

Chartwell Cooperating Church (*St Alban's*)

Anglican – Methodist – Presbyterian

Inclusiveness Strategic Plan

**Approved: Parish Council
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Signed: 
Council Chair



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Objective: To create an inclusive environment for all as we share our Christian love through our actions.

Background: Our Parish Mission is "To know and share God's love". In line with this and our current Parish Strategic Plan; the Parish Council agreed (PC Meeting 17th September 2013) to strategically focus attention on and form strategic plans around Eldercare, Inclusiveness and Youth. This document is the agreed Inclusiveness Strategic Plan for the Parish and forms part of the agreed Parish Statements under our Mission Statement .

Inclusiveness for us means:

- To provide a welcoming environment for all people
- A place for all who wish to worship and grow in the Christian faith
- We encourage participation from all within the church membership and appreciate the diverse gifts all have to offer
- Our love of all people will be demonstrated through compassion, care, seeking of justice and providing hope and support
- To share resources, facilities and programs with the wider community

Strategic Plan: The following specific Inclusiveness actions have been agreed to be undertaken:

1. Minister 's meeting with new comers after 9.30am service
2. Newcomer lunches
3. Sharing: Soup and rolls lunches, Wednesday Community Lunches
4. Church Groups: Family, Women's, Men's, Bible study, youth, Girls' Brigade, healing, home visiting
5. Variety of worship services – Sunday 8am, 9.30am, Insight, Korean, Progressive Exploration, Wednesday
6. Mission – Local, National & International: Christian food bank, Hospital visiting, Cakes to Businesses, Vanuatu project, support of parent church programs and CWS.
7. Interactions with Community: Mainly Music, Messy Church, After School Care, Before School Care, Kohanga Reo, Toy Library
8. External groups who regularly use our facilities include: Probus, Bowls, Tai Chi, Genealogy, Cantando Choir, Patchwork & Quilters, Chinese School , Women's Aglow, Sit & Keep Fit, Weight Watchers, Diabetes NZ, Essential Tremor Group, Alzheimers, Scallywag & Munchkin fairs, Chartwel Gold Club and Garden Club, Family Group social occasions, Dance Training, Funerals, Weddings.
9. Annual Church Fair
10. Social Justice: alcohol bill submission, poverty awareness

11. **After School Care:** Currently made up from 7 schools within our local community. Care provided for working families between the hours of 3pm and 5:30pm, Monday to Friday. Average of 30+ children per day ranging in ages from year 0-8.
12. **Before School Care:** Before school care which has children from 3 schools. Care provided for working families who cannot get their children to school. Walking school bus provided to Bankwood School and Hukanui School.
13. **Girls Brigade:** Held weekly on Wednesday evenings during school terms. This is a fun group where the children are challenged to get involved in the world around them. Three groups run during each session: Juniors Year 0-4, Seniors Years 5-8 and Pioneers from year 9+. Currently we have over 35 girls and 4 leaders.
14. **Toy Library:** A twice weekly service to young families in the wider community. The opportunity to borrow toys for up to two weeks throughout the year. It is open Tuesday and Saturday mornings.
15. **Other activities:** There are a number of other activities that are run as “one-offs” during any year which involve youth and families.

NOTE: Some of the activities noted above incur costs and a koha is requested.