

**ST ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR FIFTEEN MONTHS ENDING 31 MARCH 2015**

| 1. Land and Buildings                         | Land                 | Buildings              | Total                 |
|---|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Matamata Church and<br>Matamata Social Centre | 210,000.00           | 785,000.00             | 1,005,000.00          |
| Matamata Manse and<br>Matamata Youth Block    | 175,000.00           | 345,000.00             | 520,000.00            |
| Waharoa Church                                | 119,000.00           | 36,000.00              | 155,000.00            |
|   | <u>\$ 504,000.00</u> | <u>\$ 1,178,000.00</u> | <u>\$1,680,000.00</u> |

2. A complete historical schedule of Furniture and Equipment is available on request. Assets acquired during the period are as follows:

| <u>Purchased</u>           |       |               |
|----------------------------|-------|---------------|
| Carpet Square              | 432   |               |
| Answerphone                | 99    |               |
| Carpet                     | 5,815 |               |
| Gazebo (per donated funds) | 1,000 |               |
| Sound System Upgrade       | 2,667 |               |
| Urns                       | 766   |               |
|                            |       | <u>10,569</u> |
| <u>Donated</u>             |       |               |
| Curtains                   | 2,826 |               |
| Sony TV                    | 100   |               |
| Speakers                   | 500   |               |
| Music Stands               | 320   |               |
| Microphone Stands          | 140   |               |
| Keyboard                   | 2,900 |               |
|                            |       | <u>6,786</u>  |

3. **Accounts Payable**  
March 2015 transactions paid in the normal course of business in April 2015 \$2,300.50
4. The summary of Financial Reports from Satellite Activities should be read in conjunction with main report for the Church.
5. Comparison with the previous year's figures in the left hand columns needs to allow for the Fifteen Month report in 2015.

**REVIEWER'S REPORT (Abbreviated)**

To the readers of the financial statements of the St Andrews Presbyterian Church. I have reviewed the financial performances of the Church and associated activities and their financial position as at 31 March 2015.

**Opinion**

I concluded my review in accordance with generally accepted reviewing standards in New Zealand. I planned and performed my review so as to obtain all the information and explanations which I considered necessary. Nothing has come to my attention which would cause me to believe the assertions contained in the financial information do not present a true and fair view in accordance with the basis of accounting.

Signed:  MA Henderson CA

Date: 28/5/2015



**St Andrew's Presbyterian Church  
Matamata**

**ANNUAL REPORTS**

January 2014 to March 2015

**Annual Meeting**

1 p.m. Sunday 28 June 2015

in the Church Hall

**Our Mission Statement**

**We seek to be a Christian Fellowship that lives and shares the life  
promised by Jesus within and beyond our Church.**

## AGENDA

1. Welcome and Prayer
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of 2014 Annual General Meeting
  - Matters Arising
4. Annual Reports: January 2014 to March 2015
  - Receive reports: Please read these in advance
  - Confirm reports
5. Treasurer's Report and Presentation of 2014/2015 accounts
  - Confirm Treasurer's Report
6. Budget for 2015/2016
  - Presentation and explanation of budget
  - Adoption of budget
7. Property Planning 2015/2016
  - Prioritised maintenance requirements and estimates
  - Health and Safety planning for buildings and church function
8. General Business:
  - Charities Registration: What this means for our Church and its groups.
9. Elections:
  - Elections to the Board of Managers
    - Nominations: Annette Davidson, Bronwyn Milne  
(Voting process has been posted on the Hall notice board)
  - Elections to Session
    - Nominations: Jürg Maurer
10. Close with Prayer

**Questions:**

**It would be helpful if questions on the Annual Reports are submitted in writing.**

**These should be left at the Church Office by midday Thursday 25 June.**

|  |   |                     |
|--|---|---------------------|
| <b>Association of Presbyterian Women</b> |   |                     |
| 553.41                                   | Westpac Cheque Account - 1 January 2014 | 754.80              |
| 641.00                                   | Donations/Offerings                     | 812.00              |
| <u>2,077.73</u>                          | Fund Raising Activities                 | <u>1,411.00</u>     |
| 3,272.14                                 |   | 2,977.80            |
| <b>Deduct</b>                            |   |                     |
| 90.00                                    | Fees - Waikato                          | 144.00              |
| 39.44                                    | Activity Expenses                       | 108.28              |
| <u>2,387.80</u>                          | Donations and Projects                  | <u>2,167.00</u>     |
| 2,517.34                                 |   | 2,419.29            |
| <u>\$ 754.80</u>                         | <b>FUNDS ON HAND 31 MARCH 2015</b>      | <u>\$ 558.51</u>    |
| <b>St David's Church Congregation</b>    |   |                     |
| 8,033.56                                 | Westpac Accounts - 1 January 2014       | 8,581.12            |
| 147.59                                   | Interest Received                       | 172.03              |
| 1,506.60                                 | Donations/Offerings                     | 1,106.00            |
| <u>1,183.70</u>                          | Fund Raising Activities                 | -                   |
| 10,851.45                                |   | <u>9,859.15</u>     |
| <b>Deduct</b>                            |   |                     |
| 1,920.33                                 | General Expenses/Maintenance            | 2,091.97            |
| <u>350.00</u>                            | Donations                               | <u>1,000.00</u>     |
| 2,270.33                                 |   | 3,091.97            |
| <u>\$ 8,581.12</u>                       | <b>FUNDS ON HAND 31 MARCH 2015</b>      | <u>\$ 6,767.18</u>  |
| <b>Mission in Motion</b>                 |   |                     |
| 14,466.67                                | BNZ Cheque Account - 1 January 2014     | 22,494.94           |
| 7,939.00                                 | Donations Received                      | 3,847.00            |
| 10,520.40                                | Fund Raising Activities                 | 10,498.10           |
| <u>32.47</u>                             | Interest Received                       | <u>60.23</u>        |
| 32,958.54                                |   | 37,000.27           |
| <b>Deduct</b>                            |   |                     |
| 483.60                                   | Activity Expenses                       | 682.50              |
| <u>10,000.00</u>                         | Donations and Projects                  | <u>19,220.00</u>    |
| 10,483.60                                |   | 19,912.50           |
| <u>\$ 22,494.94</u>                      | <b>FUNDS ON HAND 31 MARCH 2015</b>      | <u>\$ 17,087.77</u> |

**ST ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: MATAMATA**

**REVIEWER'S REPORT  
FOR THE FIFTEEN MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2015**

To the readers of the financial statements of the St Andrew's Presbyterian Church. I have reviewed the financial performances of the Church and associated activities and their financial position as at 31 March 2015.

**Board of Management Responsibilities**  
The Board of Management is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which fairly reflect the financial position of the Church at 31 March 2015 and of the results of operations and cashflows for the fifteen months ended 31 March 2015.

**Reviewers' Objectives**  
It is my objective to examine the financial statements presented by the Board and provide a report that nothing has come to my attention to cause me to believe the financial statements do not present a true and fair view of the financial position of the Church.

**Base of Opinion**  
A review includes examining on a test basis, evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes assessing:

- The significant estimates and judgements made by the Board in the preparation of the financial statements, and
- Whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Board's circumstances, consistent and adequately disclosed.

**Opinion**  
I concluded my review in accordance with generally accepted reviewing standards in New Zealand. I planned and performed my review so as to obtain all the information and explanations which I considered necessary. In forming my opinion I also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of the information in the financial statements. Nothing has come to my attention which would cause me to believe the assertions contained in the financial information do not present a true and fair view in accordance with the basis of accounting.

Signed:   
MA Henderson CA

Date: 28/5/2015

**ST ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL REPORTS FROM SATELLITE ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE FIFTEEN MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2015**

**THE LILLY ERIKSSON TRUST FOR OVERSEAS MISSIONS \*  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE**

| 2013          | <i>Interest Received</i>                      | 2015                 |
|---------------|---|----------------------|
| 2,155.89      | Baptist Savings and Development Society       | 2,578.97             |
| 545.93        | Presbyterian Church of ANZ Amlag: Invest Fund | 664.93               |
| 60.19         | BNZ Savings                                   | 50.88                |
| 2,762.01      | <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                           | <b>3,314.78</b>      |
|               | <i>Less Distributions</i>                     |                      |
| 6,000.00      | PCANZ   | 5,000.00             |
| (\$ 3,237.99) | <b>NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>                  | <b>(\$ 1,685.22)</b> |

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
AS AT 31 MARCH 2015**

| 2013         | <i>Investments</i>                             | 2015                |
|--------------|--|---------------------|
| 50,000.00    | Baptist Savings and Development Society (3.2%) | 50,622.81           |
| 10,719.26    | Presbyterian Church Amlag: Invest Fund         | 11,404.19           |
| 3,894.06     | BNZ Savings                                    | 901.10              |
| \$ 64,613.32 | <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                            | <b>\$ 62,928.10</b> |
|              | <i>Accumulated Funds</i>                       |                     |
| 67,851.31    | Balance at 1 January 2014                      | 64,613.32           |
| ( 3,237.99)  | Plus Surplus (Deduct Deficit)                  | ( 1,685.22)         |
| \$ 64,613.32 | <b>BALANCE AT 31 MARCH 2015</b>                | <b>\$ 62,928.10</b> |

\* Not registered. A bequest from 1975. Trust Deed was not prepared

**OTHER ASSOCIATED GROUPS**

| 2013        | <i>FIRESIDE GROUP</i>                      | 2015               |
|-------------|--|--------------------|
| 1,928.33    | ANZ Cheque Account - 1 January 2014        | 2,300.49           |
| 15.67       | Interest Received                          | 26.61              |
| 253.80      | Subscriptions and Donations                | 351.80             |
| 1,598.40    | Fund Raising Activities                    | 1,145.40           |
| 3,796.30    |  | 3,824.30           |
| 1,495.81    | <i>Deduct Donations and Administration</i> | 1,579.84           |
| \$ 2,300.49 | <b>FUNDS ON HAND 31 MARCH 2015</b>         | <b>\$ 2,244.46</b> |
|             | <i>Friends of St Andrews</i>               |                    |
| 963.77      | BNZ Cheque Account - 1 January 2014        | 775.23             |
| 2.46        | Interest Received                          | 3.02               |
| 50.00       | Donations                                  | 2,522.46           |
| 1,016.23    |  | 3,300.71           |
| 50.00       | <i>Deduct Expenses re Funerals</i>         | 1,123.85           |
| 190.00      | Donations & Presentations                  | 698.30             |
| 1.00        | Administration and General                 | -                  |
| 241.00      |  | 1,822.15           |
| \$ 775.23   | <b>FUNDS ON HAND 31 MARCH 2015</b>         | <b>\$ 1,478.56</b> |

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## MINISTER'S REPORT

We have seen more change in St Andrew's over the last 15 months than in any other similar period in the last 16 years. Much of this arose out of the visit of the Presbytery Team and their recommendations made at the end of 2013.

The most significant of these has been the trial of the two-service format running through to the end of 2015. The two services began on 2 February 2014. The Visitation process revealed how broad our Church had become. One area in which this was clearly seen was the strong desire in some to see our services return to the Church building, and in others, equally clear, that we not lose the family-friendly feeling we had come to enjoy in the Hall. Our elders spent many, many hours discussing how we might best meet the spread of preferences, very aware that what ever decision was made, was going to lead to disappointing some. I have such a deep admiration for the way Session members sincerely worked through the issues.

There have been some positives with the new format. Despite our difficulties in adjusting to the changes, and losing some folk to other Churches, there was a small increase in the total average June attendance at worship from 98 in 2013, to 103 in 2014. We have seen a change of "tone" in the services, new people visiting us for worship, and a revitalization of our music teams.

I am so grateful for the generosity of Rev, Lance Thomas in attending Session meetings in his role as Presbytery advisor for nearly every meeting of Session (including the extra meetings) during 2014. His clear thinking and advice, as we worked through our business and strategic plan, was invaluable.

There were changes in the nomination process for election to the Board of Managers. This ended up being totally revamped so as to be more transparent, and in line with the Presbyterian Book of Order.

There were big changes in the Office as well, with Ngaire Lepper leaving after many years of faithful service. I did so appreciate her friendship and teamwork. Catherine Chaney started work in the Office 26 August and brought a fresh way of doing things. Catherine was with us up until New Year's Eve after which she moved to take up a golden opportunity in Morrinsville. In her place have come the "Wonder Women Team" who each help with a particular aspect of the work one or two days a month. They are Sandra Hunter, Michelle Carter, Alison Mitchell, and Lisa Stewart.

On 5 September we saw the launching of the German Language service lead by Juerg and Rahel Maurer. It has been exciting to walk with them through the Visa process to gain residency, and to see them become established in Matamata. I meet with Juerg most weeks as part of our ministerial responsibility to his mission sending base in Switzerland, and as a colleague and friend.

We ran the ALPHA course in February 2014 and in February 2015. These courses have been a joy to be part of and have led to us seeing some new people at worship.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (cont.)

| St Andrews Presbyterian Church         |  |            |                   |
|--|--|------------|-------------------|
| <u>Statement of Financial Position</u> |  |            |                   |
| <u>As At 31st March 2015</u>           |  |            |                   |
| <u>2013</u>                            | \$   | \$         | \$                |
| <b>Current Assets :</b>                |  |            |                   |
| 98273.09                               | Pres Investm Fund (refer Reserves<br>and Provisions below) | 91001.11   |                   |
| 12736.96                               | BNZ Cheque Account   | 7173.56    |                   |
| 6420.04                                | Insurance Prepaid  | 3550.39    |                   |
| <hr/>                                  |  | <hr/>      |                   |
| 117430.09                              | Total Cash Funds   |            | 101725.06         |
| <b>Non Current Assets</b>              |  |            |                   |
| 504000.00                              | Land at Rating Value                                       | 504000.00  |                   |
| 1176000.00                             | Buildings at Rating Value                                  | 1176000.00 |                   |
| 31635.66                               | Building Project - Costs ed fwd                            | 31635.66   |                   |
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| 1711635.66                             |  |            | 1711635.66        |
| 40744.75                               | Furniture and Equipment (Note 2)                           | 52703.00   |                   |
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| 40744.75                               |  |            | 52703.00          |
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| 1869810.50                             | <b>Total Assets:</b>                                       |            | <b>1866063.72</b> |
| <b>Deduct Current Liabilities</b>      |  |            |                   |
| 4227.17                                | Accounts Payable   | 2300.50    |                   |
| <b>Reserves and Provisions</b>         |  |            |                   |
| 3053.91                                | Maintenance Provision                                      | 982.62     |                   |
| 4977.20                                | Study Leave Reserve  | -          |                   |
| 40278.56                               | Stock Fund Reserve   | 45015.80   |                   |
| 5399.81                                | Development Fund Reserve                                   | 2721.54    |                   |
| 23962.92                               | Building Fund Reserve                                      | 25494.16   |                   |
| 10719.26                               | Lilly Erikson Trust Reserve                                | 11404.19   |                   |
| 8898.46                                | Youth Account Reserve                                      | 5382.80    |                   |
| 733.69                                 | Cheque Account Reserve                                     | -          |                   |
| 249.28                                 | Cowling Bequest Reserve                                    | -          |                   |
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| 98273.09                               |  | 91001.11   |                   |
| <hr/>                                  |  | <hr/>      |                   |
| 102500.26                              | <b>Total Liabilities</b>                                   |            | <b>93301.61</b>   |
| <hr/>                                  |  | <hr/>      |                   |
| 1767310.24                             | <b>Net Assets at Book Value</b>                            |            | <b>1772762.11</b> |
| <b>Accumulated Funds</b>               |  |            |                   |
| 1750320.90                             | Balance from Previous Year                                 |            | 1767310.24        |
| 445.02                                 | BNZ - Young Families Transfer                              |            | -                 |
| 10000.00                               | Add (Deduct) Asset Revaluation                             |            | 2084.26           |
|  | Operating Surplus (Deficit) for                            |            |                   |
| 26544.32                               | period   |            | 3367.61           |
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| 1767310.24                             |  |            | 1772762.11        |
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## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (cont.)

St Andrews Presbyterian Church  
Statement of Financial Performance  
For The Fifteen Months Ended 31st March 2015

| <u>2013</u>                                      | \$                                     | \$        | \$               |
|--|--|-----------|------------------|
| <u>Deduct Personnel and Presbytery Expenses:</u> |  |           |                  |
| 61493.21   | Ministers Stipend & Allowances         | 92526.88  |                  |
| 5919.41  | Other Wages                            | 12788.71  |                  |
| 316.02   | ACC Levies                             | 716.36    |                  |
| 1470.00  | Kaimai Presbytery Levies               | 1537.00   |                  |
| 17138.39   | Manse Repairs / Improvements           | 3837.92   |                  |
| 2056.20  | Ministers Travel                       | 2632.44   |                  |
| <u>88393.23</u>                                  |  |           | <u>114039.31</u> |
| 27242.94   |  |           | 51198.50         |
| <u>Deduct Overhead Expenses:</u>                 |  |           |                  |
| 8669.68  | Repairs and Maintenance                | 7136.14   |                  |
| 1546.75  | Lawns                                  | 1644.50   |                  |
| 460.87   | Kitchen Refreshments and Cleaning      | 760.72    |                  |
| 1053.37  | Stationery and Postage                 | 893.98    |                  |
| 2038.12  | Advertising                            | 2047.93   |                  |
| -  | Postage                                | 3097.53   |                  |
| 2733.30  | Photocopier & Computer                 | 3470.61   |                  |
| 542.52   | Books and Music                        | 942.00    |                  |
| 411.92   | Youth Education/Kids Church            | 263.99    |                  |
| 2384.69  | Heat and Light                         | 4730.13   |                  |
| 2898.00  | Accountancy/Review Fees                | 2990.00   |                  |
| 9520.96  | Insurance                              | 9203.82   |                  |
| 4698.32  | Rates                                  | 6395.09   |                  |
| 3252.05  | Telephone and Internet                 | 2054.42   |                  |
| 644.50   | General Expenses                       | 1784.01   |                  |
| <u>40855.05</u>                                  |  |           | <u>47414.87</u>  |
| 13612.11   | Leaving A Cash Surplus (Deficit) Of:   |           | 3783.63          |
| 7827.00  | Depreciation Provision                 | 7688.00   |                  |
| 3073.00  | Assets Written Off                     | -         |                  |
| 51056.43   | Transfers to (from) Reserves           | (7271.98) |                  |
| <u>40156.43</u>                                  |  |           | <u>416.02</u>    |
| 26544.32   | Operating Surplus (Deficit) For Period |           | <u>3367.61</u>   |

## MINISTERS REPORT (cont.)

Most of our sermon themes through 2014 were related in one way or another to the *Jesus all about Hope project* and the bi-centenary of the Gospel in New Zealand. They included a series on sharing our faith with others in a natural way, and viewing the DVD series *Te Rongopai* produced by Stuart Lange.

On 7 December, we commissioned Joe Beattie as a St Andrew's funeral celebrant. I am grateful for the way he has already been able to help us in that capacity.

My involvement in the work of Presbytery outside the Parish has continued with Kaimai Gatherings, Mission Cluster events, a Risk Management workshop, Narrows Park, and Settlement Boards. The Tirau position was filled with the induction of Rev. John Rush on 31 July 2014. The Morrinsville Settlement Board is getting under way.

The Manifest Presence Conferences in August are highlights for Louise and I from one year to the next. Attending them and listening again to the recordings of the Sessions build me up.

Coaching my Touch Rugby Team, and speaking at the Intermediate Assembly help keep my feet on the ground.

We combined again with the Union Parish over the summer. I attended Metui and Hone's last Sunday, 4 January, and the induction for Matafonua and Sulia on 1 February.

We had 16 funerals through the period with approximately half being for active or past members of St Andrew's. There was also the funeral for Rev. Denis Clow, past minister of St Andrews, held at Chartwell (21 February 2014).

We were sad to hear that Weston Carryer had also passed away. Weston had visited us many times over the years for healing services with many being healed and encouraged. His last visit with us was on 2 February 2014.

We were delighted to offer a prayer of blessing for Ronja Epp 22 March 2015.

I want in closing to acknowledge the support of Louise and our family. I'm grateful for the sounding board at home, for the excellent job Louise is doing with the Burning Bush and web-site, and significant backing in prayer. Nathan and Fletcher do a great job with the technology nearly every Sunday, and the younger children help provide a regular audience for children's talks at the Cafe service.

"No eye has seen, nor ear heard, no mind has conceived, what God has prepared for those who love Him" (1 Cor 2:9).

Murray Lambert

## SESSION REPORT

Although this report covers 15 months, the last calendar year was incredibly busy for Session with many extra meetings as we came to grips with our five-year strategy. Lance Thomas travelled from Rotorua each month not only for our Session meetings; but also for our special meetings at which we explored and formulated our five-year strategy. We are incredibly grateful to Lance for his constant encouragement and wise counsel.

It is now well over a year since the two-service format (classic and cafe) was instigated and, while it is fair to say that there are still those who would prefer that we worship as one family, I do believe we are called to meet the different needs of our family as far as we can. We must create a 'space' that is appropriate to the worship style preferred and we continue to prayerfully seek our Lord's guidance in this. We are also committed to holding a family service each term and it is indeed heartening to see this well supported by all age groups within the church.

The monthly mid-week service – convened by Jackie McBurney – clearly serves a need and I am always heart-warmed by the strength of its caring fellowship.

The monthly German Language Service, led by Juerg Maurer, is also proving popular indeed and affords a wonderful opportunity to 30-40 Swiss/German ex-pats to worship in their own tongue. I have no doubt both these services will continue to grow. We are truly becoming a multi-service church!

It was wonderful to see St David's re-open last year following its closure due to earthquake-related requirements; Session was also delighted that the Church Property Trustees has approved the application on behalf of St David's to replace the roof and strengthen the building on confirmation from Presbytery that sufficient funding to complete the work is available before work begins.

The Presbytery Visitation team returned on St Andrew's Day last November, spending time with the church family and later with Session and Board of Managers. The team subsequently delivered its report which Session is working through.

One of the team's suggestions was that we hold 'exit interviews' with those who had left St Andrew's over the past two years. Session commissioned Ross Bay to undertake these and, while not everyone approached chose to be interviewed, a significant number did. Session will find Ross's report invaluable for moving forward in a discerning and Grace-filled manner.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

St Andrews Presbyterian Church

Statement of Financial Performance  
For The Fifteen Months Ended 31st March 2015

| 2013             |  | \$ | \$        | \$               |
|------------------|--|----|-----------|------------------|
|                  | <u>Fund Raising and Donations:</u>       |    |           |                  |
| 94.39            | Weddings and Funerals                    |    | 1335.61   |                  |
| 802.00           | Buildings Use                            |    | 945.00    |                  |
| 880.00           | General Donations                        |    | 9304.69   |                  |
| 1328.00          | Specific Donations                       |    | 9444.51   |                  |
| 545.37           | St Davids - Expenses Contribution        |    | -         |                  |
| 7932.04          | Sale of Livestock                        |    | 7499.05   |                  |
| 1110.00          | Building Fund Donations                  |    | -         |                  |
| <u>12691.80</u>  |  |    |           | <u>28528.86</u>  |
|                  | <u>Other Income:</u>                     |    |           |                  |
| 26.51            | Interest Received - BNZ                  |    | 24.24     |                  |
| 6322.15          | Interest Received - PCANZ Funds          |    | 5959.99   |                  |
| 102201.77        | Offerings - Envelopes                    |    | 113136.78 |                  |
| 8301.60          | - Loose                                  |    | 11406.80  |                  |
| 700.00           | Rent Received - Manse                    |    | 22750.00  |                  |
| -                | Furniture/Equipment Sales                |    | 1540.13   |                  |
| <u>117552.03</u> |  |    |           | <u>154817.94</u> |
| 130243.83        | Total Income Generated                   |    |           | <u>183346.80</u> |
|                  | <u>Deduct Expenditure Distributions:</u> |    |           |                  |
| 12897.66         | Assembly Assessment                      |    | 15966.75  |                  |
| 1710.00          | Donations and Presentations              |    | 2142.24   |                  |
| <u>14607.66</u>  |  |    |           | <u>18108.99</u>  |
| 115636.17        | Amount Available for Domestic Expenses   |    |           | <u>165237.81</u> |

## STOCK REPORT

The total income from the sale of stock, which included 2 weaner steers and 4 rising 2 year steers, for the financial year 2014 to 31 March 2015, was \$7499.05

The Board of Managers is very grateful to all those who donated stock and those who grazed stock for the Church Maintenance Fund. Thank you all so much. As we all know, maintenance of any property is an ongoing cost and any contributions will be much appreciated and put to good use.

Please contact John Townshend if you want to be involved in the Stock Scheme or want to know more about it. It's open to everybody, rural or urban.

John Townshend  
Convenor Stock Scheme  
phone 07 888 2814

## TREASURER'S REPORT

As sometimes happens, the past year has brought many challenges financially and our weekly giving has declined as members of our congregation have left or transferred from our district.

Sadly we had to say goodbye to the Thatcher family late last year and we were so grateful for all the work Roanne put in as our Young Families Coordinator.

As always, we appreciate the substantial donations that APW, Friends of St Andrews, Fireside and St David's Waharoa have given over the year.

The Stock Scheme also continues to be a great contributor to our funds. When Rene Burri left because of relocation to a farm out of our area, John Townshend kindly took up the duties of organising the sale of stock. This past year raised \$4736 and the generous giving of our country folk goes a long way to earning interest for repairs and maintenance.

This year the Lily Erikson Trust donated \$5000 toward mission work and the congregation has continued to support the Food Bank with gifts of both food and money.

Inspired by the wonderful gift from Jean and Colin Whyte in celebration of their Golden Wedding, many other members of the congregation donated generously and, together with church funds, the lounge was beautifully renovated.

This year the board will concentrate on exterior repairs and maintenance in order to prevent our buildings falling into further disrepair

My continued thanks goes to Annette Davidson for the administration of the envelope system and to John Townshend for kindly gathering and banking the offerings each week.

Jan Bevin  
Treasurer

## SESSION REPORT (cont.)

Late last year, we reluctantly accepted the retirement of Gavin Finch – a serving Elder of almost forty years - and the resignations of Jackie McBurney and Pam Jeffs, who had served seven years apiece. I take this opportunity of thanking them all again for their sterling work on Session.

Last year also saw Glee (**G**randparents and **L**ittlies **E**njoying **E**ach **O**ther) Club draw to a close. Established 14 years ago and enthusiastically led by Val Raynel and her dedicated team, the Friday morning get-togethers in the church lounge were a wonderful example of faith in action. We extend grateful thanks for Val's wonderful ministry in this area.

In a move away from tradition, we made the decision to hold monthly communions on each second Sunday and this appears to have been a welcome move.

Session is continually grateful to the various groups within St Andrew's – Friends of St Andrew's; APW; Fireside; Mission in Motion; Men's Fellowship, the Prayer Chain and all study/home groups – for their unstinting work in support of our church and for that we extend our sincere thanks.

We also extend our thanks and gratitude to Rev Murray Lambert for his leadership in the church and to Louise and their children for their support of him as a husband, father and church leader. May God richly bless them as they continue their work for our parish and church family.

And finally, the encouragement and prayerful support of so many of you has been literally a God-send to me over the past year – I keep my church family in my prayers.

*'I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy'*  
Philippians Chapter 1 verse 3-4

Love and Blessings

**Sandra**

Sandra BA Hunter  
Session Clerk

## MANAGERS' REPORT

In the last 15 months, the Board of Managers has continued to move forward, seeking to organise our work more effectively and increase the amount of forward planning we do.

An ongoing priority remains the improvement of our relationships with members and member groups across the Parish of St Andrews. We recognise that how we communicate and the quality of our communication, with both the Session and the Congregation, remain vital to doing our work well. We aim to continue to build trust through communication, and by introducing and following sound systems and processes. As we establish these we recognise that we need to actively engage our church community for consultation and information as appropriate.

To work effectively we have established a clear job description and focus for our work in accordance with the Book of Order. Session has supported us well, with 2 representatives working on the Board of Managers. After the last AGM, the Board organised their work into 3 portfolios responsible for Finance, Administration and Property. It is taking some time to fully establish the work of the portfolios, as they include regulatory requirements, and establishing and implementing our own systems.

The current Board of Managers organisation is as follows:

Finance: Jan, supported by John and Annette

*To set and monitor the budget and manage income and expenditure. (The Treasurer's annual report speaks to this area specifically.)*

Property Management: Bryan, Murray, Lisa, and John

*To maintain and improve the church buildings according to a set budget.*

Administration: Annette and Sandra

*To support the personnel and administrative functions of church employment.*

St David's Representative, Allan Mayo works across all three portfolios as is required for implementation for the St David's congregation.

The current work of the Board of Managers is heavily affected by external requirements. Our Administrative team has worked through compliance areas such as job descriptions, employment contracts and police vetting. In regards to Property, we already know of the impact of the Presbyterian Property Trustees "Earthquake Prone Building Policy", to which has been added new processes relating to property applications.

In September 2015 new Health and Safety in Employment legislation will be enacted which increases responsibility and liability for both health and safety issues for the buildings and site of St Andrews complex and St David's Church, but also the functions for which the properties are used.

In the April issue of the Burning Bush I reviewed the Church Property Trustees policy and its impact on our Parish. In the May edition, the Board published the Property Trustees Newsletter of January 2015. There are now copies of the "Clarity in Mission" document referred to in this newsletter available for you to read on the notice board.

## SISTERS

Sisters study group is primarily for studying God's word and learning more about Him.

We usually use the *Know your Bible* studies which are produced by Christian Women Communicating Internationally.

This past year we have studied 1st Corinthians, the Power of Pain, and Jesus of Nazareth.

We meet in different homes at 1pm on Friday afternoons and share afternoon tea together. These ladies have become some of my closest friends.

We welcome anybody who would like to join us.

Lisa Stewart

## THE ANCHOR GROUP

Our group has decreased in numbers since December 2013 owing to the ill health of one member, two members moving away from Matamata and the sad death of another member Elwyn Gore in 2014.

We continue to meet on Monday afternoons at 1:15pm in the homes of members.

We began 2014 with a Lenten Study and followed this with studies from the Life Guide Bible Study series of Ecclesiastes and Daniel. Once a month the group completes the study in the monthly Intercessor magazine.

This year, 2015, we began a little later and so did not have time to complete a Lenten study. We are now doing a study of Matthew.

We begin our study time with prayer, firstly of thanksgiving, followed by a prayer for others.

We end our time together with a cup of tea or coffee and often celebrate a birthday or other significant date in members' lives.

We welcome anyone, male or female, who would like to join us, just contact Val Raynel or Margaret McBurney. We will be pleased to have your company and to have you share your knowledge with us.

May our Lord God continue to bless you all.

Ann Duncan

## KING'S FISHERS

After an interesting DVD study on the Gospel of Luke, the King's Fishers group went into a few months recess due to family crisis and ill health.

We have recently started meeting again and will be continuing our studies on the Gospels.

Our focus is very much on fellowship and sharing our walk with Christ together.

Pam Jeffs



### **FRIENDS OF ST ANDREW'S**

A small group of men and women meet on the third Tuesday of each month and, over a shared lunch, to update each other on health concerns and special occasions within the parish. Cards are sent to mark milestone birthdays, anniversaries and bereavements. Visiting is extended to Pohlen and Waikato Hospitals, Country Lodge and Rawhiti Rest Homes, as well as to people in their own homes.

This has been a busy year for funerals with our group hosting and assisting by way of serving refreshments and clearing up at three funerals at All Saints and eleven at St Andrew's.

Donations have been made to a number of organisations where applicable (details in financial report); \$500 was given to the Board of Managers for the church gazebo.

We joined with APW and Fireside to host the parish Christmas party, after which \$60 was donated to the Christian School following its students' entertaining with songs at the event. Juerg Maurer also entertained with a power-point presentation of his memories of Christmas in Switzerland while Ann Duncan shared highlights of her and Lachie's Christmas there. As well as parish members, invitations were also extended to meals on wheels' drivers, opportunity shop workers, newsletter deliverers, rest home visitors and many others as a way of expressing our thanks and gratitude for their work, time and help within our parish.

In God's Service

Val Raynel

### **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

This past year saw the Men's Fellowship develop into a fun loving group enjoying varied activities and fellowship. Our activities have ranged from a BBQ, a Walk to the Kauri Trees at the Rapurapu, the Trout Hatchery and Wing Span at Rotorua, a talk on House Fires by Brian Hunter, Slot Cars in Tauranga, Ten Pin Bowling again Tauranga, Dr Minett speaking on mainly "Men's Issues," This is Your Life, a Game of Golf, and a walk along the Te Waihou river at Putaruru to their water pump inlet. Numbers attending vary, but usually 10-12 turn up for each event. Among our team is one from the Bible Church, and now some from Union Parish also wish to join us too.

Ernie Lepper

Convenor

### **YOUNG MUMS' GROUP**

We have enjoyed our group again this year. With four-five Mums attending with their variety of preschoolers it's always fun and busy. We focus on prayer and support of each other in our lives, with a tangible sense of God's presence growing weekly.

We have certainly shared our heartbreaks and our joys this year, and have seen many amazing answers to prayer. We are missing Roanne Thatcher, a key member of our group, as she and her family moved to Finland earlier this year. We are looking forward to what God has in store for us as a group in the future.

Louise Lambert

### **MANAGERS REPORT (cont.)**

The Board hopes that, in sharing this information, you can see and understand the breadth of issues that the national Presbyterian Church has, and the approach the Church is taking.

The previously mentioned policy and law changes will become the main drivers for property planning and in the long term will contribute to decisions to be made regarding our church buildings. Increasingly, extensive maintenance needs on the properties adds complexity to decision making. What continues to limit our ability to plan is the need for a long-term overall site plan. This is both sensitive and challenging to work through. Change to our buildings and grounds will be needed to meet regulatory compliance, to enable us to utilise them to best effect, maintain them appropriately, and to keep costs both for development and maintenance affordable; large scale planning is an inevitable need. We will need to be patient until the time is right to again look at these things.

A significant emphasis of the Property Trustees remains planning for the future of our church. This idea can increase uncertainty as it could affect how we worship, or the nature of our buildings. Managers also recognise that, while the rate of change is ever increasing, that our focus, as a parish, on Our God and the mission of our church remains unchanged. It is the heart of the Board of Managers that through our administration of Property, Administration and Finances that we would do our very best to meet the needs of our congregation for the greater good, as there is more than enough room in the heart of God for all. This does mean, however, that we will all need to accept there will be times to defer to one another and seeking to bless even if what happens isn't our preference.

The Board of Managers is looking forward to bringing you further information regarding both Property and Finance at the upcoming AGM. We will have graphs and explanations prepared to help make clear our financial statements and new budget. To provide the most accurate current information, Board members will be working on these in the fortnight prior to the AGM. Copies will be available at the AGM. In regards to our Property Maintenance requirements, we will be presenting a prioritised schedule so that we can share with you maintenance needs and projected costs, balanced against current rules on property spending.

Since the last Annual Report we wish to acknowledge the contributions of Rene Burri, Elaine Minett and Jocelyn Raymond for their work on the Board. To John Townshend who is not seeking re-election, who has worked tirelessly on the Board for well over 20 years, thank you for your diligence in the work you have done and kindness for the way in which you have and do work.

As Chairperson, I am greatly appreciative to those who have poured hours of work, love, and prayers for this area of church life and are genuinely appreciative of what you have put in. Thank you to those mentioned, but also current Board members.

Lynley Jobe

Convenor

## **WORSHIP TEAMS**

The last year has been a chance to step out in faith for all involved in the worship teams as we started the two-service format on Sunday mornings. As time has progressed each team has developed its worship style around the abilities of its personnel and given the chance for more people to step up into their calling in leading worship.

As we have three teams this brings strengths in diversity of worship allowing each team a focussed time to grow as we lead the church into the presence of God. We are blessed that Rahel Maurer has stepped up to lead a team this year which relieves Murray Stewart of being responsible for two teams as he was in 2014. Rahel brings a fresh style of worship with her team from her ministry experience in Switzerland and YWAM, also leading the worship time in the Swiss German Service here at St Andrews.

As the two-service format has become established this allows different styles of worship in each service; whereas the 9am service will have a more traditional feel the second service is moving towards more open and expressive worship styles. We are experiencing more of God's presence in each of these services and will continue to foster more of the Holy Spirit's presence in our services.

On a material level we are thankful for the generous donations of a new Keyboard and Microphone stands for the Cafe service which is an immense blessing, especially for those who were responsible for moving the electric piano back and forth from the church.

On behalf of the team leaders I would like to thank all of our team members who dedicate their time to rehearsals and meetings, choosing and arranging music and overheads, along with our dedicated sound and power-point personnel.

As the worship teams are on the front line of ministry in the church we appreciate your continual prayer covering and encouragement as we strive to grow closer to our Lord in worship.

On behalf of the Worship teams  
Robin Jobe

## **LEPROSY MISSION MONEYBOX PROGRAMME**

The Leprosy Mission Moneybox Programme has been running in St Andrew's for many years and has been co-ordinated by Mrs Doreen Simpson, who has now retired. Doreen has done a wonderful job in this position and it has been very much appreciated by the Leprosy Mission.

The new moneybox collector is Mrs Shirley Jobe who will contact supporters and collect the money from the boxes twice a year – in April and October. We presently have 14 moneybox supporters in St Andrews.

Leprosy Mission works in Bangladesh, China, Ethiopia, India, Nepal and Papua New Guinea. The NZ Leprosy Mission supports work in Chittagong in Bangladesh. In Bangladesh, more than 30% of the population lives below the poverty line. Poverty and leprosy go hand in hand and there are still 5 million families living with leprosy around the world. Through the Moneybox programme, we can help provide treatment and care to those who need our help most.

Shirley Jobe  
Convenor

## **LILY ERIKSON TRUST**

The Lily Erikson Trust had \$5,000.00 interest money to distribute in the last financial year.

The committee contacted the Rev. Phil King of Global Mission PCANZ to ask for suggestions as to where the money was most needed. Phil King suggested we might like to put it with money that he was raising, to sponsor a student for post graduate theological training in Vanuatu.

The Scholarship candidate is Rev. Leinamau Manrongoana and Global Mission felt that it was important to support female theologians in Vanuatu. The committee approved the decision to send \$5,000.00 to Global Mission to help sponsor Leinamau Manrongoana.

Shirley Jobe  
Convenor

## MISSION IN MOTION

Our God is good! His love and mercies are new to us every morning. He is faithful, he is our provider and strength. God never changes!

As a team we have found this to be true during the period of January 2014 - March 2015. There has been a lot of friendship, support, hard work, love and generosity, laughter, excitement and tears. Thank you to all those in the fellowship and the community who have supported us.

Changes have happened. People have moved on. We have gone from 12 fundraisers a year down to 4 street stalls for 2015 (April - November 2015). Changes often mean a change in expectations but one expectation that doesn't change is that we expect God to work in and through us, to work in the lives of the people groups we are supporting.

During the period of January 2014 - March 2015 we have distributed the following:

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| 1. Leprosy Mission of NZ towards an overseas project:  | 1,000    |
| 2. CMT - India: towards building: village for the elderly  | 1,000    |
| 3. Philippines: support of Mangyan tribal work   | 1,000    |
| 4. Katosi - Uganda School  | 15,000   |
| 5. Anna Watkins (Anna went to Uganda with a view to doing overseas mission after nursing training. | 100      |
| 6. Rely & Lelaine Samonte - Philippines  | 120      |
| 7. For Rely's eye surgery - Philippines  | 1,000    |
|  | -----    |
| Total distributed  | \$19,220 |

There is a significant amount left in the account: When we went into the Katosi project we wanted them to find a project in which we could contribute that would generate an income for the school. With the aim towards them becoming more self sufficient. As yet they have not come up with a monetary generating scheme. We will be holding onto some funds until we have word of what that project will be at Katosi. We will be pulling out of the Katosi project once we have heard from them regarding this matter.

Sometime during 2015 we will come back to the church fellowship with the Pacific project we will be involved in over the next 3 years. In the mean time we will continue to fundraise.

Our next two fundraisers will not be till:

Friday 22nd September 2015      Friday 23rd October 2015

To God be the glory!

Bev Turner, Gavin Finch, Val Raynel, Margaret McBurney, Christine Underwood

Mission In Motion Team

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

At the beginning of 2014, with the new two-service format of church services at 9am and 10.30am, we needed to decide the time that Children's Church would be held. It was agreed at our first meeting of the year, that the Church Service time of 10.30am would be the time when the children would meet with their leaders for Children's Church.

Children were still welcome to attend the first service time of 9am and there would be a Children's talk by the Minister. A Kids Friendly space was set up at the front of the Church for the children to go to, with quiet activities set up attractively for the children to do during the service. This area has been used enthusiastically most Sunday mornings as some families choose this earlier service time for worship. Morning tea has been a time when the two groups of children and their families can get together and they have also combined to help with morning tea duty.

We have continued to work on a rotational basis with our leaders and helpers so that with 2 or 3 turns a term, everyone gets time to be in Church. Those on Sunday duty of Children's Church really enjoy being able to be part of the praise and worship time before going to Children's Church.

In the first term we learnt about Easter and made pancakes for Shrove Tuesday. We remembered Random Acts of Kindness during the week of 17 March. In the second term there were cards to make for Mother's Day. Our learning centered on What happened after Easter?

A highlight of the year was entering into the Kids Friendly Art and Writing Competition called Love Reaches Out – Caring for our World. With the help and expertise of Rahel and Juerg Maurer the children completed a mural. We were so excited to learn we had been placed second equal in the Group Section of the competition. Ann Overton from Presbyterian Support Services presented our prize at a church service where we proudly displayed our artwork.

In the last term of 2014 we entered into the *Jesus All About Hope* project. We used the stories in a series called The Chronicles of Paki. They took us through some early history of New Zealand at the time when Samuel Marsden preached on Christmas Day in 1814 on New Zealand shores. To add to the children's understanding of this we set up a display in our Children's Church room and added to it each Sunday with the children's work.

The Children's Christmas Service presentation was from a book called No Tree for Christmas. Once again our children delighted us all as they led us in worship with the first Christmas story. Sadly during March in 2015 we farewelled Roanne and Graham Thatcher who have moved to Finland. They have both contributed greatly to our Children's Church and we will miss their enthusiasm and friendliness. We wish them well in their exciting adventure and look forward to hearing news of them.

I would like to thank the leaders and helpers of Children's Church for choosing to serve God through this ministry to the children. It is always my pleasure to work with these fine Christian people.  
Alison Mitchell  
Co-ordinator

## **ST DAVID'S, WAHAROA**

St David's Waharoa is in good heart with a loyal core of worshippers who enjoy monthly services in the summer months and bi-monthly services in the winter months.

There is an air of positivity with the news that the Church Property Trustees have looked favourably on our application to replace the roof and strengthen the church. St David's was closed in December 2013 due to the need for earthquake strengthening work. The roof also needed replacing.

Worship and KFC (Kids For Christ) were subsequently held in the Waharoa Memorial Hall instead. The work required to fix St David's requires approval from the Church Property Trustees and, in order to get this, we had to supply an engineer's report which Bob Grey provided.

The report stated:

"St David's church has a C rating. The NZSEE recommend that the building be assigned a seismic risk grading and in this case, a grade of C should be applied. In effect, this indicates that the building is deemed to be a moderate seismic risk. In summary, the building is assessed in this study to have a seismic rating of 50% NBS."

Some strengthening of the pillars and the sub roof is also required and Rex Barnes was called on for this. Two quotes were needed for the roof and Comag and Edwards and Hardy were asked to provide these.

We had a lot of work to do for the application and thanks to the Board of Managers, Session and the Friends of St David's, we were finally able to get it completed. These quotes were passed to the BOM and Session to check out. The Friends of St David's were also required to have a representative, and I was nominated for this position.

In November 2014 the Presbytery Visitation team came through and had a meeting with the Board of Managers and Session and accepted the Engineers report which was not as bad as first expected and so we were allowed to return to using the church for the groups and worship.

The application has taken approximately three months to reply back to us and we are now able to start fundraising according to the rules which will be discussed at a meeting on 5 June at St David's with some of the Board of Managers and Session members.

Allan Mayo  
St David's Representative  
Board of Managers

## **APW (cont.)**

The highlight of the year has to be the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary service on the 19 October. All members, past and present, from APW and Fireside, were invited to assist in whatever way they were able. Jobs ranged from decorations, welcoming, reading or leading the service, through to food preparation, kitchen duties, or handing out the chocolates! It was a truly amazing witness to our Lord. Ann Duncan delivered a very appropriate message speaking about service, citing Mary and Martha and how we can all identify with one or the other of these two women, or sometimes both.

We were very privileged to have the Jubilee Quilt at our service, as it wended its way south to its eventual home at Knox College in Dunedin. The quilt is a collection of squares crafted by APW women throughout NZ. Matamata's square was beautifully and skilfully made by our very own Val Raynel and depicted the story of Tarore.

In December we enjoyed our combined Christmas party with Friends of St Andrews and Fireside. Entertainment from the Matamata Christian School was followed by poems, carols and a scrumptious afternoon tea. It was a lovely time of relaxation and fellowship after a busy year.

This year we said a sad farewell to Jean Whyte as she and Colin moved to Auckland to spend their twilight years closer to family. We also still greatly miss the bubbly personality and huge musical talent of our dear Grace Bengé.

This year for me - as President - has been a challenge, as I have not undertaken anything like it before. However, I have been ably assisted throughout by Doreen and Gwen and have learnt a lot. A HUGE thank you to you both.

Praise God for His grace and faithfulness.

Pam Jeffs (President)

## **APW (PWANZ—Presbyterian Women Aotearoa NZ )**

Another year has passed us by and what a significant year it has turned out to be. Praise the Lord for guiding us through and preparing the way forward.

At the AGM in February I agreed to take on the role of President to take us through the 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee year, while the future of our APW group in Matamata was determined. My good friend Jackie McBurney stepped up as secretary and has been a huge support.

At our April meeting we invited Bev Turner to speak to us about her challenging work as a counsellor both in NZ and in Africa. Bev told us how she is always looking for an opening to pray for people as it is an opportunity to bring people to God

For our June meeting, we welcomed Nicola Ryan (with son Jack) and her friend Crystal, who brought with them two Welsh Springer Spaniels, Luna and Ashleigh. We thoroughly enjoyed getting to know them better and Nicola told us about the various points to look for in these gun dogs and what goes into making them a 'Champion'. They are also very child friendly dogs, as was shown by Jack's handling of them.

On Tuesday 5 August APW hosted, with the able assistance of Fireside, the Waikato PWANZ AGM. It was an enjoyable day, well supported by members from the greater Waikato district, and from St. Andrews Matamata, who once again proved our reputation for great hospitality.

Our August coffee morning was special for me as it was my 60<sup>th</sup> birthday and I was surprised by the beautiful gift of an orchid, a cake, and a card signed by everyone. We then divided into three teams and enjoyed a Bible Quiz. It was a challenging quiz at times with members having to work hard and delve into those memory banks.

In September we, along with Fireside, took our turn in the Opportunity Shop. This is always a good fundraiser and many thanks must go to Gwen and her team for their sterling efforts again this year.

October 9 saw the APW Open Day. Parishioners from our sister churches joined us for an enjoyable afternoon where we listened to Daryl Anderson, from Central TV, as he shared his journey with us and the story of how the TV station developed with God's guidance. Daryl also works with Starfish, counselling youth. He asked us all to uphold Matamata youth with prayer.

## **PASTORAL WORKER**

Soon we have been working with the church one year; it is incredible how fast the time went. It has been a good and varied time. I really enjoy visiting people from our congregation. I get warm welcomes and have had good talks. I believe it is an important part of my ministry.

As well, I tidy up outside the church; cutting the hedges, cleaning and working sometimes with Murray. I meet with Murray every week for sharing and praying. Every Monday we are praying for the church over lunchtime. I really appreciate the relationship and time together with him.

What I really love and enjoy is to preach. I take some services in Waharoa, Hinuera and in St. Andrew's. I like it, but to do it in English it's still a challenge. It takes much less preparation to preach in the German-speaking service. We have a great team of about six people. Every month we meet us for potluck and service. We are a good number of people. Rahel is leading the worship there. All songs are usually in German. It is so nice to have a service in the native language. As well to get know new people, we didn't know before.

Rahel started a new worship team with Lisa, Riwai and Amy at church. She enjoys it. We just started with a self study course "Theosophic prayer". That will make progress in our ministry and in English. As well, we have been a part of the Sunday School team. We did some Kids Church mornings. It is not our main gift, but our kids loved it when we are participating.

Personally it was a hard year with our loss of our little girl Zoe last September and the experience of another miscarriage last January. That was hard and very emotional. But we are deeply thankful that Rahel is pregnant again and looking forward for that what God has in store for us. He is good even if sometimes we don't understand.

Jürg Maurer

## **BIBLE SOCIETY**

Matamata-wide, the Bible Society raised \$6,800 over the past year. This has enabled us to print and provide Bibles in various languages and dialects for people all over the world, including Papua-New Guinea, Cambodia, Armenia and the Pacific Islands.

Fundraising has included a no-bake cake stall; having the Opportunity Shop, a spring-time variety concert, Bible quiz, BOP Men's Choir concert, and the Tarore Walk (or swim, as it was so wet) to her grave and up the Wairere Falls track. A concert with Debbie Shepherd is planned for September.

We thank everyone who has supported us in so many different ways and pray that you will be richly blessed.

Heather Le Valliant

St Andrew's Bible Society representative.

## FIRESIDE

My first Annual report for Fireside was in 2002 and I was informed the position would be for one year and maximum of two years!! Thank you for your patience and understanding – guess I am still learning the ropes.

It is with sadness that one of my best teachers Raye Davison, died suddenly in 2014 and Fireside members all miss her knowledge, guidance and minute secretarial prowess but mostly her Christian witness and open love for her Lord. Her position of minute secretary was filled by Ann Duncan and latterly by Kathy Thomas and we are grateful to them.

As President in training I have also been assisted by Joan Townshend, as Secretary/Treasurer; Ann Duncan as our publicity guru who has updated us all to email for notices and information and who has also kept us informed on National Council of Women's affairs; and committee members Margaret Calder and Joan Bell who have aptly contributed to the smooth running of our meetings. Thank you All.

This year the report is for 15 months to coincide with the St Andrew's new financial year.

We are now mostly IT literate and have moved with the times and have enjoyed new members joining our group with talents they have willingly shared. Unfortunately, Jean Whyte left for a new life in Auckland. Jean was a very active past committee member who, with husband Colin supporting her, helped Fireside as an "enthusiastic ideas lady." We wish them well.

Friendship Circle, initiated by the ladies of St Andrews' 45 years ago, holds weekly get-togethers at the Baptist lounge during the school terms. It is our pleasure and privilege to supply afternoon tea and entertain this group each year. In February 2014 our theme was 'The Sea' and the Fireside ladies dressed appropriately and gave a programme of community songs, quiz and poetry. This March we commemorated World War 1 and after the programme presented each guest with ANZAC biscuits, cellophane wrapped and tied with a red ribbon and a rosemary twig.

In support of our own Glee club and the Young Mothers' Group, Fireside organised an open invitation for a Mums and Bubs morning coffee in March '14. The Art Society supplied artistic face painters, Hoppy the Clown made the children laugh (and cry) and games were enjoyed by all. Each child was given a lucky dip gift of a Christian booklet.

Once again our monthly programmes have been varied and we have enjoyed meetings in homes and in the church lounge as well as outings. Our first 'gad-a-bout' was a visit to the Morrinsville Floral Festival with afternoon tea; then in April we pampered our tootsies (on Maundy Thursday); in May we listened with interest to Merlyn Clark, author and sufferer from mercury poisoning; June saw us admiring the work of the Matamata Knit and Knatter group who provide many blankets and knitted goodies for Operation Cover Up (Mission Without Borders). Our July meeting was cancelled due to the passing of Jack Davison past Session Clerk and husband of our long time member, secretary and supporter Ruth Davison.

We hosted the Annual meeting of the Waikato Presbyterian Women of Aotearoa New Zealand (PWANZ) in August and provided refreshments and lunch. Church floral arrangements were enthusiastically taught to us at our August meeting by Pauline Love and Linda Hammond.

September was a busy month when we helped at the Community Shop for a week; brought our own 'All things Special and Treasured' to our meeting and shared their stories; then heard from Jane Kay about Alzheimer's at a combined meeting at the Union Parish.

## FIRESIDE (cont.)

In October we shared with APW an 'open for all churches' meeting at St Andrew's listening to Darryl Anderson from Central Television; then again, together with our PWANZ, we gave a wonderful combined St Andrew's church service on Sunday October 19<sup>th</sup> to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee of APW. Val Raynel's patch work square of Tarore was displayed in the National Jubilee Quilt before it left for permanent display in Dunedin.

The Rev Doris Elphick shared her life story with us at our October meeting. Fireside held a Muffin and Mission morning for Bethany Christian Missions and sold over \$1000 worth of crafts from Chennai, India in November but our official meeting date saw us on a conducted tour of Narrows Park Camp site finishing with a picnic lunch under the trees.

The Combined Christmas function for Friends of St Andrew's, APW and Fireside gave us the opportunity to supply ice blocks for the entertaining children and strawberries and ice cream for guests; and to end the year we celebrated with our annual 'Mornch' at Oma's Pancake House. 2014 was a year of action, purpose and fun!

This year we started with a 'Wallow and Swallow' where members, friends and husbands socialised, swam and then enjoyed a pot luck barbecue dinner; gave full participation by helping to host the World Day of Prayer at our church and then as mentioned entertained at Friendship Circle. Now we look forward to our AGM in March before the new team sets the goals and programmes for 2015/16

Our Café coffee mornings held every month have proven to be popular amongst the congregation and we took the opportunity in November to farewell Ngaire and Ernie Lepper. Ngaire's position in the church office was always encouraging and helpful and she did a wonderful job printing our activities in the weekly bulletin and Burning Bush.

Babies born within the wider family of St Andrews' have been given booties along with baking for the family; 'Fish and Chip' knitted tops were made to help African children; used stamps were collected for Missions; old milk bottle tops were collected for toy making for Africa; Christmas Shoe boxes were filled; toiletries collected for Women's Refuge and several working bees were held in the church kitchen to keep the drawers and cupboards organised and sparkling. Two members are also dedicated to keeping the church gardens tidy and colourful.

Financial donations have been made to Healing rooms; the Church Gazebo; Narrows Park; Community Christmas Dinner; Central Television; Food Bank and for Mission Sports' equipment.

I stand in awe and admiration of the women of Fireside who have helped make all the above successful.

I quoted, from Joan Townshend's AGM report in 1978, in my first report all those years ago and it is as appropriate now as it was then - "Ideas and experiences shared in Christian Fellowship such as we have turn our thoughts outwards to others rather than inwards to ourselves"

Thank you and may this organisation be strengthened in its outreach knowing that  
"Thy will, shall be done"

Carol Metcalfe  
President