

Island Bay Presbyterian Church
Wellington New Zealand

Annual Report

2017



Connecting People with God and Each Other



Heart Statement: **Connecting People with God and Each Other**

Our core values *Together we evaluate ourselves against our core values, which are:*

Evangelism

- ◆ We value serving our community as a symbol of our faith.
- ◆ We equip people to share with confidence the Gospel of Christ.

Discipleship Development

- ◆ We actively disciple our children and youth, and provide regular discipleship opportunities for everyone.
- ◆ We intentionally seek to share and connect our journeys and passions to help one another grow in Christ.

Social Justice

- ◆ We value being involved in people's work in social justice as part of the global church.
- ◆ We seek to promote social justice issues even when it causes us discomfort.

Sunday Service and Communal Worship

- ◆ We make space for all people to connect with God at our Sunday worship.
- ◆ We seek to link our communal-worship experiences with the rest of our life with Christ and each other throughout the week.
- ◆ We value creativity within order to aid different groups coming together.
- ◆ We value equipping people to be able to share faith experiences.

Fellowship Outside of Communal Worship/Sunday Worship

- ◆ We support each other and our community with practical help and prayer.
- ◆ We strive to meet with each other outside of communal worship in different ways that enables deeper fellowship.



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Invitation to the 119th Annual General Meeting of Island Bay Presbyterian Church.

The Members and friends of IBPC are cordially invited to attend our AGM for 2017 on Nov 17th. Come at 6.45pm for a 7pm start – tea, coffee and nibbles provided. Everyone associated with the life of the parish is welcome to attend; Members and Associate Members may vote. If you wish to become a member, see Nathan.

The reports will be taken as read and presented in groups. If you have a question or a point you would like to raise, please submit it to a member of Parish Council by Sunday Nov 12th. A good length of time will be given to discussing our finances.

Over 2016-17 our main focus has been on discipleship. As you read these AGM reports hopefully you will see how our people have been stepping out to follow Christ and grow in discipleship over the last year. At our leaders' retreat this summer we will pick a new focus for the next two years: as you attend this year's AGM, reflect on what has been achieved and listen to the presentations. Please keep a prayerful ear open to what God is calling us to focus on over the next stage of our life in community.

Letter from the Minister

2017 is coming to an end and it is time to review our life together since our last AGM. So thanks again for another awesome year!

Some people have moved way, our dear brother Jim Bruce passed away, and others have joined with us in worship here in our local expression of the world-wide Body of Christ.

Our Sunday morning worship continues to be the bedrock of our community with inspiring worship led by our many musicians, in a well-maintained building (with new lights and sound) thanks to Graeme and our Managers, with beautiful flowers, and a good time of fellowship with a cuppa afterwards. Since our last AGM we have had an Advent series, we remembered the Nordmeyers and opened our new garden with a blessing of the boat, Jack the donkey visited us again with the Brigades for Palm Sunday, we had a month looking at the housing crisis, and we have done A LOT of talking about Martin Luther and the 500th anniversary of the Reformation...

Thanks for the high level of participation on Sunday mornings, especially with our children helping start each service, and especially to all of those who preached while I was away on study leave for term 2 (some preaching for the first time). Travelling around the world with three children isn't necessarily relaxing, but it was a great time – we saw much, learnt much, were inspired, and I made a good start on my thesis.

We do a lot as a parish, but Sunday mornings are the heart of it all. On Sunday we gather together in worship and prayer to hear God's word, to enjoy each other's company, to share our lives, to re-imagine how the world could be as God's Kingdom comes among us, and to seek to repent of any negative attitudes or habits that hold us back from fully participating in God's new world. Everything else we do spins off from this core of worship.

There will be much talk about our deficit (again) this year – it is an unpleasant reality and our cash reserves are running out. To address this, Parish Council and Board of Managers got together to prayerfully review what we do and to see if there was an activity we could cut to save us some money... However, if we cut back we only do so if we feel the Spirit is leading us in this direction, and nothing we do stood out as having run its course. In fact, we felt called to step out further! To look again at employing a youth minister to help disciple our own youth as well as working alongside Bruce with youth in the flats in Berhampore.

Naturally, though, this will only be done if we can secure grants funding for the position. For if God calls then God will provide.

As we know, sometimes God provides through us, and so there will be much discussion at the AGM about fundraising, seeking grants, and better using our buildings to generate income. We seek wisdom as we explore these options.

For we are ordinary people seeking to serve an extraordinary God, and to shine the Light into the broken places around us. We are doing this tangibly here in Island Bay and in Berhampore. More are joining us in this work, and we pray that God will use us and our witness to open the hearts of our neighbours to Christ and his Way.

I feel proud and blessed to be the minister of this church. I appreciate that we are in this as a team with great staff and volunteers, and I am grateful for the prayer, advice and support I get from all of you.

Shalom, Reverend Nathan

Parish Council

As your Parish Council, we strive to find ways to enable our continued ministries to ourselves and our community. We spend our time together reflecting and discussing our various ministries within the presence of God. We actively listen and seek God's wisdom to know the direction He wants us to take.

The past year has seen great loss, a time without Nathan and a growth in many of our ministries.

As we know, life doesn't stop. It continues on whether you want it to or not. Therefore, when Nathan and his family went on their trip over the second term this year we had to realise life without the direction of Nathan, the support and tireless work of Amber and the joy of Anwyn, Calvin and Miriam.

Through this time, many of our congregation stepped up to look after our services and Bruce was invaluable in leading many services while continuing his work in the community. It was a blessing for us and our community. Many thanks to those that took services and extra duties throughout this time and who still continue to do so, for example, Irene's continued work with the rosters even after ending her time on Parish Council.

Nathan and family went on a great trip starting with a family holiday and then leading on to Britain and Europe for Nathan's study leave. Parish Council strongly endorsed the decision for Nathan to take this study leave to 'break the back' of his thesis and to gain more insight into God's love and care which we are sure will continue to bless us as Nathan has done for over 10 years now. His, Amber's and their family's value is immeasurable. Thanks be to God for them and their tireless service to us and our community. We have enjoyed the fruits of this time away and look forward to all that will come from this.

We welcomed back David, Maria, Toby and Dylan Cross from their time in Manila. Manila's loss is our gain. They have returned to us after several years living in the slums of Manila. They have all fit perfectly back in to our community and have found their place helping with our ministries. Many thanks.

Our various ministries have kept going and are thriving. The Brigades, lead very ably by Joe, Irene, Brenda, Mel and their faithful teams of helpers. Special mention to ICONZ which has continued on and thriving after many of the boys from last year's group graduated to Boys Brigade. Thanks Mel and Brenda.

Our youth group is also thriving under the able leadership of Angela, Richard and Sarah. We have already enjoyed the various times the members of the youth have been involved in the services and their videos are a highlight. I'm sure it is a help that the kids are awesome already, a tribute to great parents, I'm certain. Liz is also still leading various Toolbox sessions for parents.

After finding our community minister in Bruce, we have seen this really thrive under his leadership. It is very important to us to ensure he is very well supported through this ministry. We have seen the start of weekly lunches including the fruit and veg orders and have heard of the blessing this is for our people who help out with this ministry. Thanks again to God for bringing us Bruce and his capable and talented wife, Jan.

Over the past year we said farewell to Parish Council member, Alison Jarden, as she moved on from Island Bay. Thank you and blessings for your service and future.

We also had to experience the great loss of Jim Bruce. God saw fit to welcome him into his presence, to our sorrow. He honoured us with his service over many, many years seeing it as a privilege to serve and support Nathan and our church family. He believed in what we are doing and always took joy in all we did. We can but try to fill his shoes and learn from his great example.

The Parish Council is working with the Managers' group to combat the deficit we are still experiencing. We met together and discussed possible solutions to this. We have started looking into various things and have asked some to help, but we will be seeking more helpers. We will discuss what have come up with; please seek God's guidance and come to us if you can help or want to know what is happening.

The current Parish Council is: Rev. Nathan Parry, Andrew Bruce (Parish Secretary), Melanie Heaphy (Chifam worker), Nanu Mataatauva, Joe Fecteau, Bruce Hamill (Community Minister). Two members have completed their term of six years and are standing down at this year's AGM; they are Craig Bennett (Treasurer) and Brenda Watkin. They have been capable and dedicated members of our team and we thank them for their service. As we know they serve the church in many other ways as well, so we are

confident they won't get bored without Parish Council in their lives!

Six members is too small a team for Parish Council, so there are two nominations for new Councillors. They are Liz Bruce and Jan Hamill; their inclusion will be voted on at the AGM.

All of us are here with the love of God in our hearts and a passion to support you and our community. If you are in need of support we are happy to listen, support and help, even if the help is finding our Pastoral care team.

Andrew Bruce

Parish Council Secretary

Community Minister

It gives me great pleasure to mark the first year of my work as Community Minister. The new Community Ministry of IBPC in Berhampore began in August, 2017. At the advice of Nathan, we established a planning/oversight group – Community Ministry Action Group (CMAG). Initially it was myself, my wife Jan, Amber Parry, Regina Tito, and Sarah Turner. In 2017 this changed. Maria Cross joined us from Manilla and Sarah retired.

I spent the first few months focusing on networking and praying for direction. During this time I met many key figures. I was fortunate to be able to volunteer for the WCC 'Love the Bay' consultation during the 2016 'cycleway wars.' In this way I got to know many of the Island Bay residents. Wellington South Community Network linked me with many in social development roles in South Wellington. I joined the new Berhampore Community Association. Jan and I made a regular habit of attending Morning Prayer with the Newtown Urban Vision team. The Network grew rapidly.

Fairly early on CMAG decided that our focus would be on the tenement flats and in particular on Granville Flats. My main initial contact came through attending the weekly community meeting (CAPchat) held each Wednesday by the Community Action section (CAP) of the WCC social housing team. This meeting continues to be a major point of contact with Granville residents. Throughout this year I have been grateful for the support and encouragement of Bobby and Rosalina from WCC team. They very quickly offered me a key to the Community Room. I then opened up the room on a Monday afternoon as well and started meeting people over a cuppa. Many a valuable one-on-one conversation has happened here. Bobby quickly linked me with a resident who needed assistance with his weekly shopping on a Thursday morning. In 2017, Liz Bruce kindly offered to share this responsibility on alternate Thursday mornings. By the end of 2016 we decided that our focus for 2017 would be on a Free Lunch in the Granville Flats and a Fruit and Vege Co-op to provide affordable and accessible healthy food in Berhampore. We felt that the two projects would be mutually enriching and decided to do them on the same day – Tuesday.

I introduced these ideas in the services, preached on related themes and called for volunteers. We received funding of \$1000 from Presbyterian Support Central (Gibb Fund) for the project which we called the Berhampore Food and Friendship Project. By our starting date of February 14th we had a team of 12 members (including CMAG) playing a range of roles, including: planning; assisting with packing fruit and veges in Miramar; providing hospitality and friendship at the Free Lunch; helping with the distribution side of the Co-op and, and supporting individuals pastorally. Two of the 12 were from outside the IBPC congregation, with one being a resident in Granville Flats. As lunches progressed, residents of Granville have increasingly taken responsibility for aspects of running the lunch. Behind this work, members of IBPC have been filling the freezer with soup for our meals (Thanks team!). It has been exhilarating seeing the growing relationships between members of IBPC and Granville residents.

In listening and sharing life-stories, we have been increasingly aware of the complex relationship between financial poverty, mental health, personal trauma and addiction. The high price of housing, cigarettes and

fresh fruit and veges mean that many people have little or no discretionary income and live from week to week unsure how they will manage. There are no simple solutions. It is our privilege to take Jesus seriously and share our life with those battling against the odds in our destructive and isolating social context. As we have learnt to trust our newfound friends and in turn to earn their trust, we have been on the lookout for practical ways to make a difference.

One project I have established is a fund (thanks to donations from members of IBPC!) to help people buy a vaporiser (e-cigarette). The cost for vaporiser liquid, after the initial outlay of \$50-\$60 (granted from the fund) is less than a quarter of that of cigarettes. Some reduce their cigarette habit; some give up; all can make significant savings. This is a big help for those who spend more on cigarettes than they do on groceries. The reality is many mental health conditions make giving up unrealistic in the short term.

Lunch has also been supported by the Boys and Girls Institute (BGI) who receive donations of baking which they share with us (in exchange for help with picking it up). Another aspect of our ministry in food has been the way the IBPC delivers Kaibosh (rescued food to avoid waste) to Granville on a Saturday evening. This is a rostered responsibility for which residents are enormously grateful. Jan and I have sought to extend our own relationships with friends in Granville by providing regular hospitality in our home as well.

The Fruit and Vege Co-op has grown to around 40 orders each week. Feedback is encouraging. It also provides a broad connection to the wider Berhampore community. Helen Scobie's skilled assistance with publicity and a place on the Berhampore Community Association's stall at the Knack Market have been key factors in this growth. We have also depended on the generosity of the Mahoneys who made their van available every Tuesday as orders increased.

Our project is not merely an exercise in feeding people. It is a spiritual journey, a process of learning to follow Jesus and attending to the presence and nudging of God. For me, being intentionally disciplined in a small group (3DM model) led by Paul Prestidge, has been an invaluable part of this. As the year ends I have been planning ahead to offer a similar process of intentional discipling for any members of the team (or others) who would like it in 2018.

Enormous thanks to Nathan for his supervision and collegial support; to Helen for her multi-skilled assistance; to Presbyterian Support for their grant; to BGI for their generosity, to Parish Council for providing professional development and spiritual direction; to Sallie and Meri and Mel and the team at Eastern Suburbs division of the Fruit and Vege Co-op; to Rosy Gallen and Bobby and Rosalina and the CAP team at WCC; to the Kaibosh team for their wonderful work; to Paul Prestidge for the 3DM huddle; to the Kaitiaki and residents of Granville Flats – especially Quinny, Derek, Peggy and Tina; to Merio at Centennial Community Centre; to Anita at Rintoul St Villas, and to the many members of IBPC who pray, make soup, lend the van and donate to the vape fund. Finally, thanks to the team (past and present) whose personal commitment and generosity is largely unsung: Amber, Angela, Deme, Emma, Lindsay, Liz, Jan, Janice, Joe, Maria, Nanu, Regina and Sarah.

Reverend Bruce Hamill

David and Maria Cross

We returned to New Zealand last November after nearly seven years of ministry with Servants to Asia's Urban Poor in the slums of Manila. In this report, we'd like to thank Island Bay Presbyterian Church for its support and provide some detail of our transition back to life in New Zealand.

We are very grateful for the kindness shown to us by IBPC in supporting our missionary activity in the Philippines. This has included financial, prayer, gifts and even visits!

We would like to single out the faithful prayers that covered us during some very stretching episodes. Often, we faced crisis moments or emergencies but had no time to relay this information back home to request prayer. However, later we found out people were praying for us at that very time or someone had sensed a call to pray for us. God was indeed taking care of us through the faithful and caring community of IBPC.

This year, the church and our friends in Letre, Malabon, continue to be supported through our friend Pastor Glenn. After a fire roared through the community in February, Pastor Glenn assisted a coordinated relief effort between us in NZ and him in the Philippines to rebuild twelve homes.

In June, David was able to travel to Manila for his graduation ceremony and receive his Masters in Theology. He was also able to visit many friends and community members and see how their recovery was progressing.

Since arriving back to NZ we have been based in Newtown and have enjoyed seeing Toby begin school and Dylan start kindergarten. We are grateful for Dave finding paid employment at Our Lady's Home of Compassion in Island Bay and the involvement we have with a local Urban Vision team. We are also grateful for the pregnancy of Maria and the newness a baby will bring to our household.

We have set aside this year to discern our next steps. Please continue to pray with us for this to become clearer.

With thanks and the blessings of our Lord Jesus Christ,

David and Maria Cross

Board of Managers

IBPC's Board of Managers is charged with overseeing our church's buildings, IT, equipment, and finances in a way that supports and enables the mission and ministries of the wider congregation. We are a small team comprising of Gail and Graeme, Lindsay, David, Irene, Craig and Nathan. Please see us if you think you would have the skills to serve in this area.

A lot of the hands-on time goes on the smaller day-to-day repairs and maintenance that arise from running this kind of complex: clearing guttering, repairing holes in walls, keeping the gardens tidy, fixing broken chairs and tables etc. In relation to this work we would like to express our deep gratitude to Graeme Mahoney who does the bulk of the 'fix-it' stuff; Helen who keeps tabs on tradesmen, hire groups, and consumables; Michael whom we pay to clean the church for five hours a week, and Elaine, Janice, Lindsay and others who come down to help in the garden.

This is a big complex; it is heavily used and there are always jobs that need to be done. It is hard to keep our hall and lounge clean to the standard expected by our hire groups; volunteer cleaners now and then would be appreciated.

We would also like to express deep gratitude to Craig (aided by Gail helping administer the envelope system and Angela with year-end receipts) for the hours he puts into keeping track of our finances. In recent times this has also involved liaising with Presbytery in relation to our grant from the sale of St James. This grant pays Bruce's stipend, half of Helen's salary, and also included moneys allocated to doing up our buildings.

Some projects from the building grant have been brought to completion since our last AGM. These were a) completing and opening the Nordmeyer Garden spearheaded by Nathan and with extra grants from the Council, Ministry of Education and St John's in the City; and b) updating the sound and lighting in the church, overseen by Graeme. Thanks to everyone for their patience in having to move out of the church for a Sunday to see that work completed.

These jobs, plus purchase of a laptop for the sound system and a new photocopier, saw us use up the remainder of our Big Refresh fundraiser money from a few years back.

Thanks also to the sound team of Graeme, Nathan M and Michael S who have taken the time to learn how to use the new sound system, and who help us to hear what is going on in Sunday services.

We are required to have proper Health and Safety processes as a public building. These are now up and running thanks to Wendy, Alison Jarden (who has since moved to Fielding), Helen and Janet.

Costs, such as insurance, continue to rise. This year our premiums have jumped from circa \$8,000 p.a. to around \$11,000 p.a., this despite not fully insuring the church for natural disaster cover, and having an excess of \$2,000. Before the Christchurch earthquakes, insurance cost us under \$4,000 a year to be fully insured with a \$500 excess. This is an area of tension for us - we don't want to waste money but we also want to be adequately covered.

Thanks to everyone for your support and assistance in the small jobs we all do that help keep this place tidy and ticking over.

Graeme Mahoney

Administrator

It's been another full year coordinating administrative tasks and supporting the church and its diverse communities. There has been a wonderful flow of people through the office seeking support, solutions and suggestions, all adding to the rewards of this role.

Group bookings: We now have 15 regular groups using the church Centre, of which 6 are IBPC weekly groups (church meetings not included). Two new regular groups started meeting at IBPC, in October: Wellington Weavers and Spinners Guild Inc (three meetings per month), and the 5Rhythms movement group (meeting weekly). Both have fitted into the bookings calendar without compromising church space needs. No regular groups ceased over the year.

Managing casual bookings -like those for Island Bay School whilst their own hall was unavailable - continued to be a large part of the administration role.

Our Conditions of Use Agreement was updated in October 2017, which all regular hire groups were asked to accept. This aimed to remove IBPC from liability in the event of loss of private property.

Two weddings were held at IBPC in the year; two funerals and a memorial service were conducted in the church.

Health and Safety: To reflect the importance of health and safety, in December Parish Council approved a Health and Safety statement (*Full policy at www.ibpc.org.nz*):

"Health and Safety Statement 2016: Island Bay Presbyterian Church believes that an effective Health & Safety management system is key to a successful organisation. Through our active commitment to legislation compliance and most importantly, ensuring our workers and church are safe, we will continuously look for opportunities to improve our performance and system whilst still following our church values.

We aim to actively promote improvement through ensuring our staff and management are equally committed, involved and supportive of our Health & Safety practices..."

Thank you to Wendy and Alison, and latterly, Janet, for their work on this programme and for helping draft personal safety guidelines.

An emergency water tank was installed on church outside the Lounges in November 2016, as part of resourcing ourselves should a major disaster occur.

Supporting core church programmes: publicity and communications support was provided for many of the

outreach activities of the church: the Berhampore Fruit & Vege Coop, garage sales, West Papua quiz night, Italian guitar recital, Easter events, Christmas activities and ANZAC Day. I continued to provide print and online/social media communications support for joint Island Bay church initiatives like the Community Carols and Teddy Bears Picnic.

Church communications: members now receive Sunday News via email and usually receive an end-of-week update, recognising that many aren't able to attend the Sunday service weekly but like to stay informed. I have encouraged church members to visit and contribute to our Facebook page to share thoughts and photos, and find out what's happening.

Environment: IBPC is now recycling soft plastics via the supermarket receptacle. The IBPC waste load to landfill is now significantly reduced.

Grateful thanks to Kezia who continued to help with office admin tasks until August this year. I'm also thankful for the backdrop of company and good humour of Vau, Bruce, Amber, Mel and Michael as we have navigated our way through the weeks! And a final thank you to Nathan for offering his grounded and sensitive advice as I've addressed the many and interesting challenges that come 'through the office door'.

Helen Scobie

Sunday School and Lil' Lights

In the last 12 months we have averaged 20 children in Sunday school, with 10 families regularly attending. For the first term we split into three classes – the tween group studied the action bible with Mel, and Amber used the faith box curriculum with the other kids. By the end of that term we needed to split the younger children off into a separate group.

The focus of term 2 was story telling. We looked at how Jesus told stories, how people understand concepts better through stories, and what our favourite bible stories are. The term ended with a service that was basically entirely kid-lead and included videos of three bible stories that the kids made using Lego, Star Wars characters and the church playground boat. The kids did all the readings, prayers and 'sermon' and it was a great opportunity for them to show what they are capable of.

Sara and Mel lead the 5+ year old group, while Jan (with help from the parents) lead the Little Lights. We posted the videos to the church Facebook page and from a social media perspective it was awesome to see how many people viewed our videos and posted great responses.

In term 3 we focused on housing, refugees and homelessness, with Gill taking the preschoolers. The kids have been really engaged with the topic and particularly enjoyed Erica Herron's visit, where she brought a sleeping mat made of plastic bags.

For term 4 we are currently spending a month on the reformation and then will launch into practising the Christmas play. For term 4 we are trialling a rotation style set up where there are three activities, and the kids are split into three groups and move through each. We will also make some things to sell at the Christmas market.

We have had boxes of activities in church for the kids over school holidays this year, and next year plan to upgrade this to permanent boxes. We have been trying to refresh toys in the church as well.

Worship

We have had two intergenerational services this year. Some kids drift off about halfway through and play in the lounge which makes supervision tricky. We are trying to set up toys in there to pre-empt this happening. We have also learnt a new song. The kids are on a roster for doing the opening call to worship psalm.

Social Justice

Our housing study this year was a big social justice focus for the kids. This culminated in making the blankets in the inter-gen service and the kids met after school to take these into Downtown Community Ministry. They got a great tour and took in the foodbank food as well.

Amber Parry Strong and Melanie Heaphy

Working with children and their families – Chifam

As the IBPC Chifam Worker, my role is to help our church show God's love by reaching out to children and their families in both our own congregation and in our community, through organised activities and events that cater to their needs. I am also responsible for ensuring we continue to meet our Kids Friendly objectives, particularly the 'intentional' focus.

The Kids' Friendly activities at IBPC have continued to be an important part of the church's family life and outreach in 2017. The regular weekly kids' sessions and planned events have continued, and we are successfully meeting our Kids' Friendly objectives by providing space and time for kids and their families in our weekly Sunday services, and ensuring that all our kids know they are loved and valued by their church family.

We have an average of 17 kids attending Sunday Club each week, with 26 kids on the roll. See the Sunday Club and Little Lights section of the report for details.

Kiddiccino continues to serve our local community and we passed our annual Ministry of Education check. Numbers change every week, but we consistently have a minimum of 25 kids plus their caregivers, and it's great to see relationships forming as new people join almost every week. We continued our relationship with Island Bay Library with a visit from Pauline, and it's great how the link between things we run at church and other local community organisations can work really nicely. Thanks to our wonderful Kiddiccino team - Amber, Nathan, Jackie, Janice, Kezia, Bruce, Roger and Brenda.

Reporting on the Chifam Vision for 2017

IBPC: Connecting people to God and each other

The purpose of this vision is to create links between our IBPC families and the rest of the congregation, and also between our wider IBPC church family and the community around us. It also supports the Sunday Club and Little Lights Vision 2017.

NB. Community families refers to connections within the Island Bay community, particularly through Kiddiccino, ICONZ, Boys Brigade and Girls Brigade.

Objective 1: We seek to be the 'salt and light' in our community. (Fellowship outside of the communal/ Sunday worship)

- Offer practical support to our community families in need
- meals, babysitting
- Be visible in the community by being involved in local events and running events ourselves
- Pet service
- Parihaka and fireworks extravaganza
- Combined Churches Christmas Carol evening/BBQ at St Hilda's – lots of games outside, a sausage sizzle and ice cream to finish

- The Island Bay Festival Parade – which featured the combined churches float (thanks Janice for the use of the trailer, which looked fabulous with all its balloons and streamers), and the teddy bears picnic which featured a bear dance off and triathlon.
- ANZAC Day service at Island Bay School – ICONZ and Girls' Brigade attended the ceremony and did a great job of representing themselves and the churches of the Bay.
- Instead of a Matariki party this year, we decided to make it a welcome home party for the Parrys. While this event wasn't specifically a 'children's ministry' initiative, the turn-out from the congregation and the community feeling of togetherness was awesome. I think it really highlighted what a close church family we are, and in that sense, it was just as much an important ministry event as any of the 'kids' events that we run.

Objective 2: We seek to support faith at home for our community families (Discipleship)

- Via email, we find and share resources that families can use at home
- Craft nights and 'cuppa' nights
- Every term a newsletter has gone out to our groups (ICONZ, GB) inviting people to our events and reminding them about opportunities such as Toolbox courses etc
- We've used Facebook a lot more this year in promoting our events.
- We revamped our Kiddiccino Facebook page, making it our main source of communication.

Objective 3: We seek to raise awareness of social justice issues (Social Justice)

- Sunday Club spent a term learning about homelessness and we visited Downtown Community Ministry (DCM) to deliver food and the blankets made by the church.
- We supported Birthright Wellington with their "Christmas presents for needy kids" initiative (Kiddiccino and church families supported this)
- DCM food bank donations (ICONZ and Kiddiccino families supported this)

Objective 4 links to Objective 4 of the Sunday Club Vision 2016:

Objective 4: Fostering interconnection between children, parents, families and members of the wider congregation (Worship)(Fellowship)

Ensure children have opportunities to meet each other – at Brigades, at Youth Group and at internal and external social events

Three intergenerational church services - Steam Punk service, Generation Game service lead by Mel and Joe, Homelessness service (Amber), Martin Luther Door service (Nathan)

Kid-lead service – including the Lego/Star Wars/Duplo movies made by the kids

IBPC Church family Christmas lunch following the Sunday Club break up service and "Round the Back" play

Christmas carolling around the neighbourhood on Christmas Eve

Shrove Tuesday pancake kiddie dinner at IBPC

Objective 5: We seek to bridge the gap between our community families and our IBPC church family (Sunday Service/Communal Worship)

- Invite our community families to church-based events every term
- Kids' Community Christmas Party where the Sunday Club kids performed their play "Round the Back"
- The blessing of our boat service and opening of our new playground
- Palm Sunday Family Service which included Jack the donkey, Merlin the pony and the Wainuiomata Farmyard petting zoo.

Mel Heaphy

Toolbox Parenting

“Welcome to this Toolbox Course pick up some great ideas and skills to build into your family You will emerge with creative ways of developing a happy home, cooperative kids and a toolbox of ideas you'll be dying to put into practice”

Evaluations are completed by each participant on the final night. With increasing comments and a very real perceived need, The Parenting Place has committed to a revamp of the course. This is on track to be ready for 2018 with planned refresher training on offer.

Gail and Liz facilitated an Early Years course from August 8 with 6 participants.

Margaret Crisp and Liz facilitated a 'Middle Years' course from October 17 with 7 attending. One was funded by Child Youth and Family Service and thankful for transport to and from the venue. Thanks to Wellington South Baptist Church: we were able to relocate there, finding IBCC was closed following the earthquake. Some strong-ish shakes during the evening upstairs at the Baptist church found one tall chap scrambling under the coffee table!

Here, I must honour my husband Jim, who presented Toolbox Middle Years alongside me from 2004 to July 2016.

Gail and Liz again gathered 5 participants for an Early Years course from the 1st May. Thanks to Susan Riddle for covering for Gail and her offer to do so again as needed.

On August 21, Margaret and I prepared for 13 participants for a Middle Years course. This proved to be the most challenging I have experienced. Naturally, people come with their own particular issues and some are voiced long and loudly. Seven people remained at the end, with six withdrawing for various reasons including time restraints and dissatisfaction. This caused some feelings of inadequacy on my part. However, God has graciously 'anointed my head with healing oil' and renewed me.

Thank you for support in covering the cost of rental of the community centre and your prayers and interest.

Liz Bruce for Toolbox Parenting

11th Wellington Girls' Brigade

It has been a really busy year for both our Wednesday Junior group (5-8 years) and our Monday Senior group (9yrs+). Senior numbers have increased to 10, and our Junior numbers have steadily increased to 17 regulars. The girls are a keen, dedicated group, and are a pleasure to be with. Our Company focus this year was on GB Friendship in Asia, covering the cultures through craft, food, animals, plants, products, geography, sports, festivals, languages and celebrations for various countries.

Highlights include:

- Promoting our GB Company at the Island Bay Festival float with Asian bamboo lanterns, parasols and fans, with some wearing silk.
- Seniors were hostesses at the Lion's Club 40th anniversary celebrations
- We are continuing to build up journal/scrap booking topics to record encouragement for personal positive attitudes from scripture and for positive living.
- Junior group had a zoo visit, focusing on Asian animals.
- Uptown Bounce (trampolines) was visited by Juniors and the Wellington Area.
- Juniors visited Junglerama for their end of year special Christmas Party, which included making

a three dimensional dinner table centre.

- Seniors enjoyed a ten-pin bowling night in late December.
- GB combined with BB for the church parade on Palm Sunday after a sleepover with the ICONZ boys.
- Another successful Ballentynes Winter Fashion Show fundraiser. Girls made mandalas (Indian) for 'peoples' choice' votes in order to fundraise.
- Other fundraising ventures were: the GB Area pie run(\$1,000); for IBPC & our Company - an Election day bake stall (\$350); High Tea for The Heart Foundation (\$285); a walkathon with geo-caching for Destiny Rescue (\$240), and providing non-perishable food stuffs for DCM.
- Seniors had an afternoon at BIG AIR Gym and a day trip to Brookfield Scout Camp in Wainuiomata.
- Our special evenings at end of terms have been a SHINE Night, a Challenges Night and a Jungle Night. At Juniors we hosted a successful Fathers & Daughters afternoon tea, where together they made a 'Hang it' wooden article.
- New families associated with Kiddiccino have joined us in Juniors.

Thanks to:

- IBPC for the use of lounge and hall.
- Sandra North and Kian Verner for assisting with Seniors.
- Usha Stewart and Naomi Matautaava for their leadership, help and great ideas and activities for Juniors.
- Our Treasurer, Margaret Cantwell.
- Rev Nathan Parry, for being our Chaplain.
- Caterina Tesoriero, who has given us many years of service.

Brenda Watkin, Team Leader

ICONZ

ICONZ continues to grow in 2017, with an average of 17 kids each week and 20 on the roll.

The majority of the kids go to Island Bay School, but we now have five kids coming regularly from St Francis de Sales School, which is really encouraging.

Our Term 1 theme centred around being out and about, exploring the beach, park, and Paekawakawa reserve. The Term 2 theme was Minecraft and Term 3's theme was Pokemon.

A big highlight of the year for ICONZ and BB was a joint trip to the Island Bay Marine Education Centre. The trip itself was really interesting, but the community building feel of the fish n chips dinner afterwards really highlighted for me the reason we run these groups.

In March we held our inaugural ICONZ tramp, which was a great experience for the boys and dads who went.

In November last year and again in February, we held transitional visits to the senior Boys' Brigade group for our Year 4 ICONZ boys. This involved taking the 10 kids to McDonalds for dinner, before taking them to BB and staying with them for the session. We were really pleased that 7 of the kids have continued going along to BB and have integrated really well.

Huge thanks to Brenda, Roger, Richard Bruce and Jeremy Woods who give their time and effort to make ICONZ run smoothly every week.

Mel Heaphy

Boys' Brigade

It has been a great (and very busy) year for the 30th Wellington Boys Brigade Company. We have had some considerable growth in 2017, with a large influx of new boys in the Team Section group, who have brought with them a huge burst of enthusiasm and energy! Most of them came through from the ICONZ group, as they turned nine/Year 4. We continue to have a great leadership team, with Joe Fecteau, Irene McLachlan, Daniel McLachlan, Peter Martin and Richard Bruce, and have had a lot of help from various parents during the year, as well as our Minister, Nathan Parry, who helped to teach the boys how to bugle last term, and Brenda Watkin.

Our regular meeting nights on Thursdays are still going well, with a combination of games and teaching/learning sessions for both sections going on through the night. This year we had to adjust the times that we start and finish, as the general age of the boys has skewed a bit younger than previous years. This meant we have started Team Section at 6.15pm (previously 6.30) and finished it at 7.30 (previously 8pm). Company Section has started at 7pm and finished at 8.30pm (previously 9pm). Feedback has been positive, in that parents have been able to get their kids to bed a little less wired!

We have had quite a wide variety of events and activities this year, and included shared activities with ICONZ. In August we all went to the Island Bay Marine Education Centre, situated at the old Bait House. It was a great occasion to learn about the various marine animals in the waters around Island Bay, and we got to see an octopus being fed! We are about to have another shared activity in November - a boat trip to Tapu Te Ranga island. A local fisherman has kindly offered to take ICONZ and BB boys on his boat to explore the island, which is something not many people get a chance to do. These shared activities are to familiarise the groups with each other so that when a boy is ready to finish ICONZ he feels comfortable and familiar enough with Boys Brigade to make an easy transition.

As happens each year, the first term of 2017 was a non-uniform term, where the daylight hours would allow more outdoor activities such as building water-powered rockets and cardboard boats. The 2nd and 3rd terms have involved mostly badge work for all the boys, which has included such awards as Music (where the boys have been trying out Brigade type instruments such as the bugle and drums), and Arts and Crafts such as painting, woodwork and t-shirt printing. Our older boys have recently been working on their expedition award with the intention of undertaking their first overnight tramp in late November/early December.

Our final awards night is set to take place in mid-November.

Many thanks,

Joe Fecteau

Youth Group

The Youth Group is made up of 10-13 year olds. The number of attendees varies between 6-9 children each week on a Tuesday. We had a youth helper Emma Wadsworth (youth member at South Coast Baptist Church) and parent leaders Angela Kilford, and Richard & Sara Turner, with guidance from Rev Nathan Parry.

Activities this year have ranged from cooking pies for the Granville Flats lunches, crafts, ball sports, bowling, film evening, baking, a cooking competition (based on My Kitchen Rules) and ball skills at the park. Highlights were a dinner and games night hosted by Craig, Janet and Kezia.

Our focus for Term 3, again, was the Presbyterian Youth Ministry Central Film Festival, which took us to Lower Hutt to attend the event. It was the second year the kids had participated in the film festival and they did well. The group was awarded 'Best Comedy' for their film "*Out with Old ... In with the New*". We

were pleased with their ability to apply themselves and the way they worked together on the task, given the short time frame. They have shown the film at a Sunday service in the context of a kids talk about parables.

Angela Kilford, Sara Turner and Richard Turner

Church Band

As with other years a very big “**Thank you**” must go to everyone who is involved or has been involved in the band in the past year.

First off, and the most important person: *Graeme Mahoney* on the sound desk, with help on occasions from *Nathan McLachlan*, as without them we would not be here nor would you be able to hear us! *Joe Fecteau* who has this fantastic ability to be able to sing whilst playing drums or piano; you are awesome!

Andrew Bruce for his ability to suss out a tune on his guitar, and then help us to come in at the right place when we can't find the right place to come in! You are a unique person Andrew, keep it up!

Edward Mahoney on his bass guitar; it's fantastic to hear the bass coming through whilst we sing; thank you.

Brenda Watkin for her piano playing. There are many songs that wouldn't sound right without your involvement, and your enthusiasm and positivity is infectious!

Angela Kilford and myself as we continue to amaze ourselves with the various harmonies we try out and which sometimes pay off! – usually at practice and sometimes on Band playing days.

Graham Langton, who has continued to join us this year, and it has been good to have another male voice to even up the sides.

Richard Bruce, for his encouragement and enjoyment of singing with us. (We do love the Maori on occasions!)

We also had the company of Gail and Janice as singers on occasion, which we have been grateful for, especially when one singer can't make it for one reason or another. Thank you girls.

We hope you have all enjoyed the music we present and we do like to get feedback, as this is the only way any musician can grow their repertoire. One comment we did get was “Why didn't we say what we were about to play; I would have got up and boogied”. Please if you feel you want to boogie, feel free to do so!

Gods Blessings on each of you!

And so to end this report, a thought for the moment: ‘With the steps of Jesus in front of us, with the hands of God guiding us and with the Holy Spirit within us, we can all share our gifts with one another, be they close at hand or far away. In doing so we can all celebrate and cherish our uniqueness and then we will find our own place of peace, inspiration and harmony to follow his lead, in this our Father's land.’

Gods Blessings on each of you!

Irene McLachlan, Band member

Ensemble

Our very grateful and deep thanks to Michael Bain for the gift of his talents music leading us into worship over many years. Organ is Michael's first love for church music. Our grateful thanks also to Bill Roberts for extremely skilful organ and piano playing for our church. Michael and Bill now step back from regular roles but will be available 'in the wings'. Sally Jackson and her oboe will await a time when family

pressures lessen. Margaret Cantwell is finding recorder more manageable than clarinet. Brenda plays the violin Stan made, when she is not required for piano. The Hamill team with Bruce on piano and Jan on violin bring a wealth of musical experience.

Daniel Turner is a guitar student and we welcome him when he feels able to share with Andrew and Liz's guitar playing. Nathan adds oomph with trumpet, and Anwyn on keyboard from time to time.

Ps 33:2 Play joyous melodies of praise

Liz Bruce

Pastoral Care

We continue to meet Tuesdays, monthly. A recent venue was around the picnic table in our new children's playground – beautiful.

Our concern is to recognise, pray and ensure attention to your pastoral needs.

It's pleasing to welcome visitors to church and even more so when they join us regularly. The Host/Share Lunch will help us become family.

Soup making skills have been honed with supply for Granville weekly lunches. We are grateful, too, for contributions to the Meals in the freezer available when the need arises.

Two new babies are expected, and there have been health and surgical challenges for others.

Les Robinson, Kay Mudge's father, a former Board of Managers' member; and Joyce Brown, another strongly active church member, died recently. Our sympathy has been expressed.

We are truly aware that this Caring is practised by many of us in a multiplicity of ways as God gifts and directs.

Thank you

Nathan Parry, Janice Hopkins, Hayden Mellor, Liz Bruce

Prayer Chain

“Prayer is like a telephone or mobile phone for us to talk to Jesus, anytime and you can use it every moment of every day.”

Jesus urged us to pray. Many topics have been covered during the past year and it has been encouraging to get feed back on many of the prayers that have been answered.

P	☒	passionate, persistent, personal, praise
R	☒	regular, repeated, reputable
A	☒	accolades, adoration, always, attitude
Y	☒	yearning, year-long, yes
E	☒	effective, efficient
R	☒	regular, repeated, reputable
C	☒	compassion, confession, confidential
H	☒	harmonious, helpful
A	☒	affirming, actively interested, all the time
I	☒	insistent, intense,
N	☒	now or never (depending on God's will)

PTL - Praise The Lord. He continues to work through the Prayer Chain that operates each Tuesday and Friday at 7 a.m., as well as at other times as deemed necessary. If you would like to join and pray accordingly, please contact Janice (ph. 383 7732) or Liz (ph. 383 5114).

Janice Hopkins

E-Prayer

E-prayer is a weekly (Thursday) online opportunity for those unable to do early morning phone Prayer Chain. It includes points from the Prayer chain which is twice weekly and adds other prayer needs, as well as praying through the Green Directory for each of you.

What greater encouragement than to have feedback that one felt prayed for and experienced especial comfort.

General Assembly GA16 was held in November and again a team committed to praying.

Following Mary White's invitation to Janice and I to share with an interested group at her church, Kapiti Uniting, there is a group of 11 establishing E-prayer there.

For urgent prayer needs, wider church family members are included in requests.

Have you seen the Prayer Box in the Hall foyer?

Pray till the Light shines through

With thanks

Liz Bruce

Finance Report 2016/17

A big 'thank you' to all our faithful givers! The contributions of money and time from many enable our church to be part of God's mission in our community. Thanks especially to Angela Kilford and Gail Mahoney for their roles in managing donations, Angela with receipts, and Gail with envelopes for the Planned Christian Giving Scheme.

Financial Statements 2016/2017:

General Fund:

On an accrual basis, the deficit for the General Fund for the year was \$5,209 (see Profit & Loss table on page 20). Officially, we are required to use the accrual method, but for IBPC this year, this creates a mismatch because the grant from Presbytery to purchase assets is treated as income but only the depreciation on those assets is expensed. If this is adjusted for to look at the cash position on our regular income and expenses, then the deficit would have been \$15,700 – the amount we have had to draw down from our deposit with the Assembly Assessment Fund (see the 2017 comparison figures in the Budget – cash basis table).

Offering receipts (loose, envelopes, and automatic payments) were 14% higher than 2015/16, following a drop of 10% the previous year. A number of new people have joined the planned giving scheme and others have increased their contribution.

Ministers' stipend and related expenses have increased significantly with Bruce starting as our Community Minister in August 2016. The costs of the Community Minister are covered by a grant from Presbytery.

This grant also covers 7 hours per week for our Office Administrator. Expenditure in other areas is broadly similar to last year.

Other funds:

Big Refresh - We completed the agreed maintenance projects, and the Big Refresh Fund is now closed.

The Aitken Legacy provided support for David and Maria working with Servants in Manila until their return to New Zealand.

The Duncanson Legacy has continued to support ministry expenses, primarily staff training and Toolbox.

The Financial Statements have been reviewed by Robert Toothill CA. A full copy of the financial statements including accounting policies and notes, plus a copy of Robert's report, is available on request.

Budget 2017/2018:

The budget is for the General Fund only and is on a cash basis. It assumes a full stipend for Nathan, a half-time stipend for Bruce (funded by the grant from Presbytery), and three part time appointments (Children and Families Worker, Office Administrator - for the hours not covered by the Presbytery Grant - and Cleaner). An increase in giving of 5% has been budgeted.

Non-staff expenditure is expected to continue at similar levels to 2015/16, allowing for modest inflation, except for insurance, which has increased following the Kaikoura earthquake.

The projected deficit under this scenario is \$18,000. This is before the initiatives currently being considered by the Parish.

Craig Bennett Treasurer

IBPC Finance Goals 2017-2019

By our AGM in 2019, our financial goals as a church are...

1. To have eliminated our deficit, so that we can be in a situation to engage in some sustainable financial planning for the next 10 years.
2. To have found ways to move more of the financial burden of running IBPC off the membership by creating other income streams. We will seek to do this by looking at grants, appropriate rental levels, creative usage of the building, and a strategic approach to fundraising. These streams currently contribute about \$20-25,000 annually; we aim to raise that to \$35-40,000.

Earlier in the year Parish Council and Board of Managers met to look at ways of addressing the deficit and achieving these goals. Five teams were set up to explore ideas and take action; their feedback is on Page 23.

Profit & Loss
Island Bay Presbyterian Church
All Funds
1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017

	Aitken Legacy	Big Re- fresh	Duncanson Legacy	Youth Intern	General	Total
Income						
Donations Received	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,620	\$2,620
Planned Giving	\$310	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$64,715	\$65,025
Fundraising	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,975	\$3,975
Interest Received	\$161	\$0	\$1,938	\$0	\$1,577	\$3,676
Loose Offerings	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,593	\$5,593
Presbytery and James Gibb Grants	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$64,198	\$64,198
Manse rent	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,720	\$4,720
Rent Received	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$18,027	\$18,027
Total Income	\$471	\$0	\$1,938	\$0	\$165,424	\$167,834
Less Operating Expenses						
ACC Levies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$252	\$252
Accountancy Fees	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$495	\$495
Administration Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,907	\$15,907
Assembly Assessment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,264	\$8,264
Audit	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$465	\$465
ChiFam	\$0	\$0	\$297	\$0	\$4,811	\$5,108
Cleaning	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,162	\$3,162
Depreciation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,140	\$8,140
Education & Training	\$0	\$0	\$2,900	\$0	\$0	\$2,900
General Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$434	\$2,233	\$2,666
Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,574	\$8,574
Light Power & Heating	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,198	\$3,198
Local Mission	\$0	\$0	\$463	\$0	\$902	\$1,365
Ministers' Supervision	\$0	\$0	\$380	\$0	\$600	\$980
Ministers' Allowances (Other)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15	\$3,825	\$3,840
Ministers Stipend	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$103	\$95,339	\$95,442
Ministry Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$924	\$924
Motor Vehicle Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$997	\$997
Overseas Mission	\$4,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$245	\$4,245
Presbytery Levies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$850	\$850
Printing, Copying & Stationery	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$333	\$333
Rates	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,655	\$4,655
Repairs & Maintenance	\$0	\$6,253	\$0	\$0	\$4,655	\$10,908
Telephone & Internet	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,152	\$1,152
Worship Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$655	\$655
Total Operating Expenses	\$4,000	\$6,253	\$4,040	\$552	\$170,633	\$185,478
Deficit	-\$3,529	-\$6,253	-\$2,102	-\$552	-\$5,209	-\$17,644

Statement of Financial Position

Island Bay Presbyterian Church

As at 30 June 2017

'What the church owns' and 'What the church owes'

Account	30 Jun 2017	30 Jun 2016
Assets		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts and Cash	5,910	12,368
Receivables and Prepayments	2,608	3,120
Investments - Current	96,303	135,082
Goods and services tax	2,995	2,337
Total Current Assets	107,816	152,906
Non-Current Assets		
Land and Buildings	2,430,000	2,430,000
Plant and Equipment	103,741	77,151
Total Non-Current Assets	2,533,741	2,507,151
Total Assets	2,641,557	2,660,057
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Income Received in Advance	0	4,380
Other Current Liabilities	8,206	6,236
Total Current Liabilities	8,206	10,616
Total Liabilities	8,206	10,616
Total Assets less Total Liabilities (Net Assets)	2,633,352	2,649,440
Accumulated Funds		
General Funds	2,566,294	2,569,947
Aitken Legacy	3,882	7,410
Duncanson Legacy	60,280	62,382
Big Refresh	0	6,253
Youth Intern	2,896	3,448
Total Accumulated Funds	2,633,352	2,649,440

Budget - cash basis
Island Bay Presbyterian Church
General Fund
1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018

	2018 Budget	2017 Actual
Income		
Legacy	\$0	\$0
Donations Received	\$500	\$620
Planned Giving	\$67,000	\$64,715
Fundraising	\$5,000	\$3,975
Interest Received	\$1,500	\$1,577
Loose Offerings	\$4,600	\$5,593
Presbytery Grant	\$52,124	\$47,554
Manse rent	\$6,000	\$4,720
Rent Received	\$21,000	\$18,027
Total Income	\$157,724	\$146,780
Less Operating Expenses		
ACC Levies	\$250	\$252
Accountancy Fees	\$500	\$495
Administration Expenses	\$15,756	\$15,907
Assembly Assessment	\$4,696	\$8,264
Audit	\$465	\$465
ChiFam	\$4,200	\$4,811
Cleaning	\$3,210	\$3,162
Education & Training	\$0	\$0
General Expenses	\$2,500	\$2,233
Insurance	\$9,944	\$8,574
Light Power & Heating	\$4,000	\$3,198
Local Mission	\$500	\$902
Ministers' Supervision	\$720	\$600
Ministers' Allowances (Other)	\$3,934	\$3,825
Ministers' Stipend	\$106,386	\$95,339
Ministers' Beneficiary Fund	\$3,360	\$0
Ministry Expenses	\$1,000	\$924
Motor Vehicle Expenses	\$1,000	\$997
Overseas Mission	\$250	\$245
Presbytery Levies	\$850	\$850
Printing, Photocopying & Stationery	\$500	\$333
Rates	\$5,000	\$4,655
Repairs & Maintenance	\$5,000	\$4,655
Telephone & Internet	\$1,200	\$1,152
Worship Expenses	\$500	\$655
Total Operating Expenses	\$175,721	\$162,493
Deficit	-\$17,997	-\$15,712

Finance Task Groups: Fundraising Ideas

A) Grants income

We have advertised seeking half a dozen volunteers to explore applying for grants for various projects. We have decided to continue avoiding grants' trusts based on gambling money, as has been the tradition at IBPC. So far, Boys' Brigade has agreed to apply for a grant to enable them to pay IBPC a hall rental. This application is not due until June 2018.

Also, Susan Blaikie and Bruce Hamill are seeking to find us grants to employ a youth worker for 2018. Going on past experience, this time we will try and factor in hosting costs for such a position, such as printing, administration support, resources and promotion.

We are still seeking someone to work with Girls' Brigade to apply to the same grant as Boys' Brigade for a rental contribution (again due June 2018); someone to seek a grant to rent a van for the vege-coop (currently the Mahoney's van is being used), and someone to seek a grant to re-extend Bruce's term of employment with us to five years.

Amber is willing to offer advice on how to apply for grants. We would share wording as a template for others, and we would direct you to appropriate grants sources. Please do consider if you can help us in this way.

B) Hall rental rates

Rental Re-assessment Group

As part of The Board of Managers, this sub-group consists of Irene McLachlan, Dana Jackson, Helen Scobie and myself. This group is still in the early stages but we are looking at who rents our facilities, and how much per hour they are charged. We are also looking at how much local facilities are charging.

Currently, casual not-for-profit groups (schools, one-off meetings) are charged \$13.50 per hour and private parties and commercial groups are charged \$25 per hour.

Regular community groups have varied charges - as they have been arranged over the years - with the lowest rate being two long-term groups paying \$13.50 for the whole complex, and the highest being about \$16 for one half of the building. This cost must cover wear and tear, consumables, access to the kitchen and toilets, electricity, and a share of the cleaning and insurance etc, plus some surplus for the church.

Are these prices consistent and financially sustainable? What is a rate the groups can afford that also covers the underlying costs of keeping the buildings open?

May God be with us in the decisions we make.

Thank you. Gail Mahoney

C) Other possible income generating uses for the building

Christian Savings has advised that churches need to look to long term rental options to be sustainable long term. This is for a 20 year plan: if you can pay off renovations in 10 years or less, then you have income for the next 10 years plus. They advise considering adding: a day care, medical centre, op shop, apartments, storage units or office space for a charity. We don't have space for a day care or medical centre or storage units. We have had an architect look at the church to see whether anything could be possible in the existing space. He recommended putting a mezzanine floor across the top part of the hall. This could be turned into two small apartments or office space. The hall would still be usable for most ball sports but not badminton or volleyball. Modern sound proofing would mean that sound would not be heard upstairs. A lower roof space would make the hall easier to heat.

We will canvass opinion at the AGM to see if the congregation is interested in looking further into one of

the following long term rental options for Church.

Idea	Pros	Cons	Comments
Op shop	Community facing	Huge volunteer commitment	Would have to go in corner lounge most likely.
Office Space	Stable rental, no cleaning, office hours	Finding a suitable tenant, access (stairs)	
Apartments	Stable rental, provide housing in housing crisis	Need to clean between tenants	
Gym (equipment for workouts)	No gym in the neighbourhood	Need to employ a cleaner and a manager or lease the space to someone wanting to run a gym	Swipe card access?

D) A fundraising strategy

The members of this team so far, are Brenda, Lindsay, Janice and Nathan – with advice and input from Dana. See any member of the team if you would like to join.

Each year fundraising usually contributes between \$2,500-\$5,000 to our General Fund, depending on how many garage sales we hold. We think a realistic and achievable goal is to raise this in 2018 to \$7,500. We can do this by:

- 1) Committing to a fair in term 1, and garage sales terms 2 & 3; selling any unique items on Trade Me. Our last garage sale raised \$1,300 on the day, with another \$250 from selling two items online.
- 2) Committing to one other fundraising event each term:
 - Term 1: to sell hot cross buns
 - Term 2: to sell Kapiti Coast cheese
 - Term 3: we seek your ideas. Please email Brenda at brendajwatkin@gmail.com or Lindsay at Lindsayc@paradise.net.nz
 - Term 4: after a trial run this term, to sell sausages for BBQ season.

We realise that many people are involved in other organisations that also need to engage in fundraising, so we have sought out easy ideas, fundraisers with a good return for the time invested, and products people would be happy to purchase. We also want to leave space for other fundraising projects that look beyond our church and our country.

Your support and input is appreciated.