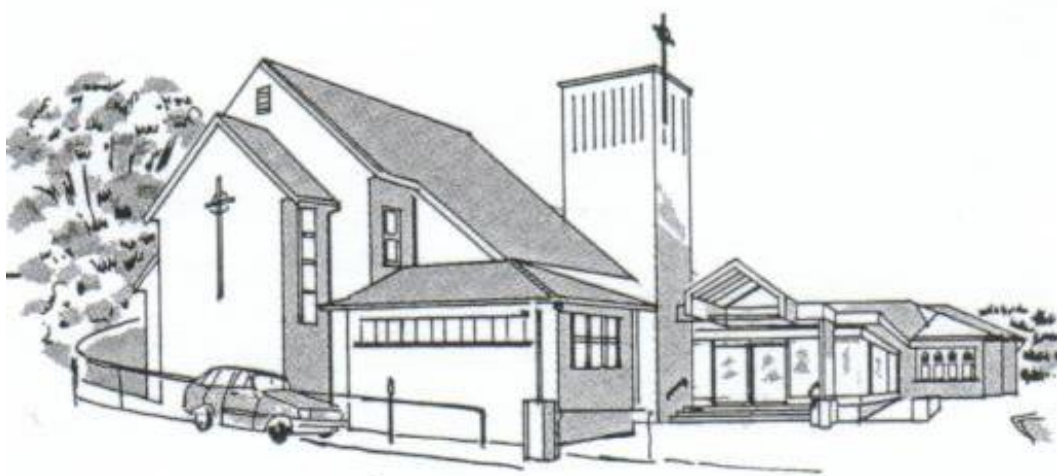


St Paul's Presbyterian Church Napier



ANNUAL REPORT 2022

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Office Bearers 2021/2022

Minister: Rev. Sally Carter (Retired May 2022)

Parish Council: Lynne Arnold, Murray Arnold, Pam Clare, Marian Eagle, Anne Loan, Sylvia Low, Meg Sillay, Brenda Silson, Bruce Tucker, Janice Tucker, Elizabeth Willis, Adair Oosterbroek

Elders not at present on Parish Council: Elaine Brown, Ellie Burge, Frank Carter, Marion Fell, Jenny Foster, Lesley Goodall, Ella Haigh, Alan Hoggarth, Jerry Hoggarth, Eleanor Holmes, Jill McConnochie, Kerry Marshall, Penny Marshall, Lionel Maxted, Bryan Rudd, Anne Silson, Les Silson, Rae Wildbore

Elders Emeriti: Donald Tucker, Kitty McNaughton, Ian Finlayson,

Parish Clerk: Lynne Arnold

Hon Treasurer: Sylvia Low **Auditor:** Oldershaw & Co.

Office Staff: Bridget Dunn

Church Officer: Richard Loan

Musician's Convenor: Pam Clare

Envelope Secretaries: Sylvia Low, Elizabeth Willis

Kirk Session Report St Paul's Presbyterian Church

It is with pleasure that I present the 164th Annual Report of St Paul's Parish Council for the year ending 30th June 2022.

Our church roll stands at:

Associate	14
Member	82
Child/Youth	0

During the year there has been one baptism, Harvey Cole O'Halloran
10 Members and Associates of our parish died.

We remember with love:

Kaye Maxted

William (Bill) Mayo

James (Jim) Uriarau

Rosalind (Ros) Kieran

Joan Dodge

Nancy Lyons

Valda Spiers

Lillian Young

Finn Catley

Barbara Cocking

Thanks be to God for the lives, the service and the memories we have of these people.

In both the reports I have presented in previous years I have said that it has been my desire to see things settle down and allow us to focus on being a settled family of God. Once again, I can say this hasn't been the case for the past year. Challenges continue to arise which at times take our eyes off our key purpose. Whether it be the impact of Covid and our response to it, or a minister retiring, it seems to have been an unsettled year in the life of our congregation. And now as we look to the future and are asked to truly examine what we want from church, or more importantly what God wants for this branch of His church. I'm very sure we will be shaken up and tossed about in a very unsettling way! Maybe being comfortable isn't part of God's call for us.

The Parish Council has continued to meet monthly, usually in person, to work through the regular ins and outs of parish life. After a few speed

bumps in the formation of the Council, when we came to terms with the new make-up and some new roles, the group is now working well with the new format with a refreshed sense of purpose. Having done the ground work of setting up the teams, writing the Terms of Reference we are now looking forward to expanding the way the Council works and are enjoying the encouragement our Interim Moderator, Rev Jill McDonald is providing. Thank you, Parish Council members, for your involvement in the leadership of the church. Thank you for your willingness to make some tough decisions, to come to meetings when you would rather stay at home, for your work ethic. You are a good team to work with.

We were able to recognise the commitment of one of our elders. Ian Finlayson's years of devoted service was acknowledged, and we thank Ian for all that he has contributed to the life of St Pauls. Ian was awarded Elder Emeritus having faithfully served the people of the congregation for many years, supported our minister during his time as Session Clerk and spent many hours visiting parish members. Ian was a diligent visitor, maintaining contact with many who have been on the fringe of parish life. He set a very positive example for other elders to follow.

The decision we made at our meeting of 2020 to take on an Intern has proved to a great one. Adair has fitted into life at St Paul's better than we had imagined possible. Thank you, Adair, for your contribution to the life of the church. You have brought a freshness to our worship and challenged us to think more deeply about many issues. It has been a blessing having you with your fresh ideas and enthusiasm. Adair's presence here was particularly timely given Sally's decision to retire after Easter. To have someone already in the church available to take services on a regular basis has eased the sense of loss for us all. Sally's retirement has highlighted to us all, the huge contribution she and Frank made to the life of the church. We miss her leadership, her friendship and most noticeably hers and Frank's musical talent.

The purchase and installation of the big screens and upgrade of the sound system have proven very timely. They have enabled us to continue with a different form of worship during Covid restrictions and now allow us to tap into the wealth of resources that are available on the internet. As with all things that are new to us, the transition has not been without its challenges,

but I believe the gains have been worthwhile. Now we just need to train up a team of confident operators.

There are so many people who contribute to the life of the church, often quietly in the background and we do not see what they are doing except when things go wrong. We thank all those who give of their time and talents to make sure all is well with this place. I am reminded so much of the passage in 1 Corinthians 12, "Your body has many parts, limbs, organs, cells, but no matter how many you can name you're still one body." We each contribute according to our talents, and I thank you for that. Your contributions are appreciated and valued, and we are richer because of what you bring to this family.

After prayerful consideration Lovelink, Housing First, Operation Christmas Child, Foodbank, WIT and Women's Refuge have all received monetary gifts. It is good to be able to give prayer and monetary support to groups who do so much to improve the quality of life for those in our community who find many areas of life a challenge. Back in September 2013, we made a gift to the Teen Parent Unit at William Colenso College. The money was to go to helping girls go for their drivers' licenses. It was just a small gift, but it was the beginning of an ongoing relationship. We took the cheque and some afternoon tea and delivered it to the staff at the school. In our conversations, we asked if there was any way we could provide support for the staff. The response, "would you be able to take over ordering our Duffy Books for us?" The Early Childhood Centre qualified for these free books for their Tamariki but it was a big job to do the ordering. Since 2013, we have been ordering books for the centre twice a year. What a joy it is to see the excitement on the faces of both the mums and the children when they receive their beautiful books. When we make these small donations, we can never imagine the lives they will impact or the good they will do, but we pray that God will use them for His glory.

There will be decisions to be made in the future that will be hard, but when we work together, guided by our loving God, we can be assured that the trials will be worthwhile and the outcomes will bring glory to God.
God bless you all

Lynne Arnold, Parish Council Clerk.

Responsible Stewardship Team Report 2021-2022

This report is on behalf of M Arnold, S Low, H McClymont and L Willis. Our thanks go to Jeff Goodall who is the property manager and maintenance consultant.

Our team's duties closely approximate those of the former Board of Managers which undertook oversight of the property and financial affairs of the Church and is one of the five teams of the Parish Council.

This has been a frustrating year where things have moved very slowly not withstanding Covid interruptions. At last, a glimmer of action on the contract for realignment and repair of the Asher Hall kitchen roof costing around \$46 000. This should fix the longstanding leaking roof problem.

The Napier Family Centre has been an ongoing effort to make weathertight after the weather bomb highlighted deficiencies. Repair was made to the apex roof area for around \$10 000 but a further episode of wind driven rain resulted in \$7 500 being spent on the parapet area, a canopy over the back door, siliconing external cladding joints along with other minor remedial work.

The church has had little external maintenance but a building wash down is being scheduled. There is a problem with the weighty grand piano being moved on a less sturdy floor. M Arnold has spent considerable effort reinforcing the floor from below but the problem still exists and needs to be addressed. The glass door at the top of the ramp was broken twice and also a window in a bout of bad behaviour. B Tucker arranged a temporary repair and along with M Arnold liaised with the Glass Company.

We appreciate the work of the Grounds Duty team and M Arnold's work in keeping the parking area and Asher Hall surrounds tidy.

The Treasurer's report will cover the financial affairs of the St Paul's Church.

In conclusion, I must record a vote of thanks to Rev Sally and Frank Carter for their guidance and advice before retirement and welcome Rev Jill McDonald our interim moderator who will keep us engaged and active.

Liz Willis, for the team

Pastoral Care Annual Report 2022

Care and concern for one another and networking are the main tools for Pastoral Care. Rae Wildbore, Penny Marshall, Dorothy Finlayson, Ella Haigh, Marion Fell, Anne Silson and Marian Eagle continue in 2022 to offer care and support for members of the congregation when needed. With Covid still in the community the group has kept in touch by phone, word of mouth and email. Providing transport to Care and Share meetings has continued this year plus help with other transport if required.

Newsletter delivery falls under the umbrella of Pastoral Care. With less people being available to deliver and importantly, our sustainability aims as an Eco Church, a successful survey was carried out with the help of our newsletter deliverers. It was encouraging to find that people from the wider church community are still interested in receiving our news with many happy to change from the paper copy to the online version. This has been a good outcome. A big thanks to Lynne Arnold for her work in collating the survey. Another requirement of Parish Council is for a written report to be prepared for each monthly meeting, keeping members of the parish council in touch with pastoral matters.

Following the brief for pastoral care under a Parish Council and in keeping with Covid criteria a Wednesday Walkers group was trialled as an outdoor activity to create an opportunity to socialise together. However, it was found not to be the right fit for our congregation.

In June an interesting workshop on pastoral care at St Columbus, Havelock North, was attended by three of our group. A special acknowledgement must be given to our Intern, Adair Oosterbroek, for her caring contribution to pastoral care. And a big thank you also, to you all, the congregation of St Paul's, who continue to care for one another with kindness and friendship.

Marian Eagle
Pastoral Care Convenor

Mission and Community Team:

Adair Oosterbroek, Bruce Tucker, Jill McConnochie, Meg Sillay

Over the course of our meetings together we recommended the introduction of the Eco Church initiative at St. Paul's and also that we move towards becoming a Fair-Trade church. Helen McClymont and Richard Loan have agreed to become the small team which will encourage St. Paul's on the road to becoming more eco-friendly and consciously engaged with creation care. In the period while we've not been having morning tea we've not been purchasing tea and coffee etc. however when this resumes we will opt to purchase products with the Fairtrade certification as an expression of our Christian commitment to justice and love of our neighbour.

Conversations are ongoing about what it means for us as St. Paul's to engage with the mission opportunity on our doorstep that is the homeless and rough-sleepers.

We initiated a six-week study to begin in September called "True Story," to provide a forum to increase our confidence and capacity to communicate the gospel in a meaningful way to our world as it is.

Care and Share

This is a happy group who come together once a month for fun and fellowship. We help in many ways with people who need cheering up or just need a friendly phone call. Old recipes caused a laugh and were remembered during an afternoon gathering.

During covid 19 our meeting was cancelled but knitting of Peggy squares continued. Mothers' Day cards were made and distributed and poppies were knitted to remember Anzac.

Everyone celebrated together for an un-birthday afternoon where cake and memories were shared.

Do join us on the 3rd Monday of the month between April – November. All welcome.

Dorothy Finlayson (on behalf of the Team)

St. Paul's Catering Team

Our team is always happy to supply and serve a tasty homemade lunch or afternoon tea for bereaved families and their friends after funerals. The catering team is small so if you would like to join and help from time to time your assistance would be appreciated.

Dorothy Finlayson (On behalf of the Hospitality Team)

St Paul's Lunch Group

Smaller numbers this year have participated in the Lunch Group Monthly meetings, but the variety of cuisine, the fellowship and enjoyment of good food eaten with others has been appreciated by all attending. We would welcome new members, so if you enjoy eating out with friends, please contact Jill – 027 342 1282.

James Anderson Bequest:

James Anderson lived in Dalton Street, Napier and died on 25 April 1898. His will included legacies of

- \$1,000 to found the Anderson Scholarship,
- \$1,000 to found a new church at St Pauls Napier,
- \$300 to purchase an organ for St Pauls and
- The residue of the Estate was to be invested by the Church Property Trustees and the income to be equally divided between:
 - the Presbytery of Hawkes Bay to be applied by the Presbytery for Church extension in the provincial district of Hawkes Bay in connection with the Presbyterian Church, and
 - and the St Paul's Session in Napier for distribution amongst the poor of the Congregation of St Paul's Presbyterian Church Napier.

For many years, only small amounts of the interest received by St Pauls Session were spent and as a result the interest funds held by St Pauls accumulated and by 1976 amounted to \$13,568.

In February 1977, the Supreme Court approved an application to amend the provisions of the will so that the income from the legacy could be used to support the work of Presbyterian Support as well as assisting people residing in the Parish or belonging to the congregation of St Pauls. The interest from the legacy can be used:

- a) For the distribution to such persons or persons residing within the Parish of or belonging to the congregation of St Pauls as the Kirk Session of St Pauls Presbyterian Church Napier may consider to be in need of charitable assistance; and
- b) To pay to the Presbyterian Social Service Association of Hawkes Bay and Poverty Bay incorporated such sum or sums as the Kirk Session of St Pauls Presbyterian Church Napier may think fit to be expended by the said Association for the general or any special purpose/s of such Association.

Session has recognised that the parish of St Paul's in 1898 was the whole of Napier and therefore that charitable assistance can be given to anyone in Napier City and resolved that at least the annual income is distributed.

Accumulated Interest Funds Held by St Pauls Church:

	@ 30-06-2021	Plus Investments and Interest	Less Grants	@ 30-06-2022
BNZ a/c	\$4,973	+\$9,000 +\$960	\$4,118	\$10,815
Bonds	\$23,012	-\$9,000		\$14,012
PCANZ Property Investment Fund	\$33,777	\$444		\$34,221
Total Accumulated Funds	\$61,736			\$59,048

\$9,000 of Bonds matured and the amount was paid into the BNZ a/c Grants made in the 2021-2022 financial year (October 2021), were:

Napier Food Bank	\$1,500	PSEC	\$500
Napier Family Centre	\$1,500	One -off assistance grant	\$118
Hospital Chaplaincy	\$500		

Intern's report 2021/2022

It's hard to believe that I'm in the final few months of my internship. As is so often the case, what seemed like a long time at the start, suddenly seems (almost) over too quickly.

Over the last 12 months, I've continued to be involved in Sunday services leading worship and/or preaching. Up until Sally's retirement she and I would share the components of the service, however since the end of May I've taken responsibility for the entire service on my rostered days. I've really enjoyed the task of curating the service and I take a great deal of pleasure in attempting to create continuity with the theme throughout. It is the Holy Spirit who does the work, but it's a privilege and joy to set the scene for Him to move among us.

The amalgamation of the two services for a period has provided the challenge of attempting to prepare a service of worship which "connects" in *some* way with everyone present. I'm not sure how well I've done that, especially when my own preferences often add a third dimension! Nonetheless, it has provided a good challenge and a consistent reminder of what it is to love one another by our commitment to accommodate a variety of expectations when we come together.

I've appreciated the opportunity to lead the entire communion service in recent months and will do so again in the next fortnight. It's been great to be able to do this and each time increases my comfort and confidence in the role.

It's been lovely to participate in Jitterbugs over the course of the internship and to contribute in a small way to creating a safe and welcoming space for the children and their carers. I've loved getting to know a wee boy with autism and have learned a lot as we've navigated how to accommodate his (and his mum's) needs, while not unduly impacting the experience of the others. I think we've achieved this very well at Jitterbugs and I'm glad to have had a wee bit to do with that during my time here.

My involvement with the Clive Square Drop-In for people who are homeless has continued to be an excellent experience. It's provided many opportunities for reflecting on my own life and the experiences which inform

my theology and view of the world. It's been a privilege to be accepted into this community and to enjoy a warm rapport with most of the regulars. I've noted with great interest how many have a background in church and faith and in spite of such difficult lives, God remains a key reference for them. Much of the conversation has been light and reasonably superficial, but there have been some good exchanges at a deeper level and some opportunities to also discuss faith. I'd like to think that the relationships have been life-giving on both sides and I trust that as a follower of Christ, I've represented His presence faithfully among these precious people.

There are really only two guys who are homeless who've frequented St. Paul's in recent months. It's both super small but equally huge to be able to provide a warm welcome, a hot drink and/or a bowl of weetbix, and at times a hot shower. While proximity to the realities of homelessness and the often-associated mental health issues etc. is a significant challenge for St. Paul's, it's also a perfect opportunity to demonstrate the love of Christ to those on the margins – just as He did.

It's been great to have the experience of attending/contributing to the Parish Council and convening a couple of the teams in recent months.

Since Sally retired, I've taken over leading the Thursday morning prayer meeting. This has come to be a special joy in my week and those of us who attend have grown in comfort with each other and with prayer. I think God smiles too 😊

I've enjoyed leading the Revelation study and look forward to starting up "True Story." In this context I'm learning on multiple levels, both as I develop my skills in leading, and also benefit personally from the study materials.

I'm very grateful for my placement at St. Paul's and can see God's hand in bringing me here. Thank you for your openness, support, and encouragement over the course of my internship – it's very much appreciated.

Adair Oosterbroek

Jitterbugs

St Paul's pre-school music session, Jitterbugs, has had a challenging year, but continues to be a happy time in the church lounge each Tuesday morning. Covid restrictions have impacted on the group, with quite a few of the mums reluctant to take their children into social groups and some of the care givers unable to, because of their organisation's restrictions we have had fewer attending each week,

During times of Lockdown and during the Orange traffic-light restrictions we were able to meet on line which proved to be a very successful way of delivering the programme. We were very grateful that Jackie and Simon had the technology equipment and know how to keep the sessions going via You Tube. We had a much wider following than our usual group which added a new dimension to our time of dance and music.

Since being back together we have developed into a very close-knit group and have attracted some Home-schooling families. This has added a new challenge to the group as these children are, of course, older than those we usually cater for. But the younger, pre-school children remain the centre of our attention.

It is so rewarding to see the way the children interact, showing consideration for each other, despite differences. The friendly relationships between the adults are also a positive feature of the group.

Adair's ongoing involvement in the group has been greatly appreciated. Her willingness to get down on the floor and play with the children and at times refocus them is a gift that adds considerable value to the team. Alan continues to mind the door, making sure no child leaves the building unaccompanied, a very necessary task, done in a calm, firm but caring manner. Jackie continues to competently lead the music side of the programme with a creative flair. Her ability to find an array of appropriate hats to match new songs continually surprises me!

Without the ongoing support of Sally, Adair, Alan and the rostered kitchen helpers, the programme would survive, but not flourish in the way it does now.

Tuesday morning in the church lounge really is a time of fun, fellowship and caring support, a powerful aspect of the church's life.

*Lynne Arnold,
Jitterbugs Facilitator*

Formation and Discipleship Team:

As a team we've continued to run the Thursday morning prayer meeting which has become a very special time for all who attend. In addition to the time of prayer, sharing together over morning tea afterward has developed and strengthened relationships. We'd love to encourage increased participation from the St. Paul's family – you're missing out!

We began a study on the book of Revelation several months ago and this is ongoing on Thursday mornings. This has been a challenging and rewarding study to date, and we've enjoyed some good discussions around our understandings of what the Scriptures are saying to us.

Shortly we'll begin another study around sharing our faith in terms that have significance to people today. This is another opportunity to develop in our faith as we engage with the gospel afresh for the sake of our own understanding, and for the sake of the world which needs to hear the good news, and see it embodied in us.

Adair Oosterbroek, Janice Tucker

Child Sponsorship

(Quote from World Vision annual report: "Your sponsorship donations have impacted Everen's life and community in incredible ways. For each child you help, four more children benefit too.

Quote from Heidi Coetzee, Chief Executive, Save the Children: "Our vision is a world where every child survives, learns and is protected. We are doing whatever it takes to teach the world's most excluded children.

In recent years we've been able to deliver real change on a bigger scale than ever before, but only because of the generosity of supporters like you.

Without you, we simply wouldn't be able to tackle the barriers that prevent them from surviving, learning and being protected. We won't stop until every last child fulfils their potential"

Collections taken 2021

July	\$86.00
August	\$0.00
September	\$9.20
October	\$79.20
November	\$60.00
December	\$0.00

2022

January	\$73.20
February	\$105.90
March	\$60.00
April	\$120.60
May	\$154.40
June	\$0.00

Total collected \$748.50

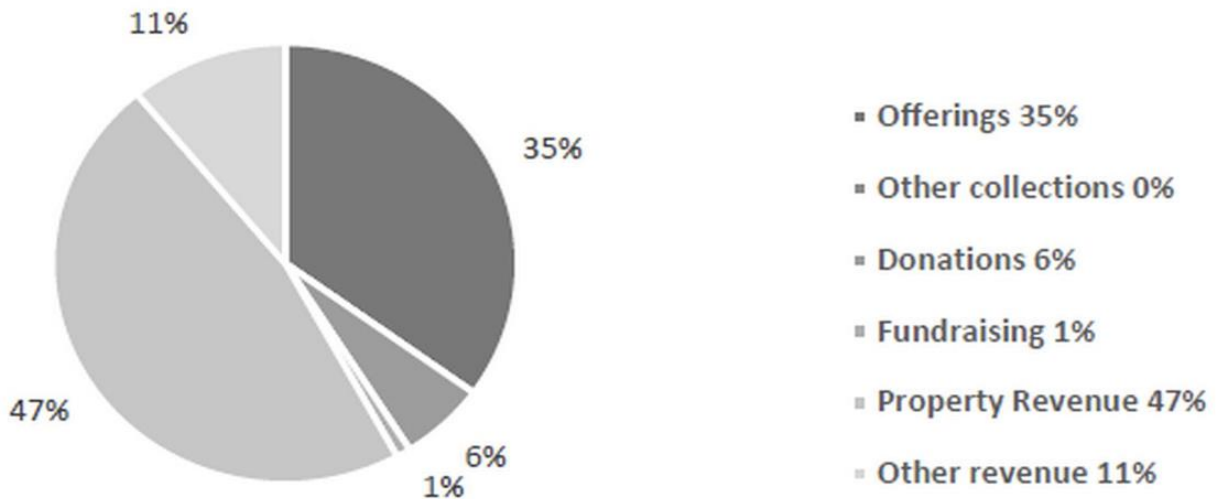
Paid World Vision	December 2021	\$307.00	March 2022	\$307.00
Save the Children	March 2022	\$300.00		
Total Paid		\$914.00		

Marion Fell, Elder

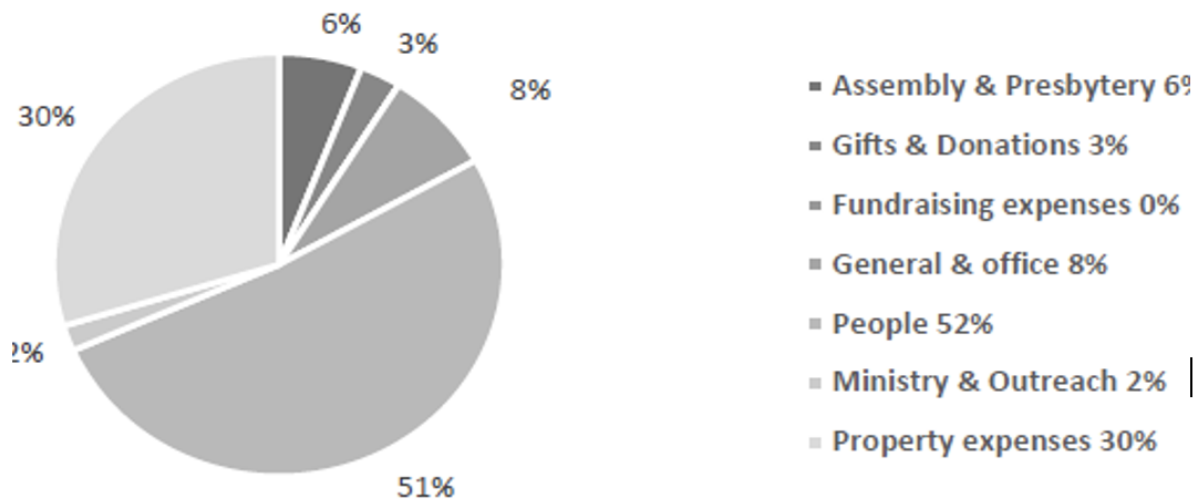
St Paul's Parish - Budget for 2021/22 Financial Year

The budget for 2022-2023 was approved at a Parish Meeting on Sunday 17th July 2022. See below.

Revenue Actual YTD



Expenses Actual YTD



Overall revenue is budgeted to be \$219,900 next year which is comparable to the forecast for the current year

Income Budget for 2022-2023 Financial Year	Full Year (2022/23) Budget	Prior Year (21/22) Full Year Budget	Forecast Full Year to June 2022
Revenue			
Offerings	\$82,500	\$72,400	\$83,000
Other Collections	\$0	\$0	\$3,000
Donations	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$20,000
Fund Raising	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$1,100
Property Revenue	\$106,400	\$96,200	\$95,000
Other Revenue	\$20,000	\$16,000	\$15,000
Total Revenue	\$219,900	\$195,600	\$217,100

Expenditure is budgeted to be \$218,890 next year compared to a forecast for the current year of \$228,450

Expenditure Budget for 2022-2023 Financial Year	Full Year (2022/23) Budget	Prior Year (21/22) Full Year Budget	Forecast Full Year to June 2022
Expenses			
Assembly & Presbytery	\$13,900	\$14,200	\$13,000
Gifts & Donations	\$9,080	\$1,560	\$6,800
Fund Raising expenses	\$400	\$400	\$250
General & Office	\$16,820	\$16,340	\$18,000
People	\$48,530	\$120,000	\$120,000
Ministry & Outreach	\$2,360	\$2,360	\$5,400
Property Expenses	\$127,800	\$67,800	\$65,000
Total Expenses	\$218,890	\$222,660	\$228,450

This means the Parish will have a balanced budget compared to previous year's deficits and the forecast deficit for the current year of \$11,350. This is entirely due to the vacancy.

Treasurer's Report 2022

- We have just renewed the lease of 112 Morris Spence Avenue to the Napier Family Centre. Murray Arnold is to be thanked for the successful outcome as there has been a lot of work involved in this.
- As 47% of our income is from property, we are very dependent on the rent from the NFC and the hiring out of church buildings and grounds.
- A team has also been looking at the viability of Asher Hall and thanks go to Kim Hooper for leading this group.
- We have ended the year repeating part of last year's report, in that we have not yet paid for the necessary roof repairs. This has helped enormously with the budget and we ended the year with a small deficit of \$3,056.00. We have therefore not had to use any capital.
- Once again thanks to everyone for their generosity, we received \$7,400 in the Thanks offering.
- A retiring collection was held for Tonga and \$234.00 was sent to the World Vision appeal.
- Christmas Day offerings were \$281.00 which was sent to CWS.
- We received \$10,000 from the estate of Mr Vic Heath; this was very generous as we had already received a bequest after his wife Helen died in 2016. This money was transferred to our PIF account and will help us to pay the insurance.
- Work has started on replacing the Asher Hall kitchen roof. This is a completely new roof alignment needed to stop the rain getting in. The cost of this is about \$40,000.00. The Cole family bequest can to be used for Capital Works with the approval of the congregation, and it was moved at the Parish Council meeting on August 9th that "at the next congregational meeting we ask for permission to use the funds from the Cole Bequest to pay for Asher Hall kitchen roof"

Recommendations

1. That the financial report be approved
2. That Oldershaw Accountants be appointed as reviewers of the financial statements for 2022 if this is still necessary.
3. That the Cole Family Bequest be used to pay for the new roof over the Asher Hall Kitchen.

Sylvia Low, Treasurer

ST PAUL'S CHURCH

Minutes of Annual General Meeting Sunday, 17th October 2021 11.20am in the Church



Rev S Carter presided, welcoming attendees to the 163rd AGM of St Paul's
Meeting constituted in prayer

Present at the meeting: 36 members

Apologies: I Finlayson, H McClymont, K McNaughton, L & S Mulder.
Apologies accepted. Agreed.

Late apologies by phone: D & J Gillies

Confirmation of Agenda: Additional items – Parish Lunch Group and Child Sponsorship

Roll of Honour: Irene Buttery, Heather Chapman, Graham Cowley, Takamoa Cowley, Katherine Drysdale, Robert (Bob) Foster, Victor Heath, Donald Ransom.

All present stood to honour the above and L Arnold said “while we are standing, it seems good to acknowledge two of our members who have passed away since 30th June. Let us remember Kaye Maxted and Ros Keiran. We thank God for them both”.

Minutes of last AGM: Moved that the minutes are a true and correct record.

J McConnochie/L Willis. Agreed.

Matters Arising: None

Parish Council Implementation Ratification:

L Arnold identified the structure and people involved in the core team highlighting the convener of each team.

That this meeting ratify the implementation of the Parish Council structure as indicated. L Arnold/B Rudd. Agreed.

That teams be given the power to co-opt members as required within their terms of reference. L Arnold/B Rudd. Agreed.

Reports:

Session: L Arnold spoke to her report extending thanks to all.

L Arnold/R Wildbore. Agreed.

Rev S Carter thanked L Arnold for all she had done.

Minister: Rev S Carter spoke to her report. At a time when Churches throughout New Zealand are struggling, it is so heart-warming to have the support of so many within the congregation. Thanks extended to A Oosterbroek for her contribution, support and work done with a loving heart. Acknowledgement of K Cooke & H McClymont for their time in the office. Welcome to B Dunn. J McConnochie extended appreciation to both Rev S Carter & A Oosterbroek for the virtual services during lockdown.

S Carter/L Willis. Agreed.

Other: J McConnochie verbally presented the report from the Parish Lunch Group. Average attendance of 18. All are welcome.

M Fell read a report about the 11-year-old child sponsored through World Vision.

Copy to go on the notice-board for all to see.

Photo presentation to visually show aspects of Parish Life.

Moved that these and also the printed reports from Care & Share, Catering Team, Intern's, Jitterbugs, Choir and Child Sponsorship be received.

S Carter/C Woodward. Agreed.

L Willis spoke to the Responsible Stewardship report.

L Willis/D Finlayson. Agreed.

M Eagle emphasised from her report that networking and ongoing care and concern for one another are our main tools for pastoral care.

M Eagle/E Holmes. Agreed.

J Foster thanked M Eagle for the work she does in the pastoral care role.

A Hoggarth raised the issue of the Anne Frank Exhibition. Thanks was extended to A Oosterbroek for her work on this and to all the volunteers.

Financial: S Low moved that the congregation approve the 2021/2022 budget.

Seconded by K Marshall. Agreed.

Discussion regarding the size of font in the financial reports. Also, about the future of Asher Hall and how much does it contribute to the life in the parish. M Arnold advised that the team were waiting on feedback regarding maintenance etc of Asher Hall. S Low advised, including car park income the property share is 47% and offerings 34%.

Recommendation: that Oldershaw & Co be appointed as reviewers of the financial statements for 2022 if this is still necessary.

S Low/F Carter. Agreed

Recommendation: that the Financial Report be approved.

S Low/K Marshall. Agreed.

J McConnochie asked why the James Anderson Bequest is not included in page 12 of the Financial Performance report. K Marshall said it was included in page 9. It was agreed that clarification is needed as to the movement of funds from the Special accounts.

Thanks was extended to S Low and those at the Napier Family Centre who undertake the financial aspects of the parish and also for their work in producing the financial report.

General Business: None

Rev S Carter then extended thanks to D Finlayson, E Holmes, M Fell, E Haigh, L Arnold and all who have accommodated these strange times and for the life of this congregation and church family.

J Tucker thanked A Oosterbroek.

Meeting closed at 12.23pm with all saying the Grace together.

Signed: _____

Moderator

Date: _____

