

Charter

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Our Parish Council

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Amanda Bowcott, Alec Utting



Please pray for our Strategic Focus. Chartwell Church is a place:

- **Of belonging and welcome**
- **Of worship and prayer**
- **Where discipleship & vocation are nurtured**
- **With a clear mission & purpose with collaborative leadership**
- **Of empowerment & involvement of volunteer leaders**
- **For evangelism, outreach & numerical growth**
- **Of serving & transforming**
- **Actively seeking to engage with children and teenagers**

Disclaimer: The articles contained in Charter do not necessarily reflect the views of the Ministers or Chartwell Cooperating Church. We seek to represent as wide a range of views as possible within Charter, to reflect the diversity within our congregation.

Minister's Report

To my God-family: Thank you

"... whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things...." (Philippians 4:8-9).



My tributes to my beloved father at his funeral service, in Ajiqami Village in Nagaland, India, was framed around these verses, because they encapsulated who my father was.

On Friday the 11th of August, I received the sad news of my beloved father's death. My father Hokhuvi Kiba (86), died in Nagaland, in the north-east of India. I could not be by his side the week he was in ICU or attend his funeral. Oceans were in the way! It has been very tough, and I am on a new journey of deep sadness and at the same time, immense gratitude. Sad, because I miss my father, my strongest champion, and a pillar of strength. Grateful, because I was so blessed to be his daughter.

My father was a man of God. He honoured and loved my mother with his life. He loved God and served his community with great loyalty and dedication. He was an honest man, too honest sometimes, much to my mother's embarrassment. He was passionate about Christian mission, and even wanted to be a missionary after retirement. However, the tragic death of my uncle led him to take on the mantle of Chieftainship in his village.

To my father, everything was within the purview of God's plan and purpose. He had a very difficult childhood and yet, he never held any grudge towards people who wronged him. He lived by faith and by example. I grew up knowing he loved me and my siblings very deeply. It was just the way our father made us feel.

I share this very brief memory of my father because, you were all in his prayers too. He always prayed for us and God's people that we have the privilege to serve here in Aotearoa, New Zealand. Also, because you are our God-family. In our sad time, your prayers, care, love, support, and encouragement have touched our lives deeply, and we are truly humbled. Thank you very much and God bless you.

Minister's Report

Some special services and events held in the Parish since my last Charter Report in late May include hosting guest speakers:

- Mr David Lawson, Christian World Service Refugee Sunday (June 18);
- Rev. Michael Hartfield from Anglican Missions (July 16).
- Stewardship Sunday (June 11);
- Parish Retreat - Quiet Day led Bishop David Moxon (June 24);
- Patronal Festival afternoon tea with lovely music by Catherine Short and a Quiz by Jean and Rev. Keith Ross, with Simon Alexander, as Quizmaster (June 17);
- Baptism of Cherry and her daughters, Jasmine, and Hazel (July 16);
- Special collection for Foodbank (Aug 6);



Partner Churches

I have attended events and meetings of our partner churches: the Kaimai Presbytery/Ministers, Waikato Waiariki Methodist Synod, and the Anglican Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki, as I am able. We had the joy of hosting the August Ministerial meeting and Synod of the Waikato-Waiariki Methodist Synod (Aug 4-5). I am looking forward to attending the Diocesan Synod (Sept. 23-24), and the Presbyterian General Assembly (Sept. 27-Oct 1).

I also regularly meet with our neighbouring churches' Ministers for prayer and fellowship. This year our parish participated in a three-tier combined churches Matariki event: Matariki Seminar at Fairfield Baptism Church, planter boxes filled with soil and vegetable seeds/seedlings for families in Fairfield and Enderley (with ongoing support from Te Whanau Putahi) and a Matariki dinner at Hukanui Bible Chapel.

Our Parish lunches have been a great opportunity for fellowship. Thank you to all the hosts. Our next and final one for the year is on Sept. 3, to be hosted by the Parish Council.

Heartfelt Thanks

Unfortunately, due to the Parish's current financial situation, the paid ministry roles of Community Connection Facilitator and Children, Youth and Family Facilitator are being disestablished. Our heartfelt thanks to Rev. Daniel Park and Serrina Henry-Malcolm for their ministry to our parishioners and to the wider community.

We have been blessed with Rev. Daniel Park's ministry as Community Connection Facilitator, over the past 18 months. His commitment to ministry, dedication, and effort in creating and successfully facilitating various ministries and outreach has

been exemplary. We thank God for Daniel's ministry and pray God bless him and Dayana.

We had the opportunity to welcome Serrina Henry-Malcolm as Children, Youth, and Family Facilitator in February. Although a new context for her, she came with an openness to join ministry in our Parish. We thank God for the time we have had with Serrina and her family. Ryan contributed to various ministries of the parish; and Corina (Serrina's mother) has also been a wonderful support to mainly music ministry. May God bless them all, and their children Ryder, Sophie, and Scarlett.

As members of Chartwell Church, we are all part of the body of Christ, the whānau (family) of God. My thanks to each one of you for the gifts of your time, skills, resources, and commitment to God's work in and through our church. I am confident that God will continue to grant us wisdom and grace to be who God desires us to be. As we continue to work together, we will keep trusting that God is leading us, and will provide all our needs for God's work here in our parish and beyond. Let us listen to God in humility and have the courage to act on what God is saying to us.

With you in Christ's service,
Jekheli Kibami Singh

Upcoming **EVENTS**

September 10: Rev. Andrew Doubleday, Ministry Facilitator, UCANZ will be here to preach at 8 am and 9.30 am services.

September 17: Spring Service

October 15: Girls Brigade Service

NAU MAI HAERE MAI ALL WELCOME

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Welcome and thank you to our 2023-2024 Parish Council



The election of our Parish Council was delayed by two weeks to allow for some more nominations. It was fabulous to have five more nominations tabled and accepted.

Our 2023-2024 Parish Council members are as follows...

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| Chair: | Heather Kikkert |
| Deputy Chair: | Jean Ross |
| Secretary: | Kelera Luvu |
| Vicars Warden: | Cheryl Anderson |
| Clergy: | Rev. Jekheli Kibami Singh |
| Congregational Representatives: | Barry Neal |
| | Al McGregor |
| | Annette Mudford |
| | Amanda Bowcott |
| | Derek Kingsbury |

Season of Creation



“Let Justice and Peace Flow” is the theme chosen for Season of Creation 2023, the ecumenical celebration we hold each year from September 1, World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, to October 4th, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. It’s seen as a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation and to pray and act together as the people of God for the earth, our common home.

The dramatic weather events of the last year have made us more aware than ever of the crisis facing our home. The floods and fires that have destroyed homes, livelihoods and lives have been a tragic reminder of the way human well-being is interwoven with the well-being of the earth. If the earth is in trouble, so are we.

In 2015 Pope Francis wrote a powerful letter drawing the world’s attention to this crisis. He noted issues like climate change and pollution, the loss of the earth’s biodiversity, the depletion of fresh water resources and the growth of global inequality. All of these things, he said, have caused the earth to cry out pleading that we take another course.

“A mighty river” is the symbol chosen to go with this theme, representing biodiversity at risk. The urgency grows and we must make visible peace with Earth and on Earth, at the same time that justice calls us to repentance and a change of attitude and actions. We are invited to join the river of justice and peace on behalf of all creation and to converge our individual identities, of name, family, or faith community, in this greater movement for justice, just like tributaries come together to form a mighty river. As we join the river of peace and justice with others then hope is created instead of despair.

The world's 2.2 billion Christians are invited to pray and care for creation over the next month. As well as individual actions and local events, advocacy is a focus this year—embracing climate and ecological justice, and speaking out with and for communities that are most impacted by climate injustice and biodiversity loss.

We are charged to reach out to local leaders and call our communities to actively participate by raising awareness on the theme, and on how to respond to the cry of creation wherever the Lord calls us in our respective contexts. With elections looming in six weeks' time, what are the challenges you want to put to those seeking election.

The concluding comments form the preamble to The Earth Charter, an international declaration of fundamental values and principles considered useful by its supporters for building a just, sustainable, and peaceful global society in the 21st century. Created by a global consultation process, and endorsed by organizations representing millions of people.

- We stand at a critical moment in Earth's history, a time when humanity must choose its future.
- As the world becomes increasingly interdependent and fragile, the future at once holds great peril and great promise.
- To move forward we must recognize that in the midst of a magnificent diversity of cultures and life forms we are one human family and one Earth community with a common destiny.
- We must join together to bring forth a sustainable global society founded on respect for nature, universal human rights, economic justice, and a culture of peace.
- Towards this end, it is imperative that we, the peoples of Earth, declare our responsibility to one another, to the greater community of life, and to future generations.

The universe is God's great work and so is everything that lives in its vast expanse. Every molecule vibrates, every star spins, every heat beats with the energy of God.

Today, as every day we are invited into God's energy.

We are invited to celebrate God's goodness, experience God's all-encompassing love, and to participate in God's creative and re-creative work.

Let this be our worship.

AMEN

INAUGURAL ECO CHURCH AWARDS

Tied into Sundays Service of Creation, was the introduction of Eco Awards presented by Tim and Anna Cox. An acknowledgement of the actions by members of our Parish towards environmental change and improvement.

Left: Becky for her efforts within her community and other areas to raise awareness and get involved.



Below Left: Jack and Kobi Brinkman for their large and continued efforts to Pukemokemoke, the installation of solar panels at church and their support of our island neighbours in need.

Below: Ellen Webb for her great work in all things environmental, her research and her advocacy.

Also awarded:

Robin and Judy Holdsworth for their work as champions for gully restoration and cultivating for the annual church fair.

Trevor and Barbara Bennett: for their tireless work cultivating and selling plants for decades while also supporting missional work.





Top left: A big thanks to Tim and Anna Cox for their continued efforts as supporters of our place within the Eco Church family and as advocates for the environment.

Above: Emily Cox acknowledged for her efforts in gully planting and restoration and bringing awareness to climate change issues.



Middle left: Warwick and Jan Silvester have played a massive role in the development of Pukemokemoke, our move to join Eco Church NZ, installation of solar panels, more efficient lighting, the Pataka kai and so much more!

Left: Amanda and Erica thanked for their role in running the fair and book sale which encourages us all to recycle and reuse.

CHARTWELL CHURCH FAIR

SATURDAY 7th OCTOBER
9am-12pm

Something for everyone.
New and used.

Kitchen & homeware, electrical, tools,
jewellery, toys, books & games, linen,
retro & treasures, cakes & sweets, sports,
a lucky dip and hundreds of plants

CHARTWELL CHURCH
124 COMIES ROAD

Cash only.
BYO Bags



Thank You!

Thank you to all the people involved in regular or casual ways within the life of the church and the ministries and services we offer. Here are just some of the many people involved over the last year. We pray these people and all our services and programmes will be valuable opportunities for fellowship and growth.

Parish Council and Executive Team:

Our thanks to the Parish Council and Executive team members for their leadership. Their efforts ensure a smooth functioning of the parish and good stewardship. The Parish Council looks after the governance of the church and the Executive takes care of management matters.

Parish Council: Heather Kikkert (Chairperson), Jean Ross (Deputy chairperson), Kellera Luvu (Secretary), Aaron Bennett (Treasurer), Neil Colyer (congregational rep), Ryan Malcom (congregational rep from April 23), Cheryl Anderson (Vicar's Warden/Steward), Raymond Mudford (until March 23), Fraser Graham (Presbyterian Rep), Sylvia O'Leary (Methodist Rep Aug 22 – May 23)

Partner Church Reps: Jean Ross & Peter Allan (Anglican), Mary West and Sylvia O'Leary (Methodist), Fraser Graham and Judi Roigard (Presbyterian)

Our parish nominators Anna Casey-Cox and Peter Allan.

Executive Team: Erica Harris (Chairperson), Krish Nayar, Amie Whenuaroa, Aaron Bennett, and Sylvia O'Leary (Minutes secretary)

Our parish is blessed to have a host of people who give their time, skills, talents, resources, and passion to God's mission within the parish and the wider community. We can continue to shine a light to the gospel of Jesus Christ, through our personal commitment and our shared vision and passion.

Altar linen: Val Nayar and Linda Derek

Bible Study Home Group: Dave Campbell and Marina Grantham-Campbell, Maureen Hintz, Carol McKillop, Cheryl and Warren Anderson, Dawn Smith, and Russell Young,

Charter Team: Amanda Bowcott and Alec Utting

Children Youth and Families team: Serrina Henry-Malcolm, Catherine Polglase, Andrea Hollis, Amanda, Nicola Hollis, Emily Hollis, Erica Harris, and Sylvia O’Leary

Church library: Margaret Henshaw

Cleaner: Bill Meehan

Eco-Church Team: Tim and Anna Casey-Cox and the team

Facilities team: Amie Whenuaroa, Facility Supervisor, with Seddon Polglase, Fraser Graham, Judy Holdsworth, Coral Keast, Jim Higby, and Marina Grantham-Campbell

Family Groups coordinators: Evelyn Johnston, Rev. Gloria Zanders, Maureen Hintz, Esther Odlum, Glennys Brown, and Sylvia Williams

Fellowship Groups coordinators/contact person: Margaret Clow, Margaret Stevenson, Merlene Woolerton, Erica Harris, and Tessa Gray

Fund Raising team: Erica Harris, Warwick Sylvester, Amanda Bowcott, Jack Brinkman, Judy and Robin Holdsworth

Girls Brigade: Alison Taylor, Laura Galt, Jess Neshausen, Renee Sharp, Emily Hollis; and the young leaders Charlotte Wellm, Izzy Baker and Letitia Taylor

Gold Club: Ruth Bridge, Christine Polglase, Elwyn Mayall, Neil Colyer, and Jan Hilton

Healing prayer team: Alison Neal, Dawn Smith, Jenny Warren, Russell Young, Joy Carter, Maureen Hintz, Merlene Woolerton, and Warren Tooley

ICT Team: Erica Harris, Derek Kingsbury, Samuel Hollis, Alec Utting and Raymond Mudford

Insight Leaders: Derek Kingsbury, Erica Harris, and Aaron Bennett

Kids Korner Toy Library: Amie Matthews-Whenuaroa, Jess Neshausen, Alison Taylor, Renee Sharp, Amanda Bowcott and Amy Thomas

Lay Minister: Mary West Ministry Team: Rev. Jehkeli Kibami Singh, Rev. Daniel Park and Serrina Henry-Malcolm

Music Team: Christine Polglase, Paul Ellery, Coral Keast, Cheryl Anderson, Catherine Short, Marina Grantham-Campbell, and Ryan Malcolm

Parish Administrator: Sylvia O’Leary

Pastoral Team: Rev. Daniel Park, Rona Gooch, Ian Bridge, Neil Colyer, Barbara Scott, Margaret Stevenson, Linda Thom, and Evelyn Johnston

Repair Café team: Warwick Sylvester, Jack Brinkman, Margaret Henshaw, Robin Holdsworth, Al McGregor, Judy Holdsworth, Murray White, and Elwyn Mayall.

Roster coordinators and helpers: Sylvia O’Leary, Evelyn Johnston, Linda Derrick, and Maureen Hintz

Treasurer: Aaron Bennett

Vicar’s Warden: Cheryl Anderson

Worship Team: Rev. Gloria Zanders, Mary West and Rev. Richard Lawrence

Zoom services: Samuel Hollis

INSIGHT

a t n i g h t



Great news! After a long hiatus,
Insight at Night is back!

Insight at Night (part #2)
returns on the evening of
Sunday 10th of September



Guest Speaker: Rev. Lindsay Cumberpatch

Threads in weaving a 40 year ministry career

– Confessions of a somewhat unmethodical Methodist

6pm: A light shared meal

7pm: Presentation and discussion

Lindsay Cumberpatch is retired Methodist Minister who has had a varied and unorthodox career. He has been a Parish Minister, a University Chaplain, and worked for many years in the community sector with groups including the DV Bryant Trust, Kaivolution the Waikato food rescue service), the Hamilton Combined Christian Food-bank Trust, the Hamilton Christian Nightshelter Trust, Life Unlimited, and is Chair of the Hamilton Methodist Church Trust.

Insight at Night is opportunity to explore faith and society in a safe and engaging setting, where intellectual inquiry goes hand in hand with the faith journey. After a light meal, regular guest speakers and group discussions explore the meaning of Christianity for the 21st Century. Insight at Night is an extension of the weekly Insight Sunday morning café style church service.

We hope to once again make this a regular part of the Insight calendar so

SOLAR PANEL INSTALATION

Nothing beats the joy of when a plan becomes reality. Especially when those plans have been a long time in the making!

On August 24th and 25th the team from Lightforce came to Chartwell Cooperating Church to install 20 solar panels. Jack Brinkman was on hand to coordinate the installation.

This project started a long time ago and has been passionately supported by Warwick Silvester, Jack Brinkman, Erica Harris and the late Jock Crawford.

The funding of this project has been entirely done by specific bequests and a grant from the Methodist Church of New Zealand as part of their 10 year plan on Environmental Initiatives. Thanks to those who initiated and drove this project, this vision, the Chartwell Cooperating Church community will now benefit from reduced power bills and also a reduction of their carbon footprint.

In fact, these 20 panels should cover our power costs in summer and greatly reduce them over winter. There is space for another 20 panels so after we have assessed how these panels are working there is scope for further expansion.

TV One news are doing a piece for the news on the Eco Church movement that Chartwell Cooperating Church are a part of. They were there to see the installation and to interview our Eco Church Coordinator Anna Casey-Cox about our initiatives.



PARISH COUNCIL REPORT



As I write this in the week prior to the AGM, I reflect on the same period last year when my predecessor Carol Webb had very recently stepped down and I was reviewing her AGM Agenda so I could chair the meeting. So much has happened since then for me as I stepped up from the deputy to the Chairman of Parish Council. It has been a tumultuous year as I've grown (been thrown?!) into the role, with staff finishing, staff recruitments and now staff finishing due to financial constraints. Just when we seem to be getting into our 'new normal' after COVID restrictions, we face further challenges due to lingering COVID stress and changes to what's familiar. I personally feel that I've been pushed to my limits at times, however I can't help but recall Paul's words: "we are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed" (2 Cor.4:8-9). It makes me grateful that our God is loving and promises to never leave us for forsake us. I am also grateful for the ongoing support of my fellow Parish Council members and parishioners for keeping things running smoothly.

As you read this we will have new Parish Councillors in place to fill gaps left by those who have stepped down over the past year for various reasons: Jock Crawford, Raymond Mudford, Sylvia O'Leary, Neal Colyer, Fraser Graham. Thanks to them for their service and welcome to the newcomers.

Over the past few months, Parish Council has been reviewing how we use our facilities and how we promote ourselves, including how we might make the start of the 9:30 services to be more appealing to younger people. We've also turned our 3-year Strategic Plan into a draft Annual Plan and extended the Strategic Plan an additional year to allow more time to implement actions and plan for the next Strategic Plan. We have also had some challenging discussions on finances.

The recent redundancies of the Community Connections Coordinator and the Children, Youth and Family Facilitator were disappointing, to say the least, and I like many others felt a range of emotions. It seemed as though the sky was dark and waves were splashing over the side of the boat making us all very wet and uncomfortable and perhaps somewhat frightened of what would happen next. Again I look to the Bible and remember Peter on the water, stepping out in faith and starting to sink as he saw the impossible circumstances.

This reminds me to focus on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, as He will reach out to us when we call to Him and will walk with us to the destination. (Matt.14:22-33) I feel that while things look uncertain and we will need to change the way we do things, we are like branches being pruned so that what remains bears fruit. We must remain in the "true vine" if we are to bear much fruit - without Jesus we can do nothing (John 15:1-8). God has a plan for Chartwell Church and I trust that as we pray for the eight Strategic Focus areas that He will reveal His plan for us and prompt some among us to share ideas, some to take up new roles, and some to change how they do existing roles; thus allowing us to better function as the body, hands, and feet of Christ in our community. Thanks to all of you for praying for Chartwell Cooperating Church and our Strategic Focus areas.

EXECUTIVE TEAM

What a difference a few months can make: here we are without the two paid lay ministry roles that we believe are important to being this Christian community in Hamilton in the twenty first century.

The decision to disestablish those roles, while financially motivated, was difficult because it was not just about money – two people who have been valued members of our community must now look for employment elsewhere.

I would like to suggest that we take this change as an opportunity to reflect. Diana Butler Bass in *Christianity for the rest of us says that discernment is 'serious reflection on scripture, grounded in prayer and informed by experience. It is both deeply personal and entirely communal.'*

We can take stock by asking questions of God and listening carefully for God's wisdom for our community. Who are we? What does God want us to do? How can we be faithful to God's call?

To Daniel and Serrina, thank you for being part of this community. We wish you well in your future endeavours.

Thank you to the Executive Team members, Aaron Bennett, Jekheli Kibami Singh, Amie Matthews-Whenuaroa and Krish Nayer, for all you bring to Chartwell Church.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR CHARTER:

The editor would love to hear from you if you have a contribution for publication in Charter. If you have something you want to share, or come across an article you think others would find interesting then please let us know.

Email: office@chartwellchurch.org.nz or leave at the church office.

Deadline for next issue: Tuesday **24th November 2023**

Keri finished as our Parish administrator earlier this year after a long time in the job.

I want to take this opportunity to thank her for the outstanding job she did over many years. The job of Treasurer would be significantly bigger without the work that she has done, and I found that out first hand while the role was vacant until Sylvia started. Thank you to everyone who helped to carry the load during this vacancy, and also to Sylvia who has now stepped into the administrator role and picked up all the tasks that Keri was performing previously.

Thank you also to the others in Church leadership roles which I have worked with a lot this year. The Ministry team, Parish Council and the others on the Executive team are really a small group of people, doing their best to keep things running in our church. I especially want to thank Erica, who not only does a tireless amount of work applying for grant funding and leading the Executive team, but she is also part of a team looking after our parish IT, is on the Child, Youth and Family team, and also leads Insight on a rotational basis with Derek and myself.

In recent months we have had to face up to the reality that we do not currently have the level of income required to support the initiatives that we have previously committed ourselves to. We have invested heavily in outreach and support ministry which has been possible due to significant giving and grants, but this is no longer sustainable. All of us are experiencing increasing costs in our daily lives, and the Church is facing the same challenges of increasing costs.

While the church needs increased income to continue everything it is currently doing, with our church roll not growing, and many of our parishioners on fixed incomes, we cannot budget for large increases in giving in the short term.

Thank you to everyone who has responded to the stewardship appeal in June. This increase in income we received is an important part of allowing us to get through these challenging times and look to find creative ways of meeting our community needs in the future. We need to continue to work hard to connect with people outside our church walls, being a welcoming and engaging community that new members will be encouraged to be part of. We also need to continue to grow income from other sources. These are not short term fixes though, and we need to live within our current financial restrictions now.

When the budget for the last financial year was presented to the last AGM there was a significant cash shortfall. At that stage the focus was on continuing to invest in the outreach that we saw as incredibly valuable, and we would try to find new and increased sources of income to support this. Our financial reserves allowed this investment in the short term while we tried to find additional income.

Grant income was sourced to support some of our outreach, however cost increases in all other areas mean that we have finished the 2022/23 financial year with a loss of a very similar level to that original budget.

The cash reserves from prior years have been used up, so we do not have anything available to allow us to spend more than our income again this year. The budget for the 2023/24 year includes some modest increases in income, but also some large decreases in spending.

Aaron Bennett

	2023 Actual	2022 Actual	FY24 Budget
Parish Operations			
Income			
Regular Giving	189,380	186,720	200,000
Special Offerings	30,976	39,257	16,000
Sundry	7,085	7,438	7,000
Property Income	25,149	19,485	31,500
Covid Leave Support	1,077	7,913	0
Interest	9,116	5,793	10,000
Grants	37,152	19,309	32,000
Fundraising	17,143	19,269	18,000
After School Care	0	3,870	0
Missions sales table	1,213	1,188	1,200
Total Parish Income	318,291	310,242	315,700
Less Expenses			
Administration Wages	63,127	59,796	65,000
Administration Expenses	18,876	15,579	19,000
Worship and Ministry Expenses	6,924	3,688	7,000
Stipends & Expenses	179,699	145,051	134,000
Denominational Assessments	20,873	15,753	19,875
Overseas and Local Mission	3,200	7,200	267
Building Maintenance and Additions	15,861	12,922	20,000
Power, Insurance and Rates	28,962	20,350	30,000
Total Parish Expenses	337,522	280,339	295,142
Parish cash surplus/(deficit)	(19,231)	29,903	20,558
Capex	4,782	456	20,000
	(24,013)	29,447	558
Depreciation	23,238	26,130	23,000
Other groups	4,505	(3,862)	2,700
Total Surplus/(deficit)	(37,964)	(90)	258

FUNDRAISING

There are several grant applications awaiting responses but also some fundraising ideas that are being explored. If you have ideas for raising funds or reliable ongoing income, please talk to the team.

The Fair cometh!

The Fair Committee (Jack Brinkman, Amanda Bowcott and Erica Harris) has been working away in the background organising resources for the major pack-in day and making sure that the troops will be fed!

Collaboration for the Foodbank

On Sunday August 6th, Chartwell Girls Brigade joined Chartwell Cooperating Church in a special appeal for the Hamilton Christian Foodbank. It was great to hear from Chartwell Girls Brigade about how they had held a gala night to raise funds and how the girls had used this money to go shopping for items for the Foodbank.



These donations were joined with generous donations from Parishioners to enable us to make a significant donation to the Hamilton Christian Foodbank who gratefully accepted it with much thanks.



Selwyn Centre

Friendship & support for older people

These cold, bleak days, the Selwyn Centre folk are very happy to meet on Thursday mornings for their exercises, morning tea and programme. While I was away for five weeks, Marilyn, Joan and Linda ran the Centre, providing the morning programmes and extra care required by some guests.

Before I left, one of our newer guests, William Liddell, ran a quiz playing his clarinet. We had fun identifying the songs from the first couple of bars or so. The following week, Pat Leyland came with the old time dancers. A few of us managed to join in.

The first week Helen was away, David Lloyd (who started David's Emporium) gave a talk on humorous things that have happened to him on his many trips overseas. We had been asked to get him again after the guests had enjoyed the previous talk he gave us.



Marilyn Dunn presented with the balloon volleyball trophy named "Selwyn" by Lance Riches

The next week we enjoyed a trip to Morrinsville, where we certainly didn't starve, starting with a huge morning tea and then later, a big lunch. We had a quiz during morning tea and were then presented with the challenge of balloon volley ball which was followed by other games. We won the trophy, 'Selwyn', for the balloon volley-ball. We were particularly thankful it wasn't the quiz that we needed to win to get the trophy!



Chartwell Selwyn group playing Balloon Volleyball

The following week was a game of Bingo with the winners getting homemade chocolates made by Joan. A week later, Warwick Sylvester gave a very interesting talk on a trip he led to Nepal with the most breathtaking slide show to go with it. What a trip! Art and table games were the features of the next session.

On Helen's return, Marilyn shared about the emergency toiletry bags she makes up for parents of children in hospital.

On 10th August, our guest was the General Manager of the Regional Theatre, Gus Sharp. Gus was amazing. He explained how a theatre works, let us see how the theatre will look alongside the river, showed us the progress on site and answered our MANY questions. We are looking forward to visiting the theatre in early 2025 when it opens. This was followed by a cooking session taken by Elwyn, with tomato and bean soup and smoothies enjoyed by all.

Each week I am sharing a little of our holiday to Singapore, France, England and America. Thanks to Alec for putting photos up each week as time is available.

In Singapore we visited a St Luke's Elder Care facility which provides care for around 5,000 elderly folk daily with community care, home care and rehabilitation facilities. With all paid staff including chaplains, vans for picking up, morning, afternoon tea and lunch provided all in purpose built facilities, it was very different from what we have. So is the life they live, mainly in multistorey apartments.



At present we have two 1st year Occupational Therapy students attending our Selwyn group each week to learn to relate to elderly people as part of their studies. We are grateful for their help and friendship in the centre. We have also registered with Good Bitches Baking (GBB) who now help our kitchen volunteers by providing some of morning tea once a month.



At our recent volunteers meeting, a varied programme was planned for the rest of the year. This will include Lady Tureiti Moxon, as a guest speaker, a visit to the new Rototuna Library, life stories from some members, a sing-a-long, making and icing Christmas cakes, train journeys of the world, art and table games.

We currently have 26 guests attending, which means we can welcome 4-5 more people who need friends and exercise.

Marilyn Dunn and Helen McAlpine



FAITH IS....

Faith isn't meant to be comfortable, full of certainties and securities.

Faith is the "step into the unknown".

It is the "journey on" when faith seems all you have.

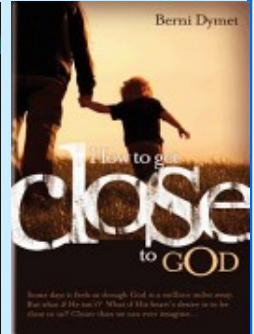
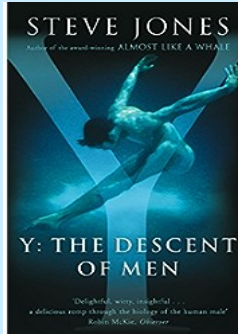
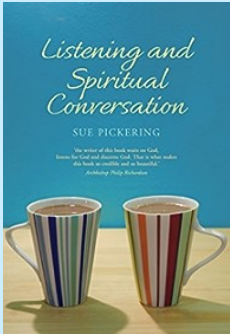
As a faith community we have an obligation to make a stand against inequality, injustice and hate We must be the hope, we must be the light.



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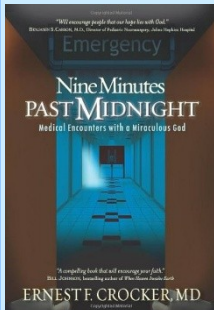
Fourteen new books for the library!

There are three clear groups of books that are new.

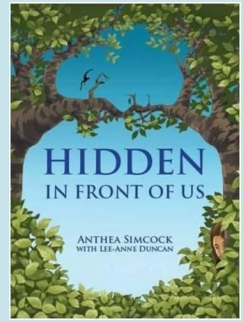
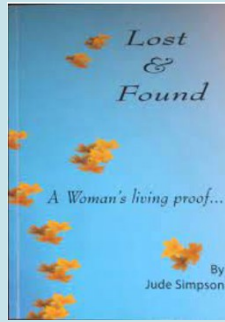
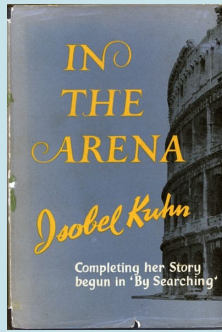
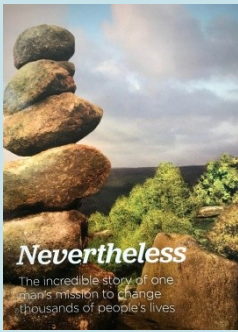


Group 1-These books encourage us to reflect and think about the way we express our faith and use it in practical and helpful ways for those we are close to and in the wider community.

- Listening and Spiritual Conversations by Sue Pickering
- You are Never Alone by Max Lucado
- The Descent of Men by Steve Jones
- How to get Close to God by Berni Dymet
- Nine Minutes Past Midnight by Dr Ernest F. Crocker
- Discussions on Income security, Debt to government and Wealth Distribution – Methodist alliance
- The Lord has done Great things for us by Barnabas aid.



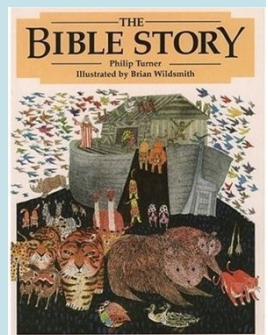
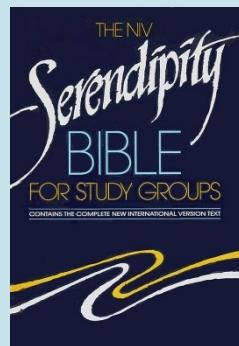
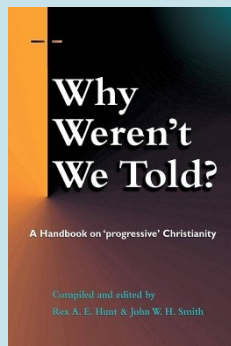
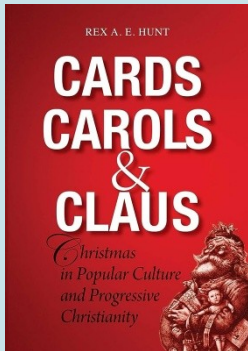
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Group 2 -These books are personal journeys that can inspire us to keep on our journey even in difficult times.

- Nevertheless by John Kirkby
- In The Arena by Isobel Kuhn
- Lost and Found by Jude Simpson
- Hidden In Front of Us by Anthea Simcock with Lee-Anne Duncan

The last two are local Hamilton and Tauranga written and published books.




Group 3 -These books are directly linked to the Bible and current study and thoughts in relation to our lives today.

- Cards Carols & Claus Christmas in Popular Culture and Progressive Christianity by Rex A. E. Hunt
- Why Weren't We Told? By Rex A. E. Hunt & John W. H. Smith
- The NIV Serendipity Bible for Study Groups
- The Bible Story by Philip Turner Illustrated by Brian Wildsmith

Books for those who can't wait!

Need something to read and can't wait for the book sale? There is a book trolley located in the Church Hall near the Hall Foyer. Bring along some coins for the pottle or drop them into the church office and choose what you like. It will be updated each week.



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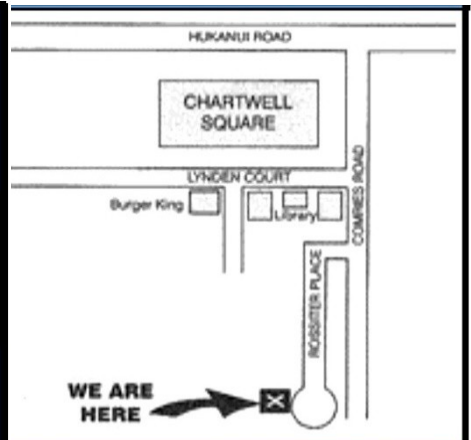
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