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**CLERGY, STAFF AND
OFFICE-HOLDERS 2025-26
(at April 2026)**

Stipendiary Priests (Full-time)

Andrew Butcher (Vicar)

Kay Webster (Senior Associate Priest)

Non-Stipendiary Priests

Jan Brodie

Mike Coleman

John Greenslade

Jill Keir

Philip Robinson

Pauline Stewart

Bob Tremewan

Justine Tremewan

Staff

Marion Cook

Charlotte Carrell

Simon Cobb

Florence Fokkens

Rebecca Latimer

Barbara Neville

Braden Ramsell

Liz Yeoh

Wardens

Wendy Kington

Nigel Yeoh

Treasurer

Howard Le Couteur

Synod representatives

Corinne Haines

Michael Malthus

Vestry

Emma Baird

Greg Brown

Jenny Glasson

Maggie Paton

Selwyn Paynter

Steve Wakefield

Vanessa Mander

Trustees

Andrew Butcher

Corinne Haines

Michael Malthus

Marcus Read

Steve Wakefield

Safeguarding Officers

Andrea Caldwell

Lloyd Mander

AGENDA

DATE	Wednesday, 22 April, 2026	TIME	7pm	VENUE	Fendall Hall
CHAIR	Rev'd Dr Andrew Butcher	MINUTES	Corinne Haines		

ITEM	AGENDA ITEM
1	Welcome. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Opening prayer ii. Apologies
2	Hymn – “God gives us a future”
3	Remembering those who have died
4	Minutes of Last Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Confirm Minutes of the 150th Annual General Meeting of the Parish of Fendalton held on Wednesday, 30 April, 2025 @ 7pm in Fendall Hall ii. Matters Arising
5	Vicar’s report
6	Wardens’ report
7	Election of officers – nominations close 12 noon, Monday 22 April, 2026 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Thanks to retiring vestry members ii. People’s Warden (1) iii. Vestry members (2-7)
8	Financial Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Finance Committee Report. ii. Funds and Investments year ended 31 December 2025 iii. Financial Summary for AGM including 2026 Budget iv. Approval of Auditor – Tracey Jack of Smith and Jack v. Election of Treasurer – Howard Le Couteur
9	St Barnabas Fendalton Trust
10	Other parish reports (taken as read)
11	Supper
12	Results of elections
13	Health and safety report
14	The Grace and Close

3. REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

We give thanks and praise to God for lives well lived, full of faith and service to family, church and

Funerals for the following people were held in the parish since January 2025, and we also acknowledge some associated with the parish whose funerals were held elsewhere in the community.

May our loved ones rest in peace and rise in glory.

Alan Alfeld
Lewis Austin
Waveney Baker
Elizabeth Barlow
Rosemary Beckett
Marg Bennett
Margaret Brand
Anne Brown
Albie Brooks
Anna Bullen
Lois Butler
Brian Carrell
Pat Cross
Vivienne Gillies
Hilary Godsall

Ray Hanna
Jan Hay
Mark Hutton
Alison Korny
Russell Lange
Jan Macleod
Pamela McKenzie
Jan Parker
Jenny Robinson
Donald Scales
Melissa Shoaf
Kathleen Skelton
Valerie Strack
Margaret Tavener
Charles Ussher
Robin Willis

4. AGM MINUTES 2025

DATE	Wednesday, 30 April, 2025	TIME	7pm	VENUE	Fendall Hall
CHAIR	Rev'd Dr Andrew Butcher		MINUTES	Jenny Glasson	

ITEM	AGENDA ITEM
1	<p>Welcome.</p> <p>i. Andrew Butcher opened the meeting and thanked all present for their attendance. Andrew introduced those sitting at the table. Wendy Kington, People's Warden, Jenny Glasson, Vestry Secretary, Nigel Yeoh, Bishop's Warden. Jenny Wilkens then led with prayer. Apologies: read. By Andrew received and noted.</p>
	<p>PRESENT (58)</p> <p>Greg Brown, Angela Brown, Corinne Haines, Marion Cook, Jenny Glasson, Andrew Butcher, Yvette Koo Butcher, Braden Ramsell, Gillian Perano, Geoff Martel, Jean Martel, Hanan Fokkens, Jenny Wilkens, Simon Cobb, Christine Fokkens, Steve Wakefield, Helen Wakefield, Peter Hill, Don Mackenzie, Jude Mackenzie, Nigel Yeoh, Penelope Paynter, Cam Moore, Selwyn Paynter, Wendy Kington, Jan Brodie, Rebecca Sewell, Joanne Frampton, Margaret Sheard, Alistair Sheard, Pat Laban, Diana Hann, Wayne Hann, Gavin Kingsley, Madeleine Price, Jocelyn Wilkes, Rebecca Latimer, Margaret Yorke, Michael Malthus, Barbara Neville, Richard Neville, Marcus Read, Vanessa Mander, Lloyd Mander, Cathy Chandler, Tim de Castro, Emma Baird, Maggie Paton, Fraser Paton, Jill Keir, Rachel Wood, Peter Wood, Pauline Stewart, Margaret Harper, Beverley Cocks, Judy Dodwell, Katherine Baird and Richard McElrea.</p> <p>APOLOGIES (28)</p> <p>Joan Clayton, Lucille Ibbitt, Graeme Robinson, Philip Robinson, Adrienne Robinson, Keith Wardell, Liz Yeoh, Erica Bennett, Ear Bennett, Peter Mills, Mary Mills, Lois Ball, Shirley-Annes Collins, Charles Collins, Judy Tudhope, Janice Cameron, Kevin Cameron, Brian Carrell, May Carrell, Steven Perano, Helen Pugh, Nathan Muirhead, Frieda Looser, Katie Klingenberg, Jane Reid, Emma read, Denis Guyan and Claire Muirhead.</p>
2	"God gives us a future" was sung by those present.
3	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 2024
4	<p>Minutes of Last AGM Meeting and SGM which had been circulated in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>Confirm Minutes of the 149th Annual General Meeting of the Parish of Fendalton held on Wednesday, 10 April, 2024 @ 7pm in Fendall Hall. Any comments. Andrew moved the adoption of these minutes as a true and correct record. Motion carried.</p> <p>Confirm Minutes of the Special General Meeting of the Parish of Fendalton held on Thursday 6 June, 2024 @ 7pm in the St Barnabas Church?</p> <p>Peter Hill advised that he did not agree with his minutes presented at SGM, He asked that his sections be removed in item 7 & 8. Steve Wakefield spoke to this motion advising he agreed with minutes as detailed, and did not think removing item was appropriate.</p> <p>Don Mackenzie seconded. Not carried</p>

Andrew moved the motion that SGM minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record unedited. Carried

Priest in Charge report

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we stand on the threshold of St Barnabas' sesquicentenary, I find myself deeply moved by the rich history of this parish. For 150 years, St Barnabas has been a sanctuary for countless people, a place where prayers have been offered, lives have been transformed, major life events have been marked, buildings have been built and restored, and a community of faith has flourished. This year, as we celebrate this milestone, we not only look back with gratitude but also look forward with hope and commitment. We reflect on our journey together and thoughtfully consider how we move forward, grounded in our history but ever mindful of the changing landscape around us.

The path ahead is both exciting and challenging. As a parish, we face a world that has changed dramatically. The society around us is no longer the one in which St Barnabas was founded. Society is vastly different from the era of Bob Lowe! It is different even from the eras of Craufurd Murray, John Day, and Mark Chamberlain: three men who I spoke with at length upon taking up my role as Priest-in-Charge and from whom I learned so much, as I did with past and present wardens.

We are living in a time when fewer people identify with religious institutions, when the practices and rhythms of church life are largely unfamiliar, and the world is becoming increasingly diverse and secular. Yet, this is not a cause for despair. It is an invitation to renewal, to rediscovering the heart of our mission and to reimagining how we can continue to serve God and our community in meaningful ways.

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A Time for Reflection and Renewal

The past 150 years have been marked by steady growth and faithful service. Many of you have experienced the joy of being part of this vibrant community for many years; your own stories are entwined with this parish.

As we reflect on our past, we also recognise that change is inevitable. As we look forward, the question before us is not one of choosing between tradition and innovation but of finding the right balance. How do we remain faithful to the core of our mission while adapting to the needs of today's world?

Our recent Parish Review and our Mission Action Plan, approved by this parish at our last AGM, provide us with some guidance. These documents reflect both the strengths and the challenges of our parish. They remind us that renewal is not about discarding the past but about building upon it. St Barnabas has always been a place of worship, prayer, and community. The work of the parish is alive, and it continues to impact the lives of those who come through our doors. To continue to be a beacon of hope in a rapidly changing world, we look to ways in which we may need to adapt, be forward-looking and enduring.

Embracing the Diversity of Our Community

One of the hallmarks of St Barnabas is our diversity. I describe this parish as a 'big tent.' One of our strengths is that we have among our number those who will have opposing views on all matter of topics, but can co-habit together here, confident that the bonds of friendship and legacy of faith are far stronger than whatever might divide us. As we move forward, we hope to

continue to cultivate this environment

We are a community made up of people from various walks of life, backgrounds, cultures and generations. With that comes the opportunity to listen attentively to the voices of all within our parish, and from those outside it, as we shape our future. As ‘one parish with multiple congregations’ we look to being intentional about ways in which the parish comes together as one big family even when much of our time is in our own preferred services. When we do come together, that may look like a combined service (which we try to do quarterly), though not always. Other initiatives that draw in people from across the parish are to be commended and encouraged. Many of these more informal efforts strengthen relationships in their own ways.

We also recognise that our preferred services are preferred for a reason. They are services where each of us can be authentic in our faith and community, where we may feel ‘at home.’ By temperament, style, and experience, though not necessarily age, we are each drawn to different parts of this ‘big tent’ of St Barnabas. Each service is worthy of celebration, even (and perhaps especially) by those for whom their preferred service is different. Each of our diverse services is rooted in God’s love, allows people to move in their own way, at their own pace, in community as they define it, and in which they feel most welcome. As individuals with complex, sometimes messy lives we seek to draw strength from our faith, and our preferred services hopefully enable us to do that. In so doing, may we create space for those who want to go slower, have limited appetite for community, but who are still faithful, worried about the world, and care deeply for this parish. May we keep fostering an environment where everyone, no matter what service they attend, no matter their life stage or cultural heritage, feels heard, welcome and valued. May our parish be a place where people can encounter the love of Christ through the relationships they build with God and with one another.

Deepening Our Spiritual Life

At the heart of St Barnabas is a vibrant spiritual life. Over the years, many have found comfort, strength, and guidance here. Yet, as our Parish Review has shown, there is a hunger for even deeper engagement with our faith. As we move forward, we will aim to create more opportunities for study, reflection, and personal growth. These opportunities may deepen our understanding of Holy Scripture and God’s work in the world and among us. We may look to introduce new formats for worship and faith formation—options that offer both depth and accessibility. These may include study groups, retreats, and more opportunities for prayer and spiritual reflection. These initiatives are not intended to be temporary trends but lasting practices that support our spiritual growth as individuals and as a community.

Expanding Our Outreach

St Barnabas has always understood that our mission extends far beyond the walls of this church, even beyond the boundaries of our parish. Commendably, we have long been involved in local and global outreach, responding to the needs of our community and the wider world. This is an essential part of our identity as a parish. Whether through our ongoing work with the City Mission, supporting other parishes, our commitment to environmental stewardship, or our involvement in international missions, we have always been a parish that believes in putting faith into action.

As we move forward, we may look to expand our outreach. We not only provide help— we will also seek to listen to those we serve, to engage with them in meaningful ways. As the body of Christ, we are a presence of hope and love in a world that desperately needs both. In the coming years, we will continue to look for new ways to serve our community to be present where the needs are greatest, and to advocate for a world where all people are treated with dignity and

respect.

Strengthening Our Financial Foundation

In addition to the spiritual and community aspects of our ministry, we also focus on the practical reality of financial sustainability. We have already made significant strides in this area. Our fundraising efforts—such as the successful campaign to support the ongoing maintenance of our pipe organ—have been encouraging, and we are optimistic about our future financial health.

Moving forward, we will continue to carefully steward our resources. We are committed to ensuring that St Barnabas remains a financially stable parish that can continue its work for many years to come. This will require ongoing generosity from each of us, as well as careful planning, budgeting, and investing to ensure that our resources are used wisely and effectively.

A Call to Faithfulness

As we look to the future, I ask you to join me in renewing our commitment to the mission of St Barnabas. This is not simply a call to maintain what we have; it is a call to continue growing, adapting, and responding to the needs of the world around us. Together, we will deepen our spiritual life, expand our outreach, and ensure that St Barnabas remains a place of hope, love, and belonging.

We move forward as a diverse community, trusting that God will guide us every step of the way. As we continue this journey, I am confident that we will be faithful stewards of the legacy we have inherited, while also creating something new and vibrant for the generations to come.

May God bless you all as we embark on this exciting chapter in the life of St Barnabas. Thanks to the many parishioners who assisted and supported him and Yvette when she was recovering from surgery.

With gratitude and hope.

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

Wardens' report (*Wendy Kington (People's Warden), Marcus Read (retired Bishop's Warden) and Nigel Yeoh (Bishop's Warden)*)

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Wendy spoke to the Warden's report that was presented in the AGM booklet. She ended commenting that 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 in 2025 and beyond! Special thank you to Marion Cook for her continued assistance.

Nigel thanked Marcus for his work on Vestry, and 5-6 years as Bishop's Warden. Nigel appreciated his support as their roles had changed. Thanks also to Wendy for her efforts as well.

Andrew moved the adoption of the Warden's report. Carried

5. VICAR'S REPORT

Give thanks

This is my first report as Vicar and my journey here is in no small measure because of many others. So, to all of you: my grateful thanks. Your patience, good humour, wisdom, advice and, above all, prayer for Yvette and me, for the other clergy and all the staff and volunteers, is the oil that keeps this engine of the Parish of Fendalton running well.

There are specific people who *could* be named but in doing so I risk not naming those who *should* be named, so read into this your own names if you serve in any way in parish life, whether as an office-holder or a cleaner, a Sunday regular or an Easter-and-Christmas attender, whether fifty years plus in the parish or the newest arrival. We are who we are because of you, each of you. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Do nothing

Bishop Peter, at our induction and commissioning, said this:

Andrew and Kay stand in this tradition of people called into distinctive roles in the life of the church. Both have been called to be priests, and within that calling, Andrew the priest is called into the role of Vicar of this parish and Kay the priest is called into the role of Senior Associate Priest of this parish.

What does Jesus want them to do first? The answer is “nothing” which goes against the grain of Kiwiana culture about hard working NZers.

Jesus appointed the twelve “to be with him.”

Andrew and Kay: this is a busy parish. It could be the busiest parish in our diocese (though I have to be neutral about which parish is first in any hypothetical competition). But your first task is to be with Jesus and to allow Jesus to be with you.

At the Parish of Fendalton, we have at least 65 ministries of one form or another. These are in addition to our three weekly Sunday morning services and evening Zoom service; our weekly Thursday service; three monthly retirement village services; approx. monthly Evensong services; 14 Medbury services; six Messy Church; 22 funerals, 7 weddings, and 6 baptisms (in 2025); not to mention the Tongan and Mar Thoma congregations who meet regularly here.

Our regular parish roll (as in those we see in services during a week) is approx. 300. Add to that those in our 65 ministries, and those who consider this parish their spiritual home, and that increases to approx. 1,700 people. Many of that 1,700, as much as the subset of 300, are among our regular givers. They have expectations that their parish will meet their pastoral needs, not just in baptisms, weddings, and funerals, but also in other ways too.

In addition to 11 paid part-time staff and two stipendiary clergy, these are served by a generous 30,000 voluntary hours a year (which represent around \$780,000).

We also rely heavily on the services and skills of our non-stipendiary priests (specifically Revs Philip Robinson, Jill Keir, Pauline Stewart, Jan Brodie) who do a lot of pastoral work, presiding and preaching. They are effectively the equivalent of one full-time priest. We are also grateful for the service of other retired clergy in the parish include Revs Mike Coleman, John Greenslade, and Bob and Justine Tremewan. Along with our stipendiary priests, the demands are such that we are effectively a ‘three-priest parish’. I also want to acknowledge the significant (and often behind-the-scenes) contribution that the late Bishop Brian Carrell made to our parish life.

Our parish is also in good financial health: for the first time in several years, we not running a large deficit. This is in large part thanks to the generosity of you, our parishioners, through your regular giving and substantial bequests.

All of this represents, at one level, a vibrant, energetic, healthy, large, and capable parish.

However, being the busiest parish in the diocese is not necessarily, or always, something worth celebrating. Busy-ness is hardly ever a virtue. Busy-ness when through exhaustion [and exhaustion being the 'gateway drug' to temptation], frenetic activity, stretched and burned-out clergy, staff and volunteers, or struggling ministries, strained finances, and so on, does not tend to lead to human flourishing, deepened relationships, or being with Jesus in ways that are life-giving. Our Mission Impact Review by the diocese noted that "The expectations on parish clergy, the hours worked by them, and the responsibility borne by them, are high. The same may be true of other staff [and volunteers]."

The courage to be less busy, to stop doing things, or start doing things in different ways is, however, part of this parish's history too.

At one time, there was a wooden building that stood on the edge of a wider-berthed Fendalton Road. It was replaced by a stone memorial church, which turns 100 this year. Whether by choice, consequence, courage or circumstance, that changed.

At one time, our largest service was at 7pm when Canon Bob Lowe's great oratory and large personality filled the church as queues of people waited to get in. Whether by choice, consequence, courage or circumstance, that changed.

At one time, there was no Lifestreams service as there is today. Whether by choice, consequence, courage or circumstance, that changed.

All those decisions, and many, many more, are part of the ebb and flow of our parish life over the last 150 years.

For some, those decisions were deeply controversial, very painful, and still regretful.

For others, those decisions brought new life, new possibilities, new ways of doing things.

Both those sets of things can co-exist. Alongside grief, sits glory. That's the Easter message in microcosm. We hold the profound pain gently and lovingly. We look for new life expectantly.

Being with Jesus

Finding more time for God does in fact exist in the busy-ness of mission and pastoral care and learning and sacramental worship. But perhaps more – most? – of it needs to be in the act of simply "being". Being open to the presence of God, the grace of God, the mercy of God. Doing less to discover more.

If, as clergy, our first task is "to be with Jesus and to allow Jesus to be with you" then there is a reasonable sense that that would be our expectation of all that call this parish their home, and to create spaces where that may be possible.

We recognise that being with Jesus, as being with one another, will look differently for different people. That this parish can partially meet those diverse needs is one of its strengths.

Few, if any, parishes in this diocese offer the range of services we do.

This parish is large by any comparable standard in this diocese. Most of the parishes in this diocese can barely afford one full time clergy, let alone two and several staff. They have dwindling and ageing congregations in the one, maybe two, services that they regularly offer.

This is not to put us on a pedestal, but to put us in perspective. Our worries about money, staffing, ministries and resources are all valid for us, but they are nevertheless worries that most other parishes would much prefer than wanting to know whether they can literally keep the lights on. We are celebrating 150 years and still going strong. There are parishes in this diocese who may well not make it to the end of next year.

One of the people I read and admire a great deal is Rev'd Dr Samuel Wells, Vicar of St-Martin-in-the-Fields in London.

Here is something I have previously shared with our parish and is worth repeating. It comes from his own annual address to his parish's AGM, in 2019. I have highlighted key sentences.

I'll tell you what keeps me awake at night about St Martin's. It's not terrorism or a health and safety accident. Of course they're important, but we have a terrific team planning around exactly such threats. It's not financial shortfall or reputational calamity. Again they're very important but they're day-to-day issues under close scrutiny. What worries me most is something that doesn't appear on a conventional risk register, and doesn't bother the conventional set of auditors. **And that is, that we won't reach our potential.** In my work as a priest for nearly 30 years, and in my travels with HeartEdge this last couple of years, I've been up and down the Church of England and well beyond. And what we have here at St Martin's is rightly the envy of almost everyone. **We have a vibrant congregational life. We have a host of motivated, talented, faithful volunteers.** We have a dynamic business, charitable work with national reach, glorious creative arts for the career-minded, the skilled volunteer, and the willing. We have stirring worship and enticing educational opportunities. We have a beautiful building with a perfect location and a plan for its continued good order. **We have an extraordinary history and a reputation it has taken more than a century to build.** We have energising links with institutions near and far.

Here's what keeps me awake at night: the possibility that we won't make the most of it. **Those who have been blessed must in turn convey blessing on others. To those to whom much has been given, much is expected. We don't think we're better than anyone. But we do recognise we've been given an abundant harvest.** No one wants to abandon our humility. But neither do we want to hide under false humility. **The gospel of cross and resurrection doesn't always have conventional metrics of success.** But remember the words of Thomas à Kempis: 'Whatsoever is done out of pure love, be it ever so little or contemptible in human sight, is wholly fruitful; for God measures more with how much love you work, than the amount you do.'

God risked everything to offer us pure love. Our life depends on that risk. **Let us rededicate ourselves to act from the deepest love within us. And in the power of the Holy Spirit, may our work become wholly fruitful.**

In John's gospel (15:5), Jesus tells us that apart from him we can do nothing. May in doing nothing apart from him, may our relishing in doing nothing, may finding new ways of doing nothing so we can find new life in Christ, enable us to flourish, to thrive, to share our abundant harvest as a blessing to others. May we not for much longer be known as the busiest parish in the diocese, but as the one which finds infectious joy in being with Jesus.

Rev'd Dr Andrew Butcher / Vicar

6. WARDENS' REPORT

Nigel Yeoh was made Vicar's Warden in November 2024, and Wendy Kington has been People's Warden since 2015. Responsibilities of the churchwardens 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 busy year with some of our previous staff moving on and staff retiring. At the end of December 2025, we said goodbye to the wonderful Rev Jenny Wilkens, who was our interim Priest-in-Charge. Prior to her leaving the parish, Jenny enjoyed a sabbatical in September 2025, and we are so grateful to Rev Canon Bosco Peters for covering Jenny's role in her absence (and returning to Fendalton parish to take up this interim role 30 years after he served his curacy with us). Jenny retired and went back to her home in Nelson. She had been doing a superb job, along with our wonderful staff team, to accommodate the needs of such a diverse range of people and services. Rev Dr Andrew Butcher

took over the role of Vicar of the parish in January 2026 when we welcomed the Rev Kay Webster as our Senior Associate Priest. The induction of Andrew and commissioning of Kay happened on the evening of Friday 23 January, and it was a joyous occasion. We are so fortunate and blessed to have them, as they bring diverse skills and both cover different aspects of our parish life. We have had wonderful support from Revs Dr Pauline Stewart, Jill Keir, Philip Robinson and Jan Brodie who have served our parish in non-stipendiary roles over this past year. We give thanks also to Rev Dr Karen Kemp who provided clergy support on occasion in early 2025.

As it was last year, our 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. It is great to see the involvement of every member of the parish family using their skills to help in a variety of ways and making newcomers feel welcome in our parish.

We welcomed Simon Cobb as our new verger at the end of 2024 and Rebecca Latimer as our Wednesday Parish Administrator at the start of 2025. We welcomed Charlotte Carrell as our Youth Minister from Term 3 2025, after Nathan Muirhead stepped down at the end of Term Two to pursue other opportunities. Charlotte was officially licensed as Youth Minister on Sunday 1 February. It was very sad to see Denis Guyan relinquish his role as our permanent organist due to ill-health, but we are so glad that he has recovered and able to join us in church worship regularly now – including playing the organ again on occasion! We are actively looking for our next permanent organist and are grateful to the handful of relief organists who have been providing cover – including John Dodgshun, Haydn Hill, Paul Brown, Evie Anderson and of course Denis too.

Barbara Neville and Florence Fokkens have been doing a great job with our children’s Sunday ministries – Little Lights and Lighthouse Kids – ably supported by our many volunteers – thank you all.

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 (previously called Bible in Schools) and to Christine Fokkens who supports so many of our children’s ministries across the parish.

Thank you so much to Liz Yeoh, Yvette Koo Butcher, Tim Klingenberg and all those other musicians who have stepped up to provide music for Lifestreams. Liz continues to lead a weekly mainly music session, Friday mornings in the hall, and it is wonderful to see some of those families also attending Lifestreams on Sunday.

As churchwardens, we meet monthly with Andrew and Kay to discuss staffing, vestry decisions and other issues. At the end of August 2025, we met with other churchwardens across the Diocese for an evening of networking, sharing of ideas, collegial support, and of course, yummy food! Thanks to those from the Parish of Opawa-St Martins for hosting this hopefully, annual event.

We welcomed Emma Baird, Greg Brown, and Vanessa Mander to Vestry this year. Alongside retuning members Maggie Paton, Jenny Glasson, Selwyn Paynter and Steve Wakefield, all of those on vestry bring great gifts and we thank them for the knowledge that they can share with us. Corinne Haines and Michael Malthus continue as our Synod Reps. Special thanks to Jenny Glasson who stepped down as Vestry Secretary – and grateful thanks to Vanessa Mander for taking up this role! For the 2026 AGM, we are also thankful to Corinne for being the minute taker in Vanessa’s absence. We wish Maggie Paton well as she steps down from Vestry following the birth of her daughter, Aurora. Thank you Maggie for your contributions, especially in the areas of Mission and Outreach. Vestry continues to meet on the 3rd Wednesday of every month and our meetings are always filled with diverse topics and robust discussions – do pray for us, as we meet.

We are thankful to Dr Andrea Caldwell and Mr Lloyd Mander for their important work and holding their roles as our parish Safeguarding Officers.

Ministry Action Teams: Our parish ministry and mission is organised around a number of Ministry Action Teams. This year, Vestry has decided to be more deliberate and diligent in reviewing the goals of our Mission Action Plan, and the work of our Mission Action Teams. MATs include Worship, Lifestreams Oversight Group, Pastoral Care, Children Youth & Young Adults, Outreach, Works, Finance, Parish Strategy Team – all these teams help provide oversight, direction and coordination of the mission of our parish. We also have Lent Study Groups, Small Group Bible Study Groups, Marriage Prep and Pre-Marriage courses and other opportunities to foster evangelism and spiritual growth. Thank you to all those who lead and are involved in these teams.

Congregational services: We have, including our Tongan brothers and sisters, 4 congregational Sunday services and one Thursday morning service. The Mar Thoma congregation meets once a month, on a Saturday. Antioch (our Young Adults Sunday evening service) finished up at the end of 2024 and our weekly 5pm service at the end of 2025, although we still hold the occasional special 5pm Evensong from time to time. Messy Church continues to be a great success and across 2026 there will be 6 occasions of Messy Church. Special thanks to Angela and Greg Brown for their devotion and commitment to Messy Church and our parish – they are always keen for more helpers so do get in touch if you would be happy to help one Saturday afternoon.

Our annual Spring Flower Sunday service was very successful this 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 monitored and addressed. Thank you to our Treasurer Howard Le Couter and Assistant Cheryl Earl, and the Finance Team, ably led by Selwyn Paynter. Thank you to all of you who can give financially, either occasionally or regularly, to the parish – we really could not do all that we do without your financial contributions. This year we are looking at doing some specific fund-raising for general parish ministry – if you have any fundraising ideas or would like to join an enthusiastic team, do let us know.

Communications: The quarterly Mooring Post is an excellent publication going to around 700 households, and also able to be read online via our parish website. 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. We continue to produce our weekly digital newsletter via Hail. These are also accessible via the parish website. Special thanks to Hanan Fokkens and Braden Ramsell for all 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 Christchurch City Mission, St Aidan's and St Chad's. We also support the City Mission on a weekly basis with groceries collected at all services.

English Language Class for migrants and refugees continues under the wonderful guidance of a group of volunteers. We are thankful to Olive Lawson for many years of foundation laying here. Some of the people who attend the Class are now gradually integrating into both morning congregations and some are attending Messy Church and mainly music. Grateful thanks to all who volunteer for our "Monday group" (previously called Eldercare), which meets on a Monday afternoon under the wonderful leadership of Maria Light.

Finally: It is impossible to mention everyone in this report – and you all really do deserve a mention! We of course acknowledge and thank our dedicated and hardworking clergy and staff team. But 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 and other such parish activities – 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 we look forward to your support and enthusiasm in 2026 and beyond!

Wendy Kington (People's Warden) and Dr Nigel Yeoh (Vicar's Warden)

8. FINANCIAL REPORTS

St Barnabas Finance Committee Report for the 2025 Financial Year

In the 2025 fiscal year, the parish had an operating deficit of (\$2,151) against a budget deficit of (\$22,005), the differential mainly due to income of \$44,617 from financing activities, that is income from investments. Regular offertories were below budget, but about the same level as 2024, and expenses above budget but below 2024.

We are very blessed to have received considerable legacies during 2025, and this has created a solid level of investment funds that are \$1.46m greater than in December 2024. These funds now need protecting for the long-term financial sustainability of the Parish, which is one of the priorities in the Mission Action Plan. The Centennial Organ

Appeal continues for the upgrading of the Church organ, and specified deposits may be directed to that fund by those who wish to support this project.

As shown in the attached schedule, in December 2025 there was a spread of investments both in ANZ bank (including term deposits) and with C.P.T. in investment funds. Due to the current value of funds and investments, the finance committee is now positioning investment funds to deliver capital growth over the long term (5-10 years) ahead of inflation (now over 3%), while also having sufficient liquidity to support ongoing parish operations.

Vestry approved the 2026 budget with a cash deficit of (\$3,846) that included income of \$10,000 from legacies and bequests, \$15,000 from fund raising, and \$68,000 from financing activities. Regular income from offertories is \$10,951 more than the 2025 actual, and Vestry is planning to run a stewardship campaign later in the year to encourage parishioners' regular offertories, to increase at least with inflation.

After a period without a parish Treasurer, we are grateful that Howard Le Couteur offered to step in to that role during the year. Our thanks go to him for his time and expertise in preparing the 2026 budget, and now collaborating with the reviewer Smith and Jack, to finalise the 2025 annual accounts. Cheryl Earl and Marion Cook have been of great assistance in the accounting process, and we would like to thank them for this work.

I would also like to thank all those on the committee who have provided their expertise and time over the past 12 months including Katie Klingenberg who retired from the committee during the year.

2025 Finance Committee Members were: Howard Le Couteur - Parish Treasurer, Rev Dr Andrew Butcher, Cheryl Earl, Cam Moore, Alistair Sheard and Katie Klingenberg-retired.

Selwyn Paynter -Chair

Parish of Fendalton-Funds and Investments at 31st December 2025			
	Interest rate		Value at
Parish funds			
ANZ Business Premium Account	0.10%		\$112,835.65
ANZ online account	0.40%		\$64,128.64
ANZ Term Deposits	3.75%	Mat	\$200,000.00
Parish (specified) funds in CPT Income Fund			\$18,819.75
Parish (specified) funds in CPT Income Fund (to remain with CPT)		Ins payout	\$71,504.05
Parish (specified) funds in CPT Income Fund (to be paid out)		Ins payout	\$1,535.57
Cockburn Estate in CPT Income Fund (to remain with CPT)			\$1,235,078.00
Total of Parish Operating funds			\$1,703,901.66
ANZ Organ Fund (serious saver)	1.50%		\$10,021.64
Total of all Parish Funds held at 31st December 2025			\$1,713,923.30
St Barnabas Fendalton Trust			
ANZ Business Premium Account	0.10%		\$19,724.48
ANZ (serious Saver)	1.50%		\$234,367.35
S.B.F.T. Funds held in CPT Income Fund.			\$355,270.69
Total of all S.B.F.T. funds held at 31st December 2025			\$609,362.52
Total of all funds in Parish and S.B.F.T. at 31st December 2025			\$2,323,285.82
Note: the CPT Income Fund had a net return for 12 months to December 2025 of 5.7%.			

Financial Summary for AGM

Anglican Diocese of Christchurch - Parish of Fendalton
For the year ended 31 December 2025

Account	Actual 2024	Budget 2025	Actual 2025	Budget 2026
Income				
Offeratories	482,356	503,516	481,971	492,922
Donations & Legacies	11,244	20,360	28,792	31,342
Missions	2,400	-	5,497	2,113
Fund Raising	40,160	12,000	3,330	15,000
Grants	12,500	3,000	12,381	12,504
Revenue from Services	53,347	55,689	53,469	49,864
Financing Activities	14,980	3,100	44,617	67,999
Total Income	616,987	597,665	630,056	671,744
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Expenses				
Clergy Costs	176,088	145,296	158,428	153,229
Staff Costs	99,731	101,512	118,492	141,777
Worship & Music	40,557	45,313	46,891	53,728
Prayer Ministry	469	819	46	51
Pastoral Care	46,676	38,021	3,314	13,145
Mission & Outreach (te reo class/film/english class)	-	692	-	648
Social & Hospitality	1,469	900	3,019	2,144
Discipleship & Evangelism	-	37	540	162
Children, Youth & Young Adults	89,678	65,236	57,000	72,074
Administration Expenses	31,583	31,818	35,639	29,570
Property Expenses	113,983	92,758	103,263	121,306
Missions & Outreach	30,529	31,564	44,300	39,844
Diocesan Quota	65,884	65,893	64,856	57,912
Total Expenses	695,918	619,670	632,208	685,590
Operating Surplus (deficit)	(78,931)	(22,005)	(2,151)	(13,846)
Non-Operating Income and Expenses				
Legacies Bequests	160,984	-	1,402,444	10,000
St Barnabas Fendalton Trust (Income)	215,993	-	-	-
Insurance Receipts at CPT	-	-	72,591	-
Depreciation	(29,170)	0	(58,385)	0
Total Non-Operating Income and Expenses	347,807	-	1,416,650	10,000
Years Surplus(Deficit)	268,876	(22,005)	1,414,499	(3,846)
Less Capital Expenditure from a Prior Year Written Off Following Property Revaluation				
Hall Earthquake Repair & Refurbishment	-	-	(1,768,655)	-
Surplus(deficit) after Deduction of Capital Expenditure Written Off	268,876	(22,005)	(354,156)	(3,846)

Notes for Reading this Report

- The Columns reflect the transition from Actual 2024 through to the expectations budgeted for 2026
- The report down the page has three sections a; Operating Result b : Non Operating items, for irregular and lumpy items and including depreciation and
c : relates to the policy for property valuation being at Rateable Value. Recent changes in Rateable Values has resulted in the Hall Earthquake Refurbishment and completed in February 2023 being written off
Once reviewed, a full report for 2025 will be available on the Charities Website

SECTION 9 – 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 2025, the Trust's Net Income was \$22,041, including donations and interest received. The total cash funds raised and earned since the inception of the Trust have totalled \$2,242,395.

Of those funds raised, so far \$1,103,285 has been transferred to Church Property Trustees for repair projects they have managed, and \$510,075 has been transferred to the Parish for repair projects they have managed. Thus, in total, representing \$1,613,360 provided to date for the repair, strengthening and improvement of the Parish buildings.

As of the balance date, the trust holds a total of \$609,362 in cash and investment balances that can be applied to the capital buildings requirements of the parish, and future property maintenance needs.

After discussions with the Bishop during the year, it was agreed not to pursue an alteration to the objects of the Trust, as proposed at the previous AGM of the Parish.

Ongoing discussions are underway between the Trustees and the Parish Vestry as to the potential future needs of the Parish, as they might relate to expenses that align with the objects of the Trust as stated above.

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

Steve Wakefield | Chair of the St Barnabas Fendalton Trust

10. OTHER REPORTS

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 Clergy lead this team and it met on 5th Thursdays through 2024.

Members: Denis Guyan, Wendy Kington, Richard McElrea, Roberta Smith, Catherine Chandler, Wayne Hann, Rev'd Dr Andrew Butcher and Rev'd Jenny Wilkens.

We continue to appreciate the ministry of 'retired' priests Rev'd Dr Pauline Stewart, Rev'd Philip Robinson, Rev'd Jill Keir, and Rev'd Jan Brodie. We are privileged to have such experienced and able priests to assist us with our church services. Jill is offering valuable ministry alongside Andrew and Jenny (and, from 2026, Rev'd Kay) leading our regular rest-home services per month.

We continue to be grateful for the contributions of guest preachers and presiders 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 special services as Harvest Festival, Anzac Day and Sea Sunday. The care and presentation of our worship spaces all enhance 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. Our thanks to our verger Simon Cobb for his assistance especially with weddings and funerals.

The Centennial organ appeal committee of Denis Guyan, John Dodgshun, Wayne Hann and Richard McElrea continued to work hard in planning and fundraising for both short-term and long-term issues of organ maintenance and repair. Our thanks to Wendy Paris for her contribution to that committee, too. A Centennial Organ Appeal Fund was inaugurated and advertised, and we are very grateful for the generous donations which we have continued to slowly receive in our centennial year of our church and organ. As ever, we are most grateful to Denis Guyan for his dedicated and faithful ministry as Organist and Choirmaster. We were sorry he had to step down from his role due to ill-health but are delighted in his recovery and in his ongoing involvement in this committee. He, along with Joan Clayton, our excellent music librarian, having taken to ordering our extensive music library. They also, with the clergy, are actively involved in music choices for our traditional services. We are also very pleased to have been able to call on such a great set of relief organists over the past year, including John Dodgshun, Evie Anderson, Haydn Hill, Barry Brinson, and Paul Brown. Paul Ellis, recently retired organist of St Michael's, also regularly uses our pipe organ to teach pupils.

Our Worship team discussions also range over more mundane but equally important topics as lighting and candles, the development of our livestreaming capacities for services, and plans for special events and services. 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!

This team continues to be an excellent sounding board for ideas and an encouraging and positive group to work with.

Rev Dr Andrew Butcher | Convenor

Lifestreams Music

"I've got joy, joy, joy, down in my heart Hallelujah!" Larger numbers of children have been coming up the front leading the congregation in actions for our 'instrument songs' in our services. The 'instrument song' has become a fun, family song, that we sing together before children go out to their respective programmes. More often involving dance and clapping, rather than just instruments. It is a fun way to teach, not only the children, a subtle theme through the music and lyrics and has been great to see interaction across all ages.

Our Sunday morning rehearsals work well for those in the team. Ideally a weeknight practice would help us to improve – but weeknight hall availability is limited. Band members are sent out music early in the week and expected to practice at home and come prepared to our Sunday rehearsals. Maintaining only a Sunday rehearsal does reduce commitment for volunteers, particularly parents of young children. It seems to work and we make it through in an hour, plus a little extra for set up and pack down.

The end of 2025 saw a few of our young people move on to university and farther abroad so it will be good to build up the band numbers again.

We hope to have some Friday Whanau Fellowship nights again this year as a way of getting the band together and providing a fun, relaxing space to play together, invite new members and provide some great praise and worship for other participants.

Thank you to all our vocalists and musicians for their commitment, and to Hanan Fokkens for being our dedicated AV man week in week out. Another big thank you to some generous donors – we hope to make a few upgrades to our gear in the year ahead!

Liz Yeoh | Lifestreams Music Co-ordinator

Bell Ringers Report

My thanks go out to our team of dedicated and talented volunteer Bellringers who continue to do a marvelous job of ringing the St Barnabas Bells. This past year they rang the bells for both the 9.30am and 5.00pm Church Services each week. Following the ending of the weekly 5.00pm Evensong Service, Bells are no longer required on Sunday evening. Bells are also requested for most weddings held at St Barnabas. It is pleasing to have many comments of support for this Parish Ministry.

The Bells are sounding wonderful as a result of ongoing maintenance by yet another dedicated volunteer.

Diana Hann/ Convenor

Lifestreams Oversight Group – LOGOS

The Lifestreams Oversight Group exists to provide oversight, direction and new ideas for our Lifestreams service. Our members for 2025 have been Rev'd Dr Andrew Butcher, Rev'd Jan Brodie, Christine Fokkens, Yvette Koo Butcher, Liz Yeoh, Mel Cammock-Elliot Tim Klingenberg, and Maggie Paton. Thanks to all of you for your valuable insights and contributions.

LOGOS hopes to strengthen pastoral care, connectivity and belonging between Lifestreamers. We are now six months or so into introducing individual communion (grape juice) cups and this has received positive take-up.

We are constantly evaluating how we are undertaking particular service elements, including what may need refreshing, what may need to be introduced, and what may need to be retired.

We (re)started regular Lifestreams lunches throughout the year. Our thanks to Rebecca Latimer and Mel Cammock-Elliot who spear-headed that initiative.

We always welcome your insight and comments as we all work together to make Lifestreams a diverse, welcoming and life-giving service – please do feel free to get in touch as you see fit

Rev'd Dr Andrew Butcher / Convenor

Parish Organist, Music, Organ, Pianos and Choirs

It has been an eventful year.

The Evening Choir began by leading the popular AAW Songs of Praise service on 2nd February, and continued the pattern of traditional Choral Evensongs on 1st and 3rd (and 5th) Sundays, Choral Night Prayer on 2nd Sundays, and Choral Eucharists on 4th Sundays of the month. That pattern continued under the musical leadership of Evie Anderson, John Dodgshun and Barry Brinson while I was away playing organs in Europe, during late April, May and early June.

They, and Haydn Hill and Paul Brown, capably filled gaps for both morning and evening services later in the year, when I was hospitalised for major bowel surgery. After a 3-hour operation followed by 2 weeks in hospital I finally realised it was time for me to retire, and what an emotional decision that was!

I'm extremely grateful that both morning and evening choirs have been able to continue their excellent work, right until the decision was made to stop weekly 5pm services. Low numbers made that step inevitable eventually, but it was none-the-less a sad development. The evening choir has, since then, musically led Evensongs and reinforced the morning choir on a number of special occasions. One such was the ever-popular Nine Lessons and Carols service, chorally directed by Rev. Felicity O'Brien.

Another wonderful development has been the successful relocation of the organ console to the south side of the chancel, producing much better sight lines for the organist, and allowing other technical improvements such as electrifying the swell pedal.

I'm very grateful that Joan Clayton has offered her professional experience to work on the choir library. It's a big task!

Finally, I want to thank the clergy and congregations of St Barnabas for allowing me the privilege of being a musical leader. You have encouraged me – in true St Barnabas fashion – to develop and flourish as a church musician. In spite of my health limitations, I'm ready and able now to continue from time to time as an organist and choir director, and even sing in choirs!

Sanctuary Guild

Many thanks to Carol, Pam and Ann for their wonderful work coordinating flowers, brass, and silver and to Jude for changing the altar frontals. Thank you to all members of the Sanctuary Guild for their continuing help in preparing for services during the year.

Thanks also to Charlotte Diggle, who is now looking after the replenishment of wafers for Lifestreams and overseeing the linen.

During the year, a new credence table and a long table for the back of the church were made from some surplus pews. They are a beautiful addition to church furniture.

With the moving of the organ console, the arrangement of the front of the church has changed slightly.

The new church heating has posed some issues with candles melting on the forward altar but has now been resolved.

Thank you to our vergier, Simon, for looking after the supply and installation of church candles.

Thanks to all the clergy and staff for their support and to Marion for her continued assistance.

We will miss Rev Jenny and wish her well in her retirement.

Welcome to Rev Andrew as our new Vicar and Rev Kay as Senior Associate Priest.

Catherine Chandler / Sacristan.

Flower Report

Team: Carol Stewart (Flower Co-ordinator), Lyn Wright, Adrienne Stewart, Margie Fairgray, Shirley-Anne Collins, Wendy Kington.

Thank you to our dedicated team for enhancing the beauty of our church.

We have a fortnightly church roster for providing the plinth arrangements for weekly services, funerals and weddings. Wendy Kington kindly arranges flowers for the Lifestreams services.

This year, we have had fewer requests for funerals, as some families have personally ordered flowers from florists. The plinth arrangement from a florist cost from \$400 to \$600. We provide it for \$120.

A few families have kindly paid for the large plinth arrangements. The surplus from the \$120 pays for Easter and Christmas flowers. This makes us self-sufficient. Families receive a card or email inviting them to book with our flower team. Carol sends a thank you card and photos of the arrangements to them. These flowers stay in the church for the Sunday services.

Thank you to those involved in Spring Flower Sunday. Aromaunga Baxters were again very generous with their flower donations. Thank you to Wendy for organising this.

Special arrangements and displays were provided for Anzac Day, Sea Sunday, Harvest Festival, Easter and Christmas. Artificial poppies were purchased and can be reused annually.

Members of the congregation often receive bunches of Gunn's Gerberas as gifts. This year community sales from gerbera bunches on Puriri Street provided donations of \$2,400 to Uganda Health Centres, groceries for Harvest

Festival, \$1,000 for Pauline Stewart's programme Family Drug Support Aotearoa, and \$400 for the Church linen altar cloth. This was made possible by the generosity of Sue Angus' family: John and Rosemary Gunn.

We are only using floral foam for funeral and wedding arrangements: a goal mentioned over the last three years. We are an Eco Church and floral foam is an environmental concern. Many UK Anglican churches are discontinuing its use. The Royal Horticultural Society have now banned floral foam in their displays at events such as the Ellerslie Flower Show. We are moving towards this. There is wire and reusable plastic floral pillows as an alternative.

As the weather becomes warmer, I encourage our team to replace the water in the vases and recut the stems weekly. We no longer buy for Sunday Services. Instead, we use a combination of garden flowers, interesting foliage and faux flowers, especially during colder months when flowers are scarce.

Thank you to our Sacristan, Catherine Chandler for her support, and thankyou to the St Barnabas Flower team for their continued commitment.

The positive comments and encouragement from members of the congregation are appreciated, as flowers remind us of the beauty of God's creation.

Carol Stewart (Flower Co-ordinator)

Brass Report

I want to express my grateful thanks to the willing group of parishioners who do a great job of cleaning the Church Brass. We have 13 Members now, and it would be ideal if we could coerce 2 or 3 more to come and help us.

I would also like to thank Simon Cobb, our Verger, for his wonderful help in getting the Processional Cross and other pieces of Brass repaired. This was very much appreciated by Nick Baker as well, as the Cross had become a Health & Safety Issue, and it had become very insecure on the base.

As some of you will be aware, there has been a problem with the Church Candles since the new Heating has been installed, which in turn affected the Brass Candlesticks but this has now been remedied with the help of Simon Cobb, Catherine Chandler & Jude McKenzie—a big thank you to you all.

Marion, a big thank you for emailing out the Group Brass Roster and any other information pertaining to us and always being available to help me, this is much appreciated.

It is a privilege to prepare the Church Brass in the beautiful surroundings of our Family Church, St. Barnabas, we are very Blessed.

Pam Stewart (Co-ordinator)

Silver Report – I am pleased to present the Annual Report for the Silver section of the St Barnabas Sanctuary Guild for the year ended October 2025.

One of our members, Freda Moore, retired at the end of the year but we were fortunate to have Elizabeth Green volunteer to join the roster so that the numbers remain at seven. A letter of appreciation was sent to Freda for all her years with the guild.

The members on the Silver Roster are Beverley Cocks, Elizabeth Green, Georgie Harman, Margaret Harper, Pat Laban, Jean Martel with Joan Clayton and Ann Masters. Thank you for all your help and willingness in looking after our Communion vessels throughout the year.

I would like to thank Revd. Andrew Butcher, Revd. Jenny Wilkens, Catherine Chandler, who does a wonderful job as Sacristan and Marion Cook who is unflappable in the office. Thank you.

Ann Masters (Co-ordinator)

Linen Report

We have been fortunate this year to have a number of new clothes made for the church forward altar and a new cloth for the high altar. These were made by Jude Mackenzie, and the cost of the fabric was covered by donations. Charlotte Diggle made and embroidered new purificators for Lifestreams. Jude repurposed a large cloth for Lifestreams altar. Thanks to Charlotte and Jude.

There are 11 members of the church linen team and 4 members looking after Lifestreams linen.

Thank you very much to everyone who launders our linen, your work is appreciated.

Catherine Chandler (Sacristan)

Prayer Ministry

I believe Prayer Ministry is a vital part of our parish life. There are about twenty people involved with praying for others during the 9.30am service and Lifestreams every Sunday. Praying for others is done under strict confidentiality so that the person being prayed for can be assured their request is not passed on to others.

Last winter, we had a retreat day held at St James' Church in Harewood, where we were able to pray together and share with others and spend time quietly alone with God. There will be another day similar to this later this year.

We try to meet together as a team to share our concerns and to learn from one another. A meeting of prayer ministers is planned for May.

Anyone interested in joining the prayer team should contact me and discuss it with me. Training is available,

Rev Jill Keir / Convenor

PASTORAL CARE

Fendalton/Merivale Elder Care Group Report for 2025

It is with great pleasure that I present this report for the St Barnabas AGM. During 2025, our group has undergone several changes and developments. Elder Care has officially changed its name to Elder Connect, to better reflect our purpose as a *social group for those over 65 years old*. The new name also helps clarify that we are not a support service for people with dementia or Alzheimer's, but a welcoming space for connection, friendship, and community. In line with this, our group at St Barnabas is now called the Fendalton Elder Connect – Monday 1pm Social Group. This year has also brought some significant changes in structure and leadership. Elder Connect is now under the umbrella of Anglicare and the Christchurch City Mission. Our former board has stepped down and we now have a new team leader, Natasha Spink, a social worker from the City Mission who works with us one day a week. Over the past year, we have seen several of our long-time guests move into care facilities, and sadly, we have also farewelled a few much-loved and valued members who have passed away. As a result, our group looks quite different in 2025, with about half of our members being new. We're blessed to continue welcoming new friends into our Monday gatherings. We currently average 12 guests each week and have four wonderful volunteers—two of whom are young immigrant students, bringing fresh energy and enthusiasm. Our program includes craft projects, word puzzles, quizzes, gentle balance and stretching exercises, table games, guest speakers, the occasional musical performance or outing and of course our much-enjoyed afternoon tea at 2:30 pm, beautifully served and shared together. We usually wrap up around 3:30 pm. Our sessions continue to be filled with warmth, laughter and genuine companionship. Guests often comment on how welcome they feel, how much they appreciate the group and how much they look forward to their Mondays. Special thanks go to our dedicated volunteers and especially to Marion Cook, who is always so helpful and welcoming and joins us whenever she can for a cuppa. Deep gratitude as well to St Barnabas Church for its continued partnership with Anglicare and City Mission in hosting and supporting this much-loved community group. God bless,

Maria Light, Coordinator, Fendalton Elder Connect (Monday 1pm Social 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 give 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 year we have had some new recipients of Home Communion, and some have gone to be with their Lord and Saviour.

Documentation was created in the form of a Home Communion Minister's Handbook and Agreement for each HC minister to read and sign the agreement.

Emma Baird has taken over the duty of sorting out the HC kits and roster from Lois Ball. I thank Lois for her diligent service to the Home Communion team. Thanks to all our home communion ministers for their valuable service and ministry to our parish and parishioners.

Rev Dr Andrew Butcher | Vicar

Pastoral Care

In the absence of a pastoral care coordinator, the 'coordination' function has been taken on by me, as Vicar. Every Tuesday morning, clergy (i.e. Revs Kay Webster, Pauline Stewart, Jan Brodie, Jill Keir and me) discuss and pray through the pastoral needs of our parish and its parishioners, who we then visit (or ask others to visit on our behalf), or contact in other ways.

Sometimes just listening, sometimes encouraging them, offering advice when asked, some problem solving on occasions, and praying with them. Sometimes it has been a phone call to see how they are and if they need anything. Contacting parishioners is an important part of Pastoral Care and it is heartening to know that so many others are also willing to visit and keep in contact with one another. 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.

Birthday cards have again been appreciated by parishioners. If you didn't receive one, it is because we may not have your birthday details. If you would like to receive a card from the staff on your birthday, please let Marion know your birth date so it can be added to our database.

Thanks to Lois Ball who sends out 'get well' and condolence cards on behalf of the parish.

We again had the Blankets appeal for St Ambrose and we also included socks and hats. St Ambrose greatly appreciated the donations.

We take regular services at retirement villages, including one at Holly Lea and two at Russley (one in their Ashley Suites Care Centre). Our services at Fendalton Retirement Village finished when that village closed. We also handed over our services at Radius Hawthorne Retirement Village to the Parish of Bryndwr, which is where it is located.

In the absence of a pastoral care coordinator, the Pastoral Care Ministry Action team has not met, but nevertheless we encouraged by their enthusiasm and care for others, especially with helping out St Ambrose.

St Barnabas has many opportunities for connection and fellowship whether it be at the many different services, through the Home Communion, Van Outings, or through visits to Retirement Villages, 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.

Spring Flowers: Spring Flower Sunday as always was well received this year. Thanks to everyone who donated flowers and ribbons, and those who came to help put the posies together. About 100 posies and cards were given out to those who have lost loved ones or who have had a difficult year.

Retirement Village Gatherings: We enjoyed some morning and afternoon teas with our parishioners who are now living in Retirement Villages, some whom are no longer able to get to St Barnabas. These get-togethers are a great opportunity for clergy and staff to fellowship with those who are no longer able to get to church.

Meals

FAB (Food in a Bag) meals have been offered and have been well received. A donation was given by a family who had their baby daughter and cousin baptised.

Rev Dr Andrew Butcher | Vicar

Card Ministry

When a member of the clergy team asks – a card of sympathy, best wishes, get well or maybe a card of celebration is sent. This is for all parishioners from all congregations. It is an extension of Prayer Ministry when the recipient is reassured their whole St. Barnabas family is holding them in loving prayer.

Lois Ball – Card Ministry

Parish Van Outings

Throughout the year (except January), Simon and I have taken the parish van out to a place of interest. We leave the church at about 1.30 pm and return somewhere around 4pm The van holds ten passengers, and it is usually full. Sometimes one or two cars follow us as well.

In the last year, we have visited a number of rural churches, we explored the Cust museum, visited the rhododendron nursery, visited the Transitional Cathedral, toured around Lyttelton Harbour and of course enjoyed ice creams at Scarborough. These are only a few of our destinations; the challenge being to find new places to visit.

We usually go out on the third Wednesday of the month, and we are always pleased to welcome new participants. It is important to register with Marion in the office before the day to ensure your place in the van.

Rev Jill Keir / Convenor

OUTREACH

English Class Students

Olive Lawson finished with the English language classes at the end of 2025. We are very grateful for her vision, enthusiasm, preparation and diligence, and to all who have helped her. The class has continued into 2026 with Elizabeth Green, Wendy Kington, Cheryl Earl, Geoff Martell, David Dearsley and others continuing to offer fellowship and English language teaching to the many students who come into Christchurch.

We are pleased to see some of those students becoming part of our regular Sunday congregations too.

Rev'd Dr Andrew Butcher | Vicar

Christianity Explored for English Language Learners

This was a short course run over six Monday nights, to give some of the English Language class students the chance to learn more about the Christian faith. We were a team of four (Olive Lawson, Gavin Kingsley, Yvette Butcher and Jo Frampton) and we borrowed our lesson themes from the Alpha course, with three on doctrine ('Who is Jesus?', 'Why did Jesus die?' 'How can I be sure of my faith?') and three on discipleship ('Why and how do I pray?' 'How do I read the Bible?' 'How does God guide us?') There were at least two members of the team at each session, one to present the content, the other to help with logistics and general support

We kept the recipe simple – a homegroup-like format, with one of us presenting the topic and plenty of opportunity to discuss and to read together the relevant scriptures in Easy English Bibles. There was always a handout for participants to take home as a reminder of what we had covered. We lit a candle to open each session and began and ended with prayer.

The number of attendees over the six weeks varied from 1 to 7, so it was a slightly different group each week. We enjoyed presenting this course, and hope that it was a blessing to those who attended.

Joanna Frampton | English language Learners class

Bread Run

2025 has seen regular pickups from Fendalton New World continue. In addition to that, I have been offered surplus eggs, fruit, tinned foods and Hams also. The food donations from the church members are well received, which I deliver on Mondays along with Baby Blankets made by Angela Brown are gratefully received.

Cassandra Allpress stood down as a driver due to work commitments and was replaced by Lyn Haines, Freida Looser and Sue Angus continue and St Chads do Friday. I thank you all for your support and help

Clive Chandler, Bread Run co-ordinator

Faith on Film 2025

Faith in Film was undertaken over six nights from May 21st to June 25th. Movies included: One Life (2023), Song for Marion (2012), In the Name of God (2013), Shadowlands (1993), Zone of Interest (2023), and Conclave (2024). Our thanks to Don Rowlands who, with Christopher Diggle, helped organise the movies, and to Corinne Haines and others, the soup and rolls – always to an attentive and welcoming audience.

Christopher Diggle

Outreach committee report

Overview: This year has been one of significant transitions for the Outreach Committee. As Margaret Patton stepped back to welcome her beautiful new baby, the committee will need to reset in 2026 to honour our long-standing traditions while exploring new ways to serve our diverse community.

Honoring Legacy: English Language Classes After many decades of faithful service, Olive Lawson finished with the English Language Classes. This ministry has been a cornerstone of our outreach, and we acknowledge Olive Lawson and her team for their hard work and the profound impact it has had on countless lives.

Nurturing Faith: ESOL Introduction to the Christian Faith We were encouraged by the Introduction to the Christian Faith course specifically tailored for our migrant and ESOL community. While the numbers were modest, the engagement was deep. The committed core of participants found great value in these sessions, and plans are currently underway to offer a follow-up series in the coming year. Many thanks to Yvette, Olive and Joanna for leading these sessions.

Cultural Connection: Te Reo Māori Introduction A highlight of the year for me was the 4-week Introduction to Te Reo Māori course. This was well-attended and provided a joyous space for learners to engage with Te Reo and Te Ao Māori. It was a privilege to facilitate this, and the enthusiasm of the participants suggests a strong appetite for further cultural engagement.

Looking Ahead: As we look toward 2026, the committee remains committed to being a welcoming porch for our community. We thank all those who have offered their time and prayers as we navigate this season of change.

Gavin Kingsley

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.

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

Mainly Music [pre-school music programme]

2025 saw an average of 15-19 families a week, up to 20 children. 2026 has started a little lower, averaging about 15 children. Some great connections being made between attending families and with St B activities too.

A very big thank you to Simon Cobb who lays out the carpets and tables in the Hall most weeks. To all the mainly music helpers who come each week to help set-up and run our sessions on the welcome desk, sound desk, props handout, talking to families, craft help, hospitality, set-up, pack-down etc; this is what helps to make our sessions run smoothly!

We said thank you and farewell to both Alison Ruddock and Barbara Stanford from the team, who are leaving themselves more time for travel in 2026. We also thanked Shona Wray at the beginning of 2025 when she stepped down. Big thank you to Erica Bennett, Charlotte Diggle, Suzanne Peddie, Yvette Butcher, Rebecca Latimer, and our newest members, Ludwina Wamamili and Penelope Paynter. To all the lovely bakers and kitchen helpers who serve once a term – the hospitality is a special part of our programme 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. 2025 was a year with several changes in our team, with gains and losses. However, we continue to be thankful that we can offer a welcoming place for our 21 families and 28 children on our roll (with an average of 16 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, Erin Hammond (until end of Term 1), Mark Clare, Gillian Perano, Don Rowlands (until end of Term 3), Nicola Maxwell (Term 2) Barbara Lash (Terms 2-4), Gavin Kingsley (from Term 2) with Cheryl Earl coming once a fortnight. We were able to call on Emma Reid, Lynette Ensor & Angela Brown as relief team leaders when the need arises. We are very grateful for the continuing support of Simon Cobb setting up the mats and tables each week, and Rebecca Latimer setting up the kitchen area for us each morning. We give thanks for the strong and supportive community that is Playgroup.

Jenny Wilkens or Andrew Butcher joined 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 church.

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)

Lifestream's Children's Ministry includes Lighthouse Kids, Little Lites, and various Intergenerational Services. This is a vital and exciting ministry. This year, we have many positive and wonderful things to report back to the wider St Barnabas Church.

Our Sunday morning ministries are consistently well attended. The Little Lights room junctions well with toys and books placed around the room for children to immediately engage with on arrival. It is a warm and inviting place, easily accessible to parents and the children are free to wander back to their parents. A low-key lesson in the form of a craft, a Children's Bible story book and small conversations around the theme as able take place. Engaging in conversation with these little people is a constant source of delight and laughter.

Our Lighthouse (school age) children take a step up in their learning to encourage continued Spiritual Development. Again, we aim to make these lessons fun and interactive with games, crafts, videos and a crafted lesson. Flo Fokkens, with her usual skill, helps keep our crafts top shelf!

Our Intergenerational Services are well-received by the Lifestream's Church Family. As the Children and Families' Pastor, I am always delighted and blessed with how much our church family love our children. The noise and activity that children bring into our context is seen as a blessing and that is wonderful. Combination services with our other congregations are also a vital part of the ministry to children at St Barnabas. While they present challenges with facilities across at other buildings, the need to set up equipment and then carry it all back again, limited place to take a child who is distressed, they also bring a richness of church experience to children. Our children have the unique opportunity to see church function in various ways and see a diverse expression of worship across age ranges and cultural contexts.

Our ministry includes some lovely events as well. The Children's Christmas Pageant is a highlight each year. But the stand-out event of the year I believe was the "This is Not A Halloween Party Party". This party, kindly hosted by Mel and Bede Cammock-Elliot, was a truly joyous family event.

It is an honour and blessing to serve the Lifestream's families.

Barbara Neville / Children's and Families' Minister

Messy Church Saturday All Age Services

Ministry with children and families at St Barnabas and in the community has been through: Playgroup, Mainly Music, Lighthouse Kids and Little Lights Sunday Children's Programme; Intergenerational All Age Lifestreams Sunday services and Messy Church style Saturday all age art and meal services. Christmas Lighthouse Kids 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 Parishioners. Birthday cards were sent to children from the Baptismal list, Lighthouse Kids, ex Fridayzone, Messy Church regulars and newly graduated youth.

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 evangelism family and all age services include dramas, puppets, experiments, games, crafts, scavenger hunts, Prayer discovery experiences, outdoor activities, singing and a shared meal.

The six Messy Churches were in the Hall in 2025, and Easter and Christmas Messy Churches used the Church for trails and Scavenger Hunts. The six Messy Churches were attended by 173 individual people including 90 from the community. There were 54 new people at Messy Church in 2025. 464 people attended the 6 Messy Church services. The average was 77 people and average of 34 children and youth under 16. A total of 40 helpers supported the team at Messy Church with an average of 25 helpers at each Messy Church including Youth Helpers. The team consisted of Angela (Volunteer leader) and Greg Brown (Set up and Hospitality), Helen Wakefield (Administration), Christine and Florence Fokkens (Creative ideas planning and preparation), Alison Wightman (Planning & preparation) and Hanan Fokkens on technology support at each Messy Church.

A continuing trend has been the popularity of Messy Church with Playgroup and mainly music families, folk from different cultures- especially from the English Class, grandparents bringing their grandchildren, families from other churches and singles 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 and Holiday

Programme children returning as adults with their children. We again welcomed visitors from other churches exploring starting a Messy Church.

The March Messy church was 'Come follow me' – the call of the disciples and us and was attended by 95 and 73 for dinner. The April Easter Messy Church was 'The Greatest Love Story' and was attended by 69 and 62 for dinner. The June Messy Church 'Time, Talents and Treasures' Pentecost theme was attended by 67 and dinner for 64. The August Messy Church 'Miracle in the Middle' – Jesus and Peter Walk on water, was attended by 79 and 74 for dinner. The October Messy Church 'Time to Shine' theme explored how we shine with God's love when we allow his wrap around presence to enfold us and was attended by 60 and dinner for 55. The December 'God enters the world' Christmas Story was focused on HOPE at Christmas and was attended by 94 and dinner for 90.

Angela Brown is the Canterbury Messy Church Regional Encourager and attended and presented at Messy Church NZ Master Class Training sessions by Zoom and was part of the National Team who planned writing for the International Get Messy Magazine. St Barnabas Messy Church Templates and ideas have been put on the National Messy Church Website and shared with St Augustine's Cashmere and Linwood Baptist and MJ's Spreydon. She also attended National Messy Church Zoom planning meetings. We rejoice in the visits from St Augustine's team, Linwood Baptist Pastors, National Messy Church leaders, St Mark's Opawa Children and Family Minister and Mar Thoma members to St Barnabas MC and also an invitation to encourage the St Martins & St James staff team who are exploring starting MC in 2026.

The vision for 2026 is to have six Messy Church services in the hall. 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)

2025 was another year for us at both schools - Isleworth on Mondays & Fendalton on Tuesdays at lunchtime. Isleworth was able to offer our team of 3 a warm and inviting large classroom for the entire year. Fendalton School had many renovations happen again during the year which made it challenging for some weeks to even get to the classroom, and then to sometimes find it full of gear. However, we are very grateful to be welcomed into both schools and always trust in God's provision for us.

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 us.

We are encouraged when the children bring along their friends – we then send a note home for those parents to be aware that their children are interested in Launchpad 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 make it hard for the children to stay committed to coming each week. We try to provide a fun, engaging time 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.

Please keep the teams in your prayers as we offer Launchpad during lunchtime, especially at Fendalton, where I am now by myself.

Helen Wakefield / Launchpad Team Leader at Isleworth & Fendalton Schools

Youth Ministry Report

Following the energy and excitement of Easter Camp at the end of Term 1, SBYG began Term 2 with momentum. We continued to meet on Tuesday evenings, alongside the Young Young Adults space after Lifestreams.

At the end of Term 2, we farewelled Nathan Muirhead from his role as Youth Minister. Nathan's faithful leadership and pastoral care over the past 2 and a half years have left a lasting impact. We are especially grateful for all the mahi he has done over this time, and we pray God's blessing for him and Claire as they step into their next season of life.

From the beginning of Term 3, I took over the role of Youth Minister. Rev's took a break during this term, allowing me to settle into the role and to focus more on SBYG. Throughout Term 3 we focused on the Fruit of the Spirit at SBYG, as well as bringing back the classic SBYG events such as MasterChef!!

The Young Young Adults space, which was so amazingly led by Cassandra and Nathan Allpress and Braden Ramsell, helped to provide older youth & young adults with a supportive place for reflection, discussion, and leadership. As Cassandra and Nathan move away from young adult's ministry at St Barnabas, we massively thank them for all they have done for us!

Volunteer leaders continued to step up with generosity and commitment and helped to reinforce the sense of belonging and care within SBYG, which would truly not be able to run without them!

Term 4 has been a time of celebration, growth, and reflection for our youth. Activities have included photo scavenger hunts, water nights, and many more fun and exciting youth group nights! With Catch me if you can, a combined night with St Christopher's & St Aidan's being a huge highlight of the term. During term 4 we went through a series called RE: FORM, which look at different things including baptism, communion & about why there is different versions of the Bible.

The start of the year has been back to full speed for SBYG, as we have begun our prep for Easter Camp, as well as restarting Rev's on a Sunday Morning!

Charlotte Carrell / Youth Minister

24-7 Youth Work at Christchurch Boys' High School

In 2025 Jakob Burgess was our sole Youth Worker at CBHS. A lot of Jakob's role is relationship building, being present around the school to build trust and be there for students when they need it. This past year that involved a particular focus on building relationships with Year 9 students. It's important to find the right balance between being present and available to a wide range of students and going deep with a few. All year 9 students participated in a team building day that Jakob ran for their class which gave a positive interaction, many students also engaged with lunchtime activities that Jakob ran especially the popular 9 Square volleyball game. We set up a new referral system so that teachers can recommend boys that could do with some youth work support, Jakob would then go meet with these students in a class and see how they clicked. This led to some new supportive mentoring relationships. Jakob also facilitated a social skills programme for a group of boys recommended by a dean through the year. The work we do continues to highly valued by the school, they trust us and are very open to the projects we suggest. In 2026 Jakob has been asked to work more mentoring a couple of the key student leaders. Supporting them in their roles to lead house activities and peer support for the school. These are key roles of influence and allow us to multiply our impact on the school culture through these groups of student leaders. We look forward to providing them with training, coaching and support in their leadership roles.

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. Facilitated team building days for each of the year 9 classes to build relationships.
4. Hosted lunchtime activities which have been well attended once a week.
5. Worked closely with the Guidance department and Deans to support specific students through running groups.
6. Taken groups of students on outdoor experiences including planting trees at the Estuary and tramping.
7. Been a friendly presence for young people around lunch and many school activities.

Please pray for the following:

1. Pray for wisdom as we continue to look for the best ways we can support individual students and the school as a whole. Pray that God will guide Jakob to be present to the right students at the right time.
2. Pray for the student leaders we are supporting. That they will make a positive impact on the school and will learn and grow from our guidance and support.

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/Young Adults

The fortnightly Young Young Adults' Lunch continued through 2025. In the first half of the year, Nathan and Claire Muirhead announced their need to step down from their roles leading this ministry, and Nathan and Cassandra Allpress carried on leading this group from June until the end of 2025. Braden Ramsell continued to support these gatherings as well.

In the first half of 2025, our gatherings centered on bible studies of various episodes in the gospels, with an intention to tune our ear to the voice of Jesus so that we might better recognise it in our own lives today. In the second half of the year we worked through the Beatitudes together, largely following the format of the book *The Ninefold Path of Jesus* by Mark Scandrette, where each Beatitude was framed in the context of our everyday lives and the practices we might pick up if we want to live into the way Jesus calls us to. As with last year, a particular highlight was hearing from Richard Neville, this time on the beatitude *blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy*.

We (Nathan and Cassandra) have decided not to continue leading the Young Adults' ministry in 2026, as Cassandra is preparing to begin some postgraduate study and that will likely involve moving overseas. At the time of writing, it isn't yet clear what God's invitation is for the young adults' ministry in this next season. However, we have encouraged the young adults to continue to meet together socially, join Lent groups with the wider St Barnabas family, and lean into the diocese-wide young adults activities (e.g. monthly Cathedral worship nights). We have really enjoyed our time with the young adults, it's been exciting to see them grow in their faith and understanding and continue to develop in the leadership roles many of them take within parish life (worship, AV, youth group, etc.).

Nathan & Cassandra Allpress | Convenor

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. Special thanks to Margaret Harper for her help, and to Maryann Robson who has stepped in to help when Margaret is unavailable. We again supplied soup for the very popular weekly Soup and Rolls Faith & Film evenings mid-year, hot cross buns for Good Friday, morning teas for working bees, the Anzac Day service and provided other hospitality when requested. 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 is often a challenge, 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. We have catered for 15 funerals this year, which has given us a profit of almost \$11,000.00. 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; 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

Tea, coffee and toast continue to be served after the 8am service in the Tui Room. It is a great opportunity to enjoy hospitality and interesting conversation. From this year's koha we gave \$120 worth of socks and blankets to the winter appeal and \$300 to the City Mission at Christmas.

Thanks to the team of 5 who prepare breakfast and also to Corinne Haines for preparing the roster and buying breakfast supplies.
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

WOMEN'S AND MEN'S GROUP

Daytime AAW Afternoon Group

In February we began with our popular service Hymns of Praise, where several shared a hymn that was meaningful to them. In March we enjoyed hearing from Ludwina Wamamili and seeing photos of her life back home and family story. In April we were intrigued to hear Alan Robb's history of musical boxes and a demonstration of a few he owns.

In May we joined in with the InBetweens Group and attended a concert at the Piano, Judy's Encore, was Ali Harper's new show celebrating the legendary Judy Garland. In June we heard from Kathleen Stringer talking about Therapy Dogs, trained to provide comfort to people in hospitals, schools, hospices and disaster areas. Later in June we toured the Court Theatre. In June, Ellen Loader, the President of the Christchurch AAW Diocese shared information that the local Diocese was working on.

In August Rev Jan spoke about her Franciscan journey, which the group found captivating. In September Shirley-Anne ran a Quiz afternoon and in October Margaret Harper took us on a pictorial tour of Lynda Hallinan's Garden.

Following Madeleine Price's wish to finish her term at the beginning of the year, the leadership was shared with Carol Stewart and Lyn Wright, and myself. We thank Carol and Lyn for their willingness to run these meetings this year, as well we particularly appreciated their floristry and musical talents over the years. Now we look forward to seeing Shirley-Anne Collins take over the reins as leader after this meeting. Looking back over previous years minutes, we seem to have stayed to similar membership numbers for the last 5 years, around 31, with meeting numbers ranging from 15 to 30. We expect this to continue as new members come now and again from InBetweens or outside the Parish, as well we respect those members whose mobility determines they no longer can make the journey.

My thanks to many that have helped over the year, particularly Christine Webster who has been a great support, as well as carrying out the afternoon tea roster. Rev Jan Brodie, Roberta Smith from the Diocesan AAW, May Carrell and Shirley-Anne Collins, and Adrienne Robinson. A big thank you to Rev Jenny who has led and advised us numerous times, as well staff such as Marion Cook, Rebecca Latimer, Simon Cobb, and Braden Ramsell for their help and support over the year, these contributions all lead to the success of our meetings. Many a time Judy Dodwell and I have had discussions as to the best way forward, and I thank you also Judy for this support.

And finally, I did want to update the group on the funds that were approved from our membership fees outside the Parish:

Organ Fund	\$250
Women's Refuge.	\$250
National AAW body for relief in Fiji	\$500
Fellowship of the Least Coin	\$92

Jenny Glasson/ Leader, Afternoon AAW Fendalton

In-Betweens AAW Group

It is my pleasure to present my annual report for 2025 of the St Barnabas InBetweens. It was a very busy year for the group with four mid-winter tours and excellent guest speakers.

On February 2nd the Reverend Jenny Wilkens led the Hymns of Praise, which was well-attended, and the committee was recommissioned at that time. Supper was served in the hall.

In March our guest speaker was David Laughlin, an aircraft engineer who captured everyone's attention as he described the Last Great Air Race, London Heathrow to Christchurch in October 1953.

In April our guest speaker was Catherine Moody who gave a fascinating insight into her past twenty-five years working away from New Zealand with positions in Westminster, with the World Bank, and in the Middle East and Eastern Europe.

May saw forty members meet at "The Piano" for the matinee performance of singer Ali Harper as she brought to life the story of actress Judy Garland. Everyone was captivated by Ali's powerful voice and unique acting ability.

In June a tour of the Court Theatre attracted a very large number of members and friends. Three presenters took a group each on the tour. Afternoon tea followed at Turanga, where everyone commented on how much they had enjoyed the experience.

The Fine Arts Department at the University of Canterbury hosted thirty-one members and friends in July. Artists at work were happy to chat to our members, and later afternoon tea was served at Cafe 1894.

In August twenty members including clergy attended the Film Festival at the Lumiere Cinema. The movie "Deaf" was enjoyed by everyone and there was much discussion about it at afternoon tea at the Kind Café. September saw us back in the Fendall Hall and Donna Bundy, a retired U.S. Army officer and Health and Safety Auditor spoke about "Protecting Antarctica". This was a most interesting and informative speech.

In October our guest speaker Fiona Brooker spoke about "The Magic of DNA" which everyone was most interested in

And now, on a sad note, I will read out the names of those who passed away this year.

Robin Willis: Jenny Robinson: Lois Butler: Janice McLeod: Lady Katie Skelton: Valerie Strack: Jan Hay: Ann Brown: Melissa Shoaf: Margaret Brand.

We will always remember them and hold them in our hearts.

My sincere thanks to Jenny Wilkens: Marion Cook: Diana Hann: Denis Guyan: Frank Stewart and Shirley-Anne Collins. You have all been so supportive of the In-Betweens and me. I really appreciate all that you do in your own special way. Finally to my committee: Sarah Burrows: Cheryl Earl: Jude Mackenzie: Elizabeth Green: Ann Linton. You are a wonderful team. Thank you for a great year.

I have enjoyed my fifth year as leader and look forward to 2026. Judy Dodwell

Judy Dodwell | Leader

St. Barnabas Men's Monthly Dinner Group Annual Report

Between January 25 and January 26 this group has grown to 33 with an average attendance of 17, 29 in Jan 25! All 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. Conversations abound. Everyone enjoys supportive and hearty fellowship while good bonds of friendship are formed. All men associated with the parish are welcome.

Philip Robinson (convenor)

WORKS

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

Simon Cobb arrived at the end of 2024 to become Parish Verger, replacing Greg Brown after many years of service. Greg has remained on the Works Team.

Church Building (1926)

- The HVAC heating and cooling system has worked very well throughout the year and is enjoyed by parishioners on frosty mornings and hot summer days.
- Smoke detectors at the apex of the church roof have failed twice, with the fire service being called out. Repairs to these detectors are costly.
- The lamp on the wall outside the church by the access ramp has been renovated and wired intelligently to come on at dusk and go off at dawn.
- The Beckett lamp northwest of the church has been renovated and is operational once again.
- The church organ console has been moved to the other side of the chancel as part of the organ upgrade. There is considerably more work still to be undertaken by the Centennial Organ Appeal Committee, who are considering upgrading the organ to a digital hybrid version in the longer term.
- Various electrical fittings have been upgraded in the church
- The 3 external wooden doors have been beautifully re-stained in keeping with the centenary celebrations coming up.

Church Grounds

- There has been considerable planning for the upgrade of our underground stormwater system. This is being designed to take ground water in the event of heavy rain away from our buildings and parish grounds. This work is being overseen by a member of the Works team, Robert Churcher of Blue Barn.

Fendall Hall (1941) and St Barnabas Centre (1965) Buildings

- Both buildings are used regularly by various community groups and for private functions, providing a rental return.
- Both buildings remain in a generally good state of repair since the completion of post-earthquake upgrades. A minor leak in the youth room of the hall is being addressed. A more major leak on the west wall in the Parish office of the SBC continues, with the root cause proving hard to identify. We have engaged Hanham & Philp to endeavour to resolve these leaks.

Clergy Houses

Vicarage - 7 Makora Street (1958)

- There have been various improvements made to meet Healthy Homes requirements. This standard has now been met. Insulation has been upgraded, making the internal environment more comfortable for Vicar Andrew and Yvette.
- The vicarage is starting to show its age, with various items failing or starting to fail, such as the hot water cylinder, as well as other plumbing, plus leaking around window frames.

Associate Priest House 25a Plynlimon Street (2015)

- This house has a new occupant Rev. Kay Webster, as of February 2026. It is currently undergoing remedial work to ensure it meets Healthy Homes requirements.

Conclusion

As a parish we are fortunate to be able to maintain the standard of our parish buildings to a consistently high standard. Around the parish grounds, the next challenge will be to get better storm water drainage system installed particularly around the Church. Quotes have now been received from 2 contractors with a further quote due imminently. We expect to make significant progress in this matter in the coming months.

Finally, I would like to thank Simon, Greg, Don, Braden, John and Rob for their experienced input they have offered a variety of challenges during the year.

Michael Malthus / Chair

COMMUNICATIONS

When Rev'd Jo Cotton and Rev'd Andy Dickson left our parish to take positions elsewhere, their communications tasks have fallen back to the clergy, who are grateful for Marion's assistance with the weekly pewsheet, and the printing and delivery of the Mooring Post. Thank you to all our magazine deliverers, including those who have taken up this role when others have had to hand it on.

The Friday Connect email newsletter now goes out to approx. 700 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.

Rev'd Dr Andrew Butcher / Vicar

ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNANCE

Vestry

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

Vestry had another successful year with meetings taking place at 7pm generally on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Our meetings have gone 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 as of April 2026:

- Corinne Haines (Convenor of Social and Hospitality Team, Synod Rep),
- Wendy Kington (People's Warden, Parish Strategy Team, Worship Team),
- Michael Malthus (Chair of Works Team, Synod Rep)
- Selwyn Paynter (Chair of Finance Team, Parish Strategy Team),
- Nigel Yeoh (Vicar's Warden and Chair of Parish Strategy Team),
- Maggie Paton (Chair of Outreach Team, Lifestreams Oversight Group)

- Greg Brown (Works Committee, Messy Church, Sesquicentennial Celebrations Planning)
- Jenny Glasson (Vestry Secretary, Pastoral Team, AAW)
- Steve Wakefield (Synod Rep, Parish Strategy Team, Chair of the St Barnabas Fendalton Trust),
- Vanessa Mander (Vestry Secretary, Mission Action Plan)

Parish Strategy Team

The Parish Strategy Team (PST) consists of our Churchwardens, Chair of the SBFT, Chair of Finance, Parish Nominators and the Vicar. 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. PST meets on average, quarterly.

Nigel Yeoh | Convenor of the PST

Banking Team

Many of us now make our offerings to church through Direct Credit or Automatic payment by EFTPOS but have you ever wondered what happens to cash offerings received via 'the plate' or through the office? Well, it may surprise you to know that there is a Bankers Team, comprising a team of nine volunteers, two members of whom meet each Monday to process this and deposit the funds through the Parish's bankers ANZ. It is not a very time consuming task these days but nevertheless a very important part of Parish ministry. We always have two members on duty as part of good fiscal responsibility.

As always a big thank you goes to the team for their continued voluntary service.

Wayne Hann | Convenor

Health & Safety Report

I am pleased to present the Health & Safety (H&S) report for the past 12 months.

During the year, I can report that we had only one safety event of significance, which occurred when a staff member tripped while descending the stairs in the St Barnabas Centre, resulting in an injury that required medical attention and a gradual return to work plan. The staff member has made a full recovery. We reviewed the stairs and concluded that they were fully H&S compliant, and no further action was required.

We have noted 2 other safety concerns, which have been addressed.

- A large pin oak tree on the South side of the church was developing a lean towards the church. This tree, along with all others on the site, were assessed by a professional arborist, who recommended extensive pruning of the tree. This has been completed.
- The footpath to the rear of the church, adjacent to the lychgate leading to the vicarage, has become very uneven, and represents a trip hazard, especially in low light. Various solutions have been proposed, and pending a permanent solution being agreed, the affected area of the path has been fenced off, with access to the vicarage being maintained via Makora Street.

In the past year, we have carried out multiple practice fire evacuations, covering all our main services as well as the key groups that use our facilities regularly. We have had 2 false fire alarms in the church caused by defective smoke alarms, resulting in the attendance of the fire brigade. The faulty smoke alarms have been replaced.

Throughout the year I have carried out routine inspections of the site and associated safety equipment on a daily, monthly and quarterly basis, maintaining records of those inspections and reporting monthly to Vestry. St Barnabas was subject to a Christchurch City Council inspection in late 2025, to ensure that we were meeting all the terms of

our code of compliance. I'm pleased to report that no concerns were raised. We also successfully obtained our annual building WOF in December 2025 for the next 12 months.

In closing, I would like to remind everyone here that Health and Safety isn't just my responsibility or that of the clergy and staff. It's everyone's responsibility to keep a watchful eye out and don't just assume that because you've seen something that concerns you, that I will already have spotted it. If you see something, please let me or Marion or a member of staff know, and we'll make sure it's attended to.

Simon Cobb / Verger

