great to have Barbara Neville back as our Children and Families Pastor, after she was overseas with her husband Richard while he was on sabbatical. The very able, and generous with her time, Florence Fokkens stepped up into the role as Children's Ministry Assistant, and she continues in this role into 2024 - thank you, Florence. At the start of this year, we launched our new Children's Ministry - "Lighthouse Kids with Little Lights". Our 'theme song' is of course My Lighthouse (Rend Collective), an always popular song at Lifestreams. Last year it was good indeed to have Nathan Muirhead join our staff as our Youth Minister, who brings with him his lovely and very hospitable wife, Claire - welcome to St Barnabas to you both!

Highlights of the Lifestreams year would undoubtedly include the Women's Retreat at Hanmer Springs and the Teddy Bear's Picnic. Our Lifestreams Men are looking at starting regular social evenings on a monthly basis (think bowling, BBQs, driving range, movie nights, marshmallows and hot chocolates around the brazier...). We will also be offering both a Women's and Men's Day Retreat in the second half of this year.

LOGOS is looking forward to the many new ideas and ministry opportunities God has planned for Lifestreams in the year ahead.

Nigel Yeoh | LOGOS Convenor

Lifestreams Music

A highlight from the year would have to be playing at the Transitional Cathedral on numerous occasions for ordination services, as well as debuting some original songs - thanks to the musicians involved as well as Hanan Fokkens and Braden Ramsell for help transporting our sound gear and setup.

We've had some new members play with us this year which has been fantastic - Selwyn Paynter, Tim Klingenberg, both on guitar, Yvette Butcher - on keys, Theo Read - cajon (drum), Beks Dickson, Evie George and Cayla Roberts - all singing. We've had a number of enthusiastic pre-schoolers join in with the band on Sunday mornings on ukuleles and little drums, which is always special to see and know they want to be involved. AV helpers have been more consistent also, providing some help for Hanan Fokkens. It is nice to have a more even distribution in the weekly rosters, and some regular worship leading from Andy Dickson and Yvette Butcher to give variety and respite every 3 weeks for the Yeoh Whanau - thank you!

Friday Whanau Fellowship nights at the end of Term 2 and 3 were small but rewarding for those attending. It was a great way to encourage and integrate new players into the band and also to have fun worshipping together. I would like to see these 'end-of-term' fellowship nights grow in number.

A very big thank you to all our vocalists and musicians for their dedicated service and quality sound! An extremely big thank you to Hanan Fokkens for being there most weeks on the sound desk, helping us with set-up, AV and IT.

Liz Yeoh | Lifestreams Music Coordinator

Parish Organist, Music, Organ, Pianos and Choirs

Hymns: Can you guess how many hymns there might be in our repertoire for 9.30am services? 50? 100? 150? Would you believe over 700? Some of them have been sung only once or twice, but many of them are repeated year after year. Sometimes after a service a person might tell me that a hymn we've just sung is new, or is unknown. Of course all the hymns we know were new to us at some point! We're adding fresh ones all the time, although often the words are new, but set to familiar tunes. There were 16 like that last year. So hymn selection is not just a matter of choosing old favourites.

Organ: Our Hill Norman and Beard pipe organ continues to serve us well. It was built in 1929, rebuilt in 1978, and is serviced by the South Island Organ Company. It's tuned four times a year, so we are spared the cost of repairs necessitated by lack of proper maintenance.

Choirs: The Nine Lessons and Carols service, featuring an augmented choir of about 40 singers, attracted a very large congregation again. There were other special services during the year when we recruited singers from other city choirs, such as during Lent and Easter seasons, Anzac Day, All Saints, All Souls, Advent and Christmas. But it's difficult to keep two choirs functioning regularly, as singers are often not prepared to sacrifice time to weekly practices. So the morning choir sings mostly twice a month, and the evening choir still manages to sing every Sunday, with January being a holiday for both choirs.

Organists: I'm very grateful for the assistance of guest organists while I was isolating with Covid, or playing organs in Europe, or on bereavement leave. Four of the fifteen organists who were approached were able to assist. Shona Murray was prevented at the last moment because of Covid, but Evie Anderson, John Dodgshun and Malcolm Palmer were able to play. Thank you!

Denis Guyan | Organist and Choir Director

Sanctuary Guild

Grateful thanks to all members of the Sanctuary Guild for their continued work looking after the silver, flowers, brass and linen for services in the church. Thanks to the co-ordinators of these groups. You all are appreciated.

This year the insurance of church property, silver and brass was due for revaluation.

Items on the list were photographed and recorded as to where they are kept as of 2023 for reference at the next revaluation.

3 extra corporals have been hemmed and are awaiting embroidery.

During the colder months, Sunday 8am services and Thursday 10am services have successfully been held in the Tui Room.

Many thanks to all the clergy and staff team for their ongoing support and encouragement and to Marion for her generous ongoing assistance.

Catherine Chandler (Sacristan)

Flower Report

Carol Stewart: Flower Co-ordinator. Team: Shirley-Anne Collins, Valerie Beckwith, Lyn Wright, Adrienne Stewart, Margie Fairgray, Wendy Hollyer, and Wendy Kington.

Our team continue to enhance the beauty of the church with flowers - some purchased, some artificial but mostly from private gardens.

We have had a quieter year for providing wedding and funeral flowers. This year we have only been asked to provide flowers for 3 weddings. This provides us with a small profit which pays for Easter

and Christmas flowers. Last year we were able to donate from our surplus, \$200 to Dr Nick Laing's Medical Centres in Uganda. This year most wedding couples have been organising their own flowers so less money has been deposited in the flower fund. We are self-sufficient at present. However, this can only continue if wedding and funeral flowers are requested. We don't want to ask for money from church funds to pay for Christmas and Easter flowers. Families requesting our services, receive a thank you card and photos of the arrangements.

Sadly, we said goodbye to Alison Ayling who had been the flower co-ordinator and arranger for many years. We are grateful to the Canterbury Flower Arrangers for paying for the flowers for her funeral. Valerie, a long-time friend of Alison's, arranged the plinth and I, the bridal window and afternoon tea flowers. The family received photos of the arrangements and a thank you card to acknowledge Alison's long-term commitment and friendship.

Many on the team and other parishioners were involved in making posies for Spring Flower Sunday. It was a huge group. We made over 100 posies. Most of them were from small pieces of floral foam in recycled cellophane. One block of foam made 12 posies. Ends of ribbon were kindly left at church to add to these little arrangements. We have gratefully received donations from Gunn's Gerbera Nursery throughout the year. Money from the gerbera pop-up stalls in the neighbouring streets paid for chrysanthemums to add to the Spring Flower posies and paid for the morning tea. We are also grateful for flowers including a huge bunch of stock donated by Aromaunga. Thank you for organising this, Wendy. Thank you, Marion, for collecting the ribbon to enhance the posies. These posies are easier to handle, look professional and last longer than handheld posies.

We have continued to use floral foam only for weddings, Christmas and Easter - a goal mentioned last year as floral foam is an environmental concern. Many churches in the UK have discontinued its use.

The team has continued to provide special arrangements and displays for Anzac Day, Sea Sunday, Harvest Festival, Easter and Christmas.

Thank you to Wendy Kington for arranging the flowers for Life Streams.

Our team works in two week blocks. Thank you, ladies, for creating, watering and tidying the plinth arrangement during your weeks on the roster, and supplying flowers from your gardens and gardens of friends. Our fund no longer pays for Sunday Service flowers as we use a combination of garden flowers, interesting foliage and faux flowers during colder months. Some members have kindly purchased flowers personally.

Thank you to Catherine Chandler, the Sacristan, and Rev Jenny Wilkens for your support.

Carol Stewart (Flower Co-ordinator)

Brass Report – I would like to express my grateful thanks to the very willing group of Ladies who do a great job of cleaning the Church Brass regularly throughout the year.

Sadly one of our long time Members, Rosemary Harper, has retired from our group. Rosemary was a member for a number of years. I would like to thank her most sincerely for always being available on the roster, we are always sad to lose a member of our team. Alison Wilkie, another loyal member, has also left us as she has moved a little way away and so has made this decision. Thank you to these ladies for their support of this Ministry.

We have been fortunate in having two new ladies: Lyn Wright and Lorraine Mason join us this year and thank them for their help. Jill Lord is hoping to rejoin us again soon.

Once again I would like to thank Greg, our Verger, who is always willing to help and purchase our Cleaning Products. Thank you also to Marion for typing up the roster, we now have 13 members and we are always looking for new members.

As I have always said it is a privilege to be able to prepare the Brass in the beautiful surroundings of our Family Church, St Barnabas. We are so Blessed.

Pam Stewart (Co-ordinator)

Silver Report – I am pleased to present my report for the Silver Section of the St Barnabas Sanctuary Guild for the year ended Oct 2023.

We have welcomed two new members, Jean Martel and Joan Clayton and not had any resignations, a situation which is very pleasing. Having eight members means that each person does the silver every eight weeks, this I feel is not too onerous.

As in the last few years there have been a few small changes from time to time but the instruction sheet and the photo in the red box are updated when there is an alteration so there should not be any problems.

One thing I would ask members to be particular about is the main chalice and paten which are placed in the centre of the altar setting are a pair and should always be used together.

I would like to thank Reverend Jenny Wilkens, Catherine Chandler and Marion Cook for their unfailing advice, help and good humour whenever it is needed.

Together with the other sections of the Sanctuary Guild I think we make a great team which enables our part of the Parish to function smoothly.

Ann Masters (Co-ordinator)

Linen Report –

Things have been going well as far as the linen goes this year.

We have 8 volunteers on the roster, which is one less than last year. I appreciate that we all have busy lives, but as always extra help is greatly appreciated. Last year I asked if there was anyone who might be available to act as backup for me, and I would like to thank Catherine for offering. If there is anyone else who feels they could help I am sure that Catherine would appreciate it. It would involve checking the altar cloths regularly, cleaning them if necessary and changing the altar frontals when required. This would only need to be done if I was away.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the wonderful ladies on the roster, who take their turn without needing reminders. I would also like to thank all the communion assistants for the extra care they have been taking to keep dripping wax from candles and tapers off the altar cloths. Thank you so much, the extra care is greatly appreciated. I have noticed a big difference in the amount of wax and taper marks that I have to remove from our linen.

Christine Philpott (Co-ordinator)

SECTION 4 - PRAYER MINISTRY

While we no longer have an Oversight Team for this ministry, we are grateful the Rev Jo Cotton has taken on oversight of Prayer Ministry as part of her Pastoral role within the parish. Thank you to Jo for her pastoral care of prayer ministers for both 930am and lifestreams services, including arranging regular training sessions (thank you to Rev Jill Keir for assistance with this), recruiting and training of new prayer ministers, and arranging a retreat afternoon for prayer ministers in May 2024.

We are grateful also to Jo for producing some much appreciated Prayer resources for prayer ministers and parishioners to use in their private prayers, and prayer ministry sessions. Jo has also introduced parishioners to our prayer ministers through profiles in our Connect e-newsletter.

The practice of offering tea light candles at several services continues to be appreciated by many parishioners – a warm thank you to Diane Brooker-Newton for her care of our prayer trolley. Prayer cards are also available to take away, and prayer needs can be written before services to provide prayer points for Prayer Ministers and clergy.

During the year, Trish Carrick Leslie has continued to design beautiful prayer cards for aiding personal prayer and meditation. These are available to all, being kept on the Prayer trolley, in the Prayer Room and the Chapel.

The chapel in the church is used for prayer ministry for church-based services, and the prayer room in the hall is used for prayer ministry for Lifestreams services. The prayer room is also used by a spiritual director during the week who appreciates the 'prayed-in' atmosphere for her clients.

Since February 2021 Rev Jan Brodie has led the Stillpoint group in contemplative prayer on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30 pm in the Church, or Tui Room in winter. Prayer resources are offered based either on the Ignatian tradition of imaginative prayer, or that of the desert fathers with *Lectio Divina*, sacred reading. Participants listen for God's invitations - noticing something of where God is drawing them in. All are welcome to come along for this hour of stillness in God's presence.

We are extremely grateful to all our Prayer Ministers who are willing and enjoy praying with others each Sunday of the year. This initiative is very much appreciated by many parishioners.

Rev Jenny Wilkens

SECTION 5 – PASTORAL CARE

Fendalton/Merivale Elder Care Group

It is with great pleasure that I present this report for the St Barnabas AGM.

The Elder Care Group is a social group for people over the age of 65 years which meets at St Barnabas every Monday at 1pm. Our program includes crafts, word puzzles, quizzes, gentle exercises which concentrate on balance and stretching, card and table games, speakers or a musical item, occasional outings and always a beautiful afternoon tea. We generally wrap up around 3.30pm.

We have 21 guests on our books. Each week between 8-19 guests attend. We have 6 volunteers on the roster and two volunteers help out each week with preparing and serving afternoon tea and they join in with all our activities.

The Elder Care Group is much appreciated by all our guests. We have great fun with laughter and enjoyable socializing; we improve our health with exercises, our brains with quizzes, crafts and games; our knowledge and ability to cope in an ever changing world with speakers and discussions and enjoy a healthy and delightful afternoon tea.

We are often complimented by guests for how well the sessions are run and how welcome they feel.

I would like to thank our volunteers who do an awesome job with afternoon tea, Jo Cotton and Marion and Lyn and Greg who are welcoming and helpful and St Barnabas Church for working with Anglicare in providing this much needed and appreciated group in our community.

God bless.

Maria Light, Coordinator Fendalton/Merivale Elder Care Group

Home Communions

The parish as part of its pastoral outreach provides home communion monthly for parishioners unable to attend church. This is appreciated and is an opportunity to offer prayers and discuss the recent news of parish activity with communicants. Sometimes a visit only is appropriate, and parishioners welcome this time of sharing.

This ministry takes place once a month. At Russley RV a larger group (12-15) meet first for a coffee in the café and then goes upstairs to the Lancaster room for their Home Communion together.

This year we have had some new recipients of Home Communion, and some have gone to be with their Lord and Saviour, whom we miss and remember with love.

We had a HC minister take the year off due to health and another is taking a year off in 2024. I am grateful to them for their long service and dedication to the Home Communions and I hope that they will be back to full health to rejoin the team.

Christopher and Charlotte Diggle joined the Home Communion team mid-year and met everyone at our annual midyear get-together to meet and talk and enjoy a lovely 'High tea' afternoon tea.

We ended the year with afternoon tea at Riccarton House where I thanked all our home communion ministers for their valuable service and ministry to our parish and parishioners.

Warm thanks also to Diane Brooker-Newton who each month sorts out the HC kits and makes them ready for use for the HC team members.

Rev'd Jo Cotton | Deacon Assistant & Pastoral Care Coordinator

Pastoral Care

I began the year by writing a series of articles from a book called The Book of Joy – Happiness in a Changing World for our Connect e-newsletter. The book was written by Bishop Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama. I had a lot of good feedback, and the book became very popular. In November the Movie Documentary was released on Netflix and we had a movie night with ice-creams in the Tui Room which was well attended.

In February Margaret Harper and I organised a Parish dinner and Hall Opening. It was wonderful to see so many people of all ages and from the different services attending. Canon Mark Chamberlain had the honour of cutting the ribbon in the Opening ceremony. Val Beckwith along with the Yeoh girls helped cut the cake in celebration. Margaret and I also organised a mid-year Parish dinner in June which again was well supported; we had some entertainers that night, poetry from Andy Dickson, and songs from Andrew and Yvette Butcher.

I put on a Quiz and Auction night to help raise money for the Youth Group Easter Camp and youth ministries. The theme was Around the World, and the hall was full to capacity. It was lovely to see so many people from outside the church, as well as parishioners. It was a fantastic night of fun. The youth helped me run it and were absolutely amazing to work with and it was a privilege to serve with them. They were all outstanding. We raised almost \$6000 I believe. Thanks to everyone who helped and contributed to make it such a successful night.

In 2023 I began working towards my Bachelor of Theology through Otago University, with two papers in Semester one and one in Semester 2. I also attended a Mental Health Hui put on by the Fendalton-Waimari-Harewood Community Board. I attended the Open Generation Tour Conference in March. I also attended a 2-day 'Trauma and Theology' workshop at St John's College Auckland in June. I attended a 2-day St Hildegard of Bingen silent retreat at Sister Eveleen House in July; a 2-night prayer and planning retreat in December, both at the Sister Eveleen Retreat House. as well as a 3 day retreat at Te Waiora House, Hororata in preparation for my ordination. I also regularly attend Supervision and Spiritual Direction, and attended monthly Pre-Ordination meetings at the Anglican Centre.

I attended the Fendalton-Waimari-Harewood Community Board meetings and St Barnabas hosted the end-of-year Christmas meeting in the Hall in November. It was a good opportunity to show off our new Hall renovations, especially as the Council helped with funds towards the kitchen. They were all suitably impressed with all our facilities.

Communications took up quite a lot of my time during 2023 - something that I enjoy but it did take me away from Pastoral Care. I have enjoyed being part of creating the monthly Parish Magazine, the Mooring Post. 2024 brings Andy Dickson to take over the communications role which I am grateful for.

We celebrated Volunteer Week again this year with bookmarks given to over 100 people letting them know how much we appreciate their time and effort.

Archdeacon Nicky Lee and I ran a Pastoral Care Training Course here at St Barnabas in September, which was well attended and we received very good feedback.

The women at Lifestreams went on a retreat to Hanmer in mid-September. I was part of the team that organized the weekend away, along with Becky George, Katie Klingenberg and Yvette Koo-Butcher. It was a privilege and fun to work with them. I led the spiritual aspect of the weekend, the theme being *At the Feet of Jesus*. We looked at some of the book of Ruth and Luke 7:36-50. The feedback from the weekend was very positive.

I continued to help out at Eldercare this year and have done some of the volunteer training. This group is always so encouraging, and it is great to see the enjoyment they all get from it - there are a number of new people from the community. It can be hard getting enough volunteers, so I put an advert out with Volunteering Canterbury, and this has led to several new volunteers helping Maria Light, our Coordinator.

I filled in for Helen Wakefield at Playgroup for two weeks in August while Helen was overseas. Playgroup is always fun and rewarding, and it is lovely to see so many families enjoying and

benefitting from this wonderful ministry. Unfortunately, I have not been able to get over to visit on a Wednesday morning as often as I would have liked to during 2023.

We again had a Winter Blankets appeal for St Ambrose, Aranui and we also included warm socks and hats. St Ambrose greatly appreciated the donations.

The 'In Touch' booklet of Bible readings, sermons and prayers has continued bi-monthly this year and is still very popular and well-received by those who are not able to get to church so often.

As always, I love attending the Holly Lea resthome services once a month. I enjoy assisting our clergy at these services and I always enjoy the company of those who attend.

The Pastoral Care Ministry Action Team meetings this year have been encouraging. Our two new members Lynette Ensor and Becky George have been a great asset to the team. It was wonderful to see how they organized the purchase of a commercial toasted sandwich maker for St Ambrose after I had mentioned to them how many machines they had been through that year. Some of us went and delivered it to St Ambrose and the chef was extremely delighted with the donation. We received a letter of thanks from Canon Brenda Bonnett expressing her gratitude, she said how much it has helped the kitchen staff keep up the demand for the toasted sandwiches on their café days. We ended the year with a breakfast, and I thanked all the members for their time, care and effort.

Many Birthday cards were sent or given to Parishioners from the clergy and staff. The feedback from these has been very positive.

I was ordained Deacon in late November at the Transitional Cathedral. I felt immensely supported by the parishioners of St Barnabas with so many there in support. I thank everyone who has supported me on this journey and I pray that I continue to serve you all here at St Barnabas.

Contacting parishioners is an important part of Pastoral Care and it is heartening to know that so many are willing to visit and keep in contact with one another. I personally enjoy visiting and catching up with parishioners and having pastoral conversations. People do appreciate a visit or even just a phone call to see how they are. I thank everyone who is involved with this throughout the year.

St Barnabas has many opportunities for connection and fellowship, whether it be at the many different services, through the In-Touch booklet, Home Communion, Van Outings, or through home visits or to Retirement Villages, coffee catch-ups, and groups that meet for special afternoon teas and gatherings. Thank you to everyone who has helped with all these groups, events, and ministries. Pastoral care is about being a community of people who take care of one another.

Special Gatherings

Spring Flower Sunday was held on Sunday 17th September. Thanks to everyone who donated flowers, and ribbons and put the posies together, and to those in the Parish who delivered them. Around 100 posies and cards were given out to those who have lost loved ones or who have had a difficult year.

Bellringers – I put on an afternoon High Tea to say thanks to our wonderful bellringers and to honour the many years of service by Margaret Mahoney. I had put in an advertisement for some more Bell ringers with Volunteering Canterbury and a number applied and attended the afternoon tea as well as a film crew who were filming volunteer groups. Most people braved the stairs up to the bell tower and had a go on the bells. A short clip of the bell ringers and interviews was created for Volunteering Canterbury for their advertising. Thanks to Diana Hann and her team for their service.

The Nonagenarians and Centenarians' afternoon High Tea was well attended and we enjoyed a delightful afternoon tea and sing-along in the Tui Room. Denis Guyan played the piano and we had Andrew Butcher ably leading the sing-a-long! Thanks to Corinne Haines and her team for putting on the afternoon tea together and to those who helped make the day special for our wonderful nonagenarians and centenarians.

Morning and afternoon teas at Retirement Villages – We managed to get three in this year. Covid still has a lingering effect. Some had to be postponed until a COVID outbreak within the village had gone. The first one was held in April at the Russley Village. We enjoyed a morning tea together and then we headed upstairs to the Lancaster room for a service led by Rev Jenny Wilkens. Next we

went to Ngaio Marsh RV where we enjoyed a delicious morning tea, and fellowship. Andrew talked to us about some of his encounters overseas. The last one was held at Summerset Avonhead, and again we enjoyed good fellowship and morning tea, and we also had to company of Marion's grandson Nate. The visits to the Retirement Villages are a great opportunity for clergy and staff to fellowship with those who are no longer able to get to church. Do invite us to your RV!

Meals

FAB (Food in a Bag) meals have been offered to those in need e.g. health or family crisis, and have been well received. These are much appreciated!

Card Ministry

I thank Lois Ball for her fantastic ministry writing and sending cards out to various people on behalf of the parish who are in particular need. Parish Staff sometimes ask Lois to send out a card to a person who is unwell or who has something special to celebrate. Staff are very appreciative of this thoughtful 'behind the scenes' ministry.

Parish Van Outings

Van outings provide an opportunity for people to enjoy an afternoon of fellowship, sightseeing and having afternoon tea together. The requirements are that anyone over the age of 60 can attend as long as they are mobile and physically able to get in and out of the van. We had a number of trips this year and began our sightseeing with a trip out to Kaiapoi in February. In March Cam Moore, Don Rowlands, and David Murchison took us on a tour of Christ's College and they also put on a lovely afternoon tea of scones with jam and cream for us. It was most interesting and enjoyable. April we headed off to Sumner and some of us enjoyed ice-creams in the sun at Scarborough. There was no van outing during May as Jeff and I were having our own sightseeing tour in Japan. In June Corinne Haines took us on a tour of the Christchurch City Mission, and we got to see the new supermarket area before it was officially opened and enjoyed afternoon tea at their café Thrive, where the service was impeccable and the food was fantastic. July we headed out to Pegasus with afternoon tea at a café there. The Wigram Air Force Museum was our August destination, it was great to see and read so much about our aviation history. Spring time we drove out to Darfield and met with Rev Alexa Evenden who showed us around Holy Trinity Church there and joined us for a delightful afternoon tea. The cherry blossoms were another highlight of Darfield. October we ventured up the hills of Lyttelton to the Timeball, parking was interesting but our trusty van driver did a splendid job. November was a very popular outing to the Lavender fields at Waikuku with a number of extra people taking their own cars. And of course we always end with a trip to Ballantynes in December to see the Christmas windows, and do a little Christmas shopping ourselves. The outings are always very popular, there is always a lot of conversation happening in the van as well as at the afternoon teas, and with a lot of humour. A thank you to the Hanns who have graciously taken their own car when we have too many for the van and have also sometime taken an extra passenger. And also thanks to Rev Jeff Cotton our driver for getting to our destinations and home safely and with good humour. We welcome all seniors on these outings providing each is sufficiently able to cope with normal social engagement and capable of entering and exiting the van easily and unaided. The Van outings are \$5 per person and depart St Barnabas carpark at 1.30pm and return at approximately 3.30-4pm depending on the length of the trip.

Rev'd Jo Cotton | Deacon Assistant & Pastoral Care Coordinator

SECTION 6 – OUTREACH

Outreach AGM report 2024

The Outreach team seeks to be "salt and light" to the congregation and wider community, showing the love of God in practical ways. The team consists of Olive Lawson, Don Rowlands, Lynette Crestani, Maggie Paton, and Jo Frampton joined in 2024.

We are proud of Don, who received a Civic Award from the Christchurch Mayor for his lifetime of community service. Thank you for your faithful community service, Don!

We continue to pray for need in our local Christchurch community, with ongoing cost of living pressures making 2023 a stressful year for many in our community. We also pray for people in need

in New Zealand and beyond internationally – especially with the ongoing Cyclone Gabrielle recovery, and Ukraine and Gaza wars.

Thank you to everyone involved in Outreach initiatives this year – we could not do it without you! If you are interested in joining the Outreach team, please get in touch with one of our Outreach team members or church staff members.

Outreach Fund

Each year Vestry budgets for missional giving to support outreach causes outside the parish. The Outreach team are empowered to seek out projects that the parish could support and make recommendations to Vestry. This year, the Outreach fund supported:

- Petersgate, Upper Riccarton, which provides a subsidised counselling service (\$4,000);
- Christchurch City Mission, particularly for sanitary products to address period poverty (\$2,000);

Throughout the year parishioners have donated for specific outreach causes, including

- St Ambrose Church, our sister church in Aranui (\$1,019) and a replacement sandwich press for their café (\$344),
- St Aidan's Church, our sister church in Bryndwr, for Christmas hampers made by Sue Angus (\$200),
- Dr Tess and Dr Nick Laing, our mission partners in Uganda (\$600);
- One Day Health, to enable a new One Day Health Centre to be opened. One Day Health provides healthcare to rural and poor villages in Northern Uganda who would otherwise have no healthcare access and is run by our mission partners Tess and Nick Laing (\$10,105),
- Anglican World Aid (part of Anglican Missions) for the Cyclone Gabrielle emergency appeal (\$70),
- Pakistan Boys Hostel (\$600), and
- Al Ahli Anglican Hospital in Gaza (\$750).

The parish also donated \$22,344 to the Anglican Missions Board, and \$62,362 as our Parish's annual Quota to the Diocese.

Maggie Paton

IT for seniors

We held another IT for Seniors session this year, which has become a regular event over the last few years. Thank you to Olive for organising and Hanan Fokkens for providing his IT expertise.

Maggie Paton

English Class

This year there was a significant change in attendance from previous years. In the first term 29 students attended class. In term 2 the number of attendees increased to 35; in term 3 it increased further to 39, and the final term was capped off with a record 43. The class was reflecting what is happening in our community: the borders are open, employers are asking for overseas workers, visa restrictions have been lowered and Christchurch is billed as an attractive destination. According to the development agency ChristchurchNZ 15,000 migrants came to Canterbury in 2023, reaching an "all time high." Nationalities attending class included Korea, China, Japan, Taiwan, Ethiopia, Israel, Thailand, New Caledonia, Hungary, Russia, Sri Lanka, Mexico, Cambodia and Mongolia.

In response to this influx a second class, catering for beginners, was established in the Makora Room, and taught by Elizabeth Green, while the more advanced students were taught in the Tui Room. In this way we were able to meet the needs of both beginners and more advanced students. Many students did not attend for more than a few lessons. Some were "testing" the class, biding time until they got a job, found accommodation or decided if they really wanted to settle in Christchurch. Others quickly gained English language confidence and moved on when employment was found. A core group of "regulars" gave constant support to newcomers.

In response to the many requests to help with job hunting, a visit from an employment agency was organised. Thank you to Judith Rogers and Tony Koller who mentored students.

In terms 2,3 and 4 an optional meal was provided after class. This hospitality allowed students time to form closer relationships while eating together, and for some, was a welcome help with their budget. The average number eating was 27. Thank you to Corinne Haines, Margaret Harper, Yvette Koo Butcher and Lynette Crestani who cooked, and to other tutors who willingly supplied salads, vegetable dishes and ice cream. A special thanks to the Wakefield family who gifted money allowing this vital manaakitanga to continue.

Lessons covered many and varied topics from AI (artificial intelligence), the common cold, Politics in New Zealand... to learning about proverbs from the book of Proverbs in the bible and enacting a nativity play.

A Multicultural church service combined with Antioch was held in October. Four Buddhist monks who attend class contributed to the service, adding an interesting “interfaith” dimension.

The year concluded with a “party,” including games, dancing, singing and ethnic food provided by the students. Certificates of attendance and good work were presented by the Rev. Dr Andrew Butcher.

Thank you to Wendy Kington, Elizabeth Green, Alison Rudduck, Cheryl Earl, and Geoff Martel for tutoring the students. Thanks to Christopher Diggle and Penelope Paynter who also relieved a couple of times.

Olive Lawson

Bread Run

Thank you to Clive Chandler, Tim de Castro and Lyn Haines who faithfully picked up unsold day old bread from New World, Fendalton, and took it to the City Mission. Thank you to Marjorie Smart who took bread to the Community Lunch at St Chad’s Linwood, and to Sue Angus who did the same at St Aidan’s, Bryndwr. Thank you to Cam Moore who stood in as a relief driver on occasions. After more than 5 years of doing this bread run, Marjorie Smart is standing down. We acknowledge and respect her willingness to volunteer. Thanks to Cassandra Allpress who has joined the Bread Run team. As the cost of living rises, redistributing bread to those who really need food, is a valuable outreach.

Olive Lawson

“Give It a Go” Concert

Singing St Barnabas pre-schoolers opened this fun concert, where those who rarely, if ever have performed on stage, were encouraged to get up and “give it a go!” Original songs, raps, newly composed musical items and fun poetry were all in the programme.

Thank you to Andy Dickson who M-ced and Maggie Paton who looked after the supper. We all enjoyed the concert.

Olive Lawson

Writing Our Stories

Following the publication of Noeline Boag’s autobiography, “A Pilgrim’s Story,” edited by Olive Lawson and launched at Holly Lea, a six week course, titled “Writing Our Stories” was run by Don Rowlands and Olive Lawson. Participants were offered suggestions re style, topics and presentation. Writing contributions were shared in class. The popularity was such that Olive offered the course on two more occasions. An average of twelve people attended each course.

Olive Lawson

SECTION 7 – DISCIPLESHIP AND EVANGELISM

Lent and Home Groups: Our warm thanks to those who lead and host Lent and home groups in their homes and at St Barnabas during Lent, and for some groups right through the school year. It is always encouraging to hear how these groups are appreciated not only for shared learning and experiences, but also for great fellowship, prayer and pastoral care, one of another.

Marriage Preparation and The Marriage Course: A warm thank you to Mel & Bede Cammock-Elliott, Liesl & Rex Johnston, and Don Rowlands for their involvement with our Marriage Preparation Course for those being married at St Barnabas, and also offering The Marriage Course “warrant of fitness” much appreciated by couples from our church and community.

Engaging with Te Ao Māori

For this people’s heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear and their eyes they have closed lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn and I would heal them. - Matt 13:15 ESV

I was amazed at what I still needed to learn about Aotearoa and our bicultural history. My eyes, ears and cultural lens had led me to become, what the Apostle Matthew would call, barren ground.

A group of 45 met on four Mondays between March 8 and April 13, 2023 at St Barnabas. The tutor, Antony Nihoniho, offered us: the wisdom of his historical studies, his Ngāi Tahu cultural perspective and the gifts of his Christian calling.

Colonisation and the land

On the third night Antony talked about his whānau from Tūāhuriri [Kaiapoi]. You could have heard a pin drop as he described the painful loss and dispossession of ancestral land. His voice was emotional and broken in telling his story. This trail of colonisation began when the Treaty of Waitangi was signed at Ōnuku near Akaroa, and Ōtākou. The signatures gained were taken by the Governor as permission to proceed with the sale of Te Waipounamu [South Island]. In the presence of Anglican Missionary, Henry Williams, the Ngāi Tahu trusted the Treaty like a Christian covenant of Crown protection for their rights and lands. Under pressure from European settlers the Crown proposed the Kemp Deed for the acquisition of Ngāi Tahu lands. The initial agreements for Māori Reserves were not honoured. The remnants were further alienated by subsequent laws, rating and restrictions on land use and habitation. The Tūāhuriri Māori were deprived of their tūrangawaewae and whenua. The loss of homes and income led to hardship, deprivation and movement away. Antony told us of God's restorative goodness that enabled him to purchase the land of his tīpuna at Tūāhuriri recently. The tragic story of this one whānau, was replicated thousands of times throughout Aotearoa.

Churches and the covenant

The participants supported the following:

Churches should include more te reo Māori in their services with waiata and karakia in every service.

Chaplains should have training in te reo and include its use in their care.

Signage on buildings should include te reo.

A copy of Te Tiriti o Waitangi should be on display.

Courses should be offered in te reo.

Community advocacy

- Support the partnership principles of the Treaty
- Extend the use of Māori place names to acknowledge the importance of whenua to Māori
- Remove from place names and venues the names of those responsible for colonial oppression.
- Monitor and address inequality between Māori and Tangata Tiriti [Pākehā]

Quotes from workshop participants:

Presented clearly and succinctly with room for reflection

Very useful for the teaching of the new histories of Aotearoa

Welsh and Scottish people have a lot in common with Maori in land confiscations

Christchurch is the ideal place for Christian communities to advocate for Te Tiriti as a covenant.

Not something to be feared as a Pākehā, but a wonderful opportunity to share.

Wonderful to learn about the Christian intentions of the Treaty.

Colonisation was oppressive to Māori and I was ashamed to learn about the marginalisation

Make things more equitable for Māori, and improve on the terrible statistics

A reminder of the strong connection of Māori to the land.

A reminder of the key Treaty principles: partnership, protection and participation.

The need to act inclusively toward Māori and their language and culture.

As a recent migrant it was all new to me.

It was challenging to acknowledge the injustices against Maori.

Summary

The \$40 per person charge was sufficient to cover the costs of the workshop.

The supper and handouts were regarded as excellent.

Most reported an improved, or continued positive engagement with Maori.

Six reported a major improvement to their engagement and understanding of Te Ao Māori.

A further series of 4 workshops with Anthony Nihoniho were held in Feb/March 2024, attended by 40 participants, half from St Barnabas and half from other churches in the city. This was followed up by a Te Reo course offered by St Barnabas parishioner Gavin Kingsley attended by a dozen participants.

Don Rowlands

Faith & Film series

Another successful film series was held on 4 Wednesday nights in May/June 2023, 6.30 – 9.00pm, Tui Room, St Barnabas Centre
Please bring finger food to share. Soup and rolls provided. Koha. Group discussion to follow. All Welcome. Bring you whānau and friends.

May 31: A Man Called Otto (USA), 2023

A grumpy widower is still grieving and set in his ways. When a lovely young family moves in next door he meets his match in the quick witted and pregnant Marisol leading to an unlikely friendship that turns his world upside down. Funny and heart-warming. Christian values of: hope, love and inclusion.

June 7: Mary Magdalene 2018

When the text of the New Testament was decided in the 4th century, Gnostic Christianity was culled, including much of Mary Magdalene's role. Pope Gregory even said that she was a reformed prostitute. Peter and Mary had different views of "The Great Commission". A film about; "I don't know how to love him."

June 14: Whina (NZ) 2022

The life of Whina Cooper, Māori leader and mother. She led the Māori Land March 1975. The film begins with a land dispute. She challenges the taboo about women speaking on the marae. She joins the Māori Women's Welfare League to challenge homelessness, unemployment and alcoholism in the Māori community. The Land March has the goal of reclaiming confiscated land. The film examines dealings with Father Mulder and the opposition of the church to Māori carving.

June 21: Call the Midwife (UK, Series 4, 2015, Episode 3)

Based on the memoirs of Jennifer Worth this episode is set in the 1950's at a time when homosexual acts were illegal in Britain. The religious order is forced to deal with the arrest of an expectant father plus lesbian nursing staff. How does this Christian community respond?

June 28: Herself (2021, Ireland)

Sandra, played by Clare Dunne, and her two daughters escape the domestic violence of her ex-husband. She copes with the harassment with the help of an elderly woman. Sandra finds unexpected help from compassionate people and builds her own home. Courage, hope and love abound in this film. Bring tissues!

Don Rowlands

Aotearoa Parables 1 and 2

In Oct/Nov 2023 Don Rowlands and Olive Lawson offered a series of studies on New Testament passages, supplemented by the poetry of Kiwi icon and Catholic writer, Joy Cowley.

Don Rowlands and Christopher Diggle offered a 2nd series of Aotearoa Parables in Lent 2024.

Relating the Bible to daily life

Joy Cowley's writings and wisdom enabled the Study Group to extract the full meaning of the teaching of Jesus. We experienced spirituality in the middle of the week. "It felt like an Emmaus road journey at times." "It was an awakening. I came to terms with the idea that God's work is not finished and I need to be creative in my life."

Bridge building

The lunch time study group was an opportunity to form a bridge with each other, and share the perceptions of others in the group. "After the period of Covid isolation it was healing to share and be centered on God's love and spirituality [wairua tapu]; especially our mountains, rivers, lilies of the field and birds, like the Godwit".

Bible teachings brought to life

The session about, 'Who is my Neighbour in Aotearoa?' generated challenging discussion about walking in the footsteps of the Good Samaritan in the Christchurch setting. The search for strength from a mountain [maunga] led us to explore the Joy Cowley Psalm, "Aoraki" and the King David Psalm in the Old Testament. We came to appreciate God as creator again. In our reflection on Jesus healing the Paralytic we learnt from Joy Cowley the value of friendship. She says: "The roof has no limit for friendship".

Joy Cowley shines a light

You shine like a star in my nights creating in me a great longing to once more be at one with you.

- Joy Cowley, Song of Zacchaeus

Jesus on Aoraki, your sacred mountain,

You grew beyond our knowledge

And we were overcome by awe.

- Joy Cowley, Aoraki

Then we knew that the road to Emmaus

Lies not on a map of some ancient land,

But clean through the middle

Of the hungry human heart

- Joy Cowley, Meeting Jesus On The Road

Don Rowlands

SECTION 8 – CHILDREN, YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

Mainly Music [pre-school music programme]

It was great to celebrate our 20th anniversary of mainly music at the beginning of Term 4, honouring past and present helpers and celebrating with the children by way of a party with special food, cake, games, photos and gifts. A true testament to all who have been involved with mainly music at St Barnabas.

We've really enjoyed using our Hall space again this year after the renovations were completed. Having more space to move about and play has been great. Average attendance throughout the year was between 15-19 families, usually around 20-25 children. On our biggest weeks we had up to 30 children. Term 2 had our biggest attendances overall. Our monthly fee paid to mainly music remains at \$89.

We've integrated our music onto our PowerPoint files and this has helped streamline the audio/visual running of the programme. There were some teething issues with the new sound system at the beginning but everything largely runs smoothly now. We will be reintroducing serving a simple morning tea to the children, alongside the regular baking for the grown-ups in 2024.

A very big thank you to Greg Brown for laying out carpets on the floor and bringing the kids' tables out for us in the Hall, to Lynette Ensor for printing and craft help, to all the mainly music helpers who came each week to help set-up and run our sessions - Erica Bennett, Rosemary Harper, Suzanne Peddie, Alison Ruddock, Barbara Stanford, Shona Wray, Yvette Butcher and Charlotte Diggle, and to all the lovely ladies who bake and helped serve morning tea - it's a really special part of our session and is a great way to honour the caregivers who bring their children along.

Liz Yeoh | mainly music Coordinator

St Barnabas Play Group

St Barnabas Playgroup meet Wednesday mornings from 9:15am to 11:30 (during term time) in our Parish Hall. 2023 saw us moving back into the renovated hall with the new and improved storage facilities out the back. It has been wonderful to be back in the open space that the hall provides and to have the kitchen right there for our morning tea time. We are thankful that we offer a welcoming place for our 20 families and 29 children on our roll (with an average of 14 attending each week.)

Playgroup supports the St Barnabas vision and mission statement of following Jesus and extending God's love. We cater for the spiritual development of all those who attend by using songs, bible stories, prayers, creative arts & Te Reo.

Mothers and caregivers of young children are encouraged, supported and nurtured by our team of Helen Wakefield, Angela Brown, Mark Clare, Gillian Perano, Erin Hammond, Don Rowlands & Rebecca Latimer, as well as Jo Cotton & Emma Read as relief team members when the need arises. At the end of Term 1, we farewelled Angela Brown who has supported Playgroup over the past 11 years with her time and talents with wonderful ideas & crafts as well as pastoral interaction with our tamariki & their whanau. We are thankful to God that when we had gaps in our team, that these positions were filled immediately. Erin, Don & Rebecca joined the team this year and we are so

thankful for their help. We are very grateful for the continuing support of Greg Brown setting up the mats and tables each week, along with Lynette Crestani joining us for interaction time with our whanau. We give thanks for the strong and supportive community that Playgroup has become.

Revs Jenny Wilkens & Andrew Butcher join us for music, stories and chats once a term which strengthens the connection of church and community, as seen by some of our families becoming regulars at Messy Church, as well as other church services.

We welcome new families and always appreciate any extra help in the kitchen.

Helen Wakefield | St Barnabas Playgroup Co-Ordinator

Children's Sunday Ministry (Lighthouse Kids, Little Lights)

The children's ministry during our Lifestreams service has had a big start to the year in 2024. For many years this ministry has been known as Kidzone. It has an excellent history and has been an amazing place for children to learn and grow while parents experience their own service. This year we rebranded this vital ministry.

The children's ministry at the Lifestreams service is now The Lighthouse Kids with Little Lights (pre-schoolers). We have introduced a new logo for the ministry as well as a theme song. We are presently hoping our talented musicians will soon have an extra theme song for our Little Lights.

We have been working hard to establish perimeters around our Little Lights room in the Hall. This beautiful, purpose-built space had some early teething problems in use. This is now smoothed out and is functioning beautifully for our littlest church-family members, their parents, and those who minister to them. We are now writing a curriculum and having a little lesson based closely on the theme for the Lighthouse Kids.

The Lifestreams service also hosted a Teddy Bears Picnic in February. This was a lovely, relaxed day full of fun and relationship building for adults as well as the children. Our wonderful Youth Pastor Nathan managed to bring a bouncy castle to add to the fun.

We are thankful for a church that cares deeply about children and ministry to them, a place that is safe and fun for our children to develop spiritually, create long-lasting relationships, and grow in love towards their Saviour.

Barbara Neville / Children's and Families' Pastor

CHILDREN'S AND FAMILY OUTREACH MINISTRY

Ministry with children and families at St Barnabas and in the community has been through: Playgroup, Mainly Music, Kidzone Sunday Children's Programme; Intergenerational All Age Lifestreams Sunday services and Messy Church style Saturday all age art and meal services. Christmas Kidzone presentations and Christingle service all blessed children and families in our community. Outreach has also been through City Mission gifts for Christchurch children and adults with help from Messy Church families and Parishioners. Birthday cards were sent to 134 children from the Baptismal list, Kidzone, ex Fridayzone, Messy Church regulars and newly graduated youth.

Messy Church Saturday All Age Services

Messy church creative Saturday services were part of our Partnership with Parents, mainly music and Playgroup and community families. The five key values of these events are Christ centred, All Age, Hospitable, Celebration and Creative. These evangelistic family and all age services include dramas, puppets, games, crafts, scavenger hunts, Prayer room discovery times, singing and a shared meal.

The six Messy Churches returned to the Hall in 2023, and Easter and Christmas Messy Churches used the Church for trails and Scavenger Hunts. The six Messy Churches were attended by 210 individual people including 185 from the community. There was a significant increase of 90 new people at Messy Church in 2023. 493 people attended the 6 Messy Church services. The average was 82 people and average of 35 children and youth under 16. A total of 41 helpers supported the team at Messy Church with an average of 24 helpers at each Messy Church including Youth Helpers. The team consisted of Angela (Volunteer leader from after Easter) and Greg Brown (Set up and Hospitality), Helen Wakefield (Administration), Christine and Florence Fokkens (Creative ideas

planning and preparation), Alison Wightman (Planning & preparation), Yvette Butcher (Planning & Preparation), Jan Brodie (Creative planning and preparation) Rev Jenny Wilkens (Planning) and Hanan Fokkens on technology support at each Messy Church.

A milestone in St Barnabas Children and Family outreach was celebrating in December 31 years of outreach through Holiday Programmes, Rainbow Promises and Messy Church. It was a joy to welcome new staff Rev Andrew and Yvette Butcher, Andy Dickson and family, and Rev Jan Brodie to Messy Church in 2023. A continuing trend has been the popularity of Messy Church with Playgroup and mainly music families, folk from different cultures, grandparents bringing their grandchildren, families from other churches and single adults who enjoy the extended family environment. We also celebrate more folk staying for dinner. We Praise God for Messy church families who have chosen to have their children baptised at St Barnabas and taken on rostered ministries at Lifestreams services, and for Kidzone and Holiday Programme children returning as adults with their children. We again welcomed visitors from other churches exploring starting a Messy Church.

The April Easter Messy Church was *'Easter Courage'* was attended by 94, and 79 for dinner. The May Messy Church *'Stronger Together'* Pentecost theme was attended by 85, and dinner for 69. The June Messy Church *'Miracle Meal'* was attended by 59, and 44 for dinner. The August Messy Church *'Keys to the Kingdom'* was attended by 66, and dinner for 53. The October Messy Church *'Blinding Light'* theme explored Saul's conversion and was attended by 80, and dinner for 60. The December *'Chosen'* Christmas Story was attended by 109, and dinner for 102 - a new record!

Angela Brown is the Canterbury Messy Church Regional Encourager and attended and presented at Messy Church NZ Master Class Training sessions by Zoom. St Barnabas Messy Church Templates and ideas have been put on the National Messy Church Website and shared with folk in Australia and UK. She also attended National Messy Church Zoom planning meetings.

On Saturday 25 May 2024 St Barnabas will host the Canterbury Regional Messy Church Training with overseas presenters from the UK and Australia.

The vision for 2024 is to have six Messy Church services in the hall and continue to have activities in the church at Easter and Christmas. The challenge continues on how St Barnabas supports and encourages community folk and families between Messy Church services to grow in their faith journey.

Prayerful thanks to God and blessings to all the amazing volunteers, who make Children's and Family Ministry at St Barnabas so wonderful and life giving.

Angela Brown | Messy Church

Launchpad (formerly Bible in Schools & CRE)

2023 was a settled year for us at both schools - Isleworth on Mondays & Fendalton on Tuesdays at lunchtime. Both schools were able to offer us new classrooms which were better and bigger than we have had before. Launchpad provides us with a programme called Champions which is an opportunity to engage with the Word of God. We often start the year with small numbers but trust that God will bring the children along. God has indeed been faithful and shown his hand is firmly on our programme.

We have been encouraged when the children in our programme bring along their friends – we then send a note home for those parents to be aware that their children are interested in the programme and need permission to be able to attend.

At these 2 schools, it was a chance to fulfil the vision of following Jesus and extending God's love in our community. The challenges of competing with the freedom that lunchtime provides, makes it hard for the children to stay committed to come along each week. We try to provide a fun, engaging programme for the children who have parental permission to attend.

We know what a privilege it has been to teach God's Word in the school and are prayerfully thankful to still be welcome at Isleworth & Fendalton Schools. We look to God for our strength, courage and perseverance as we offer our time, faith and love.

2024 will have more challenges for us as Isleworth has just lost their Principal to cancer. She was in our prayers all year and we are very thankful that she had great faith. Fendalton will be pressed for space as they undergo renovations on existing buildings, so we will have to be flexible. Please keep the teams in your prayers as we offer our programme during the lunchtime at both schools..

Helen Wakefield / Launchpad Volunteer at Fendalton & Isleworth Schools

Youth Ministry Report

For term one and two of 2023, St. Barnabas Youth Group (SBYG) joined with the youth group of St Timothy (Neos). Both youth groups grew as they shared leaders and resources. To keep a strong sense of connected yet separate identities, we swapped locations between St Timothy's and St Barnabas. During this time, Nathan Muirhead was the main leader for both youth groups. Volunteer leaders from St Barnabas included Hanan Fokkens, Amy Johnston, Nadia Roberts and Charlotte Carrell as well as Sara Cornish from St Timothy's. This led to many successful youth groups including a team building event at Castle Hill / Cave Stream with the pinnacle event for term 1 and 2 being Easter Camp.

Easter Camp was a major highlight for many youths. Over 30 individuals from our two parishes as well as two from the West Coast attended the massive camp. There was great engagement in the Big Top sessions as they moshed, worshipped, as well as listened to a range of speakers. The morning small group discussions ran well as youth discussed the practical implications of messages they heard. There was such a great atmosphere of cooperation, belonging and community within our youth group space. This was helped by previous and current youth leaders as well as our fantastic 'Youth Group Parents'. After Easter camp. we also gained Lucy Cammock-Elliott as a leader who initially came onboard as a Youth Group 'Parent' for Easter Camp.

Our momentum continued in term two. We introduced small groups and focused on the World Vision 40 Hour Challenge. We held a sleep-over and baking event at the St Barnabas Hall to create items for a bake sale. This event was a lot of fun and was another great team building activity. Items were sold to parishioners by youth with the support of parents and leaders. We raised over \$1500 between the two parishes to enable greater access to clean water in Malawi.

Our experiment of small groups had mixed results. The goal was to create spaces in which youth and their leaders could have their own space outside of regular youth group to develop a greater sense of belonging, discuss issues that are difficult in mixed groups and to pray more specifically for each other. Whilst this worked for some groups, it didn't for others. Multiple small group locations for parents to pick up and drop off youth, changing small group dates and times as well as low leader numbers resulted in this effort eventually being postponed. It is hoped that small groups can restart once there are more youth as well as leaders available to lead groups.

At the end of term 2, the collaboration between St Barnabas and St Timothy's concluded. At this time, Nathan became the youth minister of St Barnabas, Fendalton. Revs, our intermediates and youth program during Lifestreams, restarted and focused on the life of Jesus.

In term three, the youth group attended one night of 'BigTop'. It contained the essence of an Easter Camp BigTop session. Again, there was moshing, worship and inspirational talks. We also put some kilometres on the church van in search for ice cream afterwards! Later in the term, we began the Origins Prayer Course. This has been a great way to explore and practice prayer in a caring and supportive environment.

In August, leaders of SBYG attended The Abbey. The weekend was full of networking with other youth workers, hearing from inspiring speakers as well as opportunities for rest. Meal tables at the campsite were full of conversation with youth workers from around the country and with varied backgrounds. The keynote and workshop speakers shared stories as well as content that was uplifting as well as challenging.

At the end of term 3, St Barnabas was approached by Megan Herles-Mooar the vicar of All Souls to consider incorporating their youth into SBYG. This was agreed to by Nathan Muirhead and Andrew

Butcher. Several youths and a leader (Eddie He) visited multiple times in term 4. Several youth and Eddie are keen to join SBYG in 2024 whilst several have joined other youth groups.

During the term 3 and 4 holidays, videoing of the Christmas Pageant and a combined youth event with St Christopher's occurred. Barbara Neville and Nathan Muirhead collaborated on the script which then resulted in a full day of recording a 'Breaking News' report. This was shown at the Christmas Pageant which resulted in much positive feedback. During the holidays, the youth group of St Barnabas and St Christopher's went airsofting. This was a fun team building day resulting in war stories and welts for many!

Term 4 was a time of focus and study for many youth. Attendance dropped sharply as youth and leaders studied for exams. Youth group evenings were simplified in which separate small groups were stopped so that a small number of leaders could run a regular youth group session. It was also in term 4 that the leaking Youth Room roof became obvious. During heavy rain, water seeps through the ceiling, then into the carpet and furniture.

As a youth group, we finished the year with a combined youth group camp. This was another major highlight as St Christopher's and SBYG hosted a great camp at Waipara Adventure Centre with 30 people attending. We made use of the massive grounds with large scale games, used the waterhole and waterslide on hot days, sang karaoke and got to know youth from other parishes. We also delved deeper into our faith as we explored discipleship, understanding our bible and worship. Our youth did a fantastic work of leading worship on Saturday night, supported by Braden Ramsell and Andy Dickson. Overall, this was a great camp that concluded well the involvement of graduating youth. Although it was a very tiring time, it was worthwhile to see the growth of our youth.

The running of SBYG has been possible only with parent support and fundraising. Living costs have risen greatly over the past 3 years which has resulted in camps and events increasing in cost. SBYG fundraised in term 1 with the quiz night and again in term 4 with St Christopher's. In 2024, youth led fundraising will continue. In term 1, a quiz night will be held to raise funds for the youth group. In term 3, BBQ fundraisers at Mitre 10 are being explored to assist with getting youth to camp. We will also explore ways of cutting costs for camp that is realistic and sustainable for those leading the camp.

New initiatives for 2024 include a social volleyball space and a group for our older youth. To better connect with the youth of our community, I am setting up a once a week social volleyball space. This will be held on the church lawn immediately after school as a way of making connections and inviting youth to youth group events.

Andy Dickson, Claire Muirhead and I have decided to create a fortnightly space for our older youth and young adults. This will be after the Lifestreams service in which we share a meal then discuss topics together.

I may also try out a Saturday morning 'Park Run' group. Over the summer, I caught up with Toby for a run then met at the Ilex café. As we have a sporty youth, this could be a good space for meeting up with youth to talk about a range of topics.

As we look towards 2024, continued input from the parish is required. One of the greatest needs is prayer. We have strong potential within the group to grow in numbers and deeper as individuals. However, it is only with God that we can get sustainable, long-term growth.

More volunteer leaders are required for SBYG to be an effective tool in developing and growing the faith of our youth. We lack male leaders to assist with the group and be role models for our youth.

It must be concluded with a thank you to all who have invested in our youth group this year and in the past. A special thanks goes to Sara Cornish, Lucy Cammock-Elliott and Hanan Fokkens as they move from leading at youth group to other activities, and to new leaders joining us in 2024.

Nathan Muirhead / Youth Minister

24-7 Youth Work at Christchurch Boys' High School

Youth Work at CBHS has undergone a bit of a stocktake and reformation over the past 12 months. JC finished up halfway through 2023, and we waited until the start of 2024 to replace him. During this time there were some great conversations about the needs of the school going forward and how we could make even more of an impact through our youth work. In close consultation with the guidance department we have been dreaming up ways of providing more intentional support for young people the school identifies. These conversations have shown that the school really values and believes in the work we do, and see us as a core pastoral support function.

Jakob Burgess has hit the ground running over the past few weeks and alongside Josh, we now have the capacity to try some new programmes especially around mentoring and supporting specific groups of students. 2024 marks TEN years of the partnership between St Barnabas and Christchurch Boys High and we are planning ways to mark this celebration.

This year our youth workers have:

1. Coached football and volleyball teams
2. Trained Peer Support leaders and continue to support them in their care of younger students.
3. Worked closely with the Guidance department and Deans to support specific students through running groups.
4. Been a friendly presence for young people around lunch and many school activities.

Please pray for the following:

1. The creation and implementation of new programmes that will meet the needs of small groups of students at CBHS
2. Pray for Matt, Josh and Jakob as they juggle work, family and study commitments
3. Pray we will be able to continue to deepen relationships with students and provide support to those who need it.

Matt Meek | 24-7 Team Leader



Young Adults/Antioch Community

Young Adults at St Barnabas has primarily revolved around the Antioch evening service again in 2023. I (Andy Dickson) have led the Antioch community after my commissioning at the beginning of the year and worked towards a stability after a year of upheavals for the community in 2022.

Some of the key focusses for the year were to enhance current strengths of the community, develop communication amongst the group to reduce needless conflicts caused by miscommunication, and to grow the current members' depth of faith and understanding regarding the connection between faith and life.

Another key goal was to become more involved in parish-wide events, joining in with, and contributing to, the overall life of the parish. This was received positively by the group who now find a deeper sense of belonging to the wider parish community. This sense of belonging to a bigger community was greatly helped by those who came to support events held at Antioch such as my

commissioning and the Confirmation service, which Antioch members were very excited to be asked to host.

We had a number of guests from around the diocese come to preach and/or preside at our Worship and Communion services, including UC Chaplain Rev Dr John Fox, Rev Sampson Knight, and the Very Revd Ben Truman.

Alongside our worship and communion services, we held monthly 'Explore' nights, exploring life and faith in creative ways. We have covered topics from psalm writing to the theology of disability, to prayer, to learning about the community of Parihaka – an incredible story of living out Jesus' teachings in community, despite oppression.

We have also enjoyed gathering with young adults from around the diocese each month to worship together at the Transitional Cathedral. These nights have included waiata (singing), silence, and night prayers, and are a valuable part of us connecting with the wider body of the church.

A highlight of the year was our annual retreat, which was once again held in Hanmer. We spent the weekend walking through the big picture of the story the Bible tells, finishing with a discussion around what that means for how we live in the world. We also took time to eat together, rest together, and play together too.

Another highlight has been the support members have felt from within the community during times of grief or suffering. There have been a number of whānau (family) deaths and other challenges experienced by Antioch members this year. Hard times are never fun, but knowing you have others there with you makes such a difference.

As the year neared its end, finding the community in a much more stable situation, I have begun to make some changes as we look to grow the community in 2024. In 2022, the formerly 'young adults service' was rebranded as a contemporary service for all ages. In looking to have a space offering a more natural transition to those finishing youth group, I have reshaped the planning team to involve only those in their 20s and myself. In this way, Antioch will continue to be a space for all ages but will be driven by young adults, offering them a pathway into service and development and ownership of a space that they can have specific influence in. Alongside this, I am working with Youth Minister Nathan Muirhead to develop a spiritual formation group for those in their late teens and early 20s, helping to provide stability during a major transitional life stage.

Overall, it is encouraging to look back on the year and see how God is working in and through young adults at St Barnabas, and we look forward to what God will do in and through us in 2024.

Andy Dickson for Antioch Community

SECTION 9 – SOCIAL AND HOSPITALITY

Social and Hospitality Team

The team has been available to help when asked to provide hospitality at our usual activities. The Evensupper following the 5pm service once a month has continued to be very popular and attendees are pleased that we are back in the Hall in 2024. We again supplied soup for the weekly Soup and Rolls Faith & Film evenings mid-year, and we have provided morning teas for working bees, hot cross buns for Good Friday, and provided other hospitality when requested. We have enjoyed being in the Hall and using the upgraded facilities. Socialisation is a very special outreach at St Barnabas and those who help are very pleased to be able to support the wider activities of the church. My personal thanks to those who willingly help when I ask for support.

Corinne Haines | Convenor

Funeral Catering

The funeral catering has continued to be a very important service offered by the parish.

Catering for the right number has been difficult at times but in most cases, we get it right. We try to factor in the needs of those we are catering for. Time of the day, gender of the deceased, dietary requirements etc. are also considered. Our services have not been required very much this year with only about 10 funerals, some of which have been challenging due to fitting them around other parish functions. This is a very important source of income for the parish along with providing support for those who have suffered a recent loss.

The catering team is very strong with each member taking on a particular responsibility, however they are always willing to support the overall effort. This is not just a group of helpers but a team, who have developed a very positive bond. Several new members have joined our group which has been appreciated and has helped spread the duties.

I want to thank the group for their efforts. It is a privilege to lead such a dedicated team.

Shirley-Anne Collins | Coordinator

Sunday Breakfast – 8am Service

Each Sunday after the 8:00 communion service a group meet to share breakfast of toast and a cup of tea or coffee in the Tui Room. This is a time for fellowship among parishioners and particularly new members of the church community.

Donations are collected each week for our Sunday breakfast fund, and this has enabled us to contribute to worthy causes. In 2023 essential food items were purchased and taken to the City Mission at our Harvest Festival and for the Christmas Hampers for Aranui parish.

Thank you to the breakfast volunteers for their continued support and help with this important activity.

Catherine Chandler | Coordinator

Sunday Fellowship Lunches (held on the 2nd Sunday of each month 12 noon at the Elmwood Trading Co, Normans Rd. All are welcome. For our regulars, do use this opportunity to welcome new parishioners to join us.

May Carrell | Coordinator

SECTION 10 – WOMEN'S AND MEN'S GROUPS

Daytime AAW Afternoon Group

I am very pleased to give our annual report for 2023. This is now my eighth report!

We have continued to source our speakers from within the parish.

February 1st. Jill Atkins, a good friend of John & Melissa Shoaf, entertained us with a selection of Pam Ayres' poems.

February 12th. AAW Sunday. Hymns of Praise. Always a well-attended service when members speak to their favourite or significant hymn.

March 1st Rev Alexa Evenden was our guest speaker who shared with us events over her life.

April 5th. Jenny Wilkens held our attention with a very interesting insight into Easter through the different churches in Jerusalem accompanied by PowerPoint images to show their location over the city.

May 3rd. Denis Guyan presented a very interesting PowerPoint highlighting his travels to play different church organs in France and his visit to Thailand on his return journey to Christchurch.

June 7th. May Carrell and Pamela McKenzie shared their very interesting journeys as wives of vicars.

July 5th. Corinne Haines, CEO, Christchurch City Mission, described the very diverse roles of the City Mission and its multiple support activities. We were spell bound. Such a huge responsibility.

August 2nd. Jo Cotton presented the high lights of her recent holiday in Japan.

September 6th. Anne Shave shared her work researching 'Faith and Hope in Midlife' for her Ph.D. and how she went on to publish her work as a very helpful book, 'Faith and Hope in Midlife.'

October 4th. We warmly welcomed Revd Andrew Butcher to our meeting. His reflections on life, highlighting its uncertainty, and not hesitating to seek opportunities and to take up initiatives. He quoted several high achieving people. Members were most interested in the range of books he quoted from.

Feedback from members confirms how much they enjoy and value learning about clergy, staff and their roles within the Parish. We are very fortunate to have such a rich pool of talented speakers who are more than happy to accept an invitation to speak to us.

Membership. Our Daytime Group continues to grow. We now have a membership of over 30. Some folks are new members and others we have welcomed from Inbetweens when they prefer a daytime meeting. Attendance at meetings ranges between low twenties to just over 30.

Donations. Our group, over this year, has generously contributed donations to Mud Bricks for Fiji, Christchurch City Mission, and Pastoral Care meals. We have made regular donations to the 'Fellowship of the Least Coin' each month and to 'Camellias in May'. The latter 2 are combined with Inbetweens donations and forwarded to the respective organisations.

Finances. The shared bank account with Inbetweens is working well. Cheryl keeps a separate list of paid Daytime members and our cash donations.

Shared Duties Roster. I have been thrilled to have your unhesitating support of this roster; to take the opening prayer and to contribute to afternoon tea. Thank you, Ruth, for co-ordinating afternoon tea contributors.

Name tags. Thank you, Shirley- Anne, for managing our name tags over the year.

Opening Prayers. Thank you to all who have opened our meetings with prayer. Prayers are all thoughtfully planned, such as Cathy's special tribute to the late Anne Hipkins.

Flowers. A special thank you to Lyn whose floral skills create a welcoming ambience to our monthly meetings in the Tui room and for making birthday posies. Thank you, Carol, for stepping up in Lyn's absence.

Music. Thank you, Carol, for your musical accompaniment to birthday celebrations and for accompanying our singing.

We have a lot of talented members who contribute to the success of our meetings, for which I am very grateful. This reflects your sense of belonging and support. This group is indeed yours.

Finally, but not least a big thank you to St Barnabas staff; Jenny Wilkens' helpful speaker suggestions, Greg (and Jo) who set up the Tui Room for our meetings and Marion's very efficient administrative support.

In summary, our Daytime Group is thriving, a happy group who continue to enjoy the informality of our meetings and the opportunity to chat over afternoon tea.

Madeleine Price | Leader

In-Betweens AAW Group

It is my pleasure to present my annual report for 2023 of the St Barnabas In Between. Our activities have been interesting and well attended and we began with the Hymns of Praise in February where six members chose their favourite hymn which we all enjoyed singing. Also in February our meeting was held in the newly refurbished and strengthened Hall and our guest speaker was Phillip Harrall, a very professional speaker whose presentation was called "The League of Nations – the Impact on International Relations through to the Birth of the United Nations". In March our guest speaker was Pieta Valentine who spoke about "Activating Intelligence" advice and strategies for friends and families of those in Dementia Care. Her books were on sale after the event.

In April Vanya Venroy from Roxtar Glass was our speaker. She set up a beautiful display of her work and explained the process of glass fusion.

For the May meeting Anne Moody organised Microbiologist and Medical Scientist Ben Harris and the title of his speech was "Microbes are Fascinating." This was a very interesting and timely presentation by an expert delivered in a very engaging way and everyone enjoyed chatting to him during supper.

June 12th heralded in the first of our three winter excursions. This first tour of the Civil Engineering Department at Canterbury University was very ably organised by Sarah Burrows. Professor Daniel Nilsson joined thirty four of us for lunch in the Nuts and Bolts Café. From there we toured four different laboratories and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Our second mid winter tour in July was at The Teece Museum in the Arts Centre. The subject was "Myths and Mortals" - Life in Ancient Greece and Rome. The Curator, Terri Elder, discussed various aspects of life in those times to the thirty nine people on this tour. Afterwards we had afternoon tea over the road from the Teece Museum at "Bean at the Y." Sarah Burrows organised this most interesting event.

Our final mid winter event was held in August. Lumiere Arts Centre Film Festival showcased "Anatomy of a Fall." Cheryl Earl organised the event which everyone enjoyed.

In September Cheryl Earl hosted "At Home" in the Fendall Hall. Cheryl based the evening on Women's Suffrage as it was the 130th anniversary of the Suffrage Movement. A very enjoyable evening and lots of chatter over supper.

In October Lisa Paget was our speaker. She is the Coordinator of the Neo Natal Intensive Care Unit at Christchurch Hospital and she spoke about the value of Cuddle Hearts for premature babies.

And now on a sad note I will read the names of those who have passed away since our last Annual Report: Pauline Timms, Prue Larnder, Noela England, Alison Ayling, Judy Robertson.

Many of you here will feel the sorrow of their passing. We will always remember them and hold them in our hearts.

PEOPLE TO THANK

My sincere thanks to Jenny Wilkens who continues to shoulder enormous responsibilities but always has time for the In Betweens.

Marion Cook for her ability to solve all the problems and answer all the questions that I thrust upon her from time to time.

Denis Guyan for his dedication to providing us with beautiful music throughout the year.

Frank Stewart our reviewer for his continuing work for In Betweens.

Diana Haan for saving the day on numerous occasions when we have technical problems with the sound system.

Finally, to my amazing committee Cheryl Earl, Brenda Sargent, Sarah Burrows, Diane Brooker Newton, Jenny Glasson and Madeleine Price. You have all strived to do your best and I will be very sad to lose Brenda, Diane and Jenny who are retiring from the committee after the Christmas Party. I have enjoyed my third year as your Leader and look forward to continuing in 2024.

Judy Dodwell | Leader

St. Barnabas Men's Monthly Dinner Group Annual Report

During 2023 this group has grown to 25 with an average attendance of approx. 15.

Members gather at the Rose and Thistle Tavern on Papanui Road at 6.30pm on the second Tuesday each month. The group is welcomed and provided with generous platters of garlic bread before meal orders are taken. Everyone enjoys supportive and hearty fellowship. Along the way good bonds of friendship are formed. All men associated with the parish are most welcome.

Philip Robinson (convenor) philiprobinson63@gmail.com

SECTION II – WORKS

Works Team Report for the 149th Parish AGM

St Barnabas Works Team: Michael Malthus (Chair), Don Mackenzie, Braden Ramsell, John Pearse and Greg Brown.

Church Building (built 1925)

The repairs of previous years have held up well over this year. The main difficulty identified now is the thermal conditions within the building. This is both in heating during the cooler months of the winter and the air circulation in the summer when the Church is at capacity.

It costs \$150-160 per Sunday to heat the Church. During the winter it cannot warm the interior of the Church to more than 12-14c. Current work is underway to design a new heating system which can use 60% less energy and warm the Church to 21c+ in winter and even cool the Church in summer.

It has been agreed by vestry that mechanical engineers Powell Fenwick will be engaged to advise the options available to meet the above guidelines.

We are hopeful that this work can be done by next winter, because we don't want to discourage our parishioners from coming to church particularly in winter.

We have been advised by the South Island Organ Company who tune the parish organ bi-annually, there is some urgent maintenance required for certain components that have to be overhauled or replaced because of the age of the organ. It was installed into the Church building in 1929, and rebuilt in November 1978. In 1996 a Mundersoft Ethernet Transmission system was installed replacing the 1978 solid-state system.

Both the heating/ventilation of the Church and organ repairs will each be of significant cost. Therefore, we are looking at the most cost effective options based on expert opinions above before engaging in this work.

Parish Fendall Hall (1941)

Since the completion of the extensive refurbishment of the Hall and strengthening to a national building standard NBS of 67%, we are seeing considerable benefits. All the various rooms throughout the building have high occupancies, many with increased rentals. In terms of efficiency when comparing 2021 v 2023 we saved between \$400-800 each month over winter for our energy bills. This has been due to numerous improvements in the hall upgrade, such as LED lighting, heat pumps to replace radiant electric heat plus insulation.

The Hall is working very well for the Lifestreams services on a Sunday attracting increasing congregations close to its maximum capacity. The Church may have to be considered in the future as an alternative for this service?

St Barnabas Centre building (previously the Administration building and in 1956 the Sunday School) In recent years this building has been completely renovated and strengthened to a national building standard NBS 67% like the Church and the Hall. The revised layout continues to make some excellent spaces for visiting groups both upstairs and downstairs in the Tui and Kotare rooms and also for staff upstairs and visitors to the parish office downstairs.

Clergy Houses

Vicarage - 7 Makora St. (1958)

The (now) Rev Andrew Butcher and Yvette Butcher took residence here late in January 2023. There have been some repairs undertaken to improve the standard of the accommodation. These include a new heat pump in the hall area downstairs replacing the electric night store, the kitchen extractor ducted to the outside above the hot plate, some internal painting and extensive curtain replacements in the living areas and upstairs bedrooms. Shortly work is starting to double glaze windows in the sitting room to provide improved insulation and compliant ventilation. The intention is to make the vicarage compliant to meet Healthy Homes standard.

Associate Priest House 25A Plympton Road (2015)

Purchased in March 2020 is in good condition requiring little maintenance. It continues to be occupied by our priest in charge Rev Jenny Wilkens.

Health & Safety The Health and Safety register is kept up to date as required. This entails regular inspections and reports to Vestry. Incidents are recorded and appropriate action is taken. H&S issues are an agenda item for all committees.

Conclusion

As a Parish we are fortunate to be able to bring the standard of our parish buildings to a consistently high standard. As a result, ongoing maintenance should be less. To this end the Works Committee have been tasked to provide a Long Term Maintenance Plan (LTMP) to Vestry so that maintenance can be budgeted out for the next five years to assist the Finance Committee and the Fendalton Trust in their forward budgets. As indicated above, there are some significant costs relating to the Church comfort environment and potentially the organ.

As chair of the WORKS Team I would like to thank Don, Greg, Braden and John for their experienced input they have offered to a variety of challenges during the year.

Michael Malthus / Chair

SECTION 12 - COMMUNICATION

We are grateful to Jo Cotton for her considerable assistance with Communications in 2023 through her work on the Mooring Post magazine, the Connect e-newsletter, the In Touch devotions booklet, the Prayer resource book, birthday cards and many bespoke print jobs advertising parish events. As this was taking time that Jo would prefer to put into her Pastoral Care role, we were very pleased to be able to appoint Andy Dickson in January 2024 to a 5 hours per week Communications Coordinator role, with a particular brief for involvement in and development of our Communications through our Connect weekly e-newsletter, our St Barnabas website, our parish social media platforms on Facebook and Instagram, and our now bi-monthly Mooring Post magazine. Andy brings considerable experience to this role, including in digital production and website management and development.

The Friday Connect email newsletter now goes out to 720 subscribers each week. This weekly newsletter provides parish news, challenges, encouragement, commentary on topical matters and is a means of reaching a wide range of people with up-to-date parish news and events.

Live streaming of the 930am morning service in the Church each Sunday continues, and we are grateful to Hanan Fokkens and Braden Ramsell who have enabled this to continue, along with providing the livestreaming of some weddings and funerals, to those unable to attend.

Jenny Wilkens

SECTION 13 - ADMINISTRATION

Vestry

Vestry Membership: Attendance at Vestry meetings is excellent and reflects the seriousness and commitment Vestry members show to their duties.

Vestry had a very successful year with meetings taking place at 7pm on the 3rd Wednesday night of the month. Our meetings have gone extremely well with excellent attendance and great camaraderie.

Our parish is blessed with a wonderful group of experienced and committed parishioners who capably lead, govern and manage the affairs of parish life. They are fully supportive of our parish vision and mission and work hard for the benefit and future of our parish.

Vestry Involvement:

- Corinne Haines (Vestry Secretary, Convenor of Social and Hospitality Team, Parish Strategy Team, Synod Rep),
- Wendy Kington (People's Warden, Discipleship & Evangelism Team, Parish Strategy Team, Worship Team),
- Michael Malthus (Works Team)
- Selwyn Paynter (Finance Team),
- Marcus Read (Vicar's Warden and Chair of Parish Strategy Team),
- Don Rowlands (Outreach Team, Discipleship & Evangelism Team)
- Rebecca Sewell (Children, Youth & Young Adults Team),
- Alistair Sheard (Treasurer),
- Steve Wakefield (Synod Rep, Parish Strategy Team, Chair of the St Barnabas Fendalton Trust),
- Nigel Yeoh (LOGOS Lifestreams Oversight Team, Parish Strategy Team, Parish Safeguarding Officer)
- Jenny Glasson (Pastoral Team, Book Fair Convenor)
- Hanan Fokkens (Tech consultant, Youth Group leadership in 2023)

Clergy Commitments:

Jenny Wilkens: Leader of Staff Team, Convenor of the Discipleship & Evangelism Team, the Children, Youth and Young Adults Team, Worship Team, Member of LOGOS Lifestreams Oversight Team, Parish Strategy Team.)

Andrew Butcher: Member of Children, Youth and Young Adults Team, Finance Team, Worship Team, LOGOS Lifestreams Oversight Team, Parish Strategy Team

Parish Strategy Team

The Parish Strategy Team (PST) consists of, Marcus Read, Wendy Kington, Alistair Sheard, Corinne Haines, Nigel Yeoh, Steve Wakefield, Jenny Wilkens, Andrew Butcher. Marcus Read is the chair of the PST, and Andrew Butcher has joined the PST. In 2023/24 the Parish Strategy Team met as required to assist the parish with strategic direction.

The main focus of the PST has been the longer term direction of the parish, key strategic decisions on funding and recruitment of staff, risk management and finance. We continue to encourage regular review of electronic giving to enable ongoing funding of parish life and ministries.

Marcus Read | Convenor of the PST

St Barnabas Finance Committee Report for the 2023 Financial Year

“The purpose of the Finance Committee is to assist Vestry in relation to the selection and proper application of accounting policies, and to provide accurate and appropriate financial reports.”

The committee met on a monthly basis in 2023 to discuss and deliver monthly financial information, enabling Vestry to make sound financial decisions (see attached graphs below).

Towards the end of the year the committee assisted the Parish Treasurer to prepare the budget for the 2024 year, which was discussed with, and approved by Vestry. Due to ever increasing expenses and lower than needed income, unfortunately the budget for 2024 shows yet another loss. The committee continues to be concerned about the ongoing annual losses that have incurred over a number of years, and the 2024-year budget is no exception. Following the completion of the hall refurbishment project the Parish is now back to more normal financial operating conditions, but there are always special projects that need additional funding and are difficult to predict and budget for.

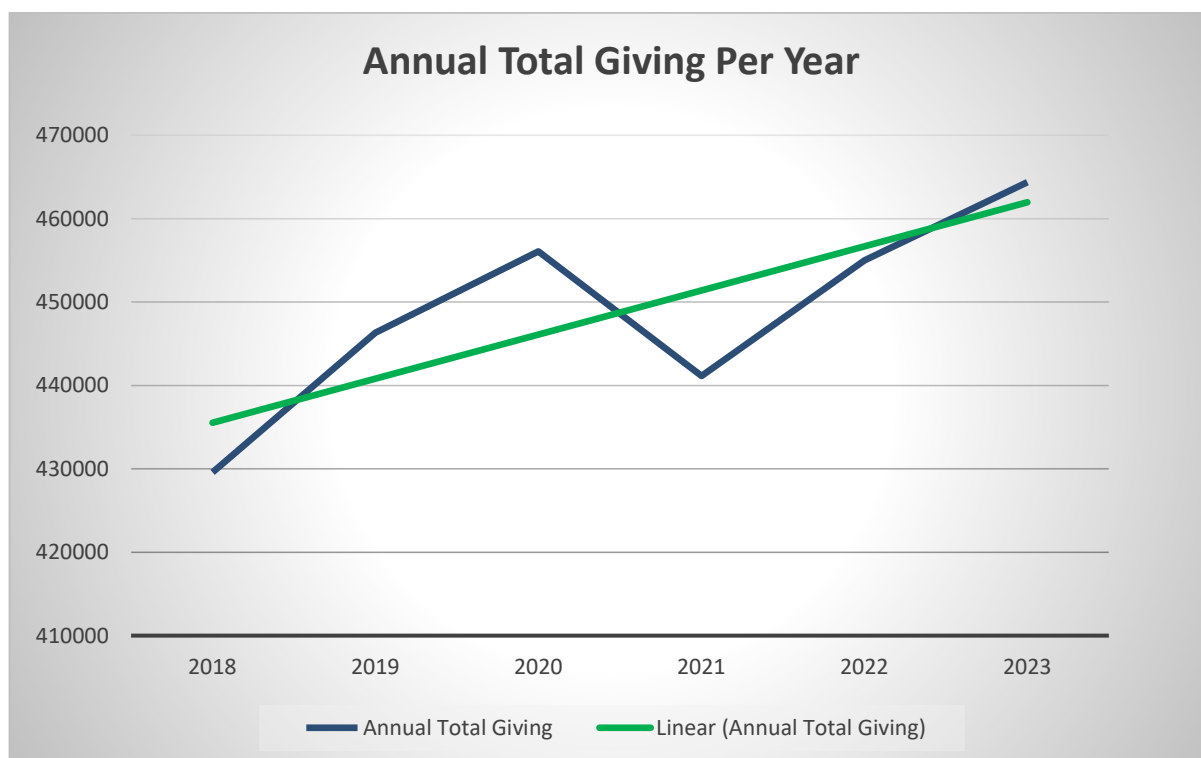
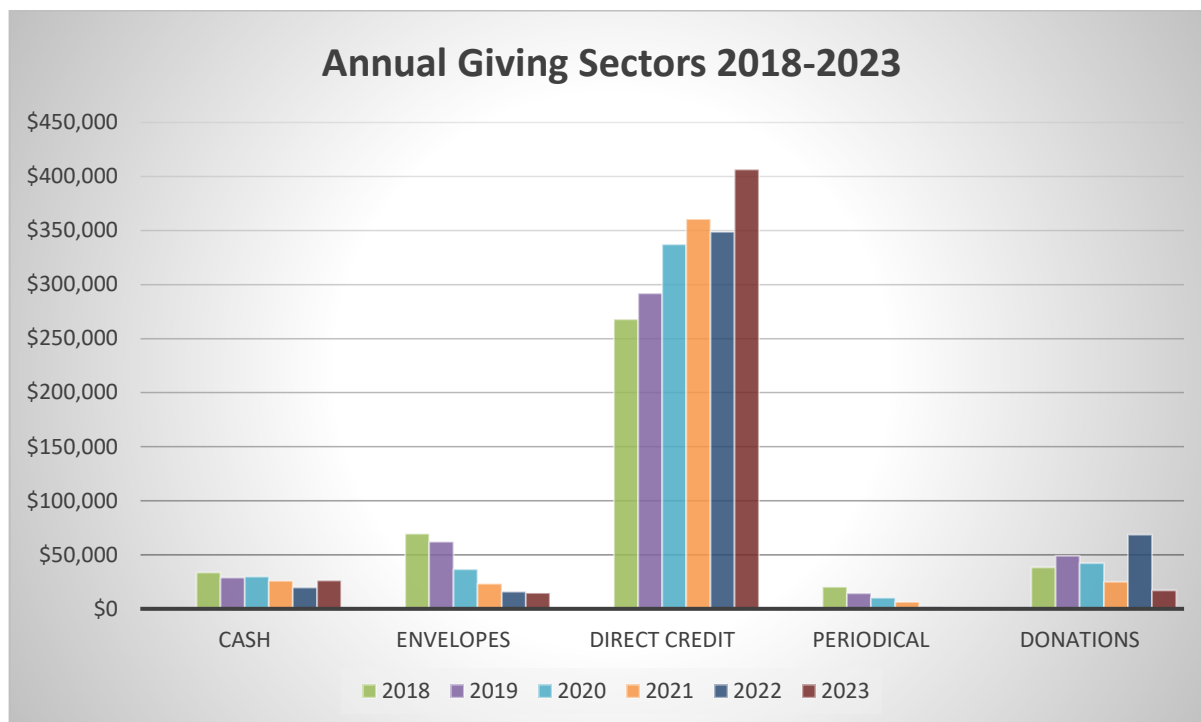
Throughout the year the committee maintained visibility on cashflows and cash requirements and reported these monthly to Vestry. Hall and other building space rentals were reviewed to keep hire rates in line with other similar facilities available in Christchurch, and to keep in line with inflation. The Parish accounting processes and programmes were updated to help with accounting efficiencies and effectiveness for the future, and they are now working well.

I would like to thank all those on the committee who have provided their expertise and time over the past 12 months and thank Revd Andrew Butcher for joining us this year.

2023 Finance Committee Members were.

Alistair Sheard - Parish Treasurer, Cheryl Earl, Katie Klingenberg, Cam Moore, Andrew Butcher.

St Barnabas Operations- Offertories and Donations-2018-2023						
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Cash	\$ 33,542	\$ 28,945	\$ 29,816	\$ 25,899	\$ 19,654	26,134
Envelopes	\$ 69,454	\$ 62,129	\$ 36,468	\$ 23,215	\$ 16,000	14,550
Direct credit	\$ 268,018	\$ 291,806	\$ 337,159	\$ 360,746	\$ 348,860	406,675
Periodical	\$ 20,180	\$ 14,449	\$ 10,383	\$ 6,256	\$ 1,900	0
Donations	\$ 38,386	\$ 48,984	\$ 42,256	\$ 25,008	\$ 68,588	17,012
	\$ 429,580	\$ 446,313	\$ 456,082	\$ 441,124	\$ 455,002	\$ 464,371



Treasurer's Report to the Annual General Meeting – 10 April 2024

The financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 have been completed in the Charity Services format and have not been subject to the accountant reviewer inspection. The independent accountant reviewer will undertake their review in terms of the Charity Services financial reporting requirements.

This financial year has seen the completion of the earthquake damage refurbishment and betterment of the Parish Hall building in Tui St. Capital Project cost \$1,879,266, the reviewer is to confirm format for recording in the financial statements.

The Financial year was again interrupted by Covid-19 lock down.

Revenue from operations were less than budgeted, the only major fund-raising was the Book Fair excellently organised by Jenny Glasson, we are grateful for her contribution.

Thanks to excellent management of spaces available, room rentals were ahead of budget.

Expenses from operations, Children, Youth and Young Adults expenses are below budget as permanent replacements were appointed during the year.

The Church Property Trustees revalued the FIF investment balances, the reduction \$7315 is written off in the statement of Financial Performance.

Statement of financial position: during the year, the funds invested with Church Property Trustees on FIF account were reduced as Hall Capital project progress payments became due.

The budget for 2024 is again a deficit budget. The vestry has undertaken to explore other avenues for revenue, if we are unable to put in place sustainable funding, we may have to review the continuation of the provision of the wide range of parish activities. The vestry welcomes any suggestions for other fund-raising activities.

My thanks for the support of Cheryl Earl, Marion Cook, Reverend Jenny Wilkens, Reverend Andrew Butcher, the Wardens, and Selwyn Paynter and the Finance team.

Alistair Sheard | Treasurer

Banking Team

A dedicated team, comprising two people from the Bankers Team, continues to process money received through the Parish office, including offertories, on a weekly basis. This has never been an onerous task but it is even less so now, with cash no longer being 'king'. This continues to be a simple but very important part of Parish ministry. We will continue to review our processes in the light of this.

This year I have to report that Keith Wardell has indicated his desire to 'call time'. Keith, who is 91 years old, is a retired pharmacist and has been a valued member of our team for many years, just for how long we are unsure. Thank you Keith for your much appreciated assistance through the years.

As always, I continue to be grateful for the support of my loyal team who turn up regularly to play their part in the life of this busy Parish. A big thank you to my team!

Wayne Hann | Convenor

SECTION 14 – ST BARNABAS FENDALTON TRUST

St Barnabas Fendalton Trust

The St Barnabas Fendalton Trust has continued to raise additional funds and maintain the funds previously raised for the specific purposes in accordance with the objects of the trust, which are:

- Earthquake repairs and strengthening of the St Barnabas Community Hall,
- Maintenance of the parish buildings, and
- Funding of future capital projects of the Parish.

During the year to 31 December 2023, the Trust's Net Income was \$59,738 including a legacy of \$50,000, a range of donations and interest received. The total cash funds raised and earned since the inception of the Trust have totalled \$2,028,824.

Of those funds raised, so far \$1,103,285 has been transferred to Church Property Trustees for repair projects they have managed, and \$294,082 has been transferred to the Parish for repair projects they have managed. Thus, in total representing \$1,397,367 provided to date for the repair, strengthening and improvement of the Parish buildings, including \$403,953 in the 2022 year for the repair, strengthening and improvements for the St Barnabas Community Hall.

As of the balance date, the trust holds a total of \$612,002 in cash and investment balances that can be applied to the capital buildings requirements of the parish, and future property maintenance needs.

I would like to thank my fellow Trustees Corinne Haines (Secretary/Treasurer), Marcus Read, Andrew Butcher and Michael Malthus for their ongoing commitment to the work of the Trust in support of the Parish.

Steve Wakefield | Chair of the St Barnabas Fendalton Trust

