



AGM REPORT 2023

ST PETERS IN THE CITY

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Tauranga 3110



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HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER
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AMEN.

PSLAM 118:1, 28 - 29

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ST PETERS CARE & COUNSELLING CHARITABLE TRUST

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 2022

ST PETERS CARE & COUNSELLING CHARITABLE TRUST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022

Held at St Peters Church, Sunday 18 September 2022

Opened with Prayer by Rev. Enosa Auva'a

Present – Kate Weir, Vicki Roberts, Tony Johnson (Trustees) Cath Page, Denise Coy,
Lee Watkins (staff)

Apologies – Gary Allis, Nikki Kiyimba

Minutes of AGM held 29 August 2021

Motion1: That the minutes of the 2021 AGM, as circulated, be confirmed

Moved – Kate Weir Seconded – Tony Johnson Carried

Conflict of interest - None

Chairman's Report – Tony delivered his report which touched on CAP Debt service being closed, CAP Life Skills continuing, staff impacts due to Government guidelines, trustee changes. Denise Coy was thanked for her major contribution stepping up as Manager when Cath had her 4 months extended leave.

Changes to Trust membership - Graham Beswick was thanked and Vicki Roberts welcomed as our new trustee.

Motion2: That the Chairman's Reports be received

Moved – Tony Johnson Seconded – Vicki Roberts Carried

Manager's Report – Cath Page delivered her report which touched on counselling and course attendance, the fact we are making a difference in people's lives and some pertinent feedback from clients. Cath also touched on our longer term goals and our funding sources.

Motion3: That the Manager's Reports be received.

Moved – Tony Johnson Seconded – Kate Weir Carried

Financial Report 1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022 – Neville Watkins summarized the years performance. He noted the gift from Grace Church and the prudent management of expenses resulting in a surplus.

Motion3: That the Financial Report be received

Moved – Kate Weir Seconded – Vicki Roberts Carried

Any Other Business - None

Close with Prayer (after church AGM.)

ST PETERS IN THE CITY - AGM MINUTES - 2022

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of

St Peters Presbyterian Church

held on Sunday 18th September at 11.00am

The meeting was opened in prayer by Rev Enosa Auva'a.

He welcomed all members in attendance (see attached).

Apologies – Eoin Crosbie, A Chancellor, D & G McMillan, R & S Dixon, L & A Taylor, C & R Fawcett, B Johnson, J & E Clark, J & J Clark, D & J Buxton

Motion 1: "That apologies be accepted"

Moved: Jaco Potgieter, Seconded: Tony Johnson. Agreed

The **St Peters House AGM** followed (see over).

St Peters Church AGM

Previous minutes

Motion 2: "That the Minutes of the 2021 AGM of St Peters, held on 7 November 2021 and as printed and circulated, were a true and correct record of that meeting"

Moved: Keith Campbell, Seconded: Neville Watkins. Agreed

There were no matters arising from the 2021 AGM Minutes.

Adoption of the Annual Report

Motion 3: "That the 2022 Annual Reports be received.

Moved: Keith Campbell, Seconded: Rona Harris. Agreed

Discussion: Ten reports were received from all areas of the church. It was noted that Aaron Edwards resigned from the Board of Managers during the year and the family moved to Scotland. We welcomed Enosa as our new Minister in early May. Richard Harkness spoke to the ICONZ/IGIRLS report. Richard is the National President for Boys Brigade, previously known as ICONZ.

Board of Managers appointments

Motion 4: "That Keith Campbell and Marie Laval be re-appointed to the Board of Managers"

Moved: Neville Watkins, Seconded: Cath Page Agreed

Vote of thanks

Staff: Keith proposed a vote of thanks to the staff for their dedication and service to us all – Rose, Viviana, Cathrine, and David. We were very grateful for the leadership Mike Uttley provided during the transition period, and we are blessed to have Enosa as our new minister, and warmly welcomed Felicity also.

Session: Keith thanked Session for their service and guidance, especially during the transitional period (Tom, Rose, Marion, Corne, Anna, Peter M, Peter C)

Board of Managers: Keith also thanked the Board for their management during Covid, helping with the relocation of the new minister, over-seeing staff, and stewardship of the finances (Barbara, Neville, Darleen, Marie, Bruce, Kirwan, Jaco & Keith)

MSB – a vote of thanks was also given to the Ministry Settlement Board

A motion of thanks was also proposed for Kath Cole for her 25 years of service as organist

Motion 5: “That St Peters record a vote of thanks to Kath Cole for her 25 years of faithful service as organist”

Moved: Penny Adams, Seconded: Marion Sanders, Agreed

Treasurer’s Financial Report

Neville presented the Performance Report for the 2021/2022 year. Giving is still a challenge and the Board is controlling spending wisely. WE ended the year with a cash surplus of \$33k. This will be used for several large costs incurred recently – a seismic assessment of our buildings which was requested by the Presbytery Property Trustees (\$21k), and some outstanding repairs and maintenance of the buildings.

Motion 6. “That the audited financial statements (Performance Report) for the year ended 30 June 2022, as presented ,be received and approved”.

Moved: Neville Watkins, Seconded: Bruce Robinson. Agreed

Motion 7. “That William Buck Audit (NZ) Limited be re-appointed as auditors for the next financial year.”

Moved: Neville Watkins, Seconded: Bruce Robinson. Agreed

General Business

Rose Chin proposed a vote of thanks to the Board of Managers.

There being no further business, Enosa closed in prayer at 12:30pm.

Attendees:

N & J Ryder, I Donaldson, J Crosbie, T Chancellor, I Mainland, M Duncanson, P&V Roberts, F & E Auva'a, P & K Adams, J Dixon, V Tupou, R Atkins, T Johnson, P Merton, C Page, K Weir, C Galletly, D Swetman, A & B Robinson, K Cole, B Guy, M & P Carter, M & L Sanders, C Kruger, H Johnstone, L & G Brighting, H & R Harkness, C & J Potgieter, A McNabb, L & T Symonds, R Harris, D Coy, L & N Watkins, R & P Chin, T & R Burness

St Peters Leadership

SENIOR MINISTERS REPORT

AUGUST 14 2022 TO AUGUST 31 2023

Firstly *“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that he lavished on us”* Ephesians 1:3-8.

In my first report I had just started in May 2, 2022, and covered June to August 14, 2022. This report is for the 12 months covering August 2022 to August 2023.

This period of my Ministry can only be described as most challenging, stretching, tiring, and yet so exciting and fulfilling as God speaks, directs, honours, and undertakes His work through Felicity and I and His wonderful church family at St Peters.

The Samoan orator in me would demonstrate my **joy** and **thankfulness** (speaking as the Matai-chief) to a gathering of my family as I extend well wishes (tapuaiga) as follows:

Ua pati taoto le feepo, Ua matalupe le seuga,
Sa tatou savavali ma le loua o le tau,
Ua tali lo tatou Alii, ua tau lau o le tatou faamoemoe,
Ua manu teleina lo tatou vaa I lena tausaga,
O lea tatou te alalaga ma faafetai ai,
O le Atua, o le Atua silisili ese lona alofa.
Amene

This Report covers the following.

1. Church Vision & Mission
2. Church Worship
3. Church Mission
4. Church Pastoral Care
5. Church Relationship and Connection
6. Church Staff and Office Volunteers



1. Church Vision & Mission

Vision.

To be Christ to the City, The City to Christ.

We desire our city to be impacted by Jesus and his message, and we want to make a positive spiritual impact on our city, by being salt and light.

Mission.

Helping people Find, Follow and Know Jesus.

We start by praying, sharing, and inviting people to consider Christ. The first transition is to recognise who our friends and neighbours are and to add spiritual value to our relationships in the hope that they will come to believe. The second transition is taking new believers and helping them become

established followers. The third transition is to take faithful followers and invite them to see how all of life can be lived for God's mission.

Strategies.

The elders met in October 2022 and prioritised four strategic areas for church actions and activities between 2023-2027 starting in 2023. The four areas identified were:

1. A faith that is foundational for all our children, families, youth, and adults (2023-2024 continue)

Faith that is Scripture centred (2 Timothy 3:16-17), prayer focused and based on Jesus' model and Spirit led as experienced by the First Church in Pentecost (Acts 1:4-8)

2. A community that is connected (2024-2025 continue)

An intergenerational whanau; worshipping, connected, inviting, belonging, serving and loving. Community outreach includes:

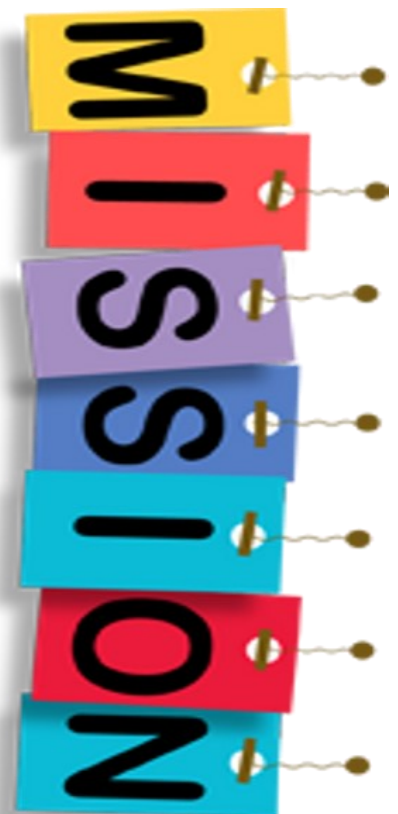
St Peters House, Counselling, Christmas Dinner, Tuesday community lunch. We are a bicultural church in a multicultural context.

3. A life that is authentic (2025-2026 continue)

Worship in spirit and truth, finding our identity in Christ, sharing joys and challenges, praying for each other, and sharing manaakitanga (caring, sharing, hospitality). Being people of grace and truth, speaking the truth in love.

4. A voice that is authentic (2026-2027 continue)

Involvement in local and global mission, a voice for the voiceless, Christ-centred community service (speaking the Gospel of the Kingdom, testifying to what God in Christ has done)



Now

ALPHA. The church is preparing leaders and helpers for an **Alpha** course to start in 2024. Training and orientation are underway to December 2023. Following discussion and prayerful consideration at session in July, an announcement to the congregation followed. A good turnout to the information evening in August was encouraging. We are working with Alpha New Zealand on this journey. Our congregation is invited to participate now by identifying two non-church friends they want to invite to Alpha and start praying for them before making an invitation in 2024. Information is communicated during our Sunday services, website and weekly pastoral message, and through small group leaders.

The **Annual Plan 2023-4** reflects the priority strategy *“A faith that is foundational for all our children, families, youth, and adults”* and is implemented in **seven areas/objectives** for actions and activities. The areas are Worship, Mission, Pastoral Care, Discipleship and Fellowship, Children’s Ministry (Y1-13), Young Families and Adults, Finance and Property. There are over 60 actions identified for the seven areas to work on that I will comment on during this report.

Moving Forward

Alpha will be part of the church calendar mission/outreach yearly. 100% congregation involvement in some form. Leaders and helpers will grow in the Lord. Regular engagement with the non church community with the intention of sharing the good news and make disciples.

Most actions/activities in the **Annual Plan** are completed or a work in progress. Further actions are developed to enhance key areas.

Insight and Prayer

Two Alpha programmes in 2024. 90% of Alpha participants will be new to a church. An Alpha programme specific for St Peters congregation in 2024. 10% of Alpha participants choose to be baptised and become members of St Peters.

Holy Spirit direct your people as we seek to share the Good News.

2. Church Worship

Sunday Services.

A. Sermons and Preaching.



2022	Themes	Sermon titles	Text	Preacher
August	Discipleship and Community	Plan and implement your plan	Luke 12:35-40	Youth
		The risk of being a Christian	Luke 12:49-59	Enosa
		Jesus power in the community	Luke 13:10-17	Enosa
		What is your issue with Jesus?	Luke 14: 1-14	Enosa
Sept	Discipleship and Community	The cost of being a disciple	Luke 14:25-33	Peter M
		The joy of being found	Luke 15:1-10	Enosa
		The Fellowship of Unity	1Pet 3:8, Ps 133,1Cor12:12	Enosa
		The Lord is our refuge	Psalm 91:1-6,6,14-16 Part 1	Enosa
Oct	Parables	Jesus teaches about faith	Luke 17:5-10	Marion
		The Ten men with leprosy	Luke 17:11-19	Enosa
		The Lord is our refuge	Psalm 91 Part 2	Enosa
		Tax Collector	Luke 18:9-14	Tom
		Zacchaeus	Luke 19:1-10	Youth
Nov	Pentecost Advent	Got You question- Jesus speaks - Silence	Luke 20:27-38	Enosa
		Jesus heals leprosy	Luke 17:11-19	Marion
		The Shrewd manager	Luke 16:1-13	Peter
		International Needs		Shaun
Dec	Advent	Baptism of Jesus	Is 11: 1-10 Matthew 3:1-16	Enosa
		Are you the Messiah?	Mt 11: 2-11 Is 35: 1-10	Tom
		The Birth of Jesus	Isa9:2-7 Luke 2:1-14	Enosa
		God's love beyond human understanding	Matthew1:18-25 Isa7:10-16	Enosa
		Word became flesh	John 1: 1-14 Isaiah 52: 7-10	Enosa

2023	Themes	Sermon titles	Text	
January	New Beginnings	Remember, refocus, restart (Part 1)	Ps 105:1-10, Col 3:2,	Enosa
				Mike
				Mike
		Living hope	1 Peter 1:3-12	Marion
		Remember God and refocus Part 1	Psalms 105	Enosa
		Part 2 Restart	2 Cor5:17, Psalm 51:12 Ep 4:22-24	Enosa
		Temple Rebuilt	Haggai 2:1-9	Enosa
February		Fasting	Isaiah 58:1-9 Matthew 6:16-18	Enosa
		The Lord is with You 'Yes and Amen'	Numbers 13: 1-2, 26-28, 30-33	Enosa
		The reality of our faith and Hope in God revealed"	Matthew 17: 1-9	Enosa
		Jesus' model answers for human temptations	Matthew 4:1-11	Enosa
March		Jesus and the Professor	John 3:1-17	Enosa
		God's Presence, Provision, and Protection	Exodus 17:1-7	Enosa
			I Samuel 16: 1-13; Psalm 19:7-10	Marion
		Dry bones	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Enosa
April	Palm Sunday Easter	The King	Matthew 21:1-11	Enosa
		<i>Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. JESUS IS ALIVE</i>	Luke 24:1-6 John 20:1-18	Enosa
		The Day after	John 20:19-23 1 Peter 1:3-10	Enosa
			1 Peter 1:13-23	Glen M
		A Psalm of Trust- Relationship with God	Psalms 23	Enosa
May	Mother's Day	Mission	Luke 10:25-28	Prasanna
		The promise of the Holy Spirit	John 14:15 -21	Enosa
		Jesus returns to the Father (Ascension)	Acts 1: 9-11	Enosa
		Jesus baptises the Church	Acts 2: 1- 40	Enosa
June		"Many gifts, one Spirit"	1 Corinthians 12:1-11:	Enosa
		"God calls"	Genesis 12:1-9	Enosa
		Love the Lord	Psalms 116	Glen M
		Being Church	Acts 2:42-47	Enosa
July				
		Abraham testing	Acts 22:1-19	Enosa
		The Glory of God	Psalms 19	Enosa
		Life in the Spirit	Rom 8:11-11	
		Sow the good seeds and stay connected with the weeds	Matthew 13:24-30,40:	Enosa
				David Dishroon
August		Faith that commits us to God	Romans 12:1 - 8	Keith Hooker
		The Pit	Genesis 37:1 - 36	Enosa
		faithfulness of God and faith in action	Genesis 42:1-8,29-32 Genesis 43:1-6,26-31 Genesis 44:14-18,33-34 Genesis 45:1-6,25-28 Genesis 46:1-8	Enosa
		Two questions	Matthew 16:13-20.	Enosa

Now

I have used the **Lectionary & Calendar 2021-2022 Year C- Luke & PCANZ 2022-2023 Year A-Matthew** as a guide for my sermon preparation. Sermon text is spread across the Bible covering the Gospels, Epistles, Prophets, Wisdom, Historical NT, Pentateuch-Law, Historical OT. I am very grateful to our session elders Marion Sanders, Tom Jarette and Peter Maslin and our overseas missionaries Glen Morris and Arpana and Prasana for sharing the Word. I want to acknowledge one of our local Ministers David Dishroon who shared the pulpit as well.

Moving Forward

Continue using the Lectionary as my main resource. Identify themes from congregational needs and develop a theme series to preach on. Endeavouring to deliver sermons in multiple approaches including Expository, Inductive, Doctrinal and Topical. Continue to invite session elders, overseas missionaries, and colleagues to preach.

Insight and Prayer

Regularity and consistency of speakers with Jesus centred messages. Sermon variety (pastoral, missional, prophetic) that invites people to have a head-heart experience with the Holy Spirit.

Holy Spirit inspire the preachers speaking your word.

B. Special Services

Adults Full Immersion Water Baptism Service

Now

We held a full immersion adult water baptism service on Sunday 4 December 2022. What a blessing for the congregation as the candidates, their families and friends gathered to celebrate their public declaration of their faith declaring Jesus Lord and Saviour. The four baptised were Sophie Bridgman, Katie Jarrett, Carol Kang and Margot Johansson.

Moving Forward

Three of the candidates were in their final year of High School, two beginning university and one taking a gap year 2023. With Alpha set to begin in 2024 baptism will be taught and undertaken as instructed by Jesus to make disciples and baptise them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Insight and Prayer

The church calendar will include baptismal services as required.

Holy Spirit convict our spirit to be immersed in you.

Dedication Service

Now

There were two children's dedication services held during the year with one in January and the other in July 2023 with the total of 8 children brought forward by families to be dedicated. They include Heaven Akenese Leavasa, Fergus Cooper, Hugo Cooper, Angus Taylor, Olivia Greeff, Alejandra Julia Barahona-Peters, Yian Lin (Caleb (4), Yile Lin (Luke 3).

Moving Forward

Continue to provide information and invite parents to take this step of faith with their children in support of their Christian formation in Jesus Christ. The new Ministry Assistant Children Family and Youth worker will undertake pastoral visits to the children's families in 2023-24.

Insight and Prayer

We ask the Holy Spirit to lead and prompt hearts and minds of children's parents to consider dedication/baptism services.

Membership Service

Now

We held a membership service on the 25 June. Karen Brodie, Franz Ferguson, Roberto Mattas, Karen Caldwell, Carol Kang (Chinese) and Lyndon and Brenda Corbett and their Children Naomi and Rachael.

Moving Forward

Continue to teach and share about church fellowship and being church as in Acts 2:42-47. As a church we are committed to teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, prayers, being baptised, and sharing the good news which is found in the 'Great Commission' in Matthew 28:16-20 and the 'Great Commandment' in Matthew 22:34-40.

Holy Spirit help us to help people find, follow and know Jesus.

Insight and Prayer

Hold one membership service annually.

Holy Spirit thank you for the blessings of fellowship.

Reintroduction of the Christmas Eve Candlelight 11.15pm Service

Now

There is joy in reinacting the nativity script for the Christmas eve service. Being our first Christmas at St Peters, it was a blessing to share with our new church family. This was a regular part of St Peters so it was good to resume this service.

Moving Forward

There will be a Christmas eve candlelight service annually.

Insight and Prayer

Holy Spirit thank you for the joy of Christmas. Help us to invite our families and friends as we share in this celebration service of our Lord Jesus.

Missionary service

Now

The Mission committee in partnership with International Needs had a joint dinner for our missionaries Prasanna and Arpanna from Nepal. This culminated in a missionary service on Sunday 7 May led by our committee with Prasanna sharing the word.

Moving Forward

What a time of celebration and affirmation for our missionaries and ourselves at St Peters. Prasanna and Arpanas' work over twenty years with the support of St Peters is inspiring as they shared the growth of the girls they started with from neglected families to the miracle of lives committed to Jesus. They shared God's work in the girls (now young ladies) they started with and were now influencing communities in the professions of teaching, law, justice, and airline hostessing. Ongoing support to further the work in Nepal is a priority in our global mission. Our own Glenn Morris working with Navigators is a regular preacher on our preaching roster (whenever returning from overseas mission work) and this also provides the church with current events and the work of Navigators globally.

Insight and Prayer

An annual mission service coordinated by the Missions committee.

Holy Spirit fill your people with the joy of releasing your church to share the good news amongst the nations.

C. Worship Team

Now

The significant change this year is there is no longer a paid music director. The administration and organisation of worship rosters is a huge task and I'm very grateful to one of the worship leaders for supporting this process to ensure the roster is completed. This is important for service coordination with the ministers planned sermon overview. The rosters are on a 3 month cycle.

Music team

There are now 27 people in the music team covering:

Data operation, sound desk, musicians, (bass, keyboard/piano, drums, guitar, flute, trumpet), singers and worship leaders.

We have a very strong team of 4 worship leaders leading the services and organising weekly practises. We are encouraging an open warm and inviting culture for anyone interested in being part of the worship team. To this end last year we had several youth involved who had not been included previously and although several of them this year have now moved onto university outside Tauranga, we encourage them to take part whenever they are back here. (vocals, guitar, keyboard)

It's wonderful to see new members coming on board to assist with the data operation as well as new singers and musicians.

Updates

Work on the sound desk has been completed by Triac to make it easier to operate and attract more helpers. The easy worship data programme used to manage and project song data and main screen presentations is prone to crashing. It was launched in 2009 so is due for an upgrade.

Music selection

I have asked the worship leaders to broaden the selection that was previously used to include songs that have been great favourites in past years as well as introducing new material to keep pace with the current trends. It is important to have hymns sung regularly in our corporate worship (for our older members) as well as learning the more modern songs reflecting the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on creatives around the world. E.g Brooke Ligertwood Hillsong, Chris Tomlin, Michael W Smith etc. Songs need to be theologically correct and give thanks and praise to our God (not just 'I' focussed all the time). Declaration songs of thanksgiving and praise are very important to give glory to our Lord and Saviour especially in corporate worship.



Live Stream

Live stream continues and although we have had a few glitches, with the addition of condenser mikes hung from the ceiling, listeners are now able to enjoy the full congregation sound of singing but a more clear sound when handhelds and headsets are used for talking or preaching. Thanks to the Board of Managers for organising these updates.

Moving Forward

Continue to encourage new members to share their talents in worship.

The team look forward to the upgrade of the Easy Worship programme as well as replacement of some lighting fixtures to brighten the stage.

Continue with special music events and items for corporate worship e.g. small choir items and guest soloists etc.

Insight and Prayer

Finally, I would like to thank all the worship team members for the time and effort they bring each week to bring quality worship to the congregation of St Peters. They are all busy people but offer up their talents willingly and in a spirit of humility to serve our Lord. 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 (Unity and Diversity in the Body of Christ).

3. Church Mission Outreach

A. Tuesday Community Luncheon for the Homeless

Now

I have observed wonderful bridge building fellowship amongst our guests. They have taken ownership of the space helping with cleaning up after meals. They find solace and rest seeking to respect the church environment and amongst themselves. Regular attendances between 50-60 weekly. Praise God.

Moving Forward

The fellowship of people created in God's image.

Insight and Prayer

Holy Spirit thank you for your provision of volunteers; the Maori wardens, health providers providing essential medical checks and injections, and for the food provision from the community.



B. Christmas lunch

Now

What a wonderful opportunity to serve the community and celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus. Thank you Julz and Tamara for coordinating the day and communicating with suppliers and volunteers. I acknowledge the board of managers particularly Keith Campbell and Barbara Johnson for their leadership to keep things moving and monitoring the budget. An enjoyable time.

Moving Forward

The Annual Christmas dinner brings Jesus into the heart and minds of people in the community.

Insight and prayer

Holy Spirit thank you for the people from churches within the Tauranga CBD for taking time to be a servant of Jesus on the day.

C. Alpha 2024

Now

Training and reorientation of the church community to November 2023.

Moving Forward

St Peters 8-week Alpha October-November 2023

Insight and Prayer

Holy Spirit prepare our church for taking part.

4. Church Pastoral Care

The church provides engagement opportunities for individual members to participate in the expression of their faith in a variety of pastoral care activities.

A. Opportunities for Pastoral Care

Now

We visit the elderly homes and villages where our members are living, we visit families with extreme illness diagnosis or a family event, we ring congregational members. Visitation is undertaken regularly by elders and church members.

Moving Forward

The church members continue to look out for each other displaying a caring family. We encourage fellowship in small groups and regular fellowship on Sunday.

Insight and Prayer

An intentional 'watching out' for the elderly, single parents, and young families with children as we engage with inter-generational church. Thanks to session for all their prayers and support.

Holy Spirit just as you ask us to "cast all our cares on you for you care for us" help us to have eyes to look out for our church members.

B. Weekly Pastoral Message

Now

The weekly pastorage message (over 40 editions) seeks to encourage our church members in their faith walk.

Moving Forward

A weekly ministry to connect our church families with current events with scriptures to encourage us in our attitude and reaction to these activities.

Insight and Prayer

The pastoral message is a ministry to remind us of our dependency on God.

Holy Spirit create in us a love to worship you with all our heart, mind and soul.

C. Telephone calling

Now

The office volunteers of John Buxton, Margaret Sievwright, Anna Rodgers, Maria Carter, Karen Caldwell, Angela Robinson have been a blessing in reaching out to our church family. The team has contacted members twice some offering prayer and a word of encouragement. Request for prayer needs is also noted when we meet at our mid-day prayer on Wednesday to Friday.

Moving Forward

A regular part of pastoral support annually.

Insight and Prayer

Office volunteers makes this possible. An important ministry in the body.

Holy Spirit thank you for the invention of technology that enables us to connect with our church members.

D. Mid-day Prayer

Now

This is held on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday in the foyer area. This is available to everyone. Attendance varies from 3 to 10. Prayer needs are noted from the pastoral team, direct ringing and connection amongst the congregation.

Moving Forward

Our first point of worship is to seek God in prayer. We depend on God's provision and direction.

Insight and Prayer

Holy Spirit grow church members as prayer warriors.

E. Small groups

Now

There are 10 small group gatherings. Session has prioritised profiling our small groups during our services followed with fellowship over a meal organised by the group. What a wonderful time of fun and getting to know each other more as we enjoy the meal together.

Moving Forward

The fellowship and socialisation are so important for our wellbeing in the Lord.

Insight and Prayer

Small groups function like Jesus and His disciples.

Holy Spirit thank you for being attentive to our needs with the provision of small groups. Help us to tend to each other's need to the glory of Christ Jesus.



5. Church Relationship and Connection

A. Kaimai Presbytery

Now

St Peters hosted Kaimai Presbytery gathering on Friday 5th and Saturday 6th of May 2023. Over 100 people attended from Hamilton to Rotorua Presbytery. Our host team is to be commended for the outstanding organisation. From the opening welcome to the meals, from the worship team to sound and data, room organisation and making it such an enjoyable day for the participants. Praise God for our forebears and the vision for the church location making such fellowship and gathering possible.

Moving Forward

We support Kaimai Presbytery.

Insight and Prayer

Holy Spirit thank you for enabling the gathering of your people at St Peters to worship you in unity and in strength. We commit our leaders at Kaimai to your care.

B. Tauranga PCANZ ministers-weekly get together

Now

St Peters is a regular attendee at their weekly meetings. We have hosted about four and whilst light in numbers (2-5) it is an opportunity for us to support and develop close fellowship and networks with the local churches.

Moving Forward

I value sharing our blessings with the local PCANZ church community.

Insight and Prayer

Holy Spirit inspire us to inspire others with what you're doing in the local PCANZ churches in Tauranga.

C. Tauranga Ethnic Association of Ministers (TEAM)

Now

TEAM consists of 10 pastors/ministers from Korea, China, India, Samoan and Malaysia. We hosted three gatherings with the purpose of developing spiritual relationship with the body of Christ. TEAM and City church ministers will be hosting the Waterfront Carols in December 2023.

Moving Forward

Regular meetings

Insight and Prayer

We need all nations to share the Good News. Jesus command us to go into all nations to declare the Good News.

Holy Spirit may we sow together with all nations your Good News.

D. Praying Pastors of Tauranga & Western BOP

Now

The group (5 to 10) meets weekly at St Lukes Church in Cameron Street on Thursday morning from 7.30 to 9am. It consists of Church leaders including pastors of various denominations. The group has met for over 20 years praying and interceding for Tauranga Moana civic leaders and community leaders of different professions serving the community.

Moving Forward

It connects St Peters with the wider leadership of the Tauranga community leaders.

Insight and Prayer

God continues to speak to His people through prophetic words and intercessory prayers.

Holy Spirit the workers are few, but the harvest is great. Prepare your people at St Peters for the coming harvest.

E. Waterfront Carols

Now

As mentioned, we will be involved with other churches to highlight the Christmas story in carols. The community is invited to join in.

Moving Forward

Annual participation

Insight and Prayer

This is one way churches are coming together to worship God publicly.

Holy Spirit as we plan the service celebration for the Christmas fill us with your joy as our strength.

F. Attendance at Community Events

Now

I have attended community forums where I have been invited to lead and finish in prayer and lead devotions with words of affirmation and encouragement. I attended the NZ Rugby consultation with BoP Pacific rugby community, Tauranga Girls College targeted students leaders programme, University of Waikato Pacific Association orientation programme, College Aviation orientation day at the airport, Gatepa Schools open day for Parents, Aiga (family) Celebration- Youth programme for students from Tauranga boys & girls, Tauranga intermediate, Papamoa college, The Pacific Trust launch of new Logos, and the Te Tuinga Whanau Trust in the strand for inducting pacific workers.

Moving Forward

Part of St Peters networks and links into the community

Insight and Prayer

Holy Spirit thank you for opportunities to share the gospel with others as they seek spiritual leadership to lead community gatherings.

6. Church Office Volunteers & Staff

I want to acknowledge the work of Vivienna Tupou and Church Volunteers John Buxton, Anna Rogers, Margaret Sievwright, Barbara Johnson, Angela Robinson, Karen Caldwell, Keith Campbell, Maria Carter, who worked tirelessly and faithfully to keep the office active while the board sought to employ new staff. I praise God for their servant attitude and perseverance.



Now

The Board of Managers has appointed a full time Ministry Assistant Children, Family and Youth worker who started on the 22nd of July 2023 and an Office Manager who started on the 8th of July 2023.

Moving Forward

The office will provide a welcoming place for our families, friends, and visitors to the church.

Insight and Prayer

Communication and monitoring are carried out through the pastoral message distributed through mailchimp weekly, a refreshed web site is current and updated, efficiency in property hire, health and safety maintenance, processes and policies updated and reviewed.

Holy Spirit help us to serve your church from the office with humility and gratefulness.

Youth worker

The youth worker resigned in January 2023 to take up a new role with Kaimai Presbytery.

Now

A Ministry Assistant Children, Family and Youth personnel was appointed and started on Tuesday 22 July.

Moving Forward

This is a priority ministry for 2023-2024.

Insight and Prayer

Grow spiritual maturity of the current cohort. Regular pastoral engagement.

Our Father, holy is your name. Grant grace, wisdom and insight to our new Ministry Assistant of children, families and youth.

Reverend Enosa Auva'a
August 2023

SESSION REPORT - 2023

As I reflect on the past year, I give praise and thanks to God for His Faithful abundant provision.

He has answered so many prayers.

Psalm 106:5 For the Lord is good and His love endures forever ; His faithfulness continues through all generations.

He has provided us with Enosa and Felicity, who both in the past 17 months have passionately encouraged us to focus on God, His word, prayer, worship, fellowship within church family and missions, sharing Christ in our daily lives within our families and communities we live and work in.

He has provided us with a small but united group of Elders (Tom Jarrett , Peter Carter, Marion Sanders , Corne Potgieter, Anna Swetman). Our numbers have reduced with Ric Hendra's passing, Peter Maslin on Sabbatical for his PHD studies and Marie Laval resigning due to health issues. But God is gracious, He enables us and teaches us to be totally reliant on Him. We pray He will provide and appoint new elders.

I would like to acknowledge Tom's leadership as session clerk during these challenging years of looking for a new minister, covid and changes in staff from 2021. He also serves tirelessly on the church worship music team and also in his work as Deputy Principal at Bethlehem College (challenging times for school).

I thank God for the opportunity for Session to meet at Peter Carter's house last spring to pray and discuss our strategic plan for the next few years focusing on our Church's vision of being Soul for the City, Helping People Find, Follow and know Jesus. It was a productive time and with this plan in focus, Session meets every month to review how we are implementing and facilitating the achievement of our key priorities. Session members pray every Thursday morning to seek God's guidance. We also have the privilege of praying and anointing our church family members for healing and comfort.

He has provided an amazing team of Board of managers, a skillful team managing staff employments (of which we have a lot of change) finances and maintenance of the church buildings. We thank God for Rose Leppard and Debra Mathee who both have given so much in the office and KIC.

We praise God for His provision of new worship leaders and musicians, sound and data support persons, encouraging use of His gifts and skills to lead us a church family congregation into worship and giving glory to Him each Sunday.

thank God for our untiring and faithful team of hospitality and events, Sunday tea and coffee morning volunteers, welcome team, our Tuesday lunch drop in volunteers and Christmas dinner volunteers and provisions and not forgetting our office volunteers. Special thanks to Irene Maitland who has prepared our communion sacraments and servers for years! Thanks to many more members who work tirelessly – God knows who you are!

Acts 20:35 It is more blessed to give than to receive

I thank God for our small group leaders, most who have been leading for many years, providing and facilitating mutual spiritual growth and fellowship for us. We thank them for providing us with beautiful monthly Sunday lunches. It is session's prayer that each church member is part of a small group.

I thank God for providing us David Duncanson as our new Ministry Assistant Children, Family, Youth pastor and we look forward to supporting him to grow our children and young people. Lastly, Churches are not supposed to be museums that display perfect people. walking around looking holy. We are called to be hospitals where the wounded, hurt, injured and broken find grace and healing.

It is all about God and His love and saving grace.

Let us continue to meet, share and encourage each other to know Him more, He who loves us unconditionally.

1 John 4:19

We love because He first love us.

Rose Chin

BOARD OF MANAGERS REPORT - 2023

This year has been another challenging one for the Board and the Church. We have lost staff that we've had to manage and replace as well as some changes in the Board membership.

Our Music Director – David Smith – left us in September. The Music team have stepped up and are capably running this part of our Church life.

Youth Pastor Cathrine Sharman took up a position with Kaimai Presbytery and left us at Christmas.

We are delighted to welcome David Duncanson as our new full time Ministry assistant Children, Family & Youth. He starts his ministry in late August.

Our Office Administrator Rose Leppard resigned in April.

We have just appointed and welcome Jannine Goodhew to the Administration Management position. She starts her part time role in late August as well.

It has been really encouraging to the Board in the number of volunteers who have stepped up to cover these roles while we recruited to fill these positions. THANK YOU!

A special thanks to Viviana Tupou who has held the office together and organised volunteers through this time of change.

While these staff changes have been challenging, we are looking forward to a new cohesive team developing and growing the church into the future.

The Board farewelled Jaco Potgieter, Kirwan Smith, and Marie Laval for a variety of reasons during the year. We thank them for their input and bless them as they travel life's highway.

We have been fortunate to welcome David Salmond and Ray Reynolds to the board during the year and look forward to their contribution.

It is with sadness that we farewell Barbara Johnson as she retires as secretary of Board of Managers. Barbara has been a stalwart and strong contributor to the running of the board for many years. Her knowledge and input to the running of the church will be missed.

On behalf of the Board, I want to sincerely thank Barbara for her support and wise counsel and wish her well in her "retirement".

We have updated our Health & Safety procedures and now have comprehensive written processes in place. The church website has also been updated and refreshed – it's worth checking out.

We are also currently fine tuning our in-church sound system and improving the livestreaming of our services.

The public have used our facilities throughout the year with The Tauranga Civic Choir performing several times, Bricks for Kids running holiday programmes, St Peters House running their training programmes throughout the year, and of course our weekly Tuesday lunches. It is encouraging to the Board to see our facilities being used for public functions and they would be keen to see them used more often.

BOARD OF MANAGERS REPORT - (continued) - 2023

The Board has been aware that our giving has been less than budgeted this year and we have managed the costs to meet our income. We have delayed some building maintenance and made no asset purchases.

It is incredible the number of volunteers that are involved in making the church a vibrant and supportive place. The Board appreciate and thank you all for your contributions.

A special thank you to our Senior Minister Enosa Auvaa and his wife Felicity for their dedication and commitment especially in this time of change of personnel.

Finally, I would like to thank the Board members for their support and dedication over the past twelve months.

They are:

Barbara Johnson - Secretary

Neville Watkins – Treasurer

Bruce Robinson

Darleen Bailey

David Salmond

Ray Reynolds

Enosa Auvaa - Minister

Keith Campbell

Chairman

Board of Managers

DIRECTORY - 2023

Staff

Rev Enosa Auva'a - Senior Minister

David Duncanson - Ministry Assistant, - Families, Youth & Children

Jannine Goodhew - Office Manager

Viviana Tupou - Office Assistant

Session

Rose Chin - Session Clerk

Marion Sanders

Tom Jarrett

Peter Maslin (On Leave)

Anna Swetman

Corne Potgieter

Peter Carter

Board of Managers

Keith Campbell - Chair

Darleen Bailey

Barbara Johnson - Secretary

Bruce Robinson

Neville Watkins - Treasurer

Ray Reynolds

Peter Carter - Session Rep

David Salmon

Missions Committee

Ian Donaldson - Chair

Angela Robinson

Fred Chell - Treasurer

Neil Ryder

Robert Atkins

Glenda Barnett

ST PETERS HOUSE - CHAIRPERSONS REPORT - 2023

St Peters House is a significant ministry of St Peters church, reflected in the Church's financial contribution and numbers of congregation members involved in key leadership roles over many years. Thank you church for this support. St Peters House continues to help people to achieve wellness, and it is my privilege to report on the past year.

Clients – Since increasing the number of our therapy rooms for counselling several years ago the focus has been on maximising their use. Over our four days operation we can now have 76 sessions per week. At times we are fully booked but life's events often prevent clients attending. Technology improvements, particularly since Covid, have improved IT literacy and thanks to support from Denise Coy, our team leader, better software is being used for appointments and reminders, and this is helping improve utilisation of our facilities. Courses are the other means of supporting people focusing on personal development and practical life skills. These have been updated and refreshed, for example, the previous CAP Life Skills course is now "Tools for Life".

To fully utilise the counselling rooms, the trustees approved using surplus funds from the previous year to fund the counselling sessions. This has resulted in a small deficit. However, with continued strong demand for counselling, we feel this is justified. The longer-term goal is to change to a five-day operation, but that would require a considerable increase in funding, which we currently do not have.

Staff – We are blessed with a caring, wonderful team, including part time BTI students. My feeling when entering St Peters House is one of calm, care, love and light - the presence of the Holy Spirit. The goal to achieve wholeness for our clients via courses and counselling is in front of every staff member and the trustees are very grateful for the dedication of our staff and leaders, Cath Page our Manager and Denise Coy, Team Leader.

Finances – SPH finished the year with a deficit which was budgeted. The deficit was lower than expected. The deficit was used to fund more counselling sessions and fully utilise our available therapy room space. A generous donation was partially used to set up a small endowment fund which will be used to generate interest and move our finances to be more sustainable longer term. We would encourage any congregation members to contribute to this in their wills and support our ongoing needs. The budget for 2023-24 has some new funding required to balance our projected needs with income. Our costs are well controlled. Income is more secure with some multi-year funding from our regular donors. However, sufficient income to meet our needs is always a challenge.

Trustees – We meet monthly as a group, but everyone is active outside the meeting in various capacities. Nikki Kiyimba, a clinical psychologist, has supported staff with counselling advice as well as provided training on clinical processes for staff. Vicki Roberts (Ngā Ruahine / Te Atiawa / English / Scottish), our second independent trustee, has offered cultural awareness training to our staff and subtly improved our atmosphere to make it more welcoming to everyone. Kate Weir continues to use her considerable talents to warmly support our clients, staff and managers with her intentional level of care and concern for all House activities. Gary Allis brings his astute financial and management skills to the trust and his opinion is always welcome and valued. I have run two short courses on behaviour styles and relationship building for our management team. So each of us in our own ways, has used our God given talents to make St Peters House a better place for all. Our Trustees are a talented team that compliment each other in skill set and work well together. Thank you all.

Overall – Please keep St Peters House in your prayers – our clients, staff and trustees. Pressure for our services continues and we are always looking to maximise our resources to help those in need. SPH is in good heart covered by the Holy Spirit of God doing essential work for our wider community.

Tony Johnson

Chairperson

ST PETERS HOUSE - MANAGER'S ANNUAL REPORT - 2023



With a staff of only 10, St Peters House could be considered a small organisation, but our impact and importance in Tauranga Moana belies our small footprint.

Services

St Peters House services are open to anyone, with an emphasis on those who could not afford to get support elsewhere. This accessibility, alongside our professional reputation means that our services are in very high demand, often with waitlists. At times we reluctantly have to close our counselling intake to try and manage wait times. Over the past year our intake for individual counselling was closed for 17 weeks, and for couples counselling for 25 weeks.

We know that waiting for an appointment can increase the distress, and potentially the severity for clients, particularly in relationship counselling. Over the last year we have been gradually expanding our counselling services to try and reduce wait times, but we have to carefully match this to our funding.

As a snapshot of our services, over the last year:

- ◆ 14 people attended one of our Tools for Life groups to learn practical skills and discover new ways to live for a brighter future.
- ◆ 66 women attended one of our personal development courses that run during alternate terms. One of these focuses on setting boundaries for healthy relationships and self-care, the other looks at values, effects of positive and negative thinking, and impacts on self-worth.
- ◆ 35 parents attend an Incredible Year parenting course which focuses on encouraging positive behaviour and addressing challenging conduct to build healthier, stronger families.
- ◆ Our counsellors worked with 519 clients with issues including depression, anxiety, grief, anger, stress, family violence, relationships, and parenting.

Outcomes

The vision of St Peters House is ‘*people achieving wholeness*’, as defined by the principles of te whare tapa whā including: taha hinengaro/mental and emotional wellbeing, taha whānau/family and social wellbeing, whataha wairua/spiritual wellbeing, and taha tinana/physical wellbeing. To achieve this vision, we focus on providing tools and skills that clients can use into the future to strengthen themselves and their whanau, and increase control of their life. Feedback from our clients shows that we are having a positive impact on many areas of their lives:

This is the most beneficial course I have ever done! I wish I had learnt this at 14 not 40! But I'm now hopeful to regain control from "fear" in my life.

Prior to the work I have done with St Peters House, I was scattered and searching for direction. I indulged bad habits that I am not proud of. Since DYTW and Boundaries, alongside counselling at St Peters House – I have been clean 16+ weeks, I have found faith in God and myself, and am empowered to achieve goals that have till now, only been dreams.

I feel I can cope with issues rather than emotionally drowning in them now, and I have words and sayings to practice helping solve future issues. I now feel happy and more confident. It is like a weight has been lifted and I feel clarity rather than haze.

Our marriage genuinely would have ended if not for this counselling. My husband and I are able to communicate again and are close physically again. Thank you. We couldn't have afforded it ourselves. We were in a dark place and now we move forward together as a family unit

ST PETERS HOUSE - MANAGER'S ANNUAL REPORT (continued) - 2023

Financial Support

We are very grateful for the continued financial support of St Peters House from a number of sources:

Our ongoing contracts with Oranga Tamariki and the Ministry of Education provided 40% of our income last year.

We continued to receive significant funding from Lotteries, BayTrust, Tauranga City Council and TECT. We also received grants from the Acorn Foundation, COGS, Craigs Investment Partners, and the Lion Foundation. In total, 35% of our funding came from community grants.

Last year, 18% of our funding came from donations from St Peters Church and generous individuals.

Our remaining income came from client contributions and small amounts from other sources.

Other Support

In addition to the necessary financial support, we could not provide such positive outcomes for our clients without practical support. We appreciate those from the St Peters congregation and the community who generously give their time to serve on our Trust, help run our courses, provide baking for our clients, collect food, and assist us in other ways.

We also greatly value those of you who faithfully uphold us, our clients, and the work of St Peters House in prayer. The work we do is a privilege - it is life-changing and powerful, but it can also be hard, and we need and value your prayers and God's provision to sustain us.

Thank you for partnering with St Peters House to make a positive difference to individuals, families, and our community.

Cath Page

Manager

St Peters House

Ministry Assistant, Children, Family, Youth

YOUTH PASTORS REPORT - 2023

Greetings in Jesus.

Just 2 weeks into this role is a little soon to type an accurate Annual Report.

So, I tender these observations with the caveat that, this is a brief summation from this short, limited perspective, and I fully acknowledge that many important facets of the last year will be unfortunately neglected.

So, a big thank you to those who have ministered in Jesus name at St Peters in the last year.

It has been my goal to observe the culture at St Peters at every opportunity I could over the last few months. I have also attempted to get to know some of you, trying to learn and memorise names . . .

SPY:

St Peters Youth meet on Sunday evenings for fellowship and Bible study.

The 6 or 7 times I have visited, the youth have been friendly, keen, positive, and genuine regarding the scripture aspect as well as the social side of a Christian youth group. This balance and maturity are a credit to them and the solid leadership of Rosamund Bridgman, Mark Thompson, and Andrew Diprose.

We hope to grow this leadership team. Two of the youth have started helping at Kids in Christ Sunday School. This provides invaluable role models and a connection path for the children as they grow to youth age.

Anja Thompson is in Spain shining her light by teaching English, expected back in NZ in December.

The Studies are currently loosely based on the main Lectionary readings around the morning's sermon, supplemented with discussion questions for the 6 to 11 young souls.

KIC - Kids in Christ, St Peters Sunday School – 6 to 9 energetic children, boys, and girls.

The teaching is also loosely based on the main Lectionary readings, and we attempt to make the games tie in too. Thank you - Debra Matthee and Corne Potgieter and a team of volunteers who have ably run this on a roster, primarily in twos. Going forward we hope to have a brief children's talk in the main worship service, to introduce the topics creating a strong link between KIC and St Peters.

My intention is to be part of the team every week to provide continuity. Jen and I plan to lead a song with the children in KIC most weeks. Trusting also that the Lord will prompt more leaders and helpers so we can have 4 people rostered on each week. Thank you to those who are praying about continuing in this team or joining up.

YOUTH PASTORS REPORT (continued) - 2023

Family, Worship and Ministry Assistance :

It is my hope that in the School holidays and other opportunities, I will be able to contribute by joining the Band and preaching + teaching at the Sunday Morning worship service. Once all the curriculum, recruiting and administration tasks are under control it is important that I can allocate time for pastoral visiting, while being true to the priority of children and youth.

I know the nature of children's work can be basic and repetitive, so thank you for your patience.

Eugene Peterson says in the Message "Repeat these basic essentials over and over to God's people ... laying out the truth plain and simple." As I share the Good News that God loves us and Jesus died for us, I will endeavour as the Holy Spirit enables, to be interesting, creative, relevant and accurate.

Key for a good start in 2024 will be building the teams and patterns this last Calendar quarter of 2023.

Please consider your personal involvement. T E A M - Together Everyone Achieves More.

Thank you for the welcome. Thank you for your prayer covering, & thank you for trusting me with this ministry privilege, with all its opportunities and potential.

In Him

David Duncanson

Ministry Assistant, Family, Youth & Children



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ANNUAL REPORT - 2023

Again, it has been a most enjoyable year telling stories about Jesus and having fun with the kids. The past year we were blessed again with a wonderful, committed group of steady volunteers helping each Sunday. Thank you, Anna Swetman, Corné Potgieter, Emma Thompson, Glenda Barnett, Jayden Matthee, Judy Clark, Lee Watkins, Leonelle Matthee, Mark Swetman, , Tina Burness and Viviena Tupou. We also had a new volunteer Vinnie Grant join us in the past year, and it is wonderful to see the group of volunteers grow. They have been a vital part in bringing the message to the kids and make an effort with lesson preparation and ensuring that each child leave the church, having had a great time.

Our number of kids attending regularly has increased and for that we are so grateful. We have had our regular group of boys attending each Sunday and recently had some girls join us, which has been a welcome treat.

We try and following the Lectionary calendar as the church does and it has been interesting doing the lesson planning and finding a suitable craft to fit into the program.

We decided not to do a Christmas play at the end of last year, we did however finish the year off with some games and ice-cream. As always thank you for all your support and prayers.

As I will be moving on, I just wanted to say thank you for all the support and kind and encouraging words. It has been most enjoyable, and I have learned a lot. It has been my honour and privilege.

God Bless

Debra Matthee

Children's Ministry Co-ordinator



TAURANGA CITY ICONZ: 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

By: Richard Harkness

Tauranga City Iconz is still going well (with nearly 40 lads each week) although, in 2023, we have been forced to do things very differently this year. You see, we have 4 distinct age groups:

10 x Anchor boys	13 x Adventure lads	7 x Delta Juniors	6 x Delta Senior
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Our older lads (who are now trained as young leaders) are called Echo Section and we have 3 regular Echo members (Josiah Dixon - who heads up this National BBNZ initiative as the Executive Youth Rep, plus Nathan Bailey and Isaac Thompson), plus other Echo lads who come when they can make it (the young dogs!). And then we have a great team of (old dog) voluntary leaders.

However, at start of 2023, we lost 3 key leaders who led Anchors, Adventure and Delta Junior! Now what do you do?

Fortunately, the Echo lads help Stu Thompson run Delta Senior, so that group is sorted. Then Phil Brickell (former Adventure leader) agreed to come back and run Delta Junior with Andrew Hennessey – also sorted (phew!), but a smaller group. There are three Dads who help regularly too, the three Marks! Mark Swetman, Mark Brown and Mark Williams. They helped Richard Harkness run a (newly) combined group of Anchor and Adventure lads in Term 1 – but the age range was too great (5yrs up to 11 yrs) and the group way too large. Now what do you do?

So, in Term 2 we split the Adventure group, to let the older lads join Delta Junior (older) programme, while younger Adventure lads stayed combined with Anchors. This combo group be a very busy, great (crazy) group of 20+ high energy kids every Tuesday night! They love it, and parents say it is the highlight of their week! So, if anyone is keen to give us a hand, please do! We need it!

This is my 23rd year as Captain of Tauranga City Iconz Unit, and I have seen some exciting things here at St Peters, including running the BB pilot programme called Iconz Adventure – a World First in NZ!

Since 2003, over 75 new Iconz Units started up all around NZ with the help of Stu Thompson – reaching well over a thousand lads each year! Aiming for Kiwi 'Greats', & Godly men!





I have seen many of our senior lads earn the highest BB award possible – the Queens Award, presented by the Governor General on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen at Government House – with all the pomp and ceremony that should be afforded to such a prestigious award. One worn with pride, and qualifying the recipients to be a Queens Man! A few years back, Josiah Dixon earned his Queens Badge, in a group of 5 Delta lads, and more recently, 6 more Delta lads have reached their final years in the ranks – with Isaac Thompson, Nathan Bailey, Blair Hurford, and Sam Hulbert all earning their Queens Badge in 2022!

And very soon, Asher Brickell and Alex Gorman will be in the running for the latest and newest Kings Badge!! Epic!!



And another incredible milestone that we have reached (globally) is called BB140! Celebrating 140 years of Boys Brigade since 4th October 1883, when Sir William Alexander Smith first started the 1st Glasgow BB Company – a World First in Scotland! There are camps and expeditions all through 2023 to celebrate. And a some of us have already been on the Great Walk – Rakiura – on Stewart Island to join BBNZ celebrations!

Stu Thompson, Nathan Bailey, Alex Gorman, Isaac Thompson and Kevin Gorman actually did the tougher Northern Circuit Route – with muddy swamps waist deep to cross! mud, mud, mud



Kai Cart!



To conclude, we want to convey our HUGE thanks to St Peters Church, Rodger Simmonds and the Board of Managers / Session Elders for all their amazing support, as well as for keeping calm when they see risky / dangerous / exciting activities we do, requiring submission of a RAMs form under NZ's Health & Safety legislation (Risk Management form)!!! (Daring!)



Join with us as we pray for new Leaders, and for God's guidance / blessings in this Kingdom of ministry to Boys (such great Lads!). Sure & Stedfast. Hebrews:6:19. This hope we have in God like an Anchor!

Richard Harkness

BB Captain - Tauranga City ICONZ



TAURANGA CITY ICONZ 4 GIRLS 2023

ANNUAL REPORT - By Darleen Bailey

This year started with lots of excitement and outdoor activities. Our Year 1-9 girls in Explore, Adventure and Challenge groups were running around in bright green shirts proudly displaying their accumulated badges on the butterfly icon on the back of their shirts. Our Year 10-13 girls in Ultimate group were running around in their bright purple shirts joining in the fun and helping the younger girls in leadership roles. They also earn badges called apps which are proudly displayed on the phone icon on the back of their shirts. That just leaves the leaders in bright pink shirts who were running around after everyone and trying to keep things under control! We have between 20-25 girls show up each week and we started the year with 6 leaders, but are now down to 3 leaders and 2 helpers.



Some of the adventures we have been up to in Term 1 are orienteering at the lakes, playing out at Kulim Park, Beach BBQ and bonfire at the Mount and Ngamuwhahine campfire night (in the rain). We also worked on an Easter badge, which included learning more about the Easter story, Easter art, Easter games and of course making hot cross buns.



Term 2 was just as busy with our Fish in the Bible badge. Who knew there were so many stories about fish in the bible! Well the leaders did....and so we shared about Jonah, and the boy with the loaves and fishes and being fishers of men (and women). We even went for a walk in the dark down to the waterfront to see if we could spot any fish with our torches— and we did. Next we did a Bakerz badge, which was fun with fondant icing making our forest animal scenes on top of delicious chocolate cakes, making slices, biscuits and muffins, and finishing off by making a wee cookbook with all the girls favourite recipes in it.



Some of our older girls are continuing work on their Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh badges. We hope to be awarding these at the end of the year



Until then we have Term 3 and 4 to go and we are just starting on a new Sewing badge making felt friends keychains.



Thanks always to St Peters for their generosity and support in this ministry. Feel free to come by on a Tuesday night and see what we are up to.

COMMUNITY LUNCH REPORT - 2023

The Community Lunch is still in demand every Tuesday with a wide variety of people. Our congregational support is essential and appreciated. We continue to offer a safe haven in the church foyer for 45-55 people and offer a hot drink, a nutritious meal with meat and vegetables, or salad, and a sweet treat. Being inside God's house affords us an opportunity to say grace together before the meal is served and a listening ear to those who wish it.

Guests:

The lunchtime guests are a very mobile group. Looking at the last 23 weeks of 2023 only, we see the following:

Only visited once 153 people 38%

Visited twice 84 " 21%

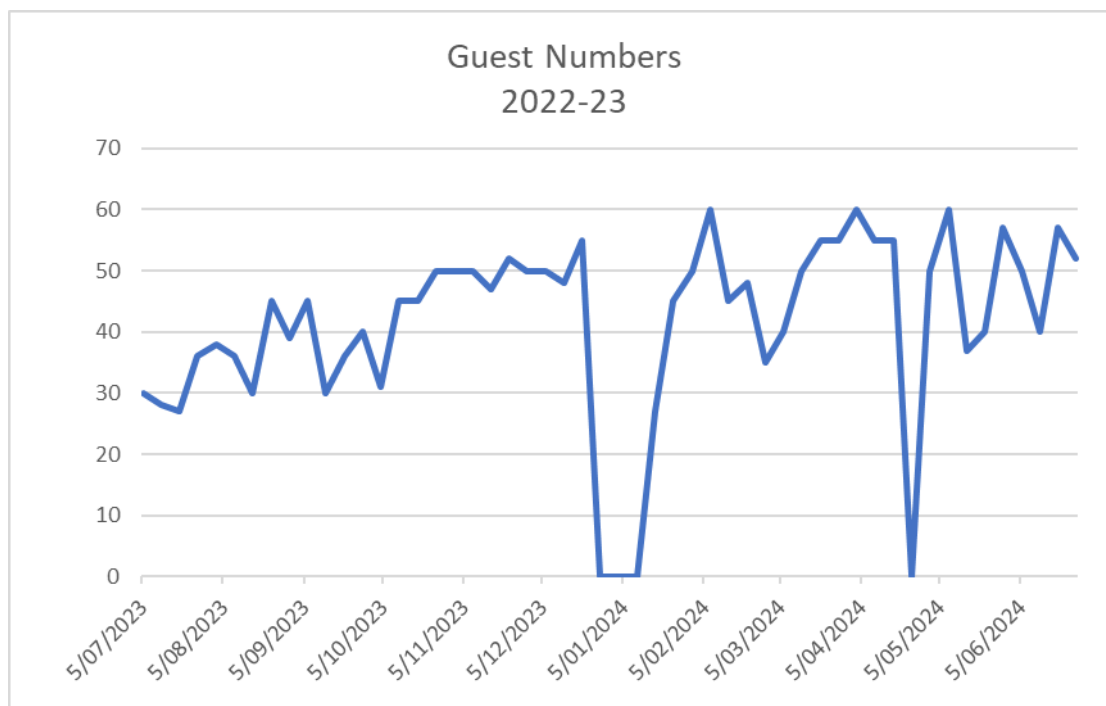
Visited 3 times 42 " 11%

Visited 4 times 35 " 9%

Visited 5-10 times 15 " 15%

Regulars over 10 times 6 " 6%

So, we only see many of our guests for a short period. Since we started in January 2023, 395 people have been fed. Over the past 12 months we have fed 1,248 people and served 1,385 meals. This normally includes the Maori Wardens and our own volunteers. St Peters is reaching out to many to offer hospitality and showing Christ's love in action.



COMMUNITY LUNCH REPORT (continued) - 2023

Volunteers:

This year we have had a dedicated team of 40 volunteers who collect food, buy food, determine the menu each week, pray together, prepare and cook the food, serve the hot meals, clean up and have fun together. The team includes Ros and JB who source all our food, 26 kitchen workers including 4 leaders, 7 greeters and 7 relievers. This is well up on last year when we only had 21 volunteers. Thank you all for your faithfulness to this ministry. Our leaders are John and Dawn Buxton, Julie and Russ Hulbert, Penny Williams, and Barbara and I. We would love one more leader to plan the menu and direct the other kitchen volunteers.

St. Marys, St Joseph's Te Puna, Holy Trinity and St Luke's volunteers help us as well so thank you too.

We always welcome new people to help.

We acknowledge continued support from Good Neighbour Trust and Blomquist's Bakery in Greerton who have been generously giving us food. This provides roughly 60-70% of our needs. We also acknowledge support and presence every week from the Māori Wardens who bring calm and keep order.

Thanks also to Rev. Enosa for your weekly presence, homily and prayer.

Social Work: St Peters supported Debra as our support worker for 5 months until she found other work. We have now formed a partnership this year with Waiariki Whanau Mentoring (WWM) who come each week with a social worker and fortnightly with health nurses. This is working out well and providing another dimension in support other than just a hot meal. Many guests need advice, a listening ear, help in sorting out issues, etc. Many took advantage of the free health checks and have been receiving follow up support. Thank you WWM for providing this free support.

Please prayer for this mission, our guests and give thanks for our wonderful leaders and volunteers.

Tony and JB

on behalf of the volunteers

EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT - 2023

A big thank you to the hard-working committee who have organised and run many events over the last year with the aim of bringing the St Peters family together. Thank you also to the many people who have contributed to the events.

As usual, we enjoyed a few food events. Mother's Day with morning tea, Easter Sunday with Hot Cross Buns, Father's Day with sausage rolls, a waffle breakfast, and many cakes to enjoy with your after-service cuppa along with the occasional ice-cream.

A new initiative this year, at the request of session, is a light lunch at the beginning of each month hosted by the different homegroups. The aim is to raise the homegroups profile as well as the lovely fellowship that consequently occurs. This is a big ask for many of the groups and St Peters appreciates the effort the groups have put into it.

Dinners of Eight was well received again last year. It is a great way of assimilating new people to St Peters and mixing with others we do not know well. About 80 people were part of these meals, spread over 10 homes last Sept/Oct. Once again, we thank the many hosts who made this event work.

The Gold Card Christmas Morning tea is always a special morning. A wonderful carol sing-along with Alison on the piano, some testimonies of God's goodness, a word quiz, Katie Jarrett's piano item and a yummy morning tea. It is always a privilege to honour our seniors. Rex and Cynthia were also honoured as they moved on to Matamata.

The weather played havoc on many of the outside activities planned for summer: a couple of walks, tea on the beach, a bike ride. A walk with Andrew Chancellor to Wairere Falls was able to happen.

The events committee organised the food and ran the kitchen for Kaimai Presbytery in May. We catered for about 40 people one day then about 80 the next day. This was very successful, and it was good to serve St Peters in this way.

We hope more people will enjoy a variety of events in the coming year. It is an excellent way of fellowshiping with the St Peters family.

Pam Allis

Chairperson

Events Committee

CHRISTMAS DINNER REPORT - 2023

Christmas Dinner - Held Christmas - 2022

The Community Christmas Dinner (2022) was another wonderful sharing of God's love with the Tauranga community.

We served 154 guests (numbers were down with last minute cancellations due to COVID), and delivered 87 meals to families in the community.

The meal included Ham, Roast Chicken, Roast Vegies and Salads. There was a selection of Christmas Pudding, Pavlova with Berries & Chocolate Brownies with Raspberry Sauce for dessert.

Over 130 volunteers helped.



Many donations of Food and Money were received (thank you everyone).

Major donations were received from Tauranga Boy's College (\$1000) and Craigs Investment Partners (\$1054).

Good Neighbour Trust helped with extra equipment that we needed.

The Sustainable Gift Market (a new idea for gifts) was set up in the Hall, where guests could choose a gift to take home, including locally sourced crafted Toys and Homeware items.

Thank you to all who helped and especially to Julz and Tamielle for their co-ordination of this event.

Barbara Johnson

Secretary

BOARD OF MANAGERS



CITY OF JOY REPORT - 2023

The City of Joy loan facility continues to benefit our Church community. We lend money to Church members, and occasionally non-members but it is more than just lending money. A loan can include prayer, advice, friendship, a guiding hand in times of stress, and honour always to the Lord.

One aim of the fund is to be good stewards and increase the use of the fund by recycling it for future borrowers. The COJ fund was built up by the generosity of church members, for church members and is to be used in the service of God to help others. There maybe risk that a loan will not be repaid, but there is also blessing by trusting a borrower and helping in a difficult time. The COJ fund has increased both the number and amount of loans over the past year, so it is being well used.

Our small team is Ros Bridgman, George McMillan and Jaco Potgieter. Each request for a loan comes to the coordinator, and I seek advice/ approval from the team before proceeding or declining a loan.

I have not had to decline any loan application in my time as Coordinator. Two of our new loans have been to non-church members, although they are related to church members who guaranteed the loan. One of these loans has already been repaid.

In summary, for 2022-23 to 30th June 2023

- ◆ 3 on-going loans at the start of the period totalling \$1,372
- ◆ 3 new loans to individuals \$6,725
- ◆ 1 loan to the Church for cash flow bridging purposes \$10,000
- ◆ 3 loans paid off
- ◆ 4 current loans totalling \$5,074
- ◆ Bank balance at 30/6/2023 was \$14,451.66
- ◆ No debt was written off during the period
- ◆ Interest rate 0%
- ◆ Repayment terms – flexible
- ◆ Maximum loan - \$2,000

The fund is not being fully used but its use has increased over the past year, both for short term and longer-term loans. Repayment amounts are flexible and agreed with the borrower to suit their ability to repay. Can I encourage you to seek people who may need help. Mention the City of Joy loan fund, and direct them to me.

Tony Johnson

Convenor

On behalf of the City Of Joy team.

PRAYER SUPPORT REPORT - 2023

We have different prayer groups at St Peters:.

- * Sunday before the congregation.
- * Mid-day prayers
- * Elder prayer group
- * Prayer support group.

The 'prayer support group' consists of a few members of our congregation praying for specific needs that are sent via Txt, phone calls, or email. Most of these prayer requests are from our congregation, but we are also praying for family and friends of our congregation. We also share these prayer requests to the 'elder prayer group' and the 'pastoral support group'.

We send the requests via Enosa so the 'midday prayer group' can pray as well. We often receive feedback from the people sending the requests and it is wonderful to see how God answers prayer.

Thank you to everyone sending their prayer needs and trusting us to keep it confidential (and sometimes anonymous) plus give us the opportunity to pray for them.

Also, a big thank you for each person involved in serving through prayer – using the gift that God has given.

Above all, glory to God for the privilege to serve Him and our neighbour through prayer and for answering prayers in His own time.

Philippians 4:6-7:

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus" (NLT)

Corne Potgeiter



PASTORAL & MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS 2022 - 2023

MEMBERSHIP	Member (Male)	Associate (Male)	Member (Female)	Associate (Female)	TOTAL
up to 25	4	4-	2	6	16
26 to 45	4	2	4	1	11
46 to 65	25	12	23	11	71
over 65	49	4	32	7	92
TOTAL	82	22	61	25	190
BAPTISM	Children Under 13	Adults			
Baptisms		4			
Dedications	7				
ATTENDANCES	Children Under 13	Youth 13-17	Adults	Online	
			86	3	
CHRISTIAN FORMATION					
SUNDAY OR WEEKLY UNDER 13	7-10				
YOUTH GROUP	7				
ADULTS OVER	Over 10 Small Groups 8-10 Participants				
ROLL	Added	Removed Death	Transferred to Other Church		
Added	10	5	16		

PASTORAL & MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS 2022 - 2023

(Continued)

LEADERS/STAFF	PAID	PAID	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS
	Number of People	Estimated Hours Per Week	Number of People	Estimated Hours Per Week
Ministers NOM	1	54		
Ministers LOM				
Pastoral Care			62	97
Youth	1	20	3	3
Children	1	4	3	3
Administration & Office	2	33	5	26
Music-Worship Leaders	1	7	4	5
Live Stream Services	1	118	77	134

MISSIONS REPORT - 2023

During the 2022–2023-year Mission Committee membership has remained stable, committed, and enthusiastic- ie Angela Robinson, Glenda Barnett, Fred Chell, Robert Atkins, Neil Ryder and Ian Donaldson.

It has been a pleasure to continue prayerfully, and financially supporting missionaries Danny and Lily Besoro and Pastor Ric Mendoza from the Philippines, and Arpana and Prasanna Khaling at Sano Diyo India.

‘Messenger’ recordings from the Besoro’s, Ric Mendoza, and Arpana and Prasanna were shared with the St Peter’s congregation during an October 2022 service. This provided insight into how they are serving others and how they are coping. They expressed their gratitude for the ongoing support they continue to receive from the congregation. Rachel Honeybone from ‘International Needs’ spoke at the service. She shared specific insights into how Arpana and Prasanna’s long-term Christian service caring for girls from challenging backgrounds has assisted them become educated young women, many who have developed a Christian faith and now actively contribute within their community and beyond.

A highlight of this year was when International Needs sponsored Arpana and Prasanna’s visit to New Zealand. Tauranga was their final destination, and for several days they were hosted by the St Peter’s congregation. Peter and Rose Chin shared their home and assisted with their transport needs. The Mission Committee were involved in arranging for Arpana to facilitate an Indian cooking demonstration at the home of Judy and Jon Clark. Also, a banquet attended by about a hundred people from numerous Tauranga congregations was planned and facilitated by committee members in conjunction with International Needs. It was a blessing to attend this event that provided insight into the love and support the Khaling’s provide for the girls in their care. Committee members Angela and Glenda made major contributions to ensure the evening was well planned and managed. It was a time of warm fellowship shared between banquet guests, some commencing sponsorship support to further promote the Lord’s ministry through Arpana and Prasanna. St Peter’s Church service the following day involved Arpana sharing further words of encouragement to congregation members.

The bond between Arpana and Prasanna and members of St Peter’s congregation has strengthened through the physical contact and personal fellowship that has occurred.

The colourful Mission notice board in the Church foyer has primarily appeared through Angela’s passion and hard work. She wanted to create and maintain a mission focus point where people can be informed and encouraged in the mission activities St Peter’s people are involved in.

In the past year it has been an honour for committee members to have prayed for and financially supported St Peter’s members who are currently involved in overseas mission activities - ie Glen Morris-Navigators, and Dean Boddington-‘Pacific Island Pacemaker Services.

Thankyou Enosa, Session, and people of St Peter’s for the trust and support you demonstrate towards us as we engage in the ministry of overseas mission.

Fred Chell - *Treasurer*, Robert Atkins, Angela Robinson, Neil Ryder, Glenda Barnett, Ian Donaldson.)

Missions Committee

TREASURERS REPORT - 2023

Treasurer's Report

St Peter's Presbyterian Church

For the year ended 30 June 2023

	2023	2022
1. Performance and Cashflows		
Net cash flow - in/(out)		
Cash Surplus/(Deficit)		
Current Year Earnings	(27,232)	4,673,552
Non-cash items		
Unrealised gain on property revaluation	-	(4,630,000)
Depreciation	21,898	20,511
Other (various)	5,553	3,106
Total Non-cash items	27,451	(4,606,383)
Total Cash Surplus/(Deficit)	219	67,169
Cash Expenditures		
Capital Expenditure	(5,608)	(21,494)
Christian Savings	-	(11,827)
City of Joy Loans - Net Advances	(3,771)	(483)
Total Cash Expenditures	(9,379)	(33,804)
Total Net cash flow - in/(out)	(9,160)	33,366
	2023	2022
Cash balance on hand		
General Account	50,887	71,322
City of Joy	14,831	17,937
Other Accounts	14,382	-
Total Cash balance on hand	80,099	89,259
Treasurer's Report		

Main Variances to the Previous Year1,

Income		(\$5,960)
	Church Giving	(20,835)
	Property Rent	26,968
	Other	(173)

TREASURERS REPORT - Continued - 2023

Expenditure		\$56,161
	Senior Minister	35,817
	Youth Pastor	(18,416)
	Music Director	(20,853)
	Other Staff	(10,203)
	Minister's House	30,646
	Relocation Costs	(11,170)
	PCANZ Levies	6,441
	Computer Costs	8,782
	Property Costs	35,637
	Christian Education	(1,218)
	Grants & Outreach	(12,220)
	Church Operations	7,988
	Accounting, Audit & Legal	2,681
	Depreciation	1,386
	Other	863

Thank You's and Questions

A big thank you to our Office Administrator (Rose) for her diligent work in the office (supported by Viviana). Also, a personal thanks to all the Board of Managers for their confidence and on-going support for me in this role.

If you have any questions, then please raise them prior to the Congregational Meeting (scheduled for Sunday 17 September 2023) by either:

emailing me at accts.at.crest@gmail.com; or,
calling me on 578-7171 or (027) 277-1075.

I will endeavour to answer them prior to the meeting or cover them in my comments at the meeting.

Neville C. Watkins

TREASURER

Treasurer's Report

Dated: 31 August 2023

Motions for Approval and Adoption

- (a) That the audited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023 be received and approved.
- (b) That William Buck Audit (NZ) Limited be re-appointed as auditors for the next financial year.

ST PETERS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - AGENDA 2023

Sunday 17th September 2023 @ 11.30am

Welcome and Prayer

Apologies

Motion 1: That apologies as recorded on the attendance sheet, be received.

- St Peters House AGM
- St Peters Church AGM
- Minutes of last meeting are received.

Motion 2: That the minutes of the 2022 Annual General meeting as printed be confirmed.

- Matters Arising from the minutes
- Adoption of Annual Report

Motion 3: That the 2023 Annual Reports be received.

- Election/re-election to Board of Managers

Motion 4: That the following nominees be accepted to the Board of Managers for a term of 3 years.

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| ◇ Ray Reynolds | NOTE: The following Managers continue in Office, and are due to retire as shown: |
| ◇ David Salmon | |
| • Vote of thanks to workers: | ◇ Darleen Bailey (2024) |
| ◇ Staff | ◇ Bruce Robinson (2024) |
| ◇ Session | ◇ Neville Watkins (2024) |
| ◇ Managers | ◇ Keith Campbell (2025) |
| ◇ Financial Report (Neville Watkins) | ◇ Peter Carter (Session Rep) |

Motion 5: That the audited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023 be received and approved.

Motion 6: That William Buck Audit (NZ) Limited be re-appointed as auditors for the next financial year.

- General Business
- Closing Prayer

ST PETERS CARE & COUNCELLING CHARITABLE TRUST AGENDA

Sunday 17th September 2023 @ 11.30am

Open With Prayer

Present / Apologies

Motion 1: That the Minutes of the 2022 AGM, as circulated, be confirmed.

- Conflict of Interest
- Chairmans Report
- Changes to Trust Committee.

Motion 2: That the Chairman's Report be received.

- Managers Report

Motion 3: That the Manager's Report be received.

- Financial Report 1 July 2022—30 June 2023.

Motion 4: That the Financial Report be received.

- Any Other Business
- Closing Prayer

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