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Annual Reports of 2021
and 2021 AGM Minutes

Annual General Meeting 2 May 2022

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Vicar

REV IAN COOK

Focus for 2021: 'My sheep listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me' John 10:27

It is a pleasure to be 'known'. The chorus of Bob Dylan's 'Like a Rolling Stone' taunts someone, who used to be important in their own and the world's eyes with the words, 'How does it feel to be without a home, to be a complete unknown?'

Most of us understand that it is a pleasure and delight to be known, not in any fame-sense – that is quite different - but to be known for whom we really are by our own families and friends as well as our church whānau - that is a privilege we can often take for granted.

To have a network of people around us to share the inevitable highs and lows of life is a gift to us, and we are well aware there are many, even in our local parish who do not have such resources.

But, in typical Kingdom style, added to this gift is another – that of having the Creator of the universe know us even more thoroughly than any other, and yet still call us 'friend'.

This adds another dimension to the idea of being 'known' that can be quite mind blowing if we allow ourselves to dwell upon it for any length of time.

Below is the opening paragraph of my vicar's reflection from two years ago.

'Shortly after being installed as Karori Anglican's new vicar on March 1st 2020 the world and nation began its ongoing wrestle with a global pandemic caused by a virus few, if any of us, had ever heard of before. On March 2nd the Labour Government, under the leadership of our third female Prime Minister, announced a national four-tiered warning system and promptly put us on a level 2 alert to limit public interaction and protect the vulnerable. Within four days the "team of 5 million" was in a full lockdown.'

I don't know about you, but since writing that paragraph I have occasionally struggled to locate which family, church or national event happened in which year!!! While admitting that age may be a factor, I generously put this discombobulation down to the ongoing worldwide changes and disruptions in both 2020 and 2021.

It seems so much longer than a year when we had our first 'Church Away Weekend' at 'Palm Grove Holiday Park' on Valley Road, Paraparaumu. A great venue, stunning night skies, the waterslide, the tyre challenge, sunrise workouts with Major Jones, golf, the beach and the pool. All of this was topped off with excellent teaching from the Cathedral Dean David Rowe on the theme of having confidence in the Gospel. The final camp service on the Sunday had all our young folk

crammed together in a boat discovering the treasures of communion and helping distribute them amongst the adults.

Other highlights in 2021, included: the Internationally themed disco Parish Dinner with DJ Chris P turning up the volume for the clubbers from every corner of the globe; another very well run and attended Alpha Course, Youth Alpha, Post Alpha and Parent/Son and Daughter Weekends Away in Ohakune with Scripture Union; the poignant moments of confirmation conducted by Bishop Ellie for Jasmine Gee, Hannah Du Toit and Joshua Kerr as all our youth and children recognised a public and holy moment in November.

Added to all this, we farewelled the bora-infested Parish Hall and kicked off the Te Korōria build with a hiss and roar. Just this morning Te Korōria was featured, as I write, on the front page of the Independent Herald with the headline 'New Era in Karori' which captures something of the scope and potential impact the project will have in and beyond our parish.

As we head into Lent this week, we are so encouraged to have around 115 of us partaking in the Lent study together in each of our 'House Churches'.

I am forever grateful to all our volunteers, House Church Leaders and amazing staff at Karori Anglican. Each of you give so much of your precious time and I watch each of you serve with such conviction and passion.

Special thanks to our finance committee and their Chair, Ian Millard. Thank you too, to an amazing hardworking vestry, for the late-night laughs, and helping make some important decisions last year. A special thanks to retiring vestry members - Adrian Harvey, Kate Harvey-Green and Geoff Lee. You will all be hard to replace.

A huge thank you to both the People's Warden, Gregor Coster and Vicar's Warden, Stephen Sharp for all their attention to detail and hours spent ensuring our i's are crossed and t's dotted.

Farewells this year include Joe Cook. Many thanks to Joe for his faithful service with the Friday night and Sunday youth and also overseeing a long and interrupted Youth Alpha as the Karori Anglican Youth Leader.

The Wheeler family were blessed and farewelled in February before heading to Kapuna, Papua New Guinea where they are living and working as volunteers on mission for close to 3 years.

Wendy Davidson leaves us this year to take on a bigger role as chaplain at Sprott House. Thank you, Wendy for 16 long years of faithful service in a number of roles on staff. We are excited for where God is taking you and are impressed by both your faith and God's faithfulness to you in this new venture in your life. We are glad too that you will remain part of Karori Anglican in the fruitful lay role you have faithfully developed with your House Church at Karori Park Café.



I would like to thank Shirley Black for 18 years of tireless book-keeping for us all. In good church tradition, Shirley took on a smaller role that slowly became a much bigger job. Keeping accounts for two businesses, as well as the churches own accounts and two trusts is no mean feat, and we are all forever grateful for you setting up the financial systems to serve the church so efficiently. Thank you too for being such a character and always 'telling it like it is'. I am glad that we will still see you around and about, checking the occasional figures to keep us all in check. Shirley will remain treasurer until we are able to find a suitable person for the position.

I would like to mention those whom we have missed from amongst us over the past few months due to the pandemic - we miss you, we are sorry you cannot be with us and please know that things are not quite the same here at Karori Anglican without you. We very much look forward to when each of you can worship with us again, and hopefully that is not too far away at all.

Finally, we also remember our friends and family, whom we lost more permanently in various parts of the world last year and who cannot return.

We continue to miss Avenal McKinnon, Gloria Biggs, Kathleen Brooker and Stephen Burnell. We also remember Ross Sanson, Annette Bowler, Ann Sturman, Richard Shaw and Janet

Warren, our love and prayers are with their family and friends as they look back at 2021 with a mixture of thankfulness and grief.

To return once again to Dylan's lyric - It is good to be known. It is also good to have a home. I hope each of you, and the individuals in your families consider Karori Anglican your home - please do come and talk to any of the leadership if this is not true.

But I also hope and pray that each of us are able to increasingly realise that Karori Anglican is not, in fact our very final home, but is merely a glimpse of what is to come. A home that St John the poet and apostle tells us will be a

place where - every tear shall be wiped away and death, mourning, crying and pain shall be no more.

God's Best this year and thank you all for 2021.

Rev Ian Cook

Vicar



CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY

MARCH 2021
PALM GROVE, KAPITI



Connections in the Community

FAMILY FAIR DAY & PET SHOW!

The weather was perfect, the stall's were fabulous, there were fur babies present – the whole morning was a hit. Golf cart rides provided by Thea were ever popular, as was Candy Floss Queens and the Scotty Dawgs were sizzling, cakes stand was outstanding and of course the ever-popular car boot sale. This year's fair particularly stood out for attracting people from the community – we saw lots of entries from SMASH families and others in the neighborhood into the pet show.



Connections in the Community cont.

40 HOUR FAMINE

This year the kids and church members managed to raise over \$6,000 for World Vision with one person raising \$1310! Their youth ambassador was able to meet with our kids and inspire them to get onboard. The kids did a whole range of different challenges – like not speaking for 40 hrs, not using hands, living out of a backpack, living in a tent etc. On the Saturday of the challenge we had a games afternoon which was fun to be sharing the challenge together. Taking part in the challenge has multiple benefits, the biggest of which is awakening in kids their understanding of how they can make a difference in the world, one person at a time.



FOODBANK SUPPORT

During the year we collect both food and financial donations for Wellington City Mission and the Karori Food Bank. The Karori Food Bank is run by the five churches in Karori providing food parcels where there is need and budget support. Post Covid extra need was identified in the community and the Foodbank now works in conjunction with a local school to provide tailored assistance for 10 families. Food donations can be left at the Karori Community Centre.



ALPHA

The Alpha course, part of our missional outreach, explores the big questions and the basis of our Christian faith. In Term 3 of 2021, Karori Anglican Church ran Youth Alpha on Sunday mornings and (adult) Alpha on Wednesday evenings, blessing and changing lives. At evening Alpha, we started with 15 guests and about 13 finished the course.

Our guests consisted of existing congregation members, some new to the church, and others with personal connections to our church whānau. We used the Alpha film series, as previously, and had two discussion groups. Nine team members were there regularly each week, cooking and serving the meals, leading the group discussions and helping out in other ways.

We are very grateful for steadfast support from the prayer ministry team and many wonderful parishoners offering food and prayer. The August Covid lockdown caused some disruption, necessitating a move online for four sessions, postponement of the day

away by a month, and rearrangement of the sessions. After that, it was especially wonderful to be able to hold the day away at Our Sisters' Home of Compassion in Island Bay on Saturday 2 October, joined by the Alpha group from St Mary's Silverstream.

Guests experienced God's peace and the Holy Spirit there, some for the first time. A group of our guests from Alpha 2021 is continuing to meet to explore the Bible together, led by James Dowle and Yvette Michalska.

Looking forward, we are beginning to plan for Alpha 2022. Please prayerfully consider who you will invite and if you'd like to be involved.



Connections in the Community cont.

ECO CHURCH

Stephen Sharp



On 10 December 2020, Karori Anglican was the first church in Wellington to join the Eco Church movement initiated by the international Christian conservation organization A Rocha. The aim is for churches across Aotearoa New Zealand to network in actively caring for God's earth as an integral part of their mission. Churches who want to cooperatively work as agents of change, with A Rocha providing support and resources.

One Sunday we gathered for lunch before heading to Mākara Beach for a beach clean-up together. It was inspirational to observe the passion of our younger ones leading us out on the mission of caring for creation. Lead with great enthusiasm by Thea Wallace.

We are partnering with the existing community group Karori Kaitiaki-Kaka, attending on monthly environmental workdays, including tree planting, led by Ruth Cook. These projects provide missional opportunities engaging in our communities, and leading out as a Parish caring for God's creation.

We gathered a team from KAC to attend a Diocesan training day on the Low Carbon Challenge to explore ideas on reducing our carbon footprints individually, as a Parish, and to lead out in our communities. This included committing to the Diocesan 3-months of prayerful action for our climate. We also were involved in sending submissions to the government during consultation on the work of the Climate Change Commission and the Emissions Reduction Plan.

On our Eco Church launch day, we were challenged in a sermon by Jonathan Boston on 'Thinking Ecologically: A Christian response to the climate crisis' with the theme of willful blindness – turning a blind eye to climate change.



The recent installation of waste reduction and recycling bins in the Church foyer, Church Offices, SMASH and Early Child Care Centre, commences our goal of attaining zero waste across the Church, to educate the many uses of our Church facilities and to lead out in our community.

A recent generous targeted donation to KAC enabled the immediate purchase of new battery powered grounds maintenance equipment including self-propelled mower, chain saw, line trimmer and multi tool.

Our building team continue to consider environmental options as part of the Te Korōria building project. Ian Cook has completed our initial Eco Church NZ Self-Assessment which maps our Eco Church journey on 5 key areas of Church life being: leadership, worship and teaching; Church buildings and facilities; Church lands and grounds; community and global engagement; and sustainable living.



We acknowledge Nikki and Scott Wheeler's passion and energy which was instrumental in the vision of establishing KAC as an Eco Church actively caring for God's earth as an integral part of our mission.

Connections in the Community cont.

MID-WINTER PARISH DINNER Theme: International Countries

A fantastic evening was had by all who attended our parish dinner in July. With around 150 of us gathering together to celebrate, it was a blessing to see our church whānau and friends enter into the spirit of the theme of 'International Countries'. Everybody dressed up spectacularly and the tables were beautifully decorated. Flags from different countries adorned the church which helped to give the evening a truly international flair! The highlight of the night was the after-dinner disco with DJ Chris Prior turning out some top tunes! We danced well into the night! We look forward to next year's annual celebration!

PARISH DINNER Sat – 3 July



Connections in the Community cont.

NATIVITY LAND

The year our usual Nativity got a big shake up. Five scenes telling the Nativity Story that people could walk through and experience. It was a hit, AND it was COVID-19 friendly.

It came together amazingly well. Many thanks to everyone who was involved in the performance, from the actors, musicians, stage managers and ticket sellers. It was GREAT.

Different groups of children, musicians and coordinators each took a scene to design as they saw fit along the lines of a painting of their scene.



The Cathedral Youth Choir did a marvelous job performing in the cemetery along with the stand in donkey Bonsai the pony!

ECEC, Girls Zone and some Crossfire Kids all worked together on the final scene.

Visitors had a guide with the painting that was being re-created and the words to the carol to sing along. Check out the pictures! Attracting lots of families from the community, this plan will be repeated in the future. If you missed it this year, make sure you don't in 2023!



MANNA MEALS MINISTRY

Our Manna Ministry freezer continues to provide many meals to those in need both in our Parish and in our wider community. Thanks to all of you who keep it stocked up and to those that provide the emergency help when needed. We have so appreciated knowing that when help is needed, someone is there.

Connections in the Community cont.

BIG GAME FISHING

Leaders: Ian Cook and Heidi Cavaye

Venue: St Mary's Church, Wednesday, 7.45—9.30pm

After playing four gigs in 2020, live performances slowed down in 21 due to Covid. We did play the Alpha Dinner again, with my wife complaining about volume.

That aside, we continued to meet fortnightly to play and pray. John Locker continues to mine a rich seam of song writing so our set now consists of predominantly original americana gospel.

He also has debuted some very good worship songs into the 10:30 service. Many thanks to Kevin South for his steady drumming over the last two years.

Welcome to Jeff Scissons on the Hammond and Jas Vinod on the drums. We're looking forward to the local music scene opening up again in 2022.



FAMILIES SUNDAY LUNCH

Lucy Ross

"Young" families – or rather families - continued to meet on the First Sunday of the Month for lunch in 2021.

Originally the lunches were established so that KAC parents could meet and build their relationships, including those who might not often come to church.

One of the growths seen now is that our children play with each other, independently, cooperatively and joyfully.

Usually we met in the Old Vicarage, with our children taking great advantage of the Playgarden space. This area is an excellent asset – our children can run around while being outside in a garden is a blessing itself. It keeps the Lunches informal and easy to set up/clean up.

Having said that, we did conclude the year with lunch at the Childs – thank you, Bridget. Meeting in a home is special and adds another level to our relationships. We began the year with a whole of church family lunch to farewell the Wheelers. This was especially appropriate as Nikki Wheeler was the driving force to initiate the Lunches.

Covid, of course, interrupted and this was a de-stabilising factor for the remainder of 2022 as the pressures of the year continued even after in-person events resumed.

Connections in the Community cont.

CRAFTY CONVERSATIONS

Led by: Wendy Davidson, Jenny Spiers, Raewyn Stamp and Kathleen Andreae

Where: Wednesdays, 10am at Karori Park Café

Crafty Conversations was formed in 2019 as a result of a prompting from God to go and link in where people are already gathering in a public space, ie café, a safe space that is not church. Providing a regular meeting place for those that are lonely, isolated, or just wanting social connections.

Despite all lockdowns and change of levels during 2021, Crafty Conversations continued to grow with a group of 18-20 people regularly gathering for the three c's; conversation, coffee and craft. Strong relationships have developed and word continues to spread about our group and we regularly now find that people in the group are inviting others to come. Even though we had some lockdowns and covid challenges in 2021 the group is eager to reconvene as soon as possible.

We have been able to offer support visiting in homes, driving to shops and walking with them as they exercised and we got to know their family members. While crafting was not compulsory but just a vehicle to engage with people. In 2021 the group knitted rugs to support new babies at "Feed my Lambs" in



Kaitiaia. We were amazed at how everyone was so keen to get involved and even getting their friends to do some knitting too. In August we had completed 21 blankets (the number is still counting) which were blessed at a service and it was great to see some of the group come to the service to be part of this too.

Thank you to our small team from Karori Anglican who continue to support this missional community with so much enthusiasm: *Jenny, Alison, Kathleen, Shirley R and Raewyn.*

If you would like some good conversation and coffee come and join us and bring a friend!

SELWYN SPROTT AND HUNTLEIGH REST HOMES

With the foundation of our Pastoral Care at KAC being that "no one should walk this journey alone", we continue to reach out to those that are more isolated in the aged care facilities in Karori at Selwyn Sprott and Huntleigh Rest homes. We have teams that provide regular communion services to the residents or home communion to those too frail to attend the service (our thanks to organisers Mike, Judy and Paul).

At Selwyn Sprott village, we also serve morning tea after the service which is a wonderful opportunity to chat and pray with the residents. Other groups like Abraham and Sarah also visit residents known to us for a chat, to read the newspaper or bible, and pray with them. Unfortunately, with the lockdowns of 2021 these visits were disrupted. However, the Selwyn Sprott chaplain was able to provide continuity by holding services. We were able to start a new ministry with a regular team of people that came to provide a coffee and chat. This provides a wonderful opportunity to get to know the residents better and was especially supportive to those residents that have no visitors. There are many opportunities to get involved in this ministry and if this is something you would like to be part of contact Wendy.



Wheeler Family Update

SCOTT & NICKY WHEELER

We want to say a big thank you to all for your support of us as we were preparing to move to Papua New Guinea - in practical, financial and prayerful ways. Your support has continued and been so needed while we've adapted to living here.

We have appreciated being able to call on you for prayer and also for the amazing package you sent with so many treats and care inside! We feel so blessed and still connected to our KAC family. What a year it has been huh?

We've been navigating CoVid-19 over here in a similar way to how you are all 'living with it' now in NZ and it has lots of challenges doesn't it? One consistent thing is that God does not change. He is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. The care and peace he gives us in good times, remains the same in the bad times. We need to lean into Him and ask for His help with walking through the tough times. God didn't *remove* the Red Sea for Moses and the Israelites...He just made a way through it for them. And God does that for us too.

Scott and I feel at peace being in the place God has sent us. There are challenges, of course, but having stepped out in faith to follow His call, we feel we have been blessed with the opportunity to share in a different life and community we wouldn't have known otherwise. His plans for us all are for good - the hard part is trusting and letting go of our plans.

We have lots of stories to share and adventures to take you on and we will do that in person soon! We will be home for a few months leave from June and would love to catch up!

Scott is in a busy phase of securing new partnerships for all sorts of ventures to help bless the communities around here. The newest one is to hopefully partner with Days for Girls to get some local women supported with supplies to sew sanitary items for nearby communities.

Scott never thought this would be the focus of his newest project, but the blessings that will grow from this will be huge. And not only for the girls and women who receive the end product; but for the women who are being supported and mentored by Scott and Danielle (Dutch physio/mother of two/wife of Dr/passionate sewer) into being reliable, responsible 'business women'.

I, Nikki, am part of a major shop storage and stock review. We are revamping the spaces and organization and trying to work on a system for keeping people accountable in an area of temptation and testing - working with money and food stock. We need more help in the shop and so would appreciate your prayers for us to find a local person who will be trustworthy and reliable in that space. We are frequently sharing and running workshops and just recently started a new House Group on Wednesday nights. Here is a photo of me teaching on 'Hearing from God' and sharing the Kairos circle in a woman's service. And Scott is pictured preparing fish sago sticks with a couple of the workshop boys while out on retreat.



Many blessings to you all and see you soon!!!!

Nikki, Scott, Isaac, Abby and Levi Wheeler.



SMASH

TABATHA LONGA-WOOD

SMASH faced considerable headwinds again in 2021, but with focus and determination we continue to be a positive influence in the lives of the children in our care and their families.



Sadly, we could not celebrate our Pancake Tuesday, and a short lockdown in September had a considerable impact on us. Our long-term software provider shut down business in July because of the impact of COVID and we needed to find another provider.

We carefully selected a (widely used!) provider to meet our requirements and migrated over to their service. Only to find their billing and invoicing was inadequate, inaccurate, and unable to meet accounting standards. In the end we had to change software providers again in December to start 2022 afresh. At least this one now is working out beautifully! Lining our software up with ECEC is also a bonus as we can swap tips now.

Another big challenge for us was relocating SMASH's operations from the church hall to the vicarage/container/church completely. First of all, the big clean up! Thanks to Geoff and Mike we got everything out in time for demolition.

We were also able to organise a very successful garage sale, it was great to see the church and SMASH community together on that sunny 26th of September.

Joe Cook ran a successful Boys Club programme bringing God-centred content to the boys in SAMSH. We are looking forward to the opportunities a new youth worker will bring for this year.

Yvette runs the ever-popular Girls Zone, and their part in the Nativity was highly rated and helped share the good news message of Christmas with many parents.

The best part of 2021 was seeing a dream coming through with the demolition of the old hall and the construction of Te Korōria. After 6 years managing SMASH and being part of the KAC family, it is very satisfying to see this miracle unfolding before my eyes.

We note that the changing nature of work for many people has had an impact on the SMASH roll with more young children and fewer older children who are more self-sufficient when a parent works from home.

Once again thank you for your constant prayers and support.

Tabatha Longa-Wood and Team SMASH.





ST MARY'S

early childhood education

St Mary's Early Childhood Education Centre

HEATHER TE HUIA

2021 continued to be a challenging year due to Covid-19 restrictions although we had full rolls all year, the impact of lockdown meant we were unable to charge fees. Thanks to the wage subsidy program from the Government, we were able to get back some of the cost of staff salaries, so all our teachers were still paid and could keep their jobs.

Staff:

Mid 2021 we were very sad to say goodbye to both Pauline Furby and Claire Cardno (although Claire is relieving for us at the moment). Both these two women have put in many years of service at St Mary's Early Childhood Education Centre and are loved by staff, children, and their families.

Mary McDonald also resigned late last year as she felt she needed to map out a new journey in her life. Finding Good teachers has not been easy as many teachers (in all education sectors) are not allowed to work if they are not fully vaccinated. This made the pool of

teachers very small, as many decided to stop work rather than be vaccinated. I congratulate the staff we have as they are working hard to make up for a shortfall in staff.

The Chaplain continues to provide Godly play sessions twice a week when we are able. The children continue to be very excited each time they go and come back full of knowledge and love for Jesus.

The final stage of our outdoor playground was completed at the end of 2021 and was celebrated by parents, church parishioners, staff and children, with a big party, it was quite the event. A huge thank you to Childcare institute for the wonderful design and execution of the work. We all love it.

Curriculum:

The word curriculum encompasses everything we do here at St Mary's ECEC. Creative thinking was needed to engage children and parents virtually, during lockdown. Teachers did an excellent job, and I am very proud of them.

Financial:

With an increase in fees to last year's income, and close monitoring of expenditure, we have managed to accrue a profit for 2021.

Church:

I would like to thank the ongoing support of KAC and its community, who support our work here with prayer, taking care of our grounds and administrative support.





Working in this environment is great, when you know that the work you do is valued and supported it makes coming to work a joy.

Personal ongoing training through 3DM and attendance at Karori Anglican staff meetings has meant the flow of information is better and I personally gain new insight to leadership in my work.

Yvette, Kathleen, Janet, and I continued to meet at noon every day in my office to pray and we are joined from time to time by Ian Millard and folk from the Abraham and Sarah Group. Praise God he answers our prayers, and many have been healed or had prayers answered as a result.

Management Committee:

A huge thank you to our committed and knowledgeable management committee who have helped make my position and decision making a fulfilling role.

I want to thank *Geoffrey Lee, Adrian Nacey, Joerg Kussmaul, Janet Hughes, Ian Cook and Martha Zhu* (who left late 2021) for their outstanding support to myself as the Centre leader and the Centre as a whole. We can't work without you and your commitment that sits alongside ours.

May God Bless you all.

Heather Te Huia





Worship

10.30am

HEIDI CAVAYE

We, as a church, are blessed to have such a dedicated group of musicians who make up the 10.30am worship team. Worshipping through music is an important part of our church service and our talented team of musicians and sound technicians work hard to bring each weekly service spiritually and emotionally alive.

Worshipping through music changes and transforms us. It inclines our hearts to God in ways other forms can't accomplish. Worship strengthens us, convicts us, builds us up, and even restores us. In other words, when we sing and devote our whole selves to God, something godly happens within us.

Our goal is to develop worship more including helping to grow the talented youth who are musically gifted. In 2021 we welcomed to the team Sascha Du Toit and Peter Ericson who both settled (very quickly and easily) into our group as musicians. We also farewelled two of our team, Nicky Mildenhall and Joe Cook. We wish them both well and look forward to one day worshipping with them again.



Our dedicated team has a huge love for God and I would like to take this opportunity to thank each member for the constant giving of their time, effort and love.

Thanks and blessings to: Ian Cook, Joe Cook, John Locker, Trish Ubels, Kathleen Moffat, Alex Moffat, James Moffat, Kevin South, Nicky Mildenhall, Hannah Kerr, Alan Kerr, Joshua Kerr, Patrick Jones, Matt James, Peter Ericson, Rob Hawley, Lee-Ann du Toit,

Gielie du Toit, Liam Jones, Scott Snaddon, Ryan Day, Sascha Du Toit.



St Mary's Choir & 9am Worship

DAVID TROTT

Since St Mary's was consecrated, there has been a choir ministry - we still need your prayers and voices.

Despite the pandemic, we have offered music that so many of you have said helps your worship from plainchant, Palestrina, Mozart, Haydn, Tittel and others to more recent compositions by Bob Chilcott, John Rutter and Kiwi composers Shirley Murray, L.Oram, Douglas Mews and more besides covering a period of several hundred years in a variety of languages: English, Te Reo, Latin, Greek, Zulu, French and German to name a few.

Thank you for your encouragement to sing more of the great masters where they were intended to be sung, in the Eucharist, rather than allowing them to be relegated to the concert hall. Lately our numbers have diminished, making it difficult to offer more intricate arrangements of the eucharist, motets or anthems.

Thanks again Garth and Simon, two "senior" choristers who retired after giving decades of dedicated service to our Lord. We hope the time will come soon to hold a "fully inclusive farewell". On the positive side, we welcome John, Michael and Amy and hope to commission them soon and also award some long service medals. Jeff and Wavelyn will return as permanent residents when they are able.

Covid has meant one woman and three gentlemen choristers, acknowledging possible dangers to their immune compromised families, have taken temporary leave. Two long serving contraltos have been excluded as they don't have vaccine passports. We all pray for "normality" to again be able to sing, enjoy the music and the camaraderie of the choir.

We are currently six sopranos, one bass and me SO..... if you can sing, PLEASE join us praising God. Come and chat with me or any of the choir.

Bless, O Lord, us thy servants who minister in thy temple. Grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts and what we believe in our hearts we may show forth in our lives. Through Jesus, Christ our Lord. Amen



St Matthias, Mākara

ALISON CAMPLIN



ST MATTHIAS

It is a real delight and joy to be part of the regular congregation at St Matthias in Mākara as we gather to worship, and support one another. The Holy Communion service is held on the first Sunday of every even month at 10.00am as well as one on Easter Day and one early evening on Christmas Eve. These services provide a wonderful opportunity to connect with one another and recently we have been enjoying morning tea after the services provided by the McKinnon family.

A huge thanks goes to Ann Rose and Jenny Mills as they regularly clean the church, polish the brass and change the altar frontal, and the Redmond's for mowing the lawn and ensuring the grave yard is kept tidy. I would also like to thank Geoff Lee and Mike Scrivener for all the work they do around the grounds and church. Recently new signs were put up and we thank West Wind Power Up Community Fund for their donation for the cost of the signs.



The Collective Youth Group

JOE COOK

Overall, the year has been successful as we've managed to sustain consistent numbers of youth and increase our Sunday attendance. We've had a few ups and downs along the way but ultimately there have been more positives.

We struggled at the start of the year with inconsistency with the leaders and having them drop out and return, in circumstance out of our control. This rippled through to reduced youth numbers at both Friday nights and Easter Camp, although we had a big highlight at the end of term with our 'Jumperama' night which was very popular.

After term 1, Aidan returned, and we had a team of leaders all committed to helping out until the end of the year. This helped improve Friday nights with consistency and culture which the youth could feel more at ease with. Our attendance to church at this point in time was limited and something we wanted to change. Going into term 3 and the rest of the year we had Youth Alpha which was run on a Sunday and was a real highlight of the year as it helped gain a lot of momentum on Sundays with the content it provided and the interactions we were able to create from it. Sunday attendance increased significantly and we had regular café runs afterwards.

Friday nights maintained consistent in terms of numbers with the regular Youth enjoying the content and attending every week with one of our highlights being the fear factor night. COVID did strike during this term which proved a challenge. It took us a while to adapt to but by the second week we had set up a discord server and were making the most of the online games we had access to.

Towards the end of the year, we had the Youth Alpha Holy Spirit weekend and the retreat which both went really well. During the weekend we really felt the Holy Spirit come and touch the youth and we saw that with the youth who decided to pursue it further and attend the father/son & mother/daughter retreats.

The retreats were a definite highlight of the year with parents and youth alike thoroughly enjoying the experience. It also led to 3 of our youth getting confirmed which was great to see them take their next step in faith.

In terms of Friday nights, we had more of the Karori Community Centre boys coming which was great and despite exams we maintained good numbers.



GodZone

KATE HARVEY-GREEN

Our kids Sunday ministry has continued strongly through 2021, thanks to a committed and talented group of teachers, and a group of wonderful kids!

JAM (pre-school) has been on hold as we don't currently have any pre-schoolers, Impact (school years 1-5) has had around 10 kids per week, Crossfire (years 6 and 7) around 10-12 kids per week, and a new group was formed "Chats" which was for kids in years 8-10 to transition through to being fully part of Youth. Chats was a pilot, to see how well it worked. These kids then took part in Youth Alpha, and on to our Youth Weekends away.

Our ministry to families is greatly encouraged by our one-off events that build community, allow kids to invite friends along and build lasting relationships. The Church Fair and launch Day, the Church Camp, 40hr Famine, Parish Dinner and Nativity have quickly become very important traditions in the lives of our kids. We really are so blessed to have this great group of young people. Impact completed the Kairos Quest material and

Crossfire continued to study with Youth For Christ teaching material.

As always there is heaps of fun, games, and the kids are encouraged to get to know God for themselves, whilst learning core truths from the bible. When lockdown arrived again in August, it was fairly easy for Impact and Crossfire to switch to online gatherings having run these the year before.

Our thanks goes to the team for all their time and energy!

Jo Harvey, Thea Wallace, Lucy Ross, Kat Hartley, Cathy Dowle, Hannah Kerr, Sarah Johnstone, Mark Ryburn, Kimberli Jones, Katy Prior, Kate Harvey-Green, Rose Stevens, Hamish Flanagan.



SMASH Boys Club

JOE COOK

Boys club has remained quite consistent throughout the year. We had around 10 of us each week and throughout the year we developed our relationships with each other which was great to see. We watched a different video each week which contained a story from the Bible and message from it and then a game based off it which tended to work quite well. There were some weeks which we found harder than others, especially when the boys wouldn't listen so well, but the large majority of the time it went smoothly, and everyone had a good time.

House Churches & Missional Communities

REV IAN COOK

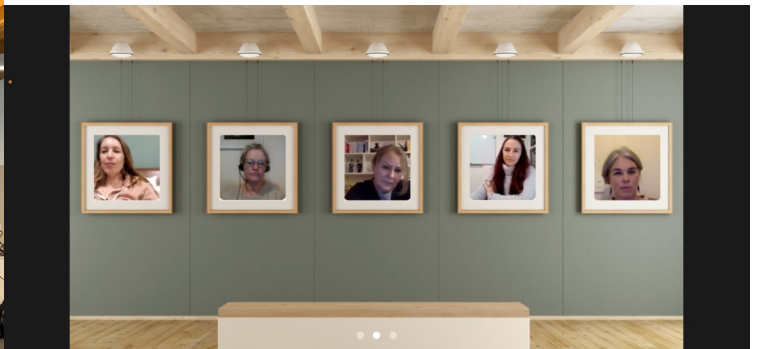
We kick off our House churches each year over Lent. In 2021 we took part in the Diocesan Lent Study on the theme of justice.

Some groups stay together just for the six weeks leading into Easter and others continue for the year. It is a great time for new groups to start meeting, which a number of our Post Alpha Groups have done.

The House Churches are places where we get to know one another better and grow in matters of the spirit and word. I pass on my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated house church leaders, who particularly came into their own at Lock-down, as we did again on August 18th for three weeks.

Of note, last year the ongoing missional communities connected to some of these House Churches, including 'The Craft Group' at West Karori Café led by Wendy Davidson and Kathleen Andreae; 'The Young Families Group' who meet monthly in the church playground and led by Lucy Ross, Scott Dennison and Thea Wallace; Kaitiaki – a local environmental group who meet 4 – 5 times a year to plant native shrubs and care for our local environment. This group is really popular with our young families but anyone can join and is welcome.

Two other House Churches, one led by James Dowle and myself, and the other led by Jo Harvey and Ruth Cook, combined to lead the annual Alpha courses from August through to November. Many thanks again to our house church groups and for your leadership and ongoing faithful service - it really does make a difference in people's lives. If anyone would like to get involved with a House Church or Missional Community please see Ian, Kate or one of the House Church or Missional Community Leaders.





Pastoral Care to Seniors

WENDY DAVIDSON

We may not be able to alter the journey, but we can make sure no one walks it alone. Surely that is what it means to bear one another's burdens. J R Holland

Pastoral care for seniors' in the Parish in 2021 was provided by House Church leaders and the Seniors' Pastoral Care Minister.

For those that belonged to a House Church group the House Church leaders were the first point of contact with their group and identified any pastoral issues and provided support. If any further support was needed this was provided by the Seniors' Pastoral Care Minister and the Vicar as needed.

For those who were not part of a House Church group, Pastoral Care continued to be provided by the Pastoral Care team who keep in contact regularly with senior parishioners and provided support as needed. This structure has worked well through the challenges of covid lockdowns.

In 2021 ongoing training was provided to support the pastoral care team and house church leaders. A one day workshop on Losing and Grieving was led by Rev Alistair Hendery. Alistair taught us that our lives are all marked by countless losses and we often carry this grief with us. He taught us how to recognise and process this in our own lives and also how to walk with others as they face this.

We are very thankful to Alistair for coming down to share his wisdom and experience with us.

The other side of pastoral care is the missional perspective, encouraging us to look beyond KAC to the wider community. Our seniors are very supportive of our missional pastoral care and provided support in these areas:

- the Manna Ministry freezer providing to those in need in our wider community. Thank you to all of you who keep it stocked up.
- The Love and Stitches group produced beanies, blankets and fiddle muffs that were blessed and given to rest homes and other groups where there is need.
- Abraham and Sarah group who regularly do pastoral visiting in homes and at Selwyn Sprott and Huntleigh Rest Homes.
- Crafty Conversations—meeting those that are lonely or isolated for coffee, craft and conversation at Karori Park.
- Selwyn Sprott and Huntleigh Rest Homes – providing communion services, visits, and prayer.

In 2021 I reduced my hours at KA which allowed me to accept a position as the Chaplain to Selwyn Sprott village.

I have for some time wanted to provide a more in-depth support to the residents beyond the weekly church service and was delighted to be able to do this.

Pastoral Care to Seniors Contd.

This role also allowed me to take in a small team to visit on a monthly basis to get to know the residents and join them for a group coffee and chat. The residents really enjoyed this opportunity to meet new people and to engage in conversations. At the end of 2021 I was offered a permanent position as the Chaplain for Selwyn Sprott Village and in December I stepped away from my role at Karori Anglican after 16 years to pursue my passion.

This has been a journey of prayer and discernment and I have seen God open a path for me that allows me to follow my passion to walk alongside the residents in the care home. Of course with my support as Chaplain the missional connection between KA and Selwyn Sprott Village is one that will continue to develop in 2022. My thanks go to all of you who over the years have willingly been the hands and feet of Jesus, whether on a team, or just because you have felt that nudge from God to help someone.

It takes many workers to care for a faith community of this size and it has been my privilege to serve with you. Blessings, Wendy, Seniors' Pastoral Care Minister.



Youth Weekend Away in Ohakune

We had 8 youth attend with 7 carers/parents and 8 leaders (5 Scripture Union and 3 Karori leaders) over the weekends of October 15 – 17 & 29 – 31. We stayed in the amazing Ohakune church lodge, beautifully restored by the Diocese and played games, had fun, worshipped together and had Scripture Union take us all out for a day's tramp up to the mountain.

Who benefited?

The youth bonded with the leaders and one another beyond the usual weekly gatherings.

Important spiritual truths and realities of life were taught and spoken about on a number of levels with both parents and youth during the evening games.

Scripture Union lead us on a day tramp to the base of Ruapehu – and brought an excellent metaphoric spiritual focus on outdoor safety, preparedness & navigation.

The youth were able to speak about their own concerns and struggles openly over the weekend. Both the parents and youth spoke very highly of the experience and opportunity.



Youth Weekend Away in Ohakune cont.

Karori Anglican - Bishop Ellie confirmed three of our youth including, Jasmine Gee, Hannah Du Toit and Joshua Kerr as a result of the weekends.

The service was a very special one with most of our other children being present and silent as they witnessed the Holy moment.

Two of our confirmation candidates have gone on to study at University. We wish them all the best and keep them in our prayers at this important and exciting stage of life.

A mentoring programme was organised toward the end of 2021 and has integrated parents mentoring other church member's sons and daughters as we go into 2022.



Prayer Ministry

KATHLEEN ANDREAE

Prayer is vital to our life as a church community.

As His body, we want to be in constant relationship with the Lord listening as He leads us.

Prayer happens in our community in many ways.

In addition to an increasing encouragement to daily individual prayer and devotional times, prayer together in our house churches, and prayer both during and after the services on Sunday, we also have several small meetings dedicated to prayer during the week:

- ECEC & SMASH daily prayer at noon.
- The Abraham & Sarah intercessory prayer on Thursday mornings.
- The Saturday morning prayer group in the church run by Stephen Sharp.
- The Prayer Team on Thursday evenings either in person or on zoom.

This past year I have also been involved in supporting the wider diocese in running two seminars on "How to Hear God's Voice": one at the diocesan training day in person in July and one online in September. Then in November, Tori Pinfold and I hosted Cath Livesey's five-week Prophetic Lifestyle Course online for anyone in the diocese.

We praise God for the blessing we have in being able to meet freely for prayer. We are so thankful for the many answered prayers and for the joy of seeing people learn to hear God's voice for themselves.

To ask for prayer, or relay prayer needs, or if you are interested in joining the prayer team, please email Kathleen@karorianglican.org.nz





Some of us in Burrows Reserve



Here we are at the top of Johnston Hill

Girls Zone

YVETTE MICHALSKA

The term started slightly differently with a pause from Girls Zone. For a change in routine, a few of us keen runners took children out into the challenging bush trails around Karori.

The **Undefeatable Dream Team (UDT)** was a group of senior SMASH children and a few keen SMASH staff. Some found it hard, but persevered, and others surprised themselves. We rewarded our efforts with a final celebration!

Big thanks to SMASH team Molly and Aaron for helping out on the runs and the celebrations!

Girls Zone resumed in Term 2 with a core of about 18 girls, some of whom are in their 3rd or 4th year at Girls Zone. This is really encouraging. Our theme for the year incorporated our Eco Church status - the importance of water in our world.

After watching footage of distant communities managing with very little **water** we reinforced the message with 2 minute showers and hair washes, and games like walking with heavy buckets of water around the playgarden.

Term 3 - **food**. This was a huge challenge - it was hard to impress on the girls just how much we take food for granted. We all seem to have enough and enough of what we want, when we want.

When we returned to SMASH after lockdown, focusing on food with Jesus – dinner with Zacchaeus, feeding the 5000, the woman with the perfume and the Passover/Last Supper.

The year ended with our spectacular part in the KAC Nativityland – the final scene.

Thanks to Keziah Wema for her voluntary support at Girls Zone through the year. Her sharing of traditional Kenyan food (mandazi) and can-do attitude are a real plus!





Wardens

STEPHEN SHARP AND GREGOR COSTER

This last year has been challenging for everyone as we coped with the effects of Covid-19. Praise God that our church services have continued largely uninterrupted despite changing levels and traffic lights.

Vestry would like to give a big thank you to Rev Ian Cook and Ruth for continuing to provide excellent leadership in the Church. Your work has been very much appreciated.

Thank you to all the other Vicars who continue to serve in the congregation, leading services, preaching, and helping in so many ways; and to our paid staff and volunteers who ensure the successful running of our church. Our thanks too to David Trott and the Choir who sing so wonderfully at the 9am services.

Vestry had a focus on mission this last year. This has been evidenced by outreach through the services, house churches, Alpha, Early Childhood Education Centre, and St Mary's After School House. We would like to thank our house church leaders; Jo Harvey for leadership of a successful Alpha course again this year, and Heather Te Huia and Tabatha Longa-Wood for leadership of ECEC and SMASH respectively. Our particular thanks to Wendy Davidson, who after many years serving the Church in a full-time role, and more latterly part-time, has now joined the Chaplaincy at Sprott.

Te Korōria has occupied the attention of Vestry and Finance Committee this year – the building contract has been signed and construction commenced with Geoff Lee doing excellently as Project Manager. The Project Control Group chaired by Mark Loveard provides governance oversight for the Vestry.

We are grateful for the many generous donations that have been received, but fundraising remains a challenge with a gap of \$1.7million presently between funds in hand and those required to complete the building. This gap will need to be met by borrowing. If any parishioners are aware of any potential donors, then we would appreciate hearing.

All in all, this last year has been a very good one and we give thanks to God for his graciousness and care for his Church.

Gregor Coster
People's Warden

Stephen Sharp
Vicar's Warden



Property Report

GEOFF LEE

To: Karori Anglican Churches

From: Property Manager, Geoffrey Lee

Subject: Property Report to Annual General Meeting

Date: 25 March 2022

Introduction

This report covers the property maintenance and development on our existing buildings and grounds. It does not cover the Te Korōria project which is the subject of a separate report.

Our Objective

To provide properties that are attractive, safe and serviceable for members of the Parish and the wider community of Karori, responding promptly to user requests and doing what we can within our available resources.

Our Properties

St Mary's Church	<p>Earthquake prone and due for strengthening by 2028.</p> <p>Essential repairs and maintenance carried out as required.</p> <p>Grounds maintained by Karori parishioners.</p> <p>Grant of \$144,000 received for painting and repairs.</p> <p>Fire damage to inside of Tower and Vicar's Vestry – met by insurance.</p>
St Matthias	<p>Repairs and maintenance carried out as required.</p> <p>Grant for new signage received.</p> <p>Grounds maintained by Mākara-based parishioners.</p>

Property Report cont.

GEOFF LEE

ECEC / SMASH Building	Essential R&M as required. ECEC Playground development completed. Rear access and drop off parking for Te Korōria project.
Parish Hall	Demolished as part of Te Korōria project.
Parish Offices	Modifications to Parish Office parking as part of Te Korōria project. R&M carried out as required.

The Property Team

We currently have a mix of volunteers, paid contractors, paid staff and unpaid staff looking after our properties. Each member of the team provides skills and expertise to look after the buildings we inhabit and land we use. Many thanks for this. In particular I would like to thank Mike and Judy Scrivener. Thanks to all who turn out for working bees and who respond to requests for assistance.

Finally, thanks to the generous parishioners whose gifts of money we use to purchase materials and services that we cannot do ourselves.

Thank You

Geoffrey Lee,
Property Manager,
on behalf of the Property Team





Te Korōria - meet - play - connect

KATE HARVEY-GREEN AND GEOFF LEE

“Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build labour in vain” Psalm 127

This has been a huge year for the project.

We completed all the planning and building consents needed, gained Parish and Diocesan approvals, signed up our contractor and started construction. Yes, after years of planning we actually scraped a hole in the ground.

In keeping with the verse for the build, Vestry asked the parish if we should make the final commitment to start construction. Vicar Ian Cook led the parish in a time of discernment leading up to an Special General Meeting in May. This gave the parish certainty of God’s calling for us to commit to building Te Korōria. At the SGM on 17 May the Parish voted to build Te Korōria. We then obtained loan approval from Christian Saving for some of the funding needed and Diocesan agreement to enter a construction contract with Choice Construction Group. On 17th September site fencing went up and Choice moved in to officially start work on the upgrading of the St Mary’s ECEC rear access steps and the creation of a pick-up and drop-off car park by the parish offices.

A lot of effort went into clearing out the old Parish Hall and SMASH worked really hard to move their operations up to the Parish Offices. This has worked out well, and it is great For SMASH and KA staff to be able to work more closely together and for all the staff to get to know each other more. ECEC staff and parents adapted well to using the rear access and drop off parking area.

On 26 September we held a farewell for the existing Parish Hall and a big Garage Sale which both raised funds and cleared stuff out. Very quickly after that the fences went up around the hall and demolition began. By Christmas the hall had gone, the site was established and the excavation works had progressed well.

We have created lots of ways for people to find out about to what’s happening: signage, meetings with neighbours, through parish members and at Marsden School. The information on our website is updated weekly, Facebook page and Instagram pages have been created and these have steadily grown in membership.

Fundraising for Te Korōria is ongoing and during 2021 parishioners donated an amazing



\$270,000 towards the building. It will continue to be a focus for 2022 as we raise the estimated \$1.7m needed to complete the project. It's a challenge, but we are certain that God is in this and will provide.

We have regular site meetings with our contractor Choice, and also with Studio Pacific Architecture, these have increased in frequency as the build has progressed. Wherever possible we have pre-purchased our building materials to minimize the impact of supply chain issues which can impact prices and availability. This is working for us.

A Te Korōria Build Project Control Group project control group was established in November, chaired by Mark Loveard, its members are Ian Millard, Geoffrey Lee (Build Project Manager), Ian Cook, Gregor Coster and Kate Harvey-Green. The purpose of the group is to have oversight of progress, expenditure against budget as well as changes and variations that happen during a building project. It ensures that the project is well governed, due process is followed and that the project is delivered to budget.



The day-to-day work on Te Korōria is carried out by the project team of Geoffrey Lee, Kate Harvey-Green and Ian Cook. They are supported by the Te Korōria Build Project Control Group, Finance Committee and Vestry.

Also working with us on the project are a professional services team from Studio Pacific Architecture, Silvester Clark Structural Engineers, e Cubed Building Services, Fire HQ, Rider Levett Bucknall Quantity Surveyors and Urban Perspectives planners.

The project is on schedule for completion in Feb/March 2023.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment and support.





Finance Committee

IAN MILLARD - CHAIR OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Finance report has been delayed due to the audit taking longer than expected.

Once the audited accounts are available we will make this report available to the parish before the AGM.

Parish Attendance Statistics 2021

	2019	2020	2021
9am	46	46	50
10.30am	88	76	70
Evensong	19	19	24
St Matthias	Not available	15	21
Sprott	25	17	25
Huntleigh	21	20	15
10am Services	89	58	91
Good Friday	90	n/a - Covid-19	116
Easter Sunday	115	n/a - Covid-19	203
Nine Lessons and Carols	110	76	105
Christmas Eve	80	101	60
Christmas Day	235	287	229
Godzone	31	27	27
Friday Youth		32	30
Sunday Youth		12	15
AYM Youth House		8	n/a
Nativity or Carols event	206	287	172 *covid numbers





A Snapshot of Events in 2021

January

- Summer Services:
 - * 10.00am 40-minute service followed by BBQ and ice cream
- We remember Ross Sanson

February

- We celebrated the wedding of Sophie & Joshua Roberts
- Garth England and Paul Tipping presented with Bishop's medals
- We remember Richard Shaw
- Family Fair and GodZone registration
- Friday night youth started for the year
- Knitting group started for the year
- Ash Wednesday Service - 17 Feb
- Newsletter now available on Facebook and web site
- Weekly email with website link for newsletter

March

- Church Away Weekend - Palm Grove, Paraparaumu
- We remember Avenal McKinnon and Ann Sturman
- Baptism for Lucia Moala-Mafi

- ECEC new playground opening and blessing
- Lent bible studies in house church groups
- Diocese Team Training Day & Youth games

April

- KA AGM
- Easter services and Easter working Bee
- Vestry fire

May

- ECEC AGM
- KA SGM
- Baptism for Violet Stenhouse
- Dio Ministry Leaders Family Camp
- Baptism for Zoey Mansard
- We remember Annette Bowler

June

- Staff Vestry Retreat in Paekakariki
- Youth Discipleship Camp
- 40 Hour famine

July

- Alpha Course started
- Parish Dinner

- We remember Kathleen Brooker

August

- We remember Gloria Biggs

September

- Farewell to Parish Hall

October

- Girls Youth weekend away
- Boys Youth weekend away
- Synod
- SMASH relocate to Parish office

November

- Geoff Troughton presents the Stubbs Memorial Service
- We celebrated the wedding of Samantha and Peter Strawbridge
- Confirmation of Jasmine Gee, Hannah du Toit and Joshua Kerr

- "Feed my lambs" Christmas collection
- Prophetic Lifestyle course run online by Kathleen Andreae
- Loss and Grieving Workshops
- Parish Hall demolished
- New build starts

December

- Nativity Land
- Advent working bee
- Nine Lessons and Carols
- Christmas Eve services at St Mathias and St Mary's
- Christmas Day services
- Summer services started



Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting of Karori Anglican Churches (KAC)

St Mary's Church

Monday 12 April 2021 at 7.30pm.

Welcome

Ian Cook opened the meeting and Geoff Lee opened in prayer. In Ian's welcome, he also provided an update on the fire in Vestry and Bell Tower.

Agenda Item 1: Tabling of the KAC Electoral Roll

Wendy Davidson tabled the KAC Electoral Roll.

Agenda Item 2: Attendance and Apologies

29 people attended the meeting.

Apologies were received from 14 people.

Agenda Item 3: Motion Governing the Proceedings of the Meeting

Motion: That the speaking time for proposals and motions be set at five minutes per proposer or mover and three minutes for other speakers.

Proposer: Ian Cook Seconded: Rosemary Cole

Vote: Carried.

Agenda Item 5: Minutes of the 2019 Karori Anglican Churches' AGM

Motion: That the minutes of the 2019 Karori Anglican Churches' AGM be accepted.

Proposer: Ian Cook Seconded: Rosemary Cole

Vote: Carried.

David trott asked about the pew plaques and what happened to them.

G Lee updated that the pews with plaques have been moved into the gathering area. So far only one request for the plaques has been made. Minutes accepted subject to GirlsZone name changed

Agenda Item 4: Vicar's Report

Motion: That the Vicar's Report be received.

Proposer: Ian Cook Second: n/a

Vote: Carried.

Ian Cook spoke to his report noting that this year has been sobering, being installed as a Vicar and then faced with Covid-19. "Pick up your mat and walk".

- Lockdown enabled us to move faster as a church.
- House churches and GodZone – enabled us to look after one another.
- There are now 12 House Churches.

Adrian Harvey spoke on behalf of Tabatha Longa-Wood, noting:

That they lost a large number of the older kids after lockdown and are gradually working the numbers back with new enrolments in 5/6 year olds.

Missional focus through Zac (Boys), Grace (Junior Boys), and Yvette (Girls).

Yvette added that there was a drop of about 30% in attendance. But that it is also good for the kids, our loss but positive for the kids to spend more time with family.

Yvette commented that they were able to cut back on staff (naturally with university season). Were still able to hold the 'WOW' event.

Rosemary Cole suggested developing 'school visits' for the ECEC kids upstairs to SMASH.

Agenda Item 9: Other Reports

Ian Cook noted that the other reports be taken as read.

Motion: That the following reports be received:

Collective Youth Group

Property

GodZone

House Churches

Prayer Ministry

Pastoral Care

GirlZone

SMASH Boys club

Worship

New Build

Proposer: Ian Cook

Vote: Carried.

GirlZone: Yvette Michalska noted that GirlZone was building genuine relationships with the children. A highlight was Grace and Kezia and having a regular presence of the same people. That Zoom was something the kids looked forward to and kept them connected. The WOW event was absolutely amazing, standing room only, and grateful for all the key helpers.

Connections in the community: Wendy noted that a lot is happening in this space, but is not stats driven. The Crafty Conversations is incredibly life giving, being able to be a part of people's lives. That the Family Fair Day is where we present a different face of the Church. The dinner is an amazing way of inviting our friends.

Yvette added that the Karori Medical Centre was recommending people join the Wednesday group. It is becoming known.

Geoff Lee asked how do we feed this back to the Diocese and be more proactive about it?

Worship: Heidi thanked the dedicated musicians and sound techs. Covid presented a problem with not being able to meet and play. But met online instead.

Judy S mentioned that it was nice to have a group that is not performance focused. The worship actually comes through. Kathleen seconded this comment.

David Trott commented that the Choir "do it for the love of worship". The Choir lost a number of people last year. And there are vacancies in all parts.

Ian Cook added that David does a brilliant job playing the organ and coming to Spratt.

GodZone: Kate H-G said they were blessed with a great number of kids. There is a variety of materials that they use. Kate thanked Jo Harvey for all her help in lockdown.

There is a new transition group (years 9/10) as there are a lot of kids that are pre-teen. This group will have a weekend away and lead towards Baptism/Confirmation.

Jo Harvey highlighted Kate's leadership in this space, she leads the leaders.

House Churches: Ian Cook commented that the greatest challenge was Covid and that during this time the House Churches stepped up. The phone tree connected people not in House Churches. There was continued training (Pastoral Care course and Richard Black Anxiety course). As a church, we naturally care for each other.

Property: Geoff Lee thanked all those who work on the properties. Especially to Mike and Jenny, and all those who have worked at the working bees.

Ray Muller commended the team who work on the grounds. Spaciousness is rare for city churches and we should treasure our land.

New Build: Kate Harvey-Green spoke to this report, and noted that:

- It has been a huge amount of work over the last year.

9 April 2021 – provisional tender received.

Jenny Spiers asked if we would try again for the lotteries bid. Kate responded that it was made clear we were not eligible. There are other grants, but we need building consent to apply e.g. Lions foundation.

Noel Bates asked how we are going to tap into the community (partnership), not just a business.

Lee added that the next steps are:

- Firm up a price
- Vestry to decide if viable

Vestry come to Parish with recommendation.

Agenda Item 10: Receipt and Adoption of Annual Accounts

Karori Anglican Churches

Motion: That the KAC accounts be received.

Proposer: John Maurice Second: Ian Cook

Vote: Carried.

John Maurice spoke to the accounts and made special mention to Ian Millard. Ian is a very good chair, a 'forensic' accountant who understands implications. And supported by a great and active team.

Karori Parish Trust Accounts

Motion: That the Karori Parish Trust accounts be received.

Proposer: Ian Cook

Vote: Carried.

SMASH

Motion: That the SMASH accounts be received.
Proposer: Ian Cook
Vote: Carried.

ECEC

Motion: That the ECEC accounts be received.
Proposer: Ian Cook
Vote: Carried.

Agenda Item 11: Tabling of the 2020 Budget

Motion: That the 2020 budget be tabled.
Proposer: Ian Cook
Vote: Carried.

Agenda Item 12: Election of Audit Reviewer

Motion: That Grant Thornton New Zealand be elected as Audit-Reviewer.
Proposer: Ian Cook
Vote: Carried.

Agenda Item 13: Proposal for Te Reo Lord's Prayer

Rosemary Cole spoke to her proposal and noted that is already happening, to a point.

Ian Cook commented that it is a focus to include more Te Reo in the services.

David Trott noted that there are a few different versions of the Lord's Prayer in Te Reo with different pronunciations, and asked for people to come and see him if they found any versions or pronunciations upsetting.

Ian Cook recommended that Vestry note this motion and take it on board.

Agenda Item 14: Formal Motions of Thanks

Ian Cook thanked Geoff Lee for all his work on the property, Shirley Black for all that she does as our amazing Treasurer, Wendy Davidson for her work on the AGM booklet and new job at Sprott, Judy Scriviner for counting the money, and special thanks to the staff for carrying such a huge load over the last year.

The meeting ended at 9:25pm

Nicky Mildenhall – Minutes Secretary

20 April 2021



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