



AGM REPORT 2024

ST PETERS IN THE CITY

130 Spring Street
Tauranga 3110



I will sing of the LORD's great love forever;
with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known
through all generations.

Psalm 89:1 NIV



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St Peters Care & Counselling Charitable Trust AGM Minutes 2023

St Peters House held at St Peters Church, Sunday 17 September 2023

1. Opened with Prayer by Rev. Enosa Auva'a
2. Present - Kate Weir, Vicki Roberts (Trustees)
Cath Page, Denise Coy, Lee Watkins (staff)

Apologies - Tony Johnson, Gary Allis, Nikki Kiyimba

3. Minutes of AGM held 18 September 2022

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

Moved - Kate Weir Seconded - Vicki Roberts Carried

4. Conflict of interest - None
5. Chairman's Report -

Tony delivered his report mentioning key foci for the year, the donation that was used to create an endowment fund and giving thanks to staff and fellow trustees. He asked for prayer for the work with continued pressure on services.

Motion2: That the Chairman's Reports be received

Moved - Kate Weir Seconded - Vicki Roberts Carried

6. Manager's Report -

Cath delivered her report with a summary of counselling and course clients, graphs of clients demographics and the annual increase in counselling clients. She talked about the vision of St Peters House and showed some client feedback demonstrating the impact of the services.

Motion3: That the Manager's Reports be received.

Moved - Kate Weir

Seconded - Vicki Roberts

Carried

7. Financial Report 1 July 2022 - 30 June 2023

Neville presented the financial report with a graph showing income sources, and a summary of the annual financial performance. He noted that the end of year deficit was budgeted for, using surplus from the previous year, cashflow for the year was positive, and overall SPH is in a sound financial position.

Motion4: That the Financial Report be received

Moved - Kate Weir

Seconded - Vicki Roberts

Carried

8. Any Other Business - None

9. Close with Prayer (after church AGM.)

St Peters Church in the City AGM Minutes 2023

St Peters Church AGM Held on Sunday 17th September at 11.30 am.

The meeting opened in prayer by Rev Enosa Auva'a

He welcomed all members in attendance (see attached)

Apologies - M Sanders, H Johnson, D De Villiers, B Guy, I & S Donaldson, B & T Johnson, A & L Taylor, A & P Chancellor, P & R Chin, G & L Brighting, R Bridgeman, D Bailey.

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

Moved: Irene Mainland, seconded: Julie Hulbert Agreed

The St Peters House AGM followed

St Peters Church AGM

Previous Minutes

Motion 2: That the minutes of the 2022 AGM of St Peters, held on 18th September 2022 as printed be confirmed.

Moved: Keith Campbell Seconded: Cath Page Agreed

There were no matters arising from the 2022 AGM minutes.

Adoption of the Annual report

Motion 3: That the 2023 Annual report be received.

Moved: Felicity Auva'a Seconded: Russell Hulbert Agreed

There was no discussion on any of the reports.

Board of Managers appointments:

Motion 4: That Ray Reynolds & David Salmon be appointed to Board of Managers

Moved: Keith Campbell Seconded: Julie Hulbert Agreed.

Vote of thanks

Keith acknowledged and thanked Marie Laval, Jaco, Potgieter and Kirwan Smith for their service to the board as they had resigned from the Board for various reasons during the past year.

Keith also acknowledged and thanked Barbara Johnson upon her retirement from the board after her long service in a variety of roles including as previous chair and secretary to the Board.

Treasurer's Financial Report

Neville Watkins presented the performance report for 2022/2023 year. Giving was below budget, but costs were also below budget. The year ended with a \$219 surplus. The Board has managed their costs to remain with a small surplus.

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

Moved: Neville Watkins

Seconded: Corne Potgieter

Agreed

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

Moved: Neville Watkins

Seconded: Cath Page

Agreed

General Business

Tom Jarrett proposed a vote of thanks to the Board of Managers & Rev Enosa Auva'a.

There being no further business, Enosa closed in prayer at 12.15pm

Attendees: G Hoekstra, D Swetman, I Mainland, J & D Buxton, N & C Page, K weir, V Roberts, K Campbell, N & J Ryder, F Chell, M Macpherson, A McNabb, D & J Duncanson, M Duncanson, N & L Watkins, V Roberts, C Kruger, L Sanders, G Barnett, M De Villiers, R Harris, P & M Carter, R & J Hulbert, E & F Auva'a, J Clark, L & B Corbett, R Borohome, R Reynolds, J & C Poteitger, T Jarrett, R Atkins, K & P Adams, J Dixon.

St Peters Leadership

Senior Minister's Report August 31, 2023, to August 14, 2024

As I reflect on the past year, I am reminded of the truth in Lamentations 3:22-23: "*The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*" Throughout the year, we have seen countless examples of God's goodness and providence, and we have been blessed with a nurturing and supportive church family, allowing the work of the Lord to flourish here at St. Peters in the city.

Thank you, church family, for your love and support of Felicity and me. We extend our heartfelt blessings to you all.

This report covers August 2023 to August 2024.

- A. Vision & Mission
- B. Worship
- C. Mission
- D. Pastoral Care
- E. Relationship and Connection
- F. Spiritual Direction for Prayers
- G. Prophecy. Prayer and Discussion

A. Vision & Mission

To be Christ to the City, The City to Christ & Helping people Find, Follow and Know Jesus

Elders retreat

In October 2022 (reinforced 9 December 2023), Session intentionally prioritised four strategic areas for church actions and activities between 2023-2027. The first strategy, to be worked on for two years (2023-2024), focuses on "*A faith that is foundational for all our children, families, youth, and adults,*" with the goal of helping people *Find, Follow, and Know Jesus*. Through prayer, we hope to impact our immediate neighbours within a 2-kilometre radius of our church and the broader gathering community from our local neighbourhoods. To engage our neighbours, we created a simple catchphrase "Come and See" as an invitation to the church. We also made and positioned two visible signs on Cameron Road and Springs Road.

Now

The worship experience we strive for at St. Peters is, above all, to be led by the Holy Spirit. Without His guidance, our worship is in vain, and we miss the essence of building a strong, Christian foundation intergenerationally (Psalm 127:1-2). I praise God for His mercies, which are new every morning, and for His steadfast love that brings joy during our Sunday services and fellowship afterward. I also praise God for the joy I witnessed as our small groups faithfully served during Alpha every Thursday from February to April 2024, and for the fellowship that blossomed as small group leaders prepared a meal each month following the service. This is the kind of worship that brings glory to Jesus. We glorify Him by using the gifts He has given us to serve others.

¹⁰ Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. ¹¹ If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen. 1 Peter 4:10-11.

We continue to experience God's blessings in our worship as He meets us in our singing and praise, in the shared and personal reading of His Word, and in the prayers of the congregation that proclaims His goodness and greatness. Whether in small groups or individual communion with our church family, we seek God's grace to intervene for our community, our country, and the world, and we ask Him to comfort those among us who are hurt or grieving.

The following areas have been identified for ongoing activities, guided by the Holy Spirit, in our formation as disciples of Jesus: Worship, Mission, Pastoral Care, Discipleship & Fellowship, Children's Ministry Y1-13, Finance, and Property.

B. Worship

Sermons and preaching

Lectionary & Calendar 2023-2024

2023		Sermon titles		Text	Preacher
CREATION	September	3/9	Father's Day	Proverbs 4:23	Rev Adair Oosterboek
		10/9	<i>Love fulfils the Law</i>	Romans 13:8-14	Glen Morris
		17/9	<i>Forgiving heart.</i> AGM	Matthew 18:21-35	Enosa
		24/9	<i>That's not fair</i> Communion	Matthew 20:1-16	Enosa
PENTECOST	October	1/10	<i>Nicodemus</i>	John 3	David
		8/10	<i>Salt and Light in the city</i>	Matthew 5:13-16	Enosa
		15/10	<i>Being church</i>	Philippians 4:1-9	Enosa
		22/10	The glory of God	Exodus 33:12-23	Marion
		29/10	<i>The great commandment</i> Communion	Deuteronomy 6:1-19 Mathew 22:34-40	Enosa
PENTEC	Novemb	5/11	<i>Walk the talk</i>	Matthew 23:1-12	Enosa
		12/11	<i>The Kingdom of Righteousness</i>	Isaiah 32	David
		19/11	<i>Be ready always</i>	Matthew 25 1-13	Enosa
		26/11	<i>The last supper</i> Communion	John 1:35-51	David
ADVENT	December	3/12	<i>Hope & Prophecy</i>	Isaiah 9:2,6-7	David
		10/12	<i>Peace</i>	Isaiah 7: 13 Isaiah 9:6-7, Luke 2:13-14. John 14:27	Enosa
		17/12	<i>Joy-Emmanuel</i>	Mathew 2:10-11	Glen
		24/12	<i>"Turning points toward Christmas"</i>	Lamentation 3:22-23 Titus 3:4-7, John 1:1,14, 1 John 4:16, 1 Corinthians 13:8	Enosa
		31/12	<i>"Thanksgiving and Gratitude"</i>	1Theasonians 5:18, Habakkuk 3:17-18, Psalm 100:1-5	Enosa
2024		Sermon titles		Text	Preacher
January		7/1	Preparing the way	Mark 1:4-11	Marion
		14/1	God calls	1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20) or John 1:43-51	David
		21/1	Hear and obey	Mark 1:14-20, Jonah 3:1-5,10.	Marion
		28/1	Mission <i>"Come and See"</i> mission by invitation	John 1:35-46 John 4:7-10,13- 17, 28-30	Enosa
Feb		4/2 Alpha	<i>Mission "Come and See" mission by the Holy Spirt</i>	Acts 2:1-4, 1Corinthians 12:4-11,	Enosa
		11/2 Alpha	Transfiguration	Mark 9: 1-6	David
		18/2 Alpha	Jesus fulfills the mission call	John 1:29-31, Luke 4:18-21	Enosa
		25/2	Living water, Boys Brigade Service	Isaiah 43:2, John 7:37-39, John 4: 7-10, 13-15	Enosa
Mar		3/3	"You want to be my disciple: deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow"	Mark 8:34-38	Enosa
		10/3	A funeral interrupted (The Widow in Nain)	Luke 7:7-11	Enosa
		17/3	<i>Jesus Heals Bartimaeus</i>	Mark 10:46-52	David
		24/3	The King is coming	Mark 11:1-11	Enosa
		29/3 Good Friday	One long night	Mark 14-15 Grass reflective service?	Enosa
		31/3	Baby baptism "Surprise"	Mark 16:1-8	Enosa
Apr		7/4	<i>Jesus Appears to His Disciples</i>	John 20:19-31	David
		14/4	<i>On the road</i>	Luke 24: 13-35	Enosa
		21/4	<i>Breakfast with Jesus</i>	John 21:1-19	Enosa
		28/4	<i>"God always responds positively to our humility, no matter how badly we have stuffed up".</i>	2 Chronicles 33:9-13 and Isaiah 57:15	Glen
May		5/5	Mission service	2 Chronicles 7:14	Prasanna Arpanna
		12/5	Gods' providence	Ruth 1:1-22	Enosa
		19/5	YWAM <i>Living hope</i>	1 Peter 1:1-5	Enosa
		26/5	<i>Wisdom/Divine Dichotomy</i>	Psalm 1	David
June		2/6	BB IGONZ <i>Living hope</i>	1 Peter 1:1-12	Enosa
		9/6	<i>"Therefore"</i>	1 Peter 2: v1,v4-5, v9-10, v12, v17, 1 Peter 3: v1-2, v15, 1 Peter 4: v6: v11-16, Romans 8: v1-2, v5-8, v10-11, v14-17	Enosa
		23/6	BB Badge Celebration <i>Stand firm</i>	Ephesians 6:10-20	Enosa
		30/6	<i>The Shepherd</i>	Psalm 23	David
July		7/7	Membership service <i>Overflowing God's blessings</i>	Jonah1:1-6;8-9;17, Jonah 2: 1-2;10., Jonah 3:3,5,10, Jonah 4:1,10. Jeremiah 29:1;5-7	Enosa
		21/7	<i>Love one Anther</i>	John 13:1-38	Glen
		28/7	<i>The four soils</i>	Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23	Enosa
Aug		4/8	<i>The pain of sin</i>	2 Samuel 11: 2- 17, 22,25-27, 2 Samuel 12:1-13	Enosa
		11/8	<i>Absalom and David</i>	2 Sam18:5-9,15,31-33	Enosa
		18/8	<i>Solomon asks God for wisdom</i>	1 Kings 3:5-15, Ephesians 5:15-20	Marion
		25/8	<i>Solomons prayer of dedication</i>	1 Kings 8:22-30	David

Now

I have continued to use the Lectionary & Calendar 2023-2024 Year B Mark to guide sermon preparation. Sermon texts were spread across the Bible using 12 Old Testament and 12 New Testament books. I am very grateful to our session elder Marion Sanders, and our overseas missionaries Glen Morris and Arpana together with David Duncanson (Ministry Assistant Children, Families, and Youth) and Ian Donaldson for sharing the pulpit. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit sermons sought to ground our children, families, and youth in their Christian Walk. A variety of themes were experienced including the following examples:

- becoming a forgiving servant by replacing your will (heart, mind, soul) with God's will (17/9/2023)
- renewing our attitude in Christ as in the story of the workers in the vineyard in (24/9/23)
- reaffirming a strong foundation under the Kingship of Jesus in Mark 11:1-11 (24/3/2023) and dwelling in the power of the Holy Spirit preached on various dates. 14/4/24, 21/4/24, 28/4/24, 5/5/24, 12/5/24, 19/5/24, 26/5/24, 2/6/24, 9/6/24, 16/6/24, 23/6/24, 30/6.
- Series on 1 Peter: Chapter 1 to Chapter 5 on the overflowing of God's blessing onto our immediate and gathering community 2/6 and 9/6 /24)
- Preparing people for mission (28/1/24 and 4/2/24, 3/3/24 and 10/3/24)

Moving Forward

Continue to use the Lectionary. Continue to Identify themes from congregational needs and develop a theme series to preach on. Endeavor 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

Good News. *Holy Spirit inspire the preachers to proclaim your Word and make known the message specific to your people.*

II. Special Services

a) Baby Baptism Service

Now

We held a baby baptism service for Noah Peter Carter on Sunday 31st March 2024. What a blessing to baptise Noah, (grandson of Peter and Maria Carter) as families and friends joined the congregation to celebrate and witness this public celebration.

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.

Insight and prayer

Disciple, Spiritual Maturity, Church. *The Holy Spirit leads and prompts the hearts and minds of children's parents to consider dedication and baptism for their Spiritual formation.*

b) Membership Service

Now

We held a membership service on the 7 July. We welcomed Jude Birchenough, Jan Leach, and David & Jen Duncanson into full membership.

Moving Forward

Continue to teach and share about church membership as taught in the Bible (Acts 2:42-47; Matthew 28:16-20; Matthew 22:34-40) and what it means to be a member in the Book of Order (Section 4). Hold one membership service annually.

Insight and prayer

Discipleship, Church. *Holy Spirit thank you for the blessings of belonging. Help us to serve one another faithfully with your gifts*

c) Christmas Eve Candlelight 11.15 pm Service

Now

A thoroughly enjoyable reflective hour before Christmas day proclaiming the story of Jesus' birth.

Moving Forward

The Christmas Eve candlelight service is an annual event.

Insight and prayer

Advent season. Discipleship and Mission. *Holy Spirit thank you for the joy of Christmas. Inviting our families and friends as we share in this celebration service of our Lord Jesus.*

d) Missionary service

Now

Thanks to the Mission Committee for organizing the dinner for Prasanna and Arpana on Saturday, May 4, in the church foyer. They shared updates with the congregation about the blessings of God on their work in India, where the girls who started in the program are now ambassadors of God across various industry sectors. Many of these young women are also returning to support Prasanna and Arpana as leaders on-site between their new roles. Arpana also preached the Word on Sunday, May 5, 2024.

I want to acknowledge Ian Donaldson (Chair of the Mission Committee) and Glenn Morris (Navigators) for their willingness to share in the preaching when called upon. Thank you, Glenn, for your valuable insights into global mission, drawn from your many trips with Navigators around the world.

Moving Forward

We will continue to dedicate specific Sundays throughout the year for Mission services, working in conjunction with the Mission Committee and staying aligned with the movements and needs of our overseas missionaries.

Insight and Prayer

Mission and Discipleship.

Holy Spirit fill your people with the joy of releasing your church folks to share the Good News amongst the nations.

e) Boys and Girls Brigade (IGONZ)

Now

We held two services with the Boys and Girls Brigade during the year. What a wonderful time of praising God together with our young men and women taking part. Thank you, Richard Harkness and your leadership team, for serving the Lord.

Moving Forward

Continue annual service or as is required.

Insight and Prayer

Mission

Holy Spirit thank you for the fun and joy experienced by our young people. We pray for more leaders to replace those who are moving on in the coming year.

III. Worship Team

Now

The administration and organization of the worship roster is a huge task and I'm very grateful to Felicity for supporting this process to ensure the roster is completed. This is important for effective service coordination with the minister's planned sermon topics as well as guest speakers and other events happening in the church calendar. The rosters are on a 3-month cycle.

a) Music team

The music team now consists of 29 members, covering data operation, sound desk, musicians (bass, keyboard/piano, drums, guitar, flute, trumpet), singers, and worship leaders. We have a team of four worship leaders who lead the sung worship and organize weekly practices. Felicity, Peter, Tom, Penny, and our youngest worship leader, Katie. They diligently seek God for songs that connect people to Him and align with the preacher's message to exalt Jesus. Tom and Sarah took a sabbatical from January to July to visit family overseas, and it's great to have them back. We foster an open, welcoming culture for anyone interested in joining the worship and music team. Although a few of our youth members have moved on to university outside Tauranga, we encourage them to participate whenever they return. A warm welcome back to some of our older vocalists, and it's wonderful to see new members joining the team to help with data operation.

Musicians: Gary Hoekstra, Peter Carter, Felicity Auva'a, Tom, Sarah, Katie Jarrett, Penny Merton, Mark Thompson, Franz Ferguson, David Duncanson, Peter Chin, Graham Beswick, Vinny Grant.

Data team: Penny Adams, Karen Street, Cath Page, Jaco Potgieter, Bridget McLean.

Sound team: Rosamond Bridgman, Trevor Shum, Bridget and Franz.

Singers: Karen Brodie, Keith Campbell, Patricia Chancellor, Jon Clark, Jen Duncanson, Nick Page, Larnie Peters, Franz Ferguson and Katie Jarrett.

We praise God for your musical gifts!

b) Updates

Triac has completed work on the auditorium computer, including the replacement of the graphics card and updating software. A big thanks to Jaco for helping to resolve other problems by spending many hours replacing a battery inside the desktop which resolved the projection issues and BIOS crashes. He is now taking the lead on the Data Projector, for which I am most grateful. However, the computer will need to be updated in the next

financial year, as more problems are likely to arise with age. The Easy Worship program, used for displaying lyrics, was launched in 2009 and is also due for an upgrade. We are currently exploring various competitive programs to determine the best fit for St. Peter's.

c) Music selection

It's been wonderful to see worship leaders expand their repertoire by including beloved songs from past years alongside new material that aligns with current trends. It's important to have hymns sung regularly in our corporate worship, especially for our older members, while also embracing modern songs that reflect the Holy Spirit's inspiration in creatives worldwide, such as Brooke Ligerwood from Hillsong, Chris Tomlin, and Michael W. Smith. The songs we choose should be theologically sound, focusing on giving thanks and praise to God, rather than being overly focused on the individual. ('I' songs) Declaration songs of thanksgiving and praise are especially important in corporate worship as they glorify our Lord and Saviour rather than focusing on ourselves.

d) Live Stream

Our live stream takes place weekly, attracting between 3 to 10 viewers at a time. Occasionally, we experience glitches, particularly after the auditorium has hosted other events and the settings have been altered. However, we are confident that our listeners can now fully appreciate the sound of the congregation singing. When using handheld microphones and headsets for speaking or preaching, the sound quality is clear. We are currently experimenting with providing a louder audio feed from the song leaders while still maintaining the effect of congregational singing during worship. Additionally, we will be testing the display of power points and lyrics during the live stream.

Moving Forward

We will continue to encourage new and old members to share their talents in worship. The team is looking forward to upgrading the Easy Worship program and replacing some lighting fixtures to enhance the stage. We will also maintain our focus on special music events and contributions to corporate worship, such as small choir performances and guest soloists. Spiritual formation is important, and we will look at conferences and workshops to support their relationship and growth in the Lord both individually and as a team.

Insight and Prayer

Finally, I would like to thank all the worship team members for the time and effort they put into bringing quality worship to the congregation of St Peters each week. They are all busy people but offer up their talents willingly and in a spirit of humility to serve our Lord. Please pray for our music team as being in the forefront they need encouragement and uplifting.

They play a vital part in the body of Christ and the worship at St Peter's and need our covering.

1 Corinthians 12:12 - 31

“Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.” (Unity and Diversity in the Body of Christ).

A. Mission

a) Tuesday Community Luncheon for the homeless

Now

Every Tuesday serves as a reminder of God's call to serve the needy. I have been blessed by witnessing the conversations, fellowship, and gratitude of our guests. The space is filled with joy and peace to the glory of God. Our guests find solace, love, and care in their fellowship with one another. Special thanks to John Buxton and Tony Johnson for their leadership role in coordinating the many volunteers who show up every week. Thanks to all our volunteers from our church and neighboring church who conscientiously attend every week. A big thank you to our 'Chefs' for their creative preparation of KAI. Praise God for moving the hearts of some of our Tuesday guests to attend our morning service. I also acknowledge YWAM's support with their free dental services that some of our guests took up, thank you Wanita (CEO), and your team.

Moving Forward: What a wonderful way to put our faith into action.

Insight and Prayer: Discipleship and Mission. *Holy Spirit, we thank You for providing volunteers—the Māori wardens, health providers offering essential medical checks and vaccinations, and the generous 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 to Janine Goodhew (Office Manager) for coordinating the day and managing communication with suppliers and volunteers. A big thanks to Kate Weir (Johanson) for organizing the kitchen operations and overseeing the flow of people, and to Rose Chin for coordinating the volunteers. I also want to acknowledge the Board of Managers, particularly Keith Campbell, for his leadership in keeping things running smoothly and monitoring the budget. It was an enjoyable time for all.

Moving Forward: The Annual Christmas Dinner brings Jesus into the hearts and minds of people in the community.

Insight and Prayer: Advent, Discipleship, and Joy. *Holy Spirit, we thank You for blessing us in serving the community through this meal as we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus.*

c) Alpha 2024

Now: Alpha commenced in February and concluded in April, culminating in the Holy Spirit weekend at the Katikati hub. The programme covered: Is There More to Life Than This? Who Is Jesus? Why Did Jesus Die? How Can We Have Faith? Why and How Do I Pray?

Why and How Should I Read the Bible? How Does God Guide Us? Who is the Holy Spirit?

There were 26 people attending the program including the leadership group. The final weekend of the program saw the participants sharing the grace of God as they were moved. Our small groups are to be commended for their provision of hospitality, with prepared dining tables ready to welcome our guests and start the evening with a hot meal. Special thanks go to the Alpha leadership group—Marion Sander, John Buxton, Karen Caldwell, Rosamond Bridgman, Ching Balfour, David Duncanson, and Felicity Auva'a. I also want to extend my gratitude to our office staff, Janine Goodhew, Viviana Tupou, and Karen Caldwell, for their outstanding work in organizing student materials and setting up the learning space each week.

The leadership group witnessed God's power at work in the hearts, minds, and souls of those who participated in Alpha. The Holy Spirit moved participants to share their experiences and testify to the Spirit's work in their lives, with some even re-engaging with their faith. We had two of the leadership groups sharing their reflection with our congregation following the final weekend. I praise God for the spiritual growth experienced by both the leaders and participants during this journey. We certainly felt the joy of the Lord.

Moving Forward

An Alpha-focused program for the St Peters congregation will be planned in November 2024 for February-April 2025.

Insight and Prayer

Discipleship and Mission preparation. *Holy Spirit inspire your people to prepare and ask you for power to share the Good News.*

d) [University Support Chaplaincy](#)

Now

St Peters has been endorsed by the University of Waikato Chaplaincy to serve as a Support Chaplaincy for their Tauranga campus. Both John Buxton and I attended an official invitation to the quarterly chaplaincy committee meeting, held on Tuesday, the 18th of June, in the Lady Goodfellow Chapel on the Hamilton Campus of the University of Waikato. We will be providing chaplaincy support to students and staff as needed on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. We have a core group of ambassadors for chaplain support from our church, along with two from local churches, who will be present on the university campus. Our current objective is to build strong relationships with the university.

Moving forward

Continue to build stronger relationships between our team and the university and Tertiary Student Christian Fellowship (TSCF). Develop and equip St Peters Chaplaincy Support as required.

Insight and Prayer

Mission, Discipleship. *Holy Spirit grant us discernment to do your will of providing support for students and staff at the University of Waikato Tauranga campus.*

e) Waterfront carols at St Peters Church

Now

This event was moved to our church on Saturday, December 3, 2023, due to rain, and what a celebration it was! The evening was filled with fun, laughter, joy, and even tears as we rejoiced in God together. It was truly a blessing to have a crowd of over 300 people experiencing God through singing and creative worship, representing a variety of cultures. Where the people of God fellowship together in unity, the Lord commands His blessing!

A very special thank you goes out to our church members who served in every area of the carol event, whether it was ushering, parking, singing in the choir and band, or dismantling and setting up the risers, seating, banners, and nativity scene. What a wonderful team we have!

I want to extend my thanks to Felicity and Nicola from Central Baptist Church, who spearheaded the event in collaboration with the Tauranga Ethnic Association Minister (TEAM). For me, the greatest blessing was the opportunity to work alongside other churches to share the story of Jesus' birth with the public.

Moving forward

We will consider a similar event for our church in 2024.

Insight and Prayer

Church unity, Fellowship, and Mission. *Holy Spirit grant us a servant heart to serve one another to exalt Jesus in the Advent season.*

B. 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

There are abundant opportunities to visit the elderly homes and villages where our members reside, as well as to support families facing extreme illness and grief.

Moving Forward

Church members continue to look out for and pray for one another. We encourage fellowship in small groups and regular gatherings on Sundays. Let us be intentional in ‘watching out’ for the elderly, single parents, and young families with children as we engage as an intergenerational church.

Insight and prayer

Shepherd, Disciple. *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 pastoral message is designed to encourage our church members in their faith walk. With 51 editions, the pastoral message serves as a reminder of our dependence on God and aims to foster regular conversations between our families and the Minister.

Moving Forward

Continual weekly commitment.

Insight and Prayer

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

c) Telephone calling and visitation

Now

Karen Caldwell and John Buxton do a marvellous job reaching out to our congregational members, inquiring about their well-being, and coordinating opportunities for the Minister to visit. The team contacted members offering prayer and a word of encouragement. Request for prayer needs are noted when we meet at our mid-day prayer on Wednesday to Friday.

Moving Forward

Weekly pastoral support.

Insight and Prayer

Pastoral Support. *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 staff lounge. 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

This is the practice we want to nurture. Our first point of worship is to seek God in prayer. We depend on God's provision and direction.

Insight and Prayer

Pastoral support. *The Holy Spirit grows church members as prayer warriors.*

e) Small groups

Now

There are currently nine small group gatherings, and it is a priority for the Session to encourage more people to join one. These small groups have blessed us, as they organize a meal once a month following our church service. It's a wonderful time of fun and fellowship, allowing us to get to know each other better as we share a meal together.

Moving Forward

Fellowship and socialization are so important for our well-being in the Lord.

Insight and Prayer

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

f) Dinners for 8

This event has been a historic occasion at St Peters. This year, the events team decided to hold it on one night to simplify the logistics for the hosts, reducing the need for administrative tasks and follow-up calls when people cancel. We had around 50 people either attending or hosting a dinner on Saturday, the 24th of August. It was a successful evening of fellowship and a wonderful opportunity to get to know others in the congregation.

C. Relationship and Connection

a) Kaimai Presbytery

Now

St Peters has been a regular attendee at Kaimai Presbytery-hosted events, participating in several key gatherings this year:

- **Warrant of Fitness for Ministry Personnel** held at Matamata St Andrew Church on 28th July 2023.
- **Preaching at the Rev Tengaru Paniora Induction Service** on 18th February 2024 in Tokoroa, where the sermon was based on the theme "Man of God Asked to Explain" (Acts 11).
- **Kaimai Leaders Retreat** from Sunday, 10th March to Tuesday, 14th March at Papamoa Pacific Resort. David, Jen, Felicity, and I attended on Sunday and Monday. The retreat featured Rev Rose Luxford (PACNZ Moderator) as the guest speaker, who spoke on her theme "Authentic and Hopeful in Christ," which she introduced during her inauguration last year.
- **Kaimai Gathering** on Saturday, 4th May 2024 at St Andrew's in Hamilton, focusing on Strategic Direction.
- **Workshop for Leaders** on Saturday, 10th August 2024 at St Andrew's Church in Matamata. The topic was "How Does God Lead Us So We Can Make Wise Decisions," led by Daryl Hemopo (KCML).

These events have provided valuable opportunities for growth, learning, and fellowship within our ministry team.

Moving Forward

We absolutely, support Kaimai Presbytery.

Insight and Prayer

Church unity, Discipleship. *Holy Spirit thank you for enabling the gathering of your people at hosted Kaimai events to worship you in unity and in strength. We commit our leaders at Kaimai to your care.*

b) National Church

Now: St Peters was represented at the General Assembly held in Auckland from 27th September to 1st October 2023. This was my first time attending the Assembly, and I thoroughly enjoyed learning from my peers and witnessing what God is doing in their churches. I was honoured to be invited to facilitate discussions on elements of the Strategic

Direction, gathering feedback for the organizers. The most significant aspect for me was the opportunity to connect with the broader church family from across the motu.

In support of the National Church, I also accepted an invitation to join the Presbyterian Church Property Trustees (PCPT) Private Trusts Committee starting this year. This has been a valuable learning experience in church portfolio management, and I am truly enjoying this journey, participating in four online meetings so far.

Moving forward

Ongoing support.

Insight and Prayer

Servant, Gifts, Church unity. *Holy Spirit thank you for the opportunity to work with brothers and sisters across the motu.*

c) [Tauranga PCANZ ministers-weekly get-together.](#)

Now

This has now changed from weekly to monthly gatherings. St Peters is a regular attendee at these meetings. We have hosted two and it is an opportunity for us to support and develop close fellowship and networks with the local churches.

Moving Forward

I value sharing with the local PCANZ church community.

Insight and Prayer

Church unity, Discipleship. *Holy Spirit inspire us to inspire others with what you're doing in the local PCANZ churches in Tauranga.*

d) [Tauranga Ethnic Association of Ministers \(TEAM\)](#)

Now

Regular get-togethers are planned for the rest of 2024.

Moving Forward

Essential to attend. We need all nations to share the Good News. Jesus commands us to go into all nations to declare the Good News.

Insight and Prayer

Church Unity in Diversity. *Holy Spirit, may we sow together with all nations your Good News.*

e) [Praying Pastors of Tauranga & Western BOP](#)

Now

The group (5 to 10) continues to meet weekly at St Lukes Church in Cameron Street on Thursday morning from 7.30 to 9am. What a wonderful gathering to hear the voice of His people yearning for justice in the city and for unity amongst the church. The highlight for me this year was the group blessing ceremony for the outgoing Commissioners.

Moving Forward

It's wonderful to connect St Peters with the broader leadership of the Tauranga community leaders.

Insight and Prayer

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

f) [Attendance at Community Events](#)

Now: I had the privilege of being invited to lead and share in the following community events:

- Community Meeting at Whaire-Waiora Trust on 2nd August 2023.
- Opening the Bay Poly Fest on 28th October 2023.
- Sharing Cultural Experiences at Gate Pa School in October 2023.
- Blessing and Prayer for the Water Polo Tournament at BayWave on 9th February at 8:30 am.
- University of Waikato Tauranga Campus meeting with staff in March 2024 while shadowing The Rev'd Br Andrew McKean as part of the process of becoming Chaplaincy Support.
- Devotion for "AIGA" Trust celebrating student achievements at Youth Central on 28th March 2024.

Moving Forward

It is crucial to continue being actively involved in the wider community.

Insight and Prayer

Mission, Disciple, Leadership, Community

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

g) Church events

- ***Picnic***

Held Sunday (10/3/2024). A beautiful, and wonderful time of fellowship with new families, youth and young children. Many thanks to Margaret & Keith Sievwright, Mark & Anna Swetman for organising the BBQ, and David for organising games and sports.

- ***Quiz night***

Great turnout, with many coming from outside our church. Thanks to Karen Street and Maria and Peter Carter for organising the night.

- ***Ladies' fellowship morning meetings***

1. **Stretching and exercises with Kate Weir.** Thanks, Kate, for using your talents to promote healthy exercise with a spiritual content.

Great to see 25 ladies turn up to our first women's fellowship (10/5/).

2. **Journey to authorship with Stacey Pyne.** A moving heartfelt presentation.

Wonderful attendance and fellowship (24/8).

h) Paid Staff & Volunteers

Now: We were pleased to welcome Jannine Goodhew as Office Manager on 15th August 2023, and David Duncanson as Ministry Assistant for Children, Families, and Youth on 8th June 2023 as new additions to our office staff. David has quickly formed a strong connection with our children, particularly during the initial part of the service with his creative children's talks before they transition to KIC. David is also a strong support for me preaching once a month and supporting the pastoral care. Thanks, David, for all your creative ideas we love it. For more details, see David's report.

However, it is with sadness that I share Jannine Goodhew has tendered her resignation effective 12th August 2024 due to ill health. She was taken to the hospital on March 13, 2024, and has been on a combination of leave since. We continue to pray for Jannine, who made a significant impact on our staff culture. Thank you, Jannine, for your contributions.

I want to acknowledge the exceptional work of Viviana Tupou, who has managed the office during this transitional period while the Board seeks to appoint a new Manager. Viviana has done an outstanding job, especially during Jannine's hospitalisation and subsequent resignation, ensuring the office remained fully functional. We are also grateful to Maria Carter, who joined us on 19 April to provide support in Jannine's absence—a true blessing to our team.

On behalf of the church family, I extend heartfelt thanks to Keith Campbell, Chair of the Board, for managing these processes and providing assurance to the church family that effective service continues to be provided by the office. I also want to thank our dedicated office volunteers, John Buxton and Karen Caldwell, who are always available to support our office team. Thank you all.

I praise God for the servant attitude and perseverance of our staff in serving the church.

Moving Forward

The office will continue to be a welcoming place for our families, friends, and visitors to the church, filled with joy and positivity.

Insight and Prayer

Mission, Disciple, Servant. *Holy Spirit help us to serve your church from the office with humility and gratefulness.*

D. Spiritual Direction for Prayer

Below are some important prayer points for our congregation as we move forward into 2025.

- a) Leaders for a St Peters inhouse Alpha 2025
- b) Children's ministry - more helpers needed
- c) Musicians - in all areas
- d) Drivers to pick up the elderly for Sunday services
- e) Use of property for mission revenue - people to plan and fill the church plant with user groups
- f) Prayer warriors for the city - (University, court, police, and business community)
- g) Leaders for small groups (Discipleship and evangelism)
- h) Young couple to lead a 19-30 young people's group (Post Y13)

E. Prophecy to pray for and discuss

The Great Commission: Matthew 28:16-20

- A church that is welcoming and filled with JOY, guided by the Holy Spirit.

In September 2023, I began sharing with community leaders in Tauranga about the Holy Spirit's urgent prompting to spread the gospel within our community. On January 28, 2024, during Part 1 of the sermon titled "Mission by Invitation," I conveyed this urgency to the church. There is a pressing need for all of us—both you and me—to share the good news now, as we do not know when Jesus will return (Matthew 24:36-44). The parable of the 10 Virgins (Matthew 25:1-4) serves as a sobering reminder; as folks, I don't want anyone to face the possibility of hearing Jesus say, "I don't know you."

- The Mission of God in a "City Church"

The mission of God within a "city church" like St Peters calls for deliberate and intentional engagement on multiple levels. St Peters has a rich legacy of sending out members who have worshiped here, impacting communities not only in Tauranga but throughout New Zealand and beyond—overflowing with God's blessings. The mission at St Peters, founded on the vision "Christ to the City and City to Christ," is still alive today. I like to emphasize the first part of this vision, where each of us is called to be a witness for God, bringing Christ into whatever community we find ourselves in.

- **God's Provision to Sustain the Great Commission & Commandment**

In the process of seeking God, the following scriptures spoke to me about His mission:

1. *"We may make our plans, but God has the last word. You may think everything you do is right, but the Lord judges your motives."* (Proverbs 16:1-3 GNT)
2. *"Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."* (Jeremiah 29:7)
3. *"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."* (Matthew 28:16-20)

These scriptures remind us that while we may plan and work diligently, it is ultimately God who directs our steps and ensures our efforts align with His mission. As we seek to sustain the Great Commission, we must trust in God's guidance, pray for the prosperity of our community, and remain steadfast in making disciples of all nations, knowing that Christ is with us always.

Is this a time to rethink how we utilize church property to generate more revenue and support new mission opportunities for a city church like St Peters? God's mission is to redeem entire communities, and this requires the full use of the resources He has provided. Why? Because the gospel is the transformative power for all people.

In the Gospel of Mark, I was deeply moved by Jesus' response to His disciples when they asked why they couldn't cast out a spirit (Mark 9:28-29). He said, "This kind can come out only by prayer." This reminds us that **prayer is a vital foundation** for the Lord's mission, one in which He invites us to participate (Matthew 28:16-20). As spiritual nurturers, we must pray against the distracting spirits that prevent people from coming to know Jesus.

This aligns with what the Lord had been impressing upon me in Feb 2023: the necessity of **corporate prayer as a congregation**. We need to come together to pray for the needs of our church, our city, and our country.

St Peters, as a physical location, cannot move, but it remains a beacon where people can come to discover God's activities. We need our community at St Peters to be confident in pointing others to our church, inviting them with a simple message: "Come and See" or "Go and See." This invitation, "Come and See," is our mission catch phrase for 2024.

As a church, we must use our property as a place where God's work can be witnessed in the community, where His gifts are displayed to glorify Jesus. St Peters is meant to be an overflow for God's blessings in the city. Yet, as Jesus reminds us, *"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field"* (Matthew 9:37-38).

- **Participation and Involvement (Workers)**

Is God calling you to any of these areas?

- **Intercessors:** God is calling people to become intercessors, praying for both our immediate and gathering neighbours.
- **Chaplains or Ambassadors:** We need individuals to serve as chaplains or ambassadors within our immediate neighbourhood, such as the university, court, police, and business community.
- **ALPHA/Leaders:** God is calling people to lead the Church's ALPHA program and similar initiatives such as training people to effectively share their faith with others.
- **Staff for School Engagement:** New initiative to lead teams that will connect with schools and organize school holiday programs for primary and intermediate age (Years 1-8).
- **Part-Time Event Manager:** To increase the use of our building for conferences, children's parties, playgroups, sporting events, conferences, workshops, and more.
- **Barista Staff:** Employ barista staff to start a coffee cart ministry outside by the tables.
- **Coffee Club/Network Coffee:** Open the foyer for a Business Innovation Network (BIN) coffee meet-up or use the foyer for Eat, Meet, and Greet events to foster community engagement.
- **Drivers for Fellowship:** To pick up the elderly for Sunday and mid-week services and social fellowship events.
- **SPH House Expansion:** The Big One... Consider going up three levels with SPH House, including space for a manse, office space for SPH and others, and additional parking.

It is with excitement that I look forward to where God is leading St Peters Church and I pray that the Lord will bless and keep you as we move forward, trusting in His guidance and remaining faithful in our participation in His mission.

Reverend Enosa Auva'a

August 2024

Session Report 2024

Session

St Peters Church's vision *"Christ to the City and the City to Christ"*

Our Mission: *"Helping people find, follow and know Christ"*

In the past year, a Session has been asked, and we in return ask ourselves; what is the role of Elders (session) and what do we do?

Elders or session are willing members who are called to be shepherds of God's family, not lording over those entrusted to us, but being examples to the flock. (Exodus 3:1-15 and 1 Peter 5:1-4).

We are entrusted with the above vision and mission, helping our church family grow in their faith in Christ, follow Christ's example and in return help those who do not know Christ, to find Christ, individually and collectively.

Who are the elders?

We are a team of 6:

- Enosa Auvaa - teaching elder, minister,
- Marion Sanders,
- Anna Swetman,
- Corne Potgieter,
- Peter Carter
- and I, Rose Phan/ Chin.
- Tom Jarrett is on sabbatical leave this year.

How do we do this?

We had two retreats in Oct 2023 and April 2024 (at the home of elders) and an Elders training night in May or 2024, to review strategies and further plan for the coming months to help achieve our mission. We had a feedback questionnaire at the start of 2024 for the congregation to assess what our church's strengths, challenges, and opportunities are as a church in the city.

We meet monthly as session to review and discuss the ministers' report, our Sunday services, activities of SPH, and drop-in lunch on Tuesday. We encourage events to foster relationships through fellowship. (Many thanks to events teams for planning and organizing events like monthly Sunday lunches, Mother's Day, Dinner of 8, etc.)

We pray weekly for the needs of our congregation, SPH, and Church staff and volunteers. I thank and praise God for our church highlights this past year: #Ongoing selfless spirit of volunteers for church services and events, Tuesday drop-in lunch, Boys and Girls Brigade and our annual free community Christmas Dinner.

Staff: Enosa Auva'a with his leadership in passion for God's word and prayer, David Duncanson for his work with KIC and Youth - we celebrate the increased numbers of young children and their families in our midst. Viviana Tupou for stepping up in church office work with Janine Goodhew seriously unwell (our ongoing prayers for her) and Maria Carter for helping out.

We encourage small groups, supporting the spiritual growth of members, doing life together, and providing wonderful church lunches. We have had many events and gatherings in which we were able to engage and have fellowship together including the following:

- Our Church hosted the waterfront Christmas event with Felicity Auva'a as one of the lead organizers. (What a celebration it was despite the rain).
- In February 2024 we hosted Alpha and saw home groups provide food and fellowship for our participants, and volunteers from our congregation support those who are seeking Christ.
- Church picnic at Kulim Park in March 2024 with sausage sizzles and games by Youth Pastor, David Duncanson supported by Jen despite a broken ankle - both adults and kids enjoyed themselves thoroughly.
- Visit from Arpanna and Prasanna Khaling from the girls home in Sano Diyo in May.
- Taylor grandchildren, Alejandra Barahona -Peters and Lin boys ' dedication in June.
- Quiz night organized by Carter family and Karen Street in June was well attended by teams from Church congregation, local businesses, hospital, and university. It was a fun night!
- We welcomed David and Jen Duncanson, Jude Birchenough, and Jan Leach into our church membership in July 2024.

On a more individual level: Session is always encouraging every church member to attend church to worship God as a family, to join a small group, or volunteer to be connected and be encouraged in the family of God.

In conclusion, what kind of church is God calling us to be? A church that is helping people find, follow, and know Christ. We can only do this individually and collectively if we are rooted in Christ, willing to be pruned and watered by Him to be fruitful for His Glory. Not by might, not by power but by My Spirit says the Lord. Zechariah 4:6 Blessings

Rose Phan / Chin

Session Clerk

Board of Manager's Report

B.O.M

The past year has once again been an exciting one for the Board with the introduction of new staff to the team and challenging building repair costs to manage.

David Duncanson as Ministry Assistant and Jannine Goodhew as Office Administration Manager joined the team in August. Both have brought their knowledge and experience and contributed well to the team.

Unfortunately, Jannine became seriously ill in late March and has been on unpaid sick leave to date. Her health continues to be a concern for her and her family, and we pray for a full recovery in due course.

Meanwhile, Viviana Tupou has stepped up and has managed the day-to-day operation of the office very competently. We have engaged Maria Carter on a casual basis (1 day/week) to assist with the accounts and other office duties. Our eager volunteers continue to provide ongoing support in the administration activities that keep the church running.

The board want to acknowledge and thank the whole team for their willingness and commitment in managing the office operations in a competent and friendly manner. You are all a Blessing to the church.

It is 13 years since the completion of the refurbishment and expansion of our church building and the building is now showing signs of some wear and tear.

A new lift has recently been installed with assistance from a \$24,000 TECT grant and temporary help from St Peters House.

The audio loop system that supports the hard of hearing was recently damaged by recent flooding and is currently being replaced through an approved Insurance claim.

The board has prioritised a list of repairs and upgrades to be completed as funds become available to maintain the upkeep of the premises to a standard, we are all proud of.

The public have used our facilities over the year with several organisations successfully performing annual or regular events. The Board are eager to see these facilities being used more regularly and are researching ways to promote and manage this process.

The board has been aware that there is financial hardship in many areas and the church is no different. We have been prudent in managing our costs and are pleased with the financial result for the year.

It should be noted that TCC increased the rating of the childcare to a fully commercial rating, thus increasing the rates significantly. Above and Beyond (the lease) has paid this cost to the church so our income and costs indicate that. The \$24,000 TECT grant is included in the results as well.

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

David Salmon who was elected to the Board last year has resigned as he is no longer living in Tauranga. While his stay brief, he made a significant impact on the Board and we thank him for his contribution. Darleen Bailey has stepped in as our minute secretary and has agreed to another term on the Board.

Neville Watkins has also agreed to another term on the Board as our Treasurer.

Bruce Robinson has decided to step down from the board for this rotation. We thank Bruce for his diligence and wise counsel during his term on the Board.

Maria Carter has been present in recent meetings and has agreed to formally join us on the Board this year. I want to thank the Board for their support and willingness to serve over the past twelve months.

A very special thank you to our ministry team for your dedication, support and commitment to St Peters Church. You are all an inspiration.

Board members are:

Darleen Bailey	Minute Secretary
Neville Watkins	Treasurer
Bruce Robinson	
Ray Reynolds	
Peter Carter	Session Rep
Enosa Auvaa	Senior Minister

Blessings to you all,

Keith Campbell

Chairman

Board of Managers

Directory 2024

Staff

Rev Enosa AUVA'A - Senior Minister
 Felicity AUVA'A - Music Director
 Viviana TUPOU - Office Admin

David DUNCANSON -
 Family, Youth & Children's Minister
 Maria CARTER - Office Assistant

Session

Rose CHIN - Session Clerk
 Tom JARRETT
 Corne POTGIETER

Marion SANDERS
 Anna SWETMAN
 Peter CARTER

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 Peter CARTER - Session Rep

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 Robert ATKINS
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 Margaret SIEVWRIGHT
 Lyn TAYLOR
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Dawn BUXTON
 Tissy CHANCELLOR
 Judy CLARK
 Pam ALLIS

St Peters House Chairman's Report 2024

St Peters House

St Peters House continues to help people achieve wellness, and it is my privilege to report on the past year and to look ahead.

Trust Deed

St. Peters Care and Counselling Charitable Trust, known as St Peters House (SPH), was formally established in June 2009 (although we have been operating as a church ministry since 1988). Our purpose has not changed:

"To deliver free or low-cost care and counselling services to the community that reflects the love of Jesus Christ."

The trust deed goes on to say how this might be accomplished:

- a) Raise funds so that care and counselling services can be provided at no cost to the poor.
- b) Provide courses to the community in parenting, life skills and general personal and community wellbeing.
- c) Generally meeting the psychological, emotional and physical needs of disadvantaged members of the community, and
- d) Provide facilities for care and counselling services to be delivered to the community.

Reflecting on each of these in turn, everyone associated with SPH can be gratified that these aims are still being achieved 15 years after the trust was formed.

- a) Fundraising continues to be a large focus and full credit must be given to our Manager, Cath Page, for her professional approach to grant applications. Cath is well respected by the funding agencies and maintains strong relationships with them. This in turn, facilitates funding in excess of \$450,000 to support SPH operations. Thank you to our congregation for continuing support financially, as volunteers, and with your prayers.
- b) Courses are being offered to our community by caring, capable staff. Over 120 attended SPH courses last year.
- c) Counselling is our other core activity that reached over 500 people last year, many disadvantaged, low-income, distressed people who need support and the "love of Jesus". Cath's Managers Report will provide more details.
- d) Our facilities are welcoming and well-used, and we are grateful to the church for them.

SPH is alive and well 15 years after its establishment and fulfilling the aims as envisaged by the original trustees. Looking ahead, we have updated our guiding document, The Strategic Plan. It is reviewed regularly to ensure we are on track. Challenges arise which are dealt with, and the future looks positive. Longer term, with extra fundraising, we plan to expand SPH operations from 4 to 5 days a week and so enable our counsellors to see more people who need support.

Trustees

Firstly, I wish to acknowledge our founding trustees, Andrew Taylor (chairman), Ros Bridgman and George McMillan. George left us last year to be with our Lord. Andrew and Ros are still active in St Peters. The foresight of these 3 people has led to a ministry of St Peters Church that has thrived and grown since its formation in June 2009.

Secondly, thank you to our present Trustees - Kate Weir, Vicki Roberts, Nikki Kiyimba and Gary Allis. This talented group provide governance and oversight of SPH affairs. Each has considerable talents that complement each other well. Gary is serving his 3rd three-year term which finishes on 14th September 2024. We would like to acknowledge Gary's considerable contribution to SPH over the past 9 years. Gary brings a keen business aspect to our discussions, and is a great sounding board for many "big" decisions that must be made, particularly during Covid years when uncertainty reigned. His wise counsel, Christian heart and sense of fun will be hugely missed.

Thirdly, please pray that a member of St Peters will offer themselves to fill our trustee vacancy. Business and/or management experience would be a plus.

Staff

We are blessed with a caring, wonderful team, including part-time BTI students. This year marks our Manager's 10 years of service to SPH. Thank you, Cath, for your exceptional contribution. You have been an inspirational leader, excelling in all you do. A surprise party was held in mid-July to celebrate Cath's anniversary. I want to also acknowledge 2 staff members who have given more than 10 years of service - David (counsellor) and Suzanne (Incredible Years and our Women's Course facilitator). Thank you both. We are very grateful for the dedication of all our staff and leaders.

Finances

SPH finished the year with a deficit which was budgeted. The deficit was smaller than expected. The deficit was used to fund more counselling sessions and fully utilise our available therapy room space. We are in a challenging funding environment at present, particularly uncertainty longer term from Government funding sources such as Oranga Tamariki and Ministry of Education. Alternative funding sources are being approached but grants tend to be of smaller amounts.

St Peters House Endowment Fund

A generous donation was used to set up an Acorn Endowment Fund. It is a fund listed here <https://www.acornfoundation.org.nz/about-us/our-recipient-charities/st-peters-house> This is a Community Group Fund and anyone can donate to it. Church members are encouraged to think about leaving a donation to SPH as part of their will. Even a small contribution from your estate will multiply over time to benefit our aims. It is a fund that generates interest. There will be an annual payout to SPH, and it moves our finances towards being more sustainable in the long term. Acorn Foundation donates around \$15,000 per annum to SPH.

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 doing essential work for our wider community.

Tony Johnson,
Chairperson

St Peters House Manager's Report 2024

St Peters House

St Peters House maintains a strong reputation as a provider of high quality, professional counselling, and educational courses to the Tauranga Community.



Services

Over the last year:

Our counselors worked with 549 clients with issues including depression, anxiety, grief, anger, stress, family violence, relationships, and parenting.

82 women attended one of our personal development courses: a safe space for them to consider healthy relationships and issues relating to self-worth.

Eighteen people attended one of our 'Tools for Life' groups to learn practical skills and discover new ways to live for a brighter future.

Thirty-five parents attended an 'Incredible Years' parenting course which focuses on encouraging positive behaviour and addressing challenging conduct to build healthier, stronger families.

Outcomes

Although our services are short to medium-term, they have lasting impacts on our clients and their whanau, and we expect to see individuals and families whose lives have been transformed through:

- Making positive life choices
- Coping with challenges,
- Improved mental health,
- Families staying together,
- Parenting with excellence,
- Improved financial literacy,
- Developing life skills,
- Engaging in their community.

Feedback from our clients shows that we ARE achieving these positive outcomes:

“I believe the service offered by St Peters House is an invaluable asset to the community, everyone should be able to access affordable counselling.

We experienced a big difference in our house from our first appointment. We are not fighting anymore and instead of anyone getting upset [our counsellor] taught us how to prevent a fight and understand each other.”

“Counselling has not only better equipped me for the future but has improved my outlook on life, enhanced my relationships, and resulted in life-changing discoveries for me. I will draw on things learnt and tools in the future and be forever grateful. St Peters House is saving lives. Before the course I was desperate to boost my knowledge in all areas of life and most importantly my self-development. This course has equipped me with tools and skills, such as budgeting, healthy relationships, cooking skills, savings skills, a bit of self-awareness, and gratitude for all that I already have. I know throughout my life all of these will come in handy.”

“It has been amazing learning these new skills. These are tools for life, and everyone should be empowered with such wonderful knowledge.

This course has given me tools to walk in hope, a future, and a purpose. I am healthier emotionally, mentally, and spiritually.”

Finances and Support

St Peters House continues to operate at capacity with further expansion of our services limited by our funding. We are very grateful for our ongoing financial support from a number of sources:

Our contracts with Oranga Tamariki and the Ministry of Education provided 32% of our income last year.

We continued to receive significant funding from Lotteries, Bay Trust, Tauranga City Council, and TECT. We also received grants from the Acorn Foundation, COGS, Craigs Investment Partners, and the Lion Foundation. In total, 46% of our funding came from community grants. Last year, 14% 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.

Alongside the necessary financial support, we appreciate the practical support we receive from the St Peters congregation and the wider community. We are grateful for those who generously give their time to serve on our Trust, volunteer with our courses, provide baking for our clients, collect food, and assist us in other ways.

Finally, we are thankful to God for His abundant provision for our ministry and the privilege of serving Him and sharing His love with our community. Please continue to uphold St Peters House staff, our clients, and their families in prayer - the significant outcomes we are working towards in our community cannot be achieved without it.

Cath Page

Manager, St Peters House

Family, Youth and Children's Ministry Report 2024

Family, Youth and Children

Thank you, everyone, for your service, support and encouragement.

Luke 2:52 NLT

Jesus grew in wisdom and

in stature and

in favour with God and

in favour with all the people.

In as much, people envisage for themselves similar growth, along the lines of the balance that Jesus cultivated. In these 4 aspects, I trust our combined efforts will help encourage and facilitate such growth.

Across all age ranges my goal is to be scripturally accurate, practically relevant, spiritually in tune, and creatively engaging.

KIC

Our numbers have grown a little, Praise the Lord. Establishing and continuing this growth is, in my opinion, strategic to St Peter's future. I believe BOM, Session, and Enosa share this hope.

Critical to this modest beginning is the Leadership of the parents and grandparents who bring the children and often help in the classroom too. Deserving special mention are - Corne, Jen, Vinny, Reid, Viviana, Emma, Isabella, Glenda, Ching, Angela, Marie, Sophie, Roberto ... Thank You all.

Our themes have largely come from Sermons4kids, a lectionary-based curriculum and I aim to dovetail the children's talks in with this. Topics touched on have included-

Say YES to God! Exodus 7-14

Jesus is Beautiful Phil 1:6

Christ in you the hope of glory Colossians 1:27

Peace Jesus has overcome the world. John 16:33

The power of agreeing (unity). Amos 3

Un-Snatchable as God is Mightier than All. John 10:28

God is on our side. Mk 9:40

Store up knowledge. Pro 10:14a

Build on the Rock

Moses 10 commandments

Nicodemus

Naaman Captive Girl

Gideon John the Baptist

Saul and David

Little Lad and his lunch

Jonah Kindness

Blind Bartimaeus

Joy put others first. Isaiah 51:11
 Jesus Saves Heb 7:25
 God loves & can take away sins 1 John 4:10
 Sin tangles Heb12:1
 Christ's love is Wide, Long, High & Deep Eph 3:14/21
 Christ died for us Rom 5:8
 Aim for Love. 1 Corin 14:1
 The Holy Spirit is the best teacher. John 14:26
 God is invisible and Honour and Glory are due him. 1 Tim 1:17
 Jesus was daring. Romans 5:7
 Jesus is the good caring Shepherd. John10:11,14
 Like sheep we have strayed. Isaiah 53:6
 God's nature is GOOD. Jonah 4:2
 We should be faithful with the small. Luke 16:10
 God chose the small things 1 Corin 1:28
 The CROSS breaks through the wall of separation Eph 2:14

At a glance maybe - Creation, The Holy Spirit, The Authority of Scripture, Christian virtues, and Revelation, are areas of spiritual nutrition we need a little more emphasis on? Over the next 12 months & more perhaps we can prayerfully address this.

SPY

Rosamond, Mark, Andrew Diprose as a leadership team - have been joined by Katie Jarrett, and I thank them all very much for their consistency & sterling commitment. Unlike KIC youth numbers have declined, primarily because there has been no intermediate class to feed the college group, thus those moving on to university, etc. have not been replaced, also some are irregular, and others have joined youth groups where their friends are and in churches where parents fellowship. The health of the youth group is strongly linked to the strength of the families in our main fellowship.

We are blessed to have 3 spirited core members, and one brought a friend last Sunday and we had a happy atmosphere - Good fun games followed by a robust discussion around the dividing wall of sin and the advance from being SAVED to SANCTIFIED.

We also discovered some SIMON memory game skills amongst the group.

The Previous week Andrew manned the laptop and projector for “Hamilton” karaoke.

Prior to this, the pattern has been Volleyball, quizzes, supper, and study.

An example of the curriculum is the Life Guide Excellence that Eugene Peterson wrote around the book of Jeremiah.

In summary, 2023 was busy, 2024 less so, but Easter was busy too - while some attended Mystery Creek Easter Camp, still 6 of us attended the Presbyterian Easter Camp at Ohope. Although small we will continue to meet on Sunday evenings for 2024 God willing and join with the combined events where we can, these are often Friday or Saturday nights. 2025 is in the Lord’s hands. For our part, a strong focus on KIC and families on Sunday mornings is an investment, the fruit from which we hope a core will emerge and shape the future youth group and St Peters.

Sincere Thanks and Jesus’ Love,

David Duncanson

Ministry Assistant, Family, Youth and Children

David's Sketch Board Teaching



KIC Artistic Interpretations



Tauranga City ICONZ - Boys Brigade Report 2024

TGA ICONZ - BB

Tauranga City Iconz has grown in 2024 (with 50 lad's each week) so we had to place a cap on numbers. Fortunately, we have been blessed with enough leaders to run 4 distinct age groups:



13-16 x Anchor boys	23 x Adventure lads	10-12 x Delta Juniors	4 x Delta Seniors
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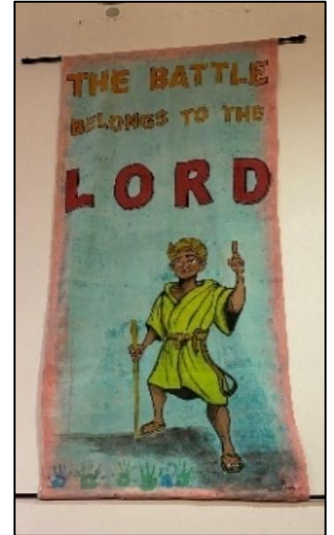


We also have the Echo Section for young men aged 18/19 - 25 who often help run activities. Isaac Thompson helps his dad, Stu, run Delta Senior, with Nathan Bailey (when he can make it from Waikato Uni). Josiah Dixon helps when he can, but is newly married. Alex Gorman and Asher Brickell help with airsoft shooting events. Jake Matier runs alpine training high ropes and also the rocket launching module. Sam Hulbert runs the Olympix Badge training. More recently we had Daniel McKenna and Ben Duthie assist with risk management activities, before heading to Australia. We are blessed to have the energy of such young men coming back to give back. This year, Isaac Thompson represented BBNZ at the Australian BB National Leadership Training Course 2024.

On the national scene, St Peter's hosted the first ever National BB Conference for New Zealand in June 2024!!! Over 30 attendees came from BB Iconz groups from all around the country for challenging conference sessions, BBNZ's AGM, celebratory dinner, and an amazing Sunday Service. The Worship Team did BB proud with a ragey rendition of "*Will Your Anchor Hold*", and Enosa Auva'a preached on the Armour of God, while David Duncanson armed over 20+ BB lads with deadly swords, and the adults for a re-enactment of David vs Goliath! What an exciting church service!!! A great opportunity to invite non-church families, and for the kid's ministry to host all these excited young lads!

Plus, they all paraded in with swords-at-the-ready led by David Duncanson on the bagpipes! Echoes of the 1883 Scottish heritage when BB began in Glasgow!

David did all the artwork for the amazing Banners and helped make the swords for the David & Goliath Bible Story. The boys, their families, and all the BB leaders loved being part of the action!



Josh Brown - young BB delegate running a session at the Conference on safe internet use.



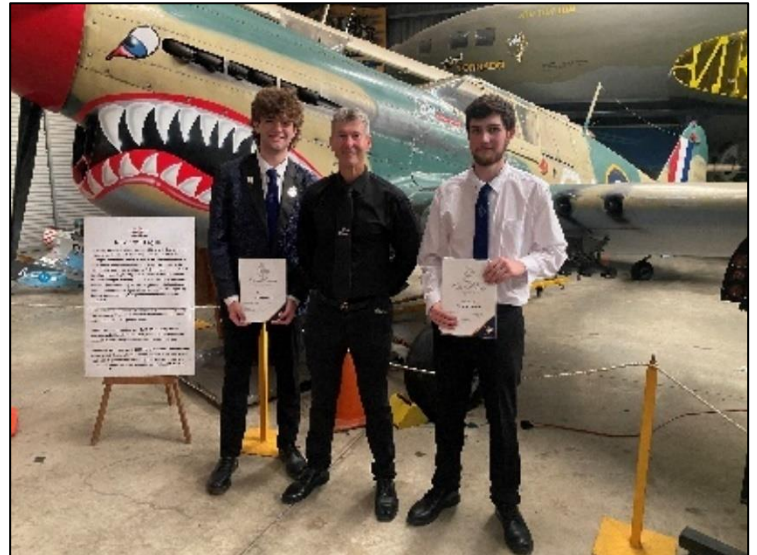
Our great Echo Men: Ben, Daniel, Josiah & CJ.

We've enjoyed an action-packed program making rafts, sailing them, and then setting them alight to practice slow-exposure-night photos on iPhones! Go-karting up Kaitemako Road was very popular, ably led by Mark Swetman (Speed King of NZ!!!)



We had two Delta Senior Lads earn the highest BB award possible - the King's Badge, with signed Certificates presented by the Governor General on behalf of His House - with all the pomp and ceremony that should be afforded to such a prestigious award. And Alex Gorman and Asher Brickell received the actual King's Badges at a Classic Flyers reception.

We had 20+ lads sleep over at Classic Flyers Air Museum, enjoying night games around the warplanes, movies, and popcorn, then breakfast at MacDonald's before marching in the Anzac Parade at Memorial Park's Cenotaph.



We defeated Iconz Units from Rotorua,
The Mt, Matamata, & Bethlehem Baptist at
Mud-Wars too.



Airsoft rifle shooting & high ropes antics!
Plus, our 'BB' Branding with flaming white-
hot fire!

Delta Junior woodcraft, making battleships,
with Phil Brickell, Mark Williams & Andrew
Hennessey.



We give all praise and glory to God, who has blessed us richly, and a HUGE thanks to St Peters folk for generous donations and gifts; and for keeping calm when they see risky/dangerous/exciting activities. [Daring!] Please pray for wisdom/blessings on this great Kingdom ministry to Boys.



Richard Harkness

Tauranga City ICONZ - Boys Brigade Leader

St Peters Church in the City

ICONZ4Girlz Report 2024

ICONZ4Girlz

Tauranga City Iconz 4 Girlz started this year with lots of girls returning from last year, but also a considerable number of new girls starting. Around 25-30 girls are coming along on a Tuesday night.



We have four age groups.

Explore - 6 girls,

Adventure - 12 girls,

Challenge - 7 girls and

Ultimate - 5 girls.



There is a big spread of ages from 5 - 17 years. We have a dedicated team of 4 leaders, Darleen Bailey, Rachel Keam, Lucy Lawrie, and Sarah Lindsay.



The first term started with an amazing combined Iconz and Iconz 4 Girlz church service at St Peter's. Tuesday nights saw lots of outdoor activities, starting with sprinkles games night, swimming at Poripori, sand wars at Kulim Park, wheels night in the car park for the younger girls and cycling with the older girls. We made a Raftz badge which involved building rafts at Kulim Park that the girls could use and making mini rafts from popsicle sticks. We then walked down to the fountain in town to see how well they floated!!



Term 2 was a quieter inside activities term with the Scrapz badge exploring some card-making techniques like using stamps and ink, picture layering and punched shapes. We also did an Active Indoor Activities badge with lots of team challenges and a fitness circuit. We invited Bethlehem Baptist IGirlz to join us one night and we played Minute 2 Win It games which was great fun and enjoyed by all.



Term 3 is just starting, and we have the younger girls doing a Gods Promises badge which includes rainbows, stars and the cross, and the older girls doing a Cookz badge making simple dinners, the first one bacon and egg pie was a great success - yum! Later we will do a Bush Girlz badge and get outside with some brazier fire action and a glow worm walk at McLaren Falls Park. A highlight of this term will be the sleepover at the church and a trip to the Mount Hot Pools.

The older girls are working towards their Duke of Edinburgh Awards with two at Bronze, 2 at Silver and 2 at Gold level. We did some training and community service painting up at BB Michael Stead Memorial Lodge in March and have recently completed an adventurous journey tramping up to Crosbie's Hut in the Coromandel - particularly challenging for most of them but a great view from the top!!

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

Darleen Bailey

ICONZ 4 Girlz Leader



Community Lunch Report 2024

Community Lunch

The Community Lunch operates from St Peters Church every Tuesday (except Christmas break). It is open to anyone, but our target group is the homeless, challenged, lonely, financially stretched, and those needing support. Our congregational support is essential with most volunteers coming from St Peters. We offer a safe haven in the church foyer for 45-55 people each week, a hot drink, a nutritious meal with meat and vegetables, salad, and a sweet treat. Being inside God's house allows us to share God's word. Enosa, Keith, David, and others attend and offer a short sermon or verse to encourage everyone before grace and the meal.

Numbers:

Since we started in January 2024, over eight hundred people have been fed, and over the past 12 months, we have fed around 2,000 people. We also offer food to the Māori Wardens and our volunteers. St Peters is reaching out to many people offering hospitality and showing Christ's love in action.

Change:

Many guests previously gathered outside St Peters House and were a bit intimidating to visitors. So, the gathering point was switched to the Cameron Road church entrance. Tauranga City Council and Keith Campbell organized picnic tables and this has resulted in a far more relaxed and happier group coming for lunch. The start time is earlier so there is no rush. The hall is used on wet days.

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, twenty-six kitchen workers including three leaders, seven greeters, and eight relievers. This means people are rostered on just once a month, so it is not too onerous. Thank you all for your faithfulness to this ministry. We would love one more leader to plan the menu and direct the other kitchen volunteers. Please pray for this.

St. Mary's, 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.

Food:

We acknowledge continued support from Good Neighbour Trust and Blomquist's Bakery in Greerton who have been generously giving us food, and our own church members who bring baking and fruit. This provides 75% of our needs. We also acknowledge the support and presence every week of the Māori Wardens who bring calm and keep order.

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

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

Tony Johnson & John Buxton

On behalf of the volunteers

Community Lunch Team

Events Report 2024

Events Committee

A big thank you to the hard-working committee who have organized and who run, the many events we have hosted 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 events.

Our informal gathering time after the Sunday service continues to be a prime focus for fellowship amongst our church family with shared morning teas and special celebrations of important days in the annual calendar. This year, we also incorporated small bible study groups to participate monthly in serving lunch for the Sunday Services. This has been a nice engagement for the folks who have long-standing relationships with the St Peters church family - We enjoy seeing how members value these relationships as it encourages service and engagement in a different way of fellowship. It also offered the opportunity for bible study group members to serve in the kitchen who may have never done so before.

We began the year with a well-attended church family picnic at Kulim Park with food, fun, games. A big thank you to our wonderful barbeque chefs and our Lord for the great weather that afternoon.

We were able to hold a Quiz Night which turned out very well. With Adam as the host narrator, we managed to bring in more people from the city: including sponsors that are long standing supporters of St Peters, students and guests from the university, as well as companies within the vicinity, which we had invited. It was encouraging to see so many people coming together to enjoy this Quiz night in our Church home and feeling welcome enough to be a part of it.

We undertook our Dinners of 8 event this year with a new twist. We had set the date for all dinners to be on the same date for all hosts and guests. We found many hosts were comfortable with this as this bought less organizing for the hosts to manage. We thank you to all the hosts and guests who participated. We will continue to develop this event in a simpler way making it easier to organize for our hosts and guests.

We have enjoyed bringing new events into the picture such as our Women's fellowship events which have been fantastic! We planned to get more engagement for women in fellowship by inviting guest speakers to share their faith walk and journey. This has been an uplifting experience for many of our women. We recently had Stacey Pyne as our Guest speaker discussing her faith and journey through authorship. Earlier in the year we had Kate Weir host stretching exercises while listening to praise music.

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.

Events Committee

Free Community Christmas Dinner Report 2024

Christmas Dinner Team

Praise God whose faithfulness endures, He again provided amazingly with staff organizers/volunteers, monetary donations, gifts, food, and volunteers for our 35th Christmas Dinner.

Praise God, there were no major incidents or disruptions. We had up to 250 people in the church, guests, and volunteers enjoying God's love and fellowship on Christmas Day celebrating Jesus, God's precious gift to us.

Great feedback from guests: joy on children's faces, love and care shown by volunteers, amazing music by Felicity and the team. Our guests loved the involvement of the young musicians and Enosa did well as the master of ceremony, welcoming and directing the flow of the event.

Thank you also to Jannine Goodhew for,

- Sourcing funding/donations from TECT, local businesses, and our annual Christmas
- Dinner donators.
- Organizing books and gifts for the children and gifts for the Christmas Dinner
- Organizing and preparing the volunteers with Health and Safety regulations and information needed.

Viviana for managing and organizing the volunteers and guests for the Christmas Dinner.

- Managing the Website and all online communications regarding the Christmas Dinner.
- Marketing and communicating regularly with groups involved.
- Working alongside Jannine and communicating effectively as a team.

Kate Weir

- For her selfless help in the kitchen with her gracious attitude despite family commitments.
- Kitchen Lead for the Christmas Dinner.

Julie Hubert

- Decorations/ Plates and cutlery.

Pam Allis

- Finalizing what food needs to be bought after all donations of food have come up.

Rob Atkinson

- Advertising with radio Rhema, carving session.

Māori Wardens

- For their calming presence.
- Representing order within the St Peters Church community activities/events.

Keith Campbell and the BOM team

- Arranging tables/ seating and tidying up.

Karen Caldwell, John Buxton and all other St Peters Volunteers

- for their continuous support in helping to organise the Christmas Dinner.

Church family for making it happen with your donations/ pitching in as volunteers where it is needed. Our Christmas Dinner, in honour of Jesus, would not have happened without God, our provider/protector, and the love of His church family. Our volunteers from the community are often not Christians, oh what an opportunity to celebrate and witness Jesus.

Rose Phan /Chin

Christmas Dinner Lead Advisor

City of Joy Report 2024

City of Joy

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 may be a risk that a loan will not be repaid, but there is also a blessing in 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, Jaco Potgieter, Ian Donaldson, and I, Tony Johnson. George McMillan passed away in October 2023 and has been a faithful subcommittee member for many years. Each request for a loan comes to the coordinator, and I seek advice/ approval from the team before proceeding or declining a loan.

In summary, for 2023-4 to 30th June 2024

- Four ongoing loans at the start of the period totaling \$3,254.
- Three new loans to individuals are \$10,500.
- One loan to the church for cash flow bridging purposes of \$15,000.
- Four loans paid off.
- Four current loans totaling \$11,560.
- The bank balance on 30/6/2023 was \$7,377,
- One loan was written off during the period (non-church member).
- 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 and mention the City of Joy loan fund and direct them to one of our subcommittees.

Tony Johnson,

Convenor on behalf of the COJ team.

Prayer Support Report 2024

Prayer Support Team

The Prayer Support Chain has remained consistent over the past year: the Prayer Support Chain is one of the main prayer groups we have at St Peter's Church in the City. Members of our congregation pray for specific needs sent via SMS, phone call, or e-mail. Prayer requests are received either through the Office or via messages from people in our congregation. Prayers are mostly offered for people in our congregation, but we also receive requests to pray for family and friends in our congregation or casual visitors who may come to our Sunday Services.

These prayer requests are shared with the Elder Prayer Group and the Pastoral Support Group. These requests are also sent to the Midday Prayer Groups which pray 3 days a week. We are very blessed to have so many groups available to pray for each person who needs it, whether it be for health, wealth, relationships, or general purposes. We often receive feedback from people who have sent prayer requests, and it is wonderful to see how God answers prayers.

Thank you to everyone for sending prayer requests trusting us to keep them confidential (and sometimes anonymous) and allowing us to pray for them and over their lives.

Also, a big thank you to each person involved in serving at St Peter's Church through your prayers. Together we intercede for our brothers and sisters and share God's love with our Church family.

Above all, glory to God for the privilege to serve Him and our neighbor through prayer. He is our Father, who knows our needs and who cares and provides for each of us.

1 Thessalonians 5:17, 18: "Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus." (NLT)

Corne Potgieter

On behalf of the Prayer Team

Seniors Report 2024

Seniors

Peters is blessed with a wonderful community of senior worshippers who are an integral part of our congregation. They are thoughtful in caring for each other through friendships that are often decades old. We are fortunate to have our Pastoral team visiting many of them, hearing their stories, sharing a cuppa and a prayer. There are some who can no longer attend St Peters services. This number is mostly due to their health and physical vulnerabilities. Some can listen online, receive the church emails, and still feel connected. For those without internet the church notices are sent out and friends call and visit. The continued connection with St Peters is appreciated. However, there are still many attending the services weekly where their singing voices are a joy to hear.

Pastoral Team

St Peters Church in the City

Pastoral & Membership Statistics 2024

Statistics 2024

	Male		Female		Total
	Member	Associate	Member	Associate	
up to 25	2	1	4	1	8
26 to 45	1	1	1	5	8
46 to 65	17	7	29	9	62
over 65	23	4	30	2	59
TOTAL	43	13	64	17	137

Additions	Baptisms	-	Deletions	Deaths	6
	Transfers	-		Transfers	-
	Other	6		Other	2
Total		6			8

Missions 2024

Missions Committee

During the 2023-2024-year Mission Committee membership has remained stable, committed, and enthusiastic- ie Angela Robinson, Glenda Barnett, Fred Chell, Robert Atkins, Neil Ryder and Ian Donaldson.

Committee members have continued to prayerfully and financially support

- Danny and Lily Besoro in the Philippines,
- Arpana and Prasanna Khaling at Sano Diyo India,
- Glen Morris- National Director Navigators New Zealand and St Peters member,
- Marion Sanders- St Peters member who has continued to work in Papua New Guinea serving pre-schoolteachers there.

For many years the committee has also supported Pastor Ric Mendoza from the River of God Balut Outreach. It was with much sadness that he died during late 2023. Eloisa, his wife of thirty-one years has subsequently taken over his pastoring role in the Church Community. This has been an extremely challenging time for her. She informed that by God's lovingkindness and grace she has been able to cope. The Committee has continued to offer prayer support and finance as possible.

In 2023 International Needs sponsored Arpana and Prasanna 's visit to New Zealand. For several days the St Peter's congregation was able to host them and those who have known them in the past were able to reestablish relationships, and many new relationships commenced. It was therefore a huge encouragement when St Peters members had the opportunity to again have Apana and Prasanna attend St Peters during May 2024 when they were in New Zealand to attend an International Needs Conference held in Rotorua

The colourful Mission notice board in the Church foyer has continued to be primarily maintained by Angela as a mission focus where people can be informed and encouraged in the mission activities St Peter's people are involved in.

Financial limitations have provided committee members with the challenge of managing a more restricted budget. We will continue to trust in our Lord for wisdom to continue blessing those we have historically supported, alongside those who have needs we consider our Lord prompts us to support.

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

Ian Donaldson

St Peters Missions Team

Treasurer's Report 2024

St Peter's Presbyterian Church for the year ended 30 June 2024

	2024	2023
1. Performance and Cashflows		
Net cash flow - in/(out)		
Cash Surplus/(Deficit)		
Current Year Earnings	(15,343)	(27,232)
Non-cash items		
Depreciation	23,514	21,898
Other (various)	(25,077)	5,553
Total Non-cash items	(1,563)	27,451
Total Cash Surplus/(Deficit)	(16,905)	219
Cash Expenditure		
Capital Expenditure	(38,494)	(5,608)
St Peter's House	20,000	-
City of Joy Loans - Net Advances	(7,034)	(3,771)
Total Cash Expenditures	(33,804)	(9,379)
Total Net cash flow - in/(out)	(42,434)	(9,160)
	2024	2023
Cash balance on hand		
General Account	26,631	50,887
City of Joy	7,791	14,831
Other Accounts	3,243	14,382
Total Cash balance on hand	37,666	80,099

Main Variances to the Previous Year

Income		(\$47,082)
	Church Giving	6,559
	TECT Grant	24,000
	Property - Rent	(1,801)
	Property - Rates	16,708
	Missions	6,708
	Other	(2,940)
Expenditure	Senior Minister	5,288
	Youth Pastor	(28,818)
	Assistant Minister	49,244
	Other Staff & Ministry	(431)
	Advertising	(2,082)
	Computer Costs & Stationery	704)
	Electricity & Gas	3,313
	PCANZ & Presbytery Levies	(6,003)
	Cleaner	6,287
	Insurance	2,743
	Rates - Childcare	14,381
	Rates - Other	744
	Repairs & Maintenance	(25,565)
	Music, Christian Ed & Evangelism	2,451
	Missions	5,435
	Outreach	2,705
	Accounting, Audit & Legal	(1,729)
	Depreciation	1,616
	Other	

4. Thank You's and Questions

A big thank you to our Office Staff (Viviana supported by Maria) who have stepped up to cover for the long-term absence of the Office Manager (Jannine). 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 15 September 2024) 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

Dated:

31 August 2024

St Peters Church in the City 2024 Agenda

Sunday 15th September 2024

Apologies

Motion1: 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 2023 Annual General Meeting as printed be confirmed.

Matters Arising from the minutes

Adoption of Annual Report

Motion 3: That the 2024 Annual Reports be received.

Election/re-election to Board of Managers

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

Ray Reynolds

David Salmon

Vote of thanks to workers:

- Staff
- Session
- Managers
- Financial Report (Neville Watkins)

NOTE: The following Managers continue in Office, and are due to retire as shown:

- Darleen Bailey (2024)
- Bruce Robinson (2024)
- Neville Watkins (2024)
- Keith Campbell (2025)
- Peter Carter (Session Rep)

Motions 5: For Approval and Adoption

(a) That the audited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2024 be received and approved.

(b) That William Buck Audit (NZ) Limited only be re-appointed as auditors as necessary for any future years.

(i.e. when expenditures exceed \$550,000 per Charities Commission requirements)

Motion 6: That the following members be nominated or re-elected to the Board of Managers for a term of 3 years.

New Nomination

Maria Carter

Re-election

Darleen Bailey

Neville Watkins

Note: The following Managers continue in office, and are due to retire as shown;

Keith Campbell (2025)

Ray Reynolds (2027)

Peter Carter (session Rep)

Vote of thanks:

- Staff
- Session
- Board of Managers

General Business

Closing Prayer

St Peters Care and Counselling Charitable Trust 2024 Agenda

Sunday 15th September 2024

Open with Prayer

Present /Apologies

Motion 1: That the minutes of the 2023 AGM, as circulated, be confirmed

Conflict of interest

Chairman's Report

Changes to Trust membership

Motion 2: That the Chairman's Report be received

Manager's Report

Motion 3: That the Manager's Report be received

Financial Report 1 July 2023 - 30 June 2024

Motion 4: That the Financial Report be received

Any Other Business.

Close with Prayer.

Notes

