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**OUR MISSION IS:
“TO KNOW AND SHARE
GOD’S LOVE”.
KIA MAU, KIA URU TE AROHA
O TE ATUA**

**Patronal Festival and Confirmations
Chartwell Cooperating Church 60th Birthday
Our Stories**

21 June 2026



Processional Hymn – O, when the saints go marching in

Welcome and notices – led by Rev. Peter Bargh

We recognise the leaders from our Church Partners

- *Co-Superintendent Deacon Margaret Birtles – Waikato-Waiariki Methodist Synod*
- *Julianne Managh – Children, Youth & Families Ministry Coach, Kaimai Presbytery*
- *Bishop Philip Richardson – Anglican Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki*



Gathering

Come, gather now as God's rainbow people,
fellow travellers whose many journeys meet here.

**In the name of God we gather,
we challenge ourselves to grow and dream.**

God enfolds us, brings us life and breath;
Christ is our light to show the way:

Come, Holy Spirit, inspire us in our worship.

We remember how you inspired the saints of old
from the apostles to Alban, the patron saint of this community.

**And we give thanks for those many saints
whose lives have graced our own and enriched the life of this parish.**

Saint Alban gave shelter to a Christian fleeing persecution and in his hospitality experienced the grace of Christ and taking on the faith. He was arrested and eventually executed for his faith, becoming the first Christian martyr in Britain, with the Cathedral of St Alban's being built near the site of his beheading.

In the First Epistle of John we hear that: This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

- 1 John 3:16

**Almighty God,
we thank you for this place built to your glory
and in memory of Alban, the first Christian martyr of Britain,
and the Patron Saint of our Parish.**

**Following his example, in the fellowship of the saints,
may we worship and adore the true and living God
and be faithful witnesses to the Christ
who is alive and reigns now and forever. Amen.**

We celebrate, too, the 60th anniversary of Chartwell Cooperating Parish.
We remember those who have been involved in the parish over the years.
The parish has been collecting some of the stories of early parishioners recently,
efforts that are ongoing.

We give thanks to God for the stories that have been collated over the years,
including this booklet put together for the 50th anniversary a decade ago and
the Land Story written four years ago.

**God, we give thanks, too, for the stories and memories we hold
of our times in this church.**

**May we be blessed by the experiences we have had
and continue to be a blessing to one another and the wider community.**

As we give thanks for the life of this community, we give thanks to God, the source of all life and goodness, as we sing the first verse of *Be thou my vision*.

Hymn - Be Thou my Vision

Readings

Jeremiah 29:11 - *Marina Grantham-Campbell*

For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.

Hebrews 10: 24-25 - *Marina Grantham-Campbell*

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel according to Saint Mark (1:14-20). - *Wioletta Guilfoyle*

After John the Baptist was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Pause

For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us.

Thanks be to God.



Reflection – *Julianne Managh*

Confirmation

E te whānau a te Karaiti, God is love, God gives us life.
We love because God first loves us.
In baptism God declares that love;
in Christ God calls us to respond.

Bishop Philip, Co-Superintendent Margaret and Julianne,
we present Brendon, Cleeve, Erica, Lottie and Tracey to
profess their faith.



Sister and brothers in Christ,
we are delighted to welcome you as you come to profess your faith.

In baptism, you were made disciples of Christ,
and signed with the cross.

Come now to receive the laying on of hands with prayer,
to strengthen you for the work of God's kingdom.

Praise to God who has given us life.

Blessed be God for the gift of love.

Praise to God who forgives our sin.

Blessed be God who sets us free.

Praise to God who kindles our faith.

Blessed be God, our strength, our hope.

Let us, the baptised, affirm that we renounce evil
and commit our lives to Christ.

Blessed be God. JESUS IS LORD!



What do you commit yourself to?

To you, O God, I give my trust, my allegiance and my commitment.

I pledge to follow the teachings and example of Jesus Christ.

I accept the promptings and inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

**God of love, we give thanks for our own calling
to be disciples of Christ.**

**Through our lives of faith and love
may your grace be known and your name honoured;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Those who are baptised are called to worship and serve God.

From the beginning, believers have continued

in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,

in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.

Will you commit yourself to this life?

I will, with God's help.

Will you forgive others, as you are forgiven?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek to love your neighbour as yourself, and strive for peace and justice?

I will, with God's help.

Will you accept the cost of following Jesus Christ in your daily life and work?

I will, with God's help.

With the whole Church, will you proclaim by word and action the Good News of
God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Reflection from Candidates

Brendon Graham and Tracey Gawn



The Laying on of Hands:



Let us pray for these candidates
who have declared their commitment to Christ's service.

Our help is in the name of the eternal God,
who is making the heavens and the earth.

Come Holy Spirit,
bearing gifts of grace.

God of mercy and love,
new birth by water and the Spirit is your gift,
a gift that none can take away;
grant that your servants may grow
into the fullness of the stature of Christ.

Fill them with the joy of your presence.
Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of love, patience and gentleness,
the spirit of wonder and true holiness.

Holy Spirit, giver of life, may Brendon/Cleeve/Erica/Lottie/Tracey be
strengthened with your gifts of grace, to love and serve as a disciple of Christ.
Guide, protect, uphold *her/him* that *s/he* may continue yours forever. **Amen.**

Living God, empower your disciples to bring life to the world.

**Amen! May we and they together
be found in Christ and Christ in us.**

May the mystery of God enfold you.

**May the wisdom of God uphold you.
May the fragrance of God be around you.
May the brightness of God surround you.
May the wonder of God renew you.
May the loving of God flow through you.
May the peace of God deeply move you.
May the moving of God bring you peace.**



Invocation Hymn: Wairua Tapu, kuhu mai

Celebration and Commissioning for Ministry

Cleeve and Lottie, Brendon, Erica and Tracey,
With all the baptised you share responsibility for
ministry in the world.

May God's Spirit guide you to be Christ's disciples in
this land of Aotearoa.

People of Chartwell Church:

love, encourage and support Cleeve and Lottie,
Brendon, Erica and Tracey,
that they may continue to grow in grace and the
knowledge and love of God.

**With God's help we will live out our baptism
and confirmation**

as a loving community in Christ:

nurturing one another in faith,

upholding one another in prayer and encouraging one another in service.





Prayers of the People – led by Jean and Keith Ross



Kua akona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki, ka waiata tatou:

**E tō mātou Matua i te rangi
Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.
Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.
Kia meatia tāu e pai ai
ki runga ki te whenua,
kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.
Hōmai ki a mātou āiane
he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.
Murua ō mātou hara,
Me mātou hoki e muru nei
i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.
Āua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;
Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:
Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha,
me te korōria,
Āke ake ake. Āmine.**

Recognition of Ministry – *led by Bishop Philip*





The Peace

Let us renew our resolution to be sisters and brothers in Christ,
regardless of any kind of division that separates us from one another.

**In the sharing of a sign of peace,
may we show resolve to be God's family;
and that one Spirit unites us.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Song – Come to the table

Offertory Prayer

Thank you God that you have given us so many things to enjoy.

**We give you back these gifts of money, bread and wine,
and ask you to bless them.**

Communion



Prayer after Communion

From scattered, lonely places we came to you and to one another.

You have fed our hunger with life itself,

and here we have been touched by human friendship.

Send us on our way, with your pulse of life beating in us,

as we rejoice in freedom and belonging,

joining our dance with yours and that of all creation. Amen.

Blessing

Recessional Hymn – God who sets us on a journey

Dismissal

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

Amen, we go in the name of Christ.

Celebration Morning Tea in the Hall













Short stories collected from long time church members for this booklet

Val & Krish Nayar:

We have been at Chartwell Church since 1990. It was the first time we were attending a co-operating parish, having attended only Anglican churches till then. So, we were a bit unsure as to what to expect.

But the welcome and friendship extended to us made us feel that we had made the right choice. Ministers at that time were Bruce & Dianne Miller-Keely and David Evans. We met for worship in what is now the church hall. Gradually we got involved in some of the church activities which gave us a feeling of belonging and being a part of the church family. We pray and hope that the church keeps growing stronger in fellowship and spirit and continues to be as welcoming to new members as it was to us when we arrived in Hamilton.

Annette Leach:

Ron Leach was the Fair Convenor for many years. The fairs were a real community effort - the Young Wives Groups (there were 2 - Queenwood and Chartwell) got the sewing machines into action and made everything from children's clothes to novelties. The Fairs were very popular and served to bring the community together. Many lifelong friendships were forged as people became involved in the life of the Church. It was a common sight to see the women with their babies in parked prams working alongside the men at working bees.

Chartwell Church grew with the community. The Sunday School (under the leadership of Nancy Clark) was so well attended it was held in the Bankwood School facility.

Cherry Ladd:

Trevor & I joined Chartwell Cooperating Parish as it shifted to its current site in Chartwell, amid great excitement that the Parish was able to do so thanks to the generosity of a couple of parishioners. All 3 of our children were baptised in the "original" worship centre. I was among the few people who organised the first "Gala" event and have happy memories of our involvement in Church life. I was one of many who finally did not have to move chairs each Sunday. We had a trolley to do the lifting until at last, they were permanently set out. The variety of ministers made for interesting "thought" processes and interesting discussions in the financial group I was with, especially the differences in the allowances between the 3 Churches involved over the years.

Jeanette Dyer:

George and I joined St Albans from Fairfield Presbyterian in the mid-1970's when I also joined St Alban's Fellowship Group when it split from Chartwell Young Wives due to increasing numbers. I was the Parish Secretary in the 1980's, employed for 2 part days per week - Monday and Friday 5-6 hours each day. My tasks were many and varied - including Secretary of the Parish Council. Every Monday I had to unlock the safe and count and record the offerings. I typed up the service sheets for both the 8 o'clock and 9.30 services each week and also the monthly edition of Charter. Then with the aid of the Gestetner machine, I printed it ready for the women's groups who were on a roster for collating, stapling and folding. The Charter was posted to a few parishioners who lived outside the Chartwell area and the rest (I think it was about 150) were delivered by a local youth for the princely sum of \$10. When I took on the role David Ansell was the Methodist Minister part-time at St Albans and shortly after Tom Somerville joined him in a full-time role. Sadly, Tom died suddenly while he was a Minister at St Albans which was a shock to all. Tom was a very talented pianist, and I think he 'tinkled the ivories' in every home in the parish that had a piano.

Marilyn Dunn:

My husband & I arrived in Chartwell in 1982 with our then, one year old son. After joining St Albans, as it was then known, I was relieved to find there was a playgroup being held each week. It was a small room (possibly one of the ministry offices now) that opened out to a fenced area. It was there I first met 2 other mums who became my very close lifelong friends.

A few years later, I joined the Good News Singers, which was our church choir, and I was a member for over 20 years. In all that time I was always the youngest member!

I was in Young Wives and when that finished, I joined St Albans Fellowship of which I'm still a member. I've always been involved with various other church activities during those 44 years.

Just a few of my happy memories.

Yeolande Luker:

The church started where it is in the 70's and a man went and visited the family. Mr Cable was the minister. We were going to church regularly with Phillip and Heather going to the Sunday School. Heather was the 2nd one to join. The Bellbirds Family Group started a bit later on and I was part of that. Elizabeth was playing the piano when she joined so it was after that she started playing the

piano at church. Heather and Phillip were both baptised at church. I became a pastoral visitor. I went to the popular winter lunches and really enjoyed them, and later on I attended the Selwyn Centre. The church was part of my life, and I enjoyed meeting people and participating in activities.

Derek Kingsbury - A Place to Belong:

Growing up in this parish, I have many fond memories of the families who made it such a special place and the genuine sense of community that came with it. It was a place where people really knew you, where friendships were formed, and where belonging matters.

I remember fundraising for the building projects. church fairs, concerts, silent auctions, printed bags, tea towels, and the inevitable parish cookbook. Those cookbooks were treasured collections of secret family recipes, including detailed instructions on how to make the perfect Christmas cake. Of course, faithfully following those instructions became increasingly difficult after repeatedly "testing" the cooking sherry to make sure it was up to standard. Quality control was taken very seriously!

For me, Chartwell has always been a place of belonging. Like any community, there have been times when I have felt disappointment or even shame over decisions that were made. Yet those moments are only part of the story. More often, I have felt immense pride in the way we have responded to challenges, embraced our social responsibilities, and sought to serve our wider community. What has remained constant is the spirit of the people—a willingness to care, to help, and to journey together. To empower and honour our diversity. That, more than anything, for me is what makes Chartwell home.

Chartwell Cooperating Parish is my Turangawaewae and has been for fifty one years. It is my place of belonging, connection and community. It has been an important forum for discussion of faith development and social inclusion, justice and action. Chartwell Church is my marae

My mahi here is part of honouring those who had the vision and aroha to develop our parish. Those who had the idea of what could happen if we were to create a cooperating parish with courageous curiosity and honouring our diversity.

I cannot claim this place belongs me but know I belong to this place.

Russ Young:

I was, with my wife Marilyn, teaching Sunday School at the church in Herbert Rd from 1964. We used to attend St Aidans 8 o'clock communion, then hot foot it down to the church in Herbert Rd to take the Sunday School. As we transitioned to the Cooperating venture, we kept up our work as Sunday School teachers and when the cooperating venture was announced we transitioned to the 'new' church full time. Derek was in the congregation as a school boy and attended our Sunday School. He has continued to be a wonderful asset to the 'newly' formed church ever since.

A brief overview of the transition of St Alban's church to Chartwell Cooperating Church (St Albans)

St Albans Parish church began as an extension of St Aidan's Claudelands Parish. The church was built on the corner of Comries and Herbert Roads, to serve the new suburbs of Queenwood and Chartwell. It became the only community building in the area.

In 1966 a core group of local Christians from Presbyterian, Methodist and Anglican backgrounds agreed that if they worked together as one church, pooling their collective resources then they would provide a natural focus for Christian worship and action in the neighbourhood. As a result, combined worship began. This concept was in accord with the growing enthusiasm within the national churches for progress towards unity. It was in this context that Chartwell Cooperating Church became an active reality. Community use of its facilities was encouraged from the beginning. It provided a home for Plunket, a Kindergarten and a large indoor bowls club. It sponsored annual community flower shows and an annual Spring Fair. Very active Women and Youth groups were established underpinned by a very large Sunday school.

The four-bedroom Anglican Vicarage in Comries Rd became the residence for many years for the full time clergy of the new amalgamated church. In 1973, because of the need for more space, it was decided to relocate the Anglican church building to the large Methodist site on the corner of Belmont Avenue and Comries Road, Chartwell. Thanks to the Presbyterian funds the complex was greatly extended on its new site by June 1975.

Around this time the Parish was re-formed under national guidelines, as the Cooperating Parish of St Albans Chartwell and in July St Mary's Gordonton was released from the Cathedral Parish to become a part of the Cooperating Parish. They are now a stand-alone Parish again. From 1977 to 1983 the Rototuna Methodist Church was also a part of the Parish. Through the years Ministry has been provided from each of the three governing denominations. In the 1980's the name of the church was officially changed to Chartwell Cooperating Church (St Alban's)

As a response to continuing church growth and needs of the community, the church complex has been enlarged, altered and added to a number of times. In

2000 the completion of this wonderful worship centre has given additional space and more flexibility within the complex.

We rejoice in the growth of the Youth and Family Ministry, the continued use of the facilities by the wider community and we look forward to serving in a vibrant, diverse and strong faith filled congregation in the future.

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