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Parish Information

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PARISH COUNCIL:	Chairman	Heather Kikkert
	Deputy Chair	Kelera Luvu
	Secretary	Annette Mudford
CHARTER:	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.





The Parish Council would like to invite the parish to nominate people suitable and available to represent the parish in the selection of the new minister.

There are two positions to join the two Anglican nominators, Anna Casey-Cox and Peter Allan. Nomination forms are available from the office and will be available on Sunday mornings. The nominators will be elected during a short, **special meeting on Sunday 28 April at 09:00.** All are welcome to join this special meeting.

Additionally, the Parish Council would like to invite the parish to a special meeting on **Sunday 12 May starting at 10:45** to share their views on what they would like in a new minister. This meeting will be facilitated by the Anglican diocese representatives. All members of the parish are welcome to attend. Those acting as nominators should make themselves available to attend this meeting so that they can represent the views of the parish.

I ask that you will continue to pray for the process of recruiting a new minister, that God will provide the right person for our special parish.

Kind regards, Heather Kikkert (PC Chairperson) The worship life of the Parish is central to our life and well-being. The key task of the worship committee is to ensure during this time of vacancy, that it happens well and that we continue to be able to offer all our regular services.

Jekheli worked very hard in the short time available to her before she finished at the end of January to ensure that the services for the February to April quarter, were all in place, this included the key season of Lent and the Easter celebrations.

We have been blessed to have from within our parish family, the services of the Rev'd Richard Lawrence, the Rev'd Gloria Zanders, along with Lay Preachers Mary West and Ngaire Southon on a regular basis. Mary has the added advantage of being licensed to serve the sacraments. The Rev'd Loris Eyre and the Rev'd Keith Ross have made themselves available for the mid-week service. Lay persons, Kelera Luvu and Paul Ellery have also made themselves available. Perhaps the biggest challenges are the Sunday 8am and Wednesday 10am Eucharistic services which need an ordained or licensed person to facilitate these.

Supporting us from outside the Parish in the first quarter we had the Rev'd Peter Bargh, and the Rev'd Peter Sampson [Anglican] and the Rev'd Alistair McBride [Presbyterian] and Deacon Margaret Birtles [Methodist].

We are very pleased to be able to report that the worship roster for the May to July quarter is complete, with continued assistance from some of those who helped us in the first quarter. A huge thank you to those who continue to offer their gifts through music, offering readings and preparing and offering prayers; also, to those who look after the sound and power point and Samuel Hollis who regularly looks after our zoom component. Then there are the stewards and welcomers and rostered members who gather up our children, with a special salutation to our office administrator Sylvia O'Leary who prepares the power point material and handles those endless questions/requests. Finally, where would we be without morning tea! You make a great team.

Insight services at 9.30 continue to have a steady attendance and are well led by Erica Harris, Derek Kingsbury, and Aaron Bennett. We are continually grateful for their willingness to facilitate these services, which offer opportunities for

interaction and sharing of ideas.

As a worship group we will be keeping in touch with those involved each Sunday, and where they are with us for the first time, we have people assigned to welcome/ introduce etc. Krish and Val Nayar – 8am and Margaret Clow – 9.30am.

We envisage that the task of the worship committee will be ongoing until such time as a new appointment is made, so if you have any questions or concerns, please let us know.

Your committee is Cheryl Andersson, Rav'd Richard Lawrence, Mary West, and the Rev'd Gloria Zanders [Convenor]

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT



We've had a number of meetings with our new Parish Council. The new members have brought fresh energy to discussions, and this can only benefit Chartwell Cooperating Church. Thank God for all our Parish Council members, for the different talents and insights they bring to the table. Ask God to give us all wisdom and discernment as we discuss parish matters, so that His name will be glorified through our church and as we share God's love with those around us.

Sadly, our Facilities Manager, Amie Matthews-Whenuaroa, resigned in January due to health reasons. Amie was a blessing to Chartwell Church through this role through actions such as, planning and implementing the restrictions for meeting during COVID, improving our facility bookings and managing changes to storage for facility users. I wish to thank her for her dedication to the role.

As you will read in Charter, we are under way with the ministerial appointment process following the Anglican guidelines. Please pray for the process and for God to provide someone to guide our Parish. As part of this we will be holding special meetings to appointment people to the appointment committee and to keep the Parish informed. Please keep an eye on the weekly newsletters to stay informed about any upcoming events as part of this process.

Heather Kikkert Chairperson



EXECUTIVE TEAM

What a lot of changes we've experienced over the last few months!

Sylvia, Derek, and the Property Committee have done

a wonderful job of working together to ensure that bookings, repairs and maintenance, and general facility administration continue now that Amie is no longer with us.

The Executive Team is down to three members with the departure of Reverend Jekheli. One more person who has energy and enjoys operational management would be a great boon.

The team is trialling meeting formally once every couple of months and touching base regularly in between times. We feel this is a better model for a team responsible for day-to-day operational management.



FINANCES

The current year finances were tracking towards a very small surplus (pretty much in line with the budget) before the month of February. Of course there have been significant savings on stipends and admin costs in February since the ministry vacancy

began which has moved the church into a healthier short-term surplus position.

Income is almost exactly the same as last year, but the drop in the costs (ministry) is why we are in a surplus position this year whereas last year we had spent a lot more than we had received.

NB. A more detailed financial profile will be available in the next edition of Charter



FUNDRAISING

The Fundraising Team met in January to brainstorm alternatives to the Annual Fair. The Fair is no longer sustainable in a world that has changed markedly from its heyday. We need to find different ways to connect with the wider com-

munity, support economically disadvantaged families, provide opportunities for our Church community to work together and raise funds to continue providing a place where community groups can come together, a place for our community programmes and a place where we can worship together. And finally, we need fundraising events that don't wear out our volunteers!

After consultation with various people within the Church we are going to try a new approach: rather than one big Fair we will be holding an Autumn Sale at the end of April and a Spring Sale in mid-October.

We will also be putting more focus on online sales and looking at other events that bring us and the community together. Grant applications will also continue to be a core part of sourcing funds to keep Chartwell Cooperating Church vibrant.







Our entire youth group and their families would very much like to thank everyone who has supported financially or spiritually to the Easter Camp campaign.

Everyone stepped up and it was amazing!

Our young adults stepped up and asked if they could take a group to Easter Camp. Our Youth and Family Committee stepped up and provided the leaders with their full support and gave planning assistance.

The youth stepped up, signed up and got really involved and excited about the fundraising and the upcoming camp adventures.

The families of our campers stepped up and helped prepare food, gear and gave us their young people to look after.

So many in the parish stepped up and gave financial support our "sponsor-a-camper campaign" which helped subsidise campers and allow us to have a communal marquee hub during camp.

Even more people in the parish stepped up by coming along to our Luncheon and our Bake Sale , by buying the yummy food and by giving us so much encouragement. This support allowed us to get VIBE youth group t-shirts.

AND...

Everyone in the parish stepped up with kind words, smiles, encouragement and prayers for our young people and the leaders who went off to camp.

The experience at Easter Camp was EPIC and all the youth had a fabulous time! Your support means the absolute world to us all.

From the VIBE youth group





EASTER CAMP 2024



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The World Day of Prayer is an interdenominational, ecumenical event and is held annually on the first Friday of March each year.

The theme for 2024 was "I Beg You... Bear with One Another in Love". ("Ephesians 4:1-3")

Chartwell Co-operating Church hosted a successful World Day of Prayer event this year.

The team organising the day did a fabulous job with dressing the Worship Centre. The communion table was dressed in flowers, citrus, and olive branches and smelt and looked beautiful!

As we entered the Church, we were all given a part of an Olive branch and when sharing the "Peace" we swapped our olive branches with each other.

We were blessed to have a service written by several Palestine Christian women over several years. It was an in depth and a personal, beautiful service relating to their family struggles and beliefs, which included songs and prayers.

A thank you goes to all the different churches who are involved and participate to make this service extra special.

An extra big thank you to our Chartwell Church congregation who supported and helped prior as well as on the day. Also to our catering team for providing a wonderful morning tea.

MESSY CHURCH

We have been blessed with an amazing bunch of volunteers helpers and some amazing weather for our three Messy Church events so far in 2024.

We kicked off with a yummy, sunny and fun PANCAKE PARTY on Shrove Tuesday to celebrate the beginning of Lent. What a stunning array of toppings and a huge stack of pancakes! Compliments to the chef!

This was very closely followed by our "Tale of Two Builders" themed Messy Church at the end of February. I think we have some budding architects in our midst.

Of course the next Messy Church was a real Messy Easter being held on the afternoon of Palm Sunday. Loads of fun telling the Easter Story in an interactive "buildthe-story" fashion with a bit of a chocolate egg hunt to finish up!

At each of these events we have been blessed to see many familiar faces who are part of our regular Messy Church congregation, but also so many new families have been welcomed in also.

Messy Church is all about making church accessible to anyone but is targeted at families. It's a great way to be able to be involved in church in an interactive way.

If you would like to join us for Messy Church—we always meet on the 4th Sunday of each month from 4-5:30pm. You and everyone you know

are always invited! Our next event is on Sunday 28th April with the theme of "Water is Life".





Edible Artworks! Tasty Treats! Pancake Perfection!



The Two Builders Messy church included some architectural genius!

Chartwell Church invites you to...

WATER IS LIF Sunday 28th April 4pm-5:30pm

@ Chartwell Church Hall, 124 Comries Rd, Chartwell

A relaxed, interactive, family-focused event for all ages Games - Interactive - Crafts - Free For more info: phone 8557434 email office@chartwellchurch.org.nz www.chartwellchurch.co.nz



We are so very pleased to have Linda Thom officially take up the role as Facilitator for our Mainly Music sessions on a Friday morning. Linda's energy and organisation is fabulous and her lovely assistant Eden is super helpful.

They are a part of a wonderful team who help welcome and provide morning tea for all those attending each week during school terms. Many hands really do make light work.

A huge thanks to Linda (and Eden) for taking the reins and for keeping this important ministry and community service running and growing!



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It has been a while since our last update so bear with me as I have so much to share with you all.

Ahead of Christmas, we had a busy time making and icing 32 small Christmas cakes to share with our friends and families when they visit. With help from our first year Occupational Therapy students, Megan and Kaia, who made the cardboard boxes, the ingredients for four wedding cake mixes were collected from the pantry table and stirred together before being spooned into the boxes and baked in 4 ovens. Then two weeks later iced and proudly taken home, and we hear some are already eaten.





Making and icing individual Christmas cakes with help from our two OT trainee students.



Around this our weekly Thursday programme continued with Lady Tureiti Moxon informing us about Te Kohao Health Centre and the wide range of services provided and planned there. Ray Mudford joined us to take us on amazing train trips around the world without leaving out seats. The following week Carol Way brought her piano accordion, playing along with Helen Ray on her guitar for a sing-a-long of old favourites with Alec adding some from YouTube. Megan and Kaia OT didn't know the songs! Sharon Preston from BUPA shared with us how respite care and short stays can be organised and what to look for when choosing residential care which is something several of our guests have experienced recently.

One of the special times in our centre is when guests share their life stories. Wendy and Allan Fairweather shared of early lives in England before going separately to South Africa with Allan working in the tobacco industry and being involved in Scouts before following family to NZ. Later Dale Andrew told how her compulsive knitting skills and creativity came from her mum, and the wide range of administrative skills she built up over several jobs, her love for gardening and family. That day Gwen came back on her first visit from Awatere and we celebrated her 90th birthday together with a special cake. A very happy but tiring morning for Gwen.

On 5th October, we joined up at Alfies Café for morning tea before going across to the new Rototuna Library where the staff gave us a talk and tour of the facility – very different from other libraries with a café, teaching and use of 3D printing on the computer, ability to look up heritage and archive information, enlarging print machine and ease of issue and return of books.

The following week the mobile Pharmacist spoke about medications and answered questions. They are available for home visits to help people with multiple medications ensure they understand what they are for and how best to take them, writing it down on a summary sheet for easy reference. They can also talk with GP regarding medication use.

Selwyn Showdown was a quiz morning organised by the OT students. St Lukes Selwyn Centre joined us for a fun morning which involved 6 categories of questions, many based on events from the past. Sadly St Lukes ended with more correct answers and we presented Selwyn (the Waikato Selwyn Centre trophy) to them.

We were thrilled to have author Dawn McMillan join us for the third time to read several of her recent books including "My bum is so Christmassy" and "When Grandpa Wore a Tutu" taken from when she was little. Our women had fun at Vinnies Op Shop and Caroline Eve, helping each other add to their wardrobes while the men went to the Men's Shed at Linda Jones – and I went tramping. Thank you to Marilyn and Joan for being great 2IC people.

We have been thankful to have Megan and Kaia from Occupational Therapy School at WINTEC with us for 13 weeks. They helped in many ways and guests enjoyed their company. With the range of health problems, surgeries and accidents increasing as people age, it is lovely to see the support and friendship guests and volunteers give to each other – our Selwyn family is a caring place where anyone is welcome.



Left: Some of our guests visited Vinnie's Op Shop and Caroline Eve

Below: Alan and Wendy at the celebration of the King's Coronation.



Left: Dawn McMillan shared her new book with us.

Below: Dale told us her life story and about a visit to White Island.



Above: The 90th birthdays of Gwen Kentish and Wendy Upton who have been guests and recently moved into Awatere.





During Christmas holidays, Chartwell library again organised two Thursday morning programmes for us, the second being very special with the top NZ Barber Shop chorus singing.

Our 2024 programme is well underway and has included the interesting history of Albertland from Alec, amazing miniatures made by Kathy, a tour of Judy and Robins' wonderful garden and outdoor games to name a few. A special time in our centre is when guests share their life stories which are varied and sometimes span several continents.

Following contact from Fleur at GBB (Good Bitches Baking), we now have boxes of lovely home baking provided weekly for morning tea. After receiving a grant last year to fund frozen meals for when Selwyn Centre folk are unwell or at times unable to make healthy meals, the volunteers have had a couple of big cook-ups which are greatly appreciated. With the range of health problems, surgeries and accidents increasing as people age – we currently have 7 over 90 years, it is lovely to see the support and friendship guests and volunteers give to each other – our Selwyn family is a caring place where anyone is welcome to enjoy exercise, friendship, tasty morning tea and a varied, interesting programme.

Helen McAlpine -Coordinator



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Eco Corner

(brought to you by the Chartwell Eco Church team)

Chartwell Church is an Eco Church. We regularly share tips on aspects of Creation Care and how to bring this into our everyday lives.



A group of Chartwell Eco Church committee members attended the A Rocha (Eco Church NZ) "Coffee, Cake, and Conservation" workshop on 23rd March.

The workshop was led by Krystel van Houte, the New Zealand director of A Rocha, and Rebecca Webb, the A Rocha Regional Eco Church Coordinator.

In addition to fellowship and net-

working (and coffee and cake!), the morning featured a series of very informative short talks on topics including biodiversity conservation, greenhouse gas emissions calculators, waste management, community gardens, and kumara growing.

Our own Jack Brinkman gave an excellent presentation about our very successful repair café (which followed on perfectly after the waste management talk!).

Tim Cox also gave a very short blurb about our church's solar project, including estimated power bill savings (\$200 per month during the summer!).

All in all, it was a thoroughly enjoyable, informative, and inspiring morning!

We look forward to more collaborations with our

extended Eco Church whanau in the future.



SOLAR PANEL UPDATE

Our solar panel initiative has been very successful both financially and environmentally. It has also allowed us to lead the way and offer advice and inspiration to other churches who are looking to mitigate their environmental impact.

Chartwell Cooperating Parish Solar Power Initiative

- 14 panels installed in August 2023
- Total cost was ~ \$20,000
- Light Force Solar NZ completed the installation
- Funding from Parish donations + Methodist Trust Grant (50-50)

Below are some details about the early returns from October to January. February isn't included in the analysis but would have undoubtably had been big savings also.

Oct 2023 – Jan 2024 comparison to Oct 2022 – Jan 2023:

- Saved 450 KWh of grid usage per month (~ 35%)
- Saved ~\$200 per month on power bill (export credit + direct solar)

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 the next issue will be announced.

BELLBIRDS at the MUSEUM

The group is the Bellbirds group enjoyed a fabulous visit to the Hamilton Museum recently There are some lovely displays and exhibits at the moment but the favourite of the group was definitely the Wharenui Harikoa exhibition.

Wharenui Harikoa (House of Joy) is Lissy and Rudi's most ambitious creation to date—a full-scale wharenui (meeting house) featuring vibrant poupou (wall pillars), tekoteko (carved human forms), tukutuku panels (patterned wall panels) and adorned pou tokomanawa (carved centre-post) completely crocheted by hand.

Bringing together bright, neon colours and traditional toi whakairo (Maaori carving) shapes, their mahi offers a new way of understanding the importance of joy and aroha within te ao Maaori. The aim of *Wharenui Harikoa* is to manifest intergenerational healing and deeply felt joy, one loop at a time, connecting all people and igniting joy globally.

Connecting their community stitch by stitch, *Wharenui Harikoa* is an ongoing project brought to life by a huge network of helpers—including contributions from international textile artists and a collaboration with Ootautahi Christchurchbased Outlaw Yarn to produce 300kg of custom hot pink yarn.

This exhibition of Wharenui Harikoa aims to explore the pain and loss we have all experienced in life while transporting the audience on a joyful and healing journey.



From the left: Carol Way, Sylvia Williams, Margaret Clow, Glenise Ferguson, Val Findlay and Jennifer Twohill.

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<u>Contact:</u> Ruth 855 6048 <u>Alternatively:</u> Christine 855 3052 Join us for: Fun Trips Lunches Speakers Fellowship

Second Wednesday of each month 1pm to 3 pm Chartwell Cooperating Church Hall

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A Little Laugh

A little girl finally got to attend a wedding for the first time. While in the church, the girl asked her mother: "Why is the bride dressed in white?" The mother replied to the girl: "because white is the color of happiness and it's the happiest day of her life today."

After a little bit, the girl looks up at her mother and says: "But, then why is the groom wearing black?"

Shortly after tying the knot, a young married couple started arguing over who should make the coffee. Being a good Christian woman, the wife went to the scriptures for her answer. She said that the Bible specifically stated that men should be the ones to make the coffee.

Puzzled, the husband asked her where in the Bible it said that. Very confidently, the wife opened up her Bible and said: "It's right here—HEBREWS."

A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom as the children drew pictures. The teacher would occasionally walk around and see each child's artwork. As she approached one little girl who was working especially hard, she asked what the drawing was.

The little girl told her: "I'm drawing God!"

"But sweety," the teacher replied, "no one actually knows what God looks like." Automatically, the little girl continued drawing and said: "well, they certainly will in a minute!"



CHARTWELL CHURCH Now is the time to bring your electric blankets and heaters in for testing!

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Small Electrical, Books, Toys,

Wooden items and more!

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1st Saturday of the month 2 - 4 pm





New additions to the Library cover a variety of perspectives and can make interesting reading.



1. The first group focus on different ways to look at God.

The Case For God by Karen Armstrong The Liturgy of the Eucharist Saving Jesus From The Church by Robin R. Meyers Christianity Without God by Lloyd Geering Study Leave by Paul Dyer





2. Focus on the connection between the Church and our environment. Rekindle the Va of Papatuanuku – Methodist Church of New Zealand The Greening of Christianity by Lloyd Geering



3. A look at the connections between faiths and how we interact.

Why Did Jesus, Moses, The Buddha and Mohammed Cross the Road-

by Brian D. McLaren

Shalom by Lester J. Reid

Growing Multicultural Congregations -Edited by Myong Duk Yang



4. How different members of the community interact with faith. Creative Leadership Series, Woman as Pastors by Lyle E. Schaller Aware & Attentive 'Worship' In Evolving Christianity by John Bodycomb Womanspirit Rising A Feminist reader in Religion edited by Carol P. Christ and Judith Plaskow

Uniting Sexuality and Faith by The Uniting Church in Australia

Please check if you have some church library books at home and return them when you have read them.



Books for those who can't wait!

Need something to read and can't wait for the book sale? There is a book case 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.



The 60s Up Movement Inc is opening a branch in Chartwell, Hamilton

> Come along to an initial meeting on April 20th at 1pm Chartwell Cooperating church

Anyone over 50 who would enjoy friendship, entertainment, speakers, day trips and more is welcome. More info on the noticeboard

Should this initiative become established, there will be monthly events available during the week.





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SENDER Chartwell Church P.O. Box 12034 HAMILTON