

ISLAND BAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Wellington New Zealand

# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2018



## Heart Statement:

# Connecting People with God and Each Other

## Our core values:

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

### Evangelism

- ³ We value serving our community as a symbol of our faith.
- ³ We equip people to share with confidence the Gospel of Christ.

### Discipleship Development

- ³ We actively disciple our children and youth, and provide regular discipleship opportunities for everyone.
- ³ We intentionally seek to share and connect our journeys and passions to help one another grow in Christ.

### Social Justice

- ³ We value being involved in people's work in social justice as part of the global church.
- ³ We seek to promote social justice issues even when it causes us discomfort.

### Sunday Service and Communal Worship

- ³ We make space for all people to connect with God at our Sunday worship.
- ³ We seek to link our communal-worship experiences with the rest of our life with Christ and each other throughout the week.
- ³ We value creativity within order to aid different groups coming together.
- ³ We value equipping people to be able to share faith experiences.

### Fellowship Outside of Communal Worship/Sunday Worship

- ³ 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

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## AGM 2018 Agenda

1. Welcome, prayer, apologies
2. Minutes (for reference)
3. Minister's letter
4. Parish Council report
5. Elect new members of PC
6. Staff: Community Minister; ChiFam; Admin
7. Management: Managers; Finance
8. Enablers: Prayer; Discipleship (Berhampore project)
9. Children & Youth reports
10. Pastoral Care; Worship; Christian Education reports

## Invitation to the 120th Annual General Meeting of Island Bay Presbyterian Church.

The Members and friends of IBPC are cordially invited to attend our AGM for 2018 on Oct 12th. Come at 6pm with food to share for a 7:30pm start. 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 Oct 7th. A good length of time will be given to discussing our Berhampore Project proposal.

Over 2017-18 our main focus has been on discipleship and evangelism. As you read these AGM reports hopefully you will see how our people have been stepping out to follow Christ and to encourage others to consider the implications of the Gospel.

As you read this year's AGM papers, reflect on what has been achieved over the past 12 months and come ready to engage with us. Please keep a prayerful ear open to what God has done, is doing, and is preparing to do among us here at IBPC.

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## Minister's Letter AGM 2018

Another year has passed in the life of IBPC, and straight after our AGM we will be celebrating our 120th anniversary. 120 years of worship and witness in the Bay. I imagine much has stayed the same over this time with a regular discipline of worship, Bible studies, prayer, and fellowship gatherings. Much will have changed though too, especially with our decision a few years back to cast our nets out on the other side of the boat, to look north up the Parade, and to employ Bruce as our Community Minister to the flats in Berhampore. I feel really proud at how the congregation embraced this ministry, and how so many church members support it in various ways as they are able.

As well as continuing the many things we already do, another new thing is the CompassionFest which is still yet to come as I write this letter. The intent of this festival is to tell a story of faith and compassion in a fun and inspiring manner, and I hope and pray this is what happens. Each event is envisioned as re-telling the story of Suzanne Aubert in a different way to a different audience, and I am deeply grateful for the enthusiasm and support this venture has received.

This Festival is tangible fruit of our time away last year! It is inspired by the 4Corners Festival we encountered in Belfast.

A good news story we should celebrate around this year's AGM is the massively reduced deficit. We have put a lot of prayer, thought and work into getting IBPC more financially viable, and after a deficit of over \$20,000 two years ago, a deficit of \$3,000 this year is a huge achievement. Thanks to everyone!

This improvement is the fruit of higher giving by our members, a big fundraising effort, and slightly lower spending on some areas like maintenance (appreciation to Graeme for saving us thousands in this area). We have entered into a new cultural era however, and churches are still trying to adjust and find the appropriate form for this new season. 500 years after the last one, a new re-formation of sorts is needed. We at IBPC haven't yet found the new path that will secure our sustainability for the future, we all (esp myself) need to keep being flexible in our thinking and prayerful in our dreaming as to how we be church, how we structure ourselves, and how we proclaim the good news of Jesus in word and deed going forward.

Our position is still fragile, but in the Christian vision it is when we are weak that we are strong. We are dependent on God's grace and provision, and can we please all turn to God in prayer in humility for our church.

This flows in to our focus as a church for 2018-19. We have 5 heart areas which are in the front of this booklet, and from which we have decided to pick one or two to focus on for two-year seasons.

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Our first focus for 2016-17 was A) Discipleship – because everything we do as Christians flows out of our relationship with Jesus, our journey of being converted by him, conformed to his likeness, and following him into new places as his disciple; and B) Social Justice. We were exploring beginning the ministry in the flats in Berhampore, this was foreign territory to many of us, and we wanted to become more aware of the issues and injustices in our backyard.

At the end of last year we discerned our new focus for 2018-19 as again being A) Discipleship, because again, everything flows out of our relationship with Jesus. I have been inspired at how this has been blossoming at IBPC, we are a community of faith in action. Next year we hope to keep fostering this by offering a second 3DM group, and to continue opportunities for people to share how their faith is being worked out in their lives in front of a sympathetic audience (like the current Faith at Work talks).

The second focus is B) Evangelism – evangelism being defined as the call to ‘repent and believe;’ the desire to be intentional in encouraging and creating spaces where people can sit with the good news of Jesus, explore what it means in their life, and respond to it if they desire. We are not very good at this, we don’t have a culture of this, and we don’t have many models of where this is being done effectively by churches like ourselves. Please pray that God would guide us and compel us to action in this area.

*Reverend Nathan Parry*

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## Parish Council Report

Your Parish Council continues to seek ways to enable our shared, agreed ministries. Time is spent together reflecting on and discussing plans and actions under the wise counsel of our ever present God. Each month we reflect on what we have been doing, what is coming up, keeping a balance between doing too much and too little, and how we are keeping our current focus on discipleship and evangelism in mind. We also deal with correspondence from the wider denomination, oversight of the Berhampore work, reflecting on worship, and offering feedback and advice to our ministers. Thanks to the team for their time and commitment.

Parish Councillors serve for a term of 3 + 3 years. No one is due to finish this year and all the current team are happy to continue. There will however be nominations to join Parish Council at the AGM, these will be in the notices for your prayerful consideration before we the event.

Nathan marked 12 years of Ordination this year. It has been our absolute privilege and joy to have his leadership and ministry; Amber alongside with Children's' ministry plus many unseen happenings and now sharing her giftings and experiences with Presbytery as a Presbytery Kids Ministry Enabler. Their children have had challenges with health and Miriam now joins the ranks of Education.

Stan Wheatley died at the end of May and his dear wife Gwen joined him on June 19 with Funeral Services for them at IBPC. The Cross family brought Eden for Dedication and baby Emily Croad was welcomed into our church family by baptism. These and other special services such as the wedding of Naomi Hopkins are beautifully crafted by Nathan.

Bruce and Jan forge on in our Community Ministry, gathering helpers and sharing deeply through Bible Study and accountability. Highlights and challenges abound, but this ministry has achieved much and earned a lot of trust and respect in the last two years.

What a joy to have Craig outline evidence that our deficit has been dealt to! Praise God and thank you all for your help in addressing this.

Time has been taken to prepare reports for you, so PLEASE READ ON.

The Parish Council includes Rev Nathan Parry (Minister and Chair); Joseph Fecteau; Nanu Matautaava; Bruce (Community Minister) and Jan Hamill; Liz Bruce; Melanie Heaphy (Chifam worker) and Andrew Bruce (Minute Secretary).

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY YEARS – WOW!

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## Community Ministry Report 2018

This report marks the completion of two years as Community Minister. It has been a year of consolidating our ministries and also finding ourselves on the brink of new directions.

The commitment to go deeper with people in the ministry of Jesus and to make disciples of one another has taken shape as five members of the team have met for breakfast every Wednesday for a '3DM Huddle'. Every week we seek to listen to what God is saying to us and to hold one another accountable for the next step in this journey.

Our pastoral ministry to individual residents in Granville has deepened with time. The biggest challenges surround addiction – however addiction is more than anything a product of isolation and past trauma. Our ministry is all about responding to that isolation with our friendship, and with the hope of the gospel. For some the provision of a vaporiser has been a help in reducing cigarette dependency and saving money. For others it has not worked so well.

Our Tuesday Lunch has provided a constant place of support and nourishment, particularly for those residents who otherwise do not eat well. Numbers vary considerably (from 6 – 12 residents plus IBPC folk). Many are lonely people who do not say much, or are unable to communicate clearly. Some residents help us with setting up and heating up soup and cleaning up. We are grateful for IBPC people who regularly make soup. The Granville people are becoming soup connoisseurs. We are also grateful to BGI and Pandoro's Cafe for the chance to pick up bread and pastries each week and to use some for our lunch.

Kaibosh (distribution of surplus food) has become an increasingly important time for residents of Granville flats. Numbers turning up has increased as has the quantity of available food. We faced challenge and conflict and have had a strong sense of the guidance of God in responding to this. Kaibosh is not only a more peaceful event now, but one which draws together residents and tenant leaders. At this time we are looking to build on this event by providing a barbecue monthly during the Summer months. If anyone wishes to sponsor one of these barbecue events we would be grateful.

With the disbanding of the social housing (CAP) team at City Housing new ways of operating are emerging in the Council Flats of Granville and Rintoul St. Although the future is uncertain it looks as if there is a greater role for a Community Minister like myself and potentially for cooperation with church's like IBPC. I have been asked to support the Rintoul Street Kaibosh as an independent observer on a Monday morning. As a result of this period of observation I have had the chance to get to know the residents of Rintoul St much better. One Monday morning we had an extensive community discussion about the needs of youth and children at Rintoul St. This conversation confirmed our previous conviction that there were opportunities for IBPC to reach out to the youth of Rintoul Street – more than this, that the

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adults and tenants there would be keen to support such a move. The timing of this conversation couldn't have been better as it coincided with Susan Blaikies's work to apply for mission funding for community youth and children's work.

The Fruit and Vege Coop numbers dropped at the beginning of the year to just above 30 orders and have gradually grown to nearly 40 orders again. We have moved from the plastic bag system to a crate system with people bringing their own bags. There is considerable flux with new people joining and some leaving. The challenge of the Co-op is not being in control of what Fruit or Veges are in the week's order. Many low income people simply do not eat many vegetables or do not know how to cook them. The majority of our customers are not in social housing but enjoy being able to by-pass the supermarkets and enjoy the challenge of variety. To help to address the challenge of cooking, the Coop is bringing a free 8-week "Kai Confidence" course to Berhampore in October and November. It will coincide with the time when veges are delivered to Rintoul St flats. Those in the course will eat together what they have cooked.

Another issue for our Community Ministry at the moment is our public face and 'branding'. We are currently considering a less 'sterile'/functional name. Up till now we have referred to ourselves as The Berhampore Project. However, in preparing a display piece for CompassionFest we are considering rebranding as "Berhampore Open Table – Tēpu mō Tātou".

A big thanks to IPBC as a whole for their prayers and practical support – soup and van – (thanks Mahoneys) as well as to the whole team – Maria, Amber, Jan, Regina, Joe, Ange, Liz, Janice, Nanu, Lindsay (and others who help occasionally). If you would like to join us in this work please feel free to contact Bruce.

*Bruce Hamill (Community Minister)*

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## Working with kids and their families – Chifam Report 2018

*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 2017/8. 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 30 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. We were also fortunate to have a number of people take the music sessions over June/July, including two Kiddiccino parents (thanks to Mark and Julia), and Lala, a lovely lady from Madagascar who does children's music sessions.

Thanks to our wonderful Kiddiccino Team - Amber, Nathan, Jackie, Janice, Kezia, Bruce, Roger, Brenda, Beryl and Susan.

### Reporting on the Chifam Vision for 2018

*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, BB and GB.

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

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- Parihaka video evening (Ferdinand the Bull) and fireworks
- Combined Churches Christmas Carol evening/BBQ at St Hilda's – games outside, a sausage sizzle and ice cream
- The Island Bay Festival Parade – which featured the combined churches float (thanks to the Ashton family for the use of the trailer), and we assisted with the planning of the Combined Churches Teddy Bears Picnic.
- 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.
- Easter extravaganza – story of Jesus told with puppets, games and the prayer labyrinth
- Compassion KidsFest

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 and text message reminders go 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 continue to use our Kiddiccino Facebook page as our main source of communication.

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

- Sunday Club baked biscuits for bibles and raised \$89.
- Sunday Club kids went to Shorland Park and picked up rubbish

Objective 4 links to Objective 4 of the Sunday Club Vision 2017:

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

- Matching all SC kids up with a prayer buddy
- Ensure children have opportunities to meet each other – at Brigades, at Youth group, and at internal and external social events
- Three intergenerational church services -
- Kid-led services – Secret Agent service and the Matariki Service
- IBPC Church family Christmas lunch following the SC break up service and Superhero Christmas play
- Christmas carolling around the neighbourhood on Christmas Eve
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake kiddie dinner at Mel's house

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

- Invite our community families to church-based events every term
  - We hosted the National Queens' Award Service in December
  - Kids Community Christmas party where the Sunday Club kids performed their Superhero Christmas play. This was a huge success this year as we were able to include children from the community 'on the day', which really increased the engagement of the whole community.
  - Good Friday service on the beach at Princess Bay, followed by fish sandwich breakfast at church.
  - The combined Girls' Brigade and Boys' Brigade Pentecost service which included an awesome fire bowl experience (including a sleepover the night before).
  - Matariki kid-led service

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## **Administrator's Report 2018 Helen Scobie**

I'm grateful to continue supporting the mission of the church and to keep my fingers in lots of interesting pies. 2017-18 has been a full year, with plenty on top of the core work of facility bookings and enquiries to manage, accounts, communications, property maintenance and H&S matters and consumables/office management.

### **Group bookings:**

Centre hire rates were reviewed, resulting in an across-the-board rate rise. The casual room hire for community groups increased from \$13.50 to \$16.96/hr + gst, which was uniformly accepted.

Three new groups: In October last year 5Rhythms started on Sunday evenings; Wellington Weavers and Spinners Guild began meeting here in February 2018 - a friendly bunch who meet here three times per month and enjoy our sunny facilities. In May, Wellington South Plunket started weekly Wednesday clinics here in the lounge - a six hour booking.

Groups leaving: Kanga Training (mums and babies) started early in the year and had to end after 2 terms due to the cold hall. The Garden Group ceased meeting here after 20 years due to space needs for Youth Group. St Francis de Sales school have stopped holding services here as their own facilities are now fit for purpose.

### **Casual bookings:**

Weddings / funerals: IBPC hosted four weddings and four funerals since this time last year. Conditions of Hire Agreement changes: We have added a cleaning charge for catered funerals. We are looking to add a clause for gym use regarding amplified sound.

### **Health and Safety:**

Carpet repairs were completed in the lounge, extending the life of the carpet. Noise disruption: Amplified music from regular and casual groups booked in the hall, particularly this year, has caused distress for neighbours. We wish to maintain good relationships with our church neighbours, hence the proposed change to bookings. Hall heating: We spent time and money investigating and repairing the heating system. No major improvements resulted, due to the space and the cost/running costs. I coordinated plumbing repairs on the property, on behalf of neighbours. Frida the cat continues to find our premises warm and comforting (but she doesn't pay her monthly invoice). Thank you to Wendy and Janet for their support on Health & Safety.

### **Supporting core church programmes:**

I continue to assist with planning, promoting and running fundraisers, including Beryl's wonderful art exhibition in November, Trade Me/tea towel sales, garage sales, "We Love Cheeses" fundraiser and special events like Paraihaka, the Prayer Labyrinth experience, ANZAC Day, and CompassionFest – 11 events over a weekend, across six churches/groups. I devoted most of September to this in a behind-the-scenes and publicity capacity.

Church communications: This year we questioned how to best bring important messages to

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church members in meaningful ways. Have we achieved this? It's still a work in progress.

**Community:** I continued to provide print and online media communications support for joint Island Bay church initiatives like the Community Carols and Teddy Bears Picnic, and lent support to Bruce for the successful June Kaibosh Food Rescue fundraiser in May.

**Environment:** Thank you for the recycling efforts here. Reducing use of non-compostable material is paramount for our planet; I encourage everyone to work towards a zero-waste church, as nationally, options for recycling plastic are diminishing.

**Accounts:** Bookings' invoicing/payments have been very fuss-free in the overall scheme of the admin role. I pursued the Nice1 power tender for IBPC, resulting in further electricity savings of the church.

Office life here is rewarding, with good and supportive people to work alongside. I've enjoyed helping church members, particularly where grappling with online technology has been a challenge.

## **Board of Managers: Annual Report 2018**

The Board of Managers report another year of managing the many, necessary, behind the scenes things that support and keep a busy congregation like ours ticking over. Things like managing all the complex financial requirements, GST, PAYE, Charities Act requirements and insurance details. Managing the large number of users of the Centre, while still keeping the property in tiptop condition, to name a few of the more important jobs.

Not so many new things this year, but plenty of smaller things including getting the three of six heaters in the gym going again, a new first aid kit, new basketball nets, modifying a cupboard for Plunket to use, fixing the organ amplifiers and the toilet extractor fan needed wiring fixed. Other things included looking at increasing revenue in conjunction with the wider church, in which rentals were increased. Numerous long term options and grants were looked at by various groups of people, most of which unfortunately, didn't really prove to be viable.

For the future, we have been looking at replacing the skylights as the above the office and flower room as the flashings are badly rusted. A major issue is that next July, we lose the last of Presbytery's grant that supports Helen Scobie's admin role for seven hours a week.

We want to acknowledge the work of many other people whose work keeps the complex running. Particularly, Helen Scobie, the administrator, who manages the usage of the complex, and Michael Mclachlin, who cleans and mows the lawns among other things.

Also, the many others in the congregation who clean in the auditorium and gymnasium, keep the gardens tidy, do the flowers for Sunday, make morning tea, run garage sales, take out

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the rubbish, wash towels, put together the Sunday News, manage the rosters and all the other less noticeable jobs behind the scenes that keep everything running smoothly.

We also want to specifically thank Craig Bennett for managing the finances and reporting regularly to Board of Managers and Parish Council.

A brief thanks too, to Graeme Mahoney, Nathan Mclachlan and Michael Stagg, who operate the sound system every Sunday & whenever else it is needed.

*Graeme Mahoney*

### **Managers Proposal to assess the mind of the congregation:**

That, depending on the cost, we remove the front three rows of pews on the north side of the church to be replaced with stackable pews. This would only take out 1 of 6 banks of under-pew heating.

We are proposing replacing pews with pews and not individual seats.

The intent of this proposal is to create the potential of opening up space in the church auditorium for other uses such as prayer stations, informal gatherings 'in the round,' or group activities. Girls Brigade in particular would benefit from this as they have outgrown the lounge on a Wednesday afternoon and could move their seniors into this space and the church foyer.

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## Prayer Enabler's Report

In seeking as a Church body to grow, Nathan asked that I take this role for two years.

"The word 'meditation' means 'reflective thinking'. Like a slow cooker, meditation allows thoughts to slowly simmer until they're done. Most of us would rather *act* than *think*. But as Socrates observed, 'The unexamined life is not worth living.' Reflective thinking is uncomfortable for a variety of reasons. For instance, we have difficulty staying focused. We find the process dull, and we don't particularly enjoy spending time reflecting on difficult issues. But if we don't carve out time for reflection and meditation, we won't mature. We won't grow in the grace and ... knowledge " we need to succeed." WFT 10.9.18

With great support from others, I have offered a variety of Shared Prayer within our services on Sundays, as well as the Prayer Labyrinth over Island Bay Festival and through Lent.

The Hall foyer has a Prayer Box for use.

What a delightful initiative by Sunday Club to match child with adult for prayer. Thank you.

I would love to hear ideas from you that would encourage prayer.

Liz Bruce

## **PASTORAL CARE Report** *Nathan Parry, Janice Hopkins, Hayden Mellor and Liz Bruce*

Monthly on Tuesday afternoons, we gather, firstly praying and then sharing how life has been for each of us.

Our attention then moves on to pressing needs that each of us may be aware of.

We deeply want to meet needs and see to it you are pastorally cared for.

It's awesome that many of you share in this caring for each other.

As is the way of life, there has been losses and gains.

How good it is to pray together over this precious Church Family that is ours, and God's.

## **TOOLBOX PARENTING Report** *Liz Bruce*

"Congratulations on completing the Toolbox Course. You deserve a GOLD BAR for the job you do."

Just remember when life as a parent is not a PICNIC and you feel your kids might be from MARS (or you'd like to send them there!) throw some SMARTIES out on the lawn for them, and HAVE A BREAK!! You deserve it." Choc treats accompany!

We're always looking for FUN ways to encourage parents.

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Gail and I gathered 11 parents together at Island Bay Community Centre on October 16 to begin the 6 nights of Early Years Toolbox – a good journey!

With the rewrite and renewal of material and video clips by The Parenting Place, all facilitators were required to refresh training and get up to speed. Gail and I travelled to The Parenting Place office in Lower Hutt for this on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Margaret Crisp is leading Mainly Music at present and has needed to put her efforts into that ministry. She has continued to support us with amazing baking. Janice too assists with baking and is immensely valued for her free child minding to enable participants to attend.

The revamped model now is:

Baby and Toddler - carers of 0-4 years

Primary - carers of 5-9 years

Intermediate - carers of 9-12 years

Teenage - carers of 13-18 years

Building Awesome Whanau continues as written.

We offer Baby and Toddler and Primary courses.

With the vastly changing climate of the Intermediate's world, the material is needing further input, so a planned course for that age group is on hold.

A Primary Years course was widely advertised to begin on May 14. Sadly, I had to warn the four registered people that numbers seemed stuck. With no further movement, we had to cancel and had strongly worded feedback from disappointed parents. We too were disappointed!

Aware of the growing need, we plan further courses and are grateful for your support and for IBCC's venue kept for us on Monday nights.

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## 1. GRANT APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION

### Introduction:

At the AGM we discussed the idea of seeking grants funding to employ a youth outreach worker alongside our Community Minister. The vision was that this position would bring together our ongoing outreach to the children of Island Bay and surrounds through our ChiFam position, the Brigades, and Youth Group, with our new ministry to Berhampore.

The children we are in connection with through Kiddiccino and Sunday Club etc are steadily getting older and will soon be Intermediate age. Our youth group was then dominantly Intermediate age, and it had been noticed that there were also many children in this age group at one of the Council flats Bruce and his team visit. It was suggested from these flats that maybe our church could do something for these youth.

This position was envisioned as helping with Youth Group and having a connection with the Brigades, while also spending time getting alongside the youth in the flats - seeking to find crossover between these areas, and to strengthen them in the areas of discipleship, fellowship and justice through connection with each other.

This vision was endorsed by the 2017 AGM pending funding being found.

That funding was not found at that point, and so we have been praying and discussing and exploring our options over this year. A new grants funder has been impressed with our current ministries in Berhampore, and has indicated a willingness to explore supporting us. However, they want to support a more holistic 'project' rather than a single 'position.' Residents in the flats are still expressing an openness to our church being involved in their community in this way.

At the 2018 AGM we would like to present, and prayerfully discuss this vision with the congregation. Please read, pray, seek clarification, and prepare any questions you may have. IBPC may have to commit some of our Duncanson Fund to this project, but we would seek the rest of the funding from grants, including support hours for our administrator.

### a. Title of Project

Berhampore (High-density Social Housing) Community Mission Project

### b. Description of project

Over the last one and a half years, IBPC has been in active mission with vulnerable communities who live in high-density Wellington City Council Social Housing complexes – in particular Granville Flats and Rintoul Street Flats in the suburb of Berhampore, Wellington. The person spearheading this missional work is Rev Bruce Hamill in his capacity as Community Minister (Bruce is employed at 50% by IBPC). Over this time, Bruce has involved around 25% of the IBPC adult members in mission projects such as coordinating vegetable and fruit co-ops (in partnership with Kaibosh), providing pastoral and advocacy support, offering prayer and bible studies, and developing pastoral/supportive relationships primarily with the adult community.

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Over this period, Bruce and other people from IBPC and Urban Vision have noticed around 10-20 youth in secondary school age and younger who hang around the council-based community spaces without adult supervision. Bruce has identified this group of youth at being particular risk as they tend to be unsupervised, have a lot of time on their hand, and have had negative experiences from/to the adults who live in the communities. In addition, further opportunities for broadening the existing base of mission have been identified through listening to God, listening to key people (such as kaitiaki [council-appointed guardians]) within the council housing communities, and experiencing firsthand some of their suffering and hurt.

The purpose of this mission enterprise project is to (1) broaden and deepen the missional activities and opportunities offered predominantly to adults, parents and their children in these vulnerable communities, and (2) foster positive and life transforming relationships with youth and older children in these communities (and with youth at IBPC for the purpose of mission) via a youth-enabler-role who possesses a passion for being in mission with at-risk youth.

The key values underpinning this project are as follows:

<b>Missional values of Community Work with High-Density Social Housing Communities in Berhampore</b>	<b>How the values influences the aims of the project (refer next section for the list of aims)</b>
<b>Incarnational approach to mission; to be as Christ just where people are</b>	Rather than creating a sacred space for at-risk communities to experience Christ (such as fostering approaches that will encourage them to attend church), this community ministry will be incarnational in its approach i.e., to get alongside and 'infiltrate' the community for Christ, just where they are
<b>To be Christ's Salt and Light in transforming lives</b>	We want to transform lives in loving service and action, not only for those who are living in vulnerable communities, but offering the opportunity for people attending IBPC to get alongside and build relationships with peers, thus breaking down cultural/social barriers just as Christ does.
<b>Strengthening our mission-community-centrism</b>	To enable IBPC to strengthen and broaden its missional investment in the high-density-council-housing communities we are in relationship with. This has a two-fold benefit (as experienced with the current community minister) of bringing the good news of God to people who frequently experience being 'outside of God's providence', and strengthening the church's missional heart and identity in God
<b>Prioritizing our loving service and care for the last, the least and the lost</b>	As with Christ's own ministry on earth, we want to strengthen and broaden IBPC's missional approach of prioritizing the last, least and the lost.

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**Strengthening the corporate and concrete aspects of spirituality**

The continued investment in community ministry strengthens IBPC's corporate spirituality, because it is enabled through the church's communal investment. With the ministry now in its second year, the church is seeing and experiencing the good news of God; the 'concreteness' of God's love is enlivened through examples of community transformation in the gospel.

**c. What are the main aims of the project**

1. To broaden support for those struggling with drug and alcohol addiction in Rintoul and Granville Flats by working with the relevant agencies and the council to explore and put in place Narcotics Anonymous (NA) and Alcoholic Anonymous (AA), or equivalent, in conjunction with IBPC support and the council
2. To offer cooking courses and resources (such as purchasing crock pots, meal hosting equipment etc), using food made available via Kaibosh, for families and individuals.
3. To work with the council and other agencies in providing greater access to a mental-health facilitator to establish regular support for those struggling with mental health illnesses or issues
4. To offer a 20% living-wage salary, working in partnership with the Newtown-based Urban Vision team, for a Community Children & Families Enabler, to encourage greater presence and deepening of relationships with parents and young children each week (using existing facilities in the community housing units such as the playground /community rooms), and coordinating community-based events such as BBQs, sports days. This person will work closely with the current IBPC-based ChiFam worker whose mission passion is for families and children in Island Bay.
5. To offer opportunities for Christians from IBPC and people from the Granville and Rintoul flats to attend teaching/reflections on key issues such as conflict management, peacemaking, parenting (IBPC currently runs ToolBox courses in Island Bay), forgiveness etc. These events would create opportunities for deeper sharing and enable spiritual-based discussions, which is part of our evangelistic strategy under IBPC's mission plan
6. To offer a 50% living-wage salary for a Community Youth Enabler role who will work with the at-risk youth, and also work with existing youth in IBPC in mentoring/enabling their missional exploration and fellowship/discipleship relationship with the council-housed youth community
7. To purchase a hybrid van to be used by the Community Youth Enabler, Minister and Young Families Enabler, to transport people and resources for mission projects, and also to enable attendance to discipleship/worship opportunities at IBPC

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## **ICONZ Annual Report 2018**

ICONZ continues to grow in 2018, with an average of 17 kids each week and 23 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.

We finished off 2017 with a super fun trip to the Mt Vic outdoor obstacle course, where the BB kids joined us for a fish n chip dinner. The trip itself was great fun, but the community building feel of the fish n chips afterwards really highlighted for me the reason why we run these groups.

We ended the term with a boat trip to Lyall Bay to check lobster pots and a fun games night/family picnic dinner.

2018 started with a bang and our biggest start up numbers ever – 19 kids from week 1. As usual for the summer months, we spent Term 1 out and about – exploring the beach – making volcanoes and rock towers, and doing scavenger hunts in Paekawakawa reserve. We also did waffle flipping for Shrove Tuesday which was a hit.

In March we held our inaugural ICONZ tramp to the Turere hut in the Orongorongos. It was a great experience for the kids and dads who went.

The Term 2 theme was Magic tricks and Term 3 has been a mix of magic tricks, giant jenga, and a focus on being kind.

Term 4 will have a Christmas focus, and we also will have transitional visits to the senior Boys' Brigade group for our Year 3 ICONZ boys who will be going up next year to BB.

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

## **Sunday School and Little Lights Report 2018**

In the last 12 months we have averaged 20 children in Sunday school, with 14 families regularly attending.

The focus of Term 1 was a Secret Agent Detective series where the kids had to discover the missing bible characters and stop them being obliterated from history. We did a character each week and then made a movie about catching the thief who tried to steal them. The kids loved this series, and we shared it with the congregation at our Term 1 Kids service.

Term 2 used a scripture union Sunday school curriculum, mostly focusing on Peter. We

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finished the term off by entering the Kids Friendly art competition which the kids enjoyed.

In term 3 we have focused on searching for God through a Minecraft series. The kids have been really engaged with the topic and particularly enjoyed the Minecraft videos that came with the material. We also participated in the region wide coastal clean up by visiting Shorland Park one Sunday during Sunday Club time. We finished the term with a bake for bibles day where we did lots of baking to sell for the bible society.

For term 4 we will be working on our Christmas play for the Combined Churches Carols.

We have had boxes of permanent activities in church for the kids over all the holidays this year.

### **Worship**

We learned a new song this term – Shine – which the kids have been loving.

**Social Justice** – beach clean-up, the kids collected two bags of rubbish and learned about caring for our environment.

Thanks to all the people who have helped with Sunday Club this year – taking sessions, supervising sessions and remembering us in your prayers. It's much appreciated!

*Melanie Heaphy and Amber Parry Strong*

## **11<sup>th</sup> WELLINGTON GIRLS' BRIGADE 2018 REPORT**

Our Company focus has been on Girls' Brigade Friendship in the Pacific, and importantly along with Suffrage year, GB also has been celebrating 125 years. In GB we are continuing with the challenge of teaching girls the skills that will grow them physically, socially, educationally and spiritually in all aspects of their lives.

On Monday nights we have had ten regularly attending, mostly seniors (+9 years to teens) and one Pioneer (13+).

On Wednesdays we have Seven Seniors (called Tuakana, older sisters). They have proved to be so helpful, particularly as we have had an increase of younger Juniors, (5-8years). There are now 24 coming regularly.

After school they come from two different schools in a walking bus taken by Dorothy Ashton and Nathan and Amber Parry.

We have covered Pacific Islands and Australia as well as New Zealand and done many awesome crafts. We also covered a number of Pacific Island cultures, NZ geography, coastal regions, the need for conservation of our native birds and trees, and recycling.

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We did simulated Commonwealth Games, and they especially loved “A Minute to win it”.

The Monday night girls enjoyed Master Chef, using products grown in the Pacific Islands. Seniors on Mondays have prepared meals and six containers of soups for the IBPC freezer to be distributed to the needy by Bruce Hamlin, the Community minister.

It has been wonderful meeting weekly these girls who are keen, helpful, and considerate young girls.

Highlights include:

- o Our 2017 Award Night was supported by so many families. We had Trophies and Cups for girls in each age group who deserved the recognition, and were presented by Lynn Edser, Wellington Area Commissioner. Girls were thrilled to see themselves and their work in a slide show.
- o Last December our Boys and Girls Brigades hosted the Church Service at IBPC for the young men and women (NZ wide) who achieved their Queen’s Award, the highest award in the Brigades with weekend celebrations of families at Government House. Over the years our Girls Brigade Company has had six achieve this highest award.
- o We promoted our GB Company at the Island Bay Festival with a larger float loaned from Dorothy Ashton and had a great turn out of boys and girls. Decorations were about the Pacific Islands- sun hats, sun glasses, tapa cloth, leis worn and hibiscus adorned the trailer.
- o A sleepover for Pentecost Sunday was really well attended. The combined BB/GB/ICONZ Church Parade the next day was a celebration of young people being together.
- o Several from our Company joined in an afternoon to celebrate GB internationally having 125 years and in New Zealand 90 years.
- o We are having several trips through the year for Seniors. They have been to Karori Pool and the Zoo – although it rained we saw the native birds, lizards, kangaroo / wallabies.
- o A very successful Father’s Day Afternoon tea was hosted, where together they made wooden Book ends.
- o Seasonal invites have been well supported by our Girls’ Brigade families as at Easter Extravaganza, Christmas Market with Grotto, Matariki when there have been Fire Works, games and craft activities, even a Treasure Hunt.
- o Juniors visited Junglerama for their end of year special Christmas Party, which included making a three dimensional dinner table centre.
- o Seniors had a catch up night in late December at Laser Force with their choice of take away at McDonalds, Basin Reserve.
- o Other fundraising ventures were for the GB Area Pie run,( \$1,000), Selling Easter Buns for IBPC’s Insurance, and collecting non-perishable food stuffs for DCM.
- o Our special evenings at end of terms have been a Pacific Ocean Night, also Challenges Night of a Dessert of Kiwi food. Recently we welcome many new families, their daughters who have had early association with IBPC’s Kiddiccino or they have brothers attending ICONZ.
- o Our Award Night was well attended with lanterns a theme touching on light shining for Christmas season. We welcomed Lynn Edser as representing Wellington Area as Commissioner. Six girls were promoted to Seniors, with the option of attending Wednesdays or Monday evenings.

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## THANKS:

- o IBPC for the use of lounge and hall.
- o Sandra North for helping with Seniors, and Kian Verner (assisting with Seniors).
- o Usha Stewart and Naomi Matautaava for their valuable leadership, help and great ideas and activities for Juniors.
- o Appreciation to Jane Bertschinger stepping in for Mondays and leaders carrying on when I, Brenda, was away in Germany.
- o Our Treasurer, Margaret Cantwell.
- o Rev Nathan Parry, for being our supportive Chaplain.
- o We welcome Melanie Heaphy coming in to assist with Tuakana in 2019.

*Brenda Watkin, Team Leader*

## BB Annual Report 2018

It has been a full on year for the 30<sup>th</sup> Wellington Boys Brigade Company. It has been a steady time, with group numbers remaining roughly the same, or a little bit lower than last year. We continue to have a great leadership team, with Joe Fecteau, Irene McLachlan, Daniel McLachlan, Peter Martin, Richard Bruce and Brenda Watkin, and have had a lot of help from various parents during the year.

We continue to have our regular meeting nights on Thursdays, with a combination of games and teaching/learning sessions for both sections going on through the night.

Our main focus in Boys Brigade is the continuous growth of boys within the group in all facets of their lives. This follows the stated object of the Boys Brigade: "*The advancement of Christ's kingdom among Boys and the promotion of habits of Obedience, Reverence, Discipline, Self-respect and all that tends towards a true Christian manliness.*" This manifests itself in many ways during the year, with games, group sessions and activities such as painting, craftwork, soccer, basketball, visits to the beach, planning tramps, drill, Christian Education, community service, to name just a few of things that occur during a typical year.

Every activity and situation is treated as an opportunity for each boy to learn or grow from – how they interact with each other, how they can deal with challenges or adversity, the enjoyment of picking up a new skill or new bit of knowledge. As leaders, we are in a privileged position to be part of each boy's life for these two hours a week, witnessing first-hand the changes that take place as they grow into young men.

The 30<sup>th</sup> Wellington Company has been linked to Island Bay Church for decades, and receives a lot of support and guidance from the church leadership as we run our program each year. At least once a year this relationship is acknowledged with a Brigades Service that takes place in the 2<sup>nd</sup> term. Both Boys Brigade and Girls  
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Brigade take part in the service, and the leaders give a pledge to the church, to do the best they can with the kids in their care. This past year, Boys Brigade New Zealand also held their Queens Award Service at IBPC in December. During the service, a number of Queens Award recipients from around NZ attended, and shared some of their journey through Boys and Girls Brigade.

At the time of this report, we are at the end of the third term, with the next term taking us through to our awards night and breakup in mid-November.

Many thanks,  
*Joe Fecteau*

## **Youth Group Report 2018**

The main focus for Youth Group is to provide a fun, safe environment for intermediate and teen age youth to socialise within a Christian framework.

The leaders also seek to provide practical opportunities for the youth to be positive role models in the community and to grow in faith.

We have followed a typical format this year of meeting every Tuesday fortnight from 6.30pm to 8.30pm - starting with ball games in the hall, followed by hot food and the sharing of the highs and lows of our week. We then move on to an activity, and we've had baking, kayaking and beach cleanups, film making, guest speakers on various topics and discussions on Mother Aubert and compassion and on the concept of a taonga, or item of value as examples.

We have approx. 6-8 youths attending each fortnight and three leaders.

We have welcomed this year youth new to the church, and youth group provides a good opportunity for them to integrate with and have a sense of belonging within the church community.

We have also met outside of the regular time this term to visit the Home of Compassion in the weekend as part of a film project and also recently to participate in a progressive dinner with families from church hosting the youth in their homes. The generosity of the families was great modelling to the youth of selfless giving and kindness and the youth also had the opportunity to give back through offering a koha, giving thanks to God for the meal, showing the film they had worked on and chatting and engaging with the host families.

Please pray for our youth.

*Sara, Richard, and Angela*

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## Annual Report for the Island Bay Presbyterian Church Band

One of many Musical Groups within the Church (Year 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018)

As we celebrate the end of another year in the life of this church I decided to get cracking and write this annual report to be one step ahead before someone started asking for annual reports in earnest, unfortunately I was not so up to date this year again and am frantically writing this report after the close off date and before the printing! so here it is ...

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 –

Firstly the sound desk crew – Graeme Mahoney and on occasions Nathan McLachlan, as without these guys you would probably hear the musicians but the singers!

Then onto the Musicians – Joe Fecteau (Drums and Vocals), Andrew Bruce (Guitar)

Edward Mahoney (Bass Guitar), Brenda Watkins (Piano) and also David Hamid and Bruce Hamill on occasions when Brenda was away.

This leads to the singers – Angela Kilford, Graham Langton, Irene McLachlan as well as Richard Bruce who is always a willing and encouraging person especially when we do Haere Mai!, and on occasions Janice Hopkins, Carla Krejczisz and Gail Mahoney.

If there is anyone who would like to join in, do chat to someone in the group you are interested in, All are welcome, hopefully not all at once though, and try the group out.

We also give a big THANK YOU to our church families for your support and enjoyment of our music which we hope you have all enjoyed, and if whilst you are standing feel free to move / dance / boogie if you are enjoying the tempo of the song. This helps us to know that 'yes' they are enjoying this.

It is appreciated when we receive feedback as this lets us know if we are going the right, wrong or in-between direction. Whether we should change things up or down. Or you have some music you would like hear us play. These are ways in which we can grow and go forward.

*God's Blessings on each of you!  
Your fellow worshipper*

*Irene McLachlan*

## ENSEMBLE

As a music group, our focus is seeking to enhance Sunday worship, to allow people to draw near to God in worship through music. By gathering together the Saturday before we play, for a practice, this gives us a valued chance to touch base in fellowship and enjoy making music together.

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It's a delight to have welcomed Hamid Majdi whose musical skill is challenged by Kiwi rhythms but he absolutely rises to the top mark on piano.

Bruce continues to be available and is welcome (:

Jan and Brenda play violin and Margaret, Recorder. Andrew and Liz play guitar.

When need be, the Band Vocalists join us to enable timely congregational singing.

Nathan is keen for younger budding musicians to join him and play with us for the first song of the service.

Psalm 92:1b; 3

“Sing praise to the God who is above all gods. Sing His praise accompanied by music ..”

## Eprayer

Prayer is at the heart of all we do as a church – without the blessing of God, the builders seek to build their home in vain. Worship, Evangelism, Discipleship and Social Justice all need to be rooted in prayer – Christian fellowship too is deeper if we can meet together in a spirit of prayer seeking to bless each other.

With Email now a popular and convenient form of communication, why not harness it for Prayer Alerts!

Weekly on Thursdays, your inbox could receive points for prayer for our church family, the community and indeed our world.

The Church Directory is used to ensure each of you is covered by prayer regularly.

Prayer points are welcome as is your action to join.

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During the past year four people have been involved with the telephone prayer chain which operates on Tuesday and Friday mornings, starting at 7 a.m. Prayer chains have operated at other times as needed. The Prayer Chain has been operating since 1993.

The prayer chain operates with passing on of prepared items for prayer. God calls us to continue to pray and there are occasions when there are many items for prayer and other occasions when there are the more routine, mundane items – all are important in God's eyes and all the more reason for prayer to be offered. God hears

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and answers accordingly and it is not up to us to query the how and why of His response.

Janice (ph 027 646 2191) or Liz (ph 383 5114) welcome any enquiries regarding the prayer chain or if there is anything you would like prayed for. Nothing too small or too big and everything is confidential.

“Prayer without ceasing”

*Janice Hopkins  
on behalf of the Prayers in the Prayer Chain*

## **Thursday Home Group**

The IBPC Home Group started up on 19 April this year, and meets every Thursday 7:30pm at the Bennett-McDonalds' house. It is lead by Susa, and has a core group of about three or four attendees (more always welcome).

The main focus of our group is growing in discipleship, and fellowship outside of Sunday. At the moment we are going through N T Wright's 'Mark for Everyone', which has the Bible passage immediately followed by a commentary from N T Wright.

It has been really valuable to have the opportunity to develop deeper relationships with the other members of the group, as well as going deeper in the Word. Many thanks to Susan for leading, and to Craig Bennett and Janet McDonald for offering their house for the group to meet in each week.

## **Thursday Morning Bible Study report 2018**

For about the last 15 years I have been privileged to have been part of the Thursday morning Bible study meeting in the lounge here at IBPC. Nowadays between 5-7 people attend each week, belonging to the local Presy, Baptist, and Catholic churches. Morning tea is served at 10am, ably assisted by Michael our cleaner. The study begins with prayer, with members encouraged to share any prayer needs they are aware of. This is followed by reading and studying a passage of scripture. Nathan usually leads the study, at present we are working through 1 Corinthians as we seek to deepen our discipleship, while also enjoying support, fellowship, and a cuppa together.

We miss our brother Stan who would usually lead these studies in Nathan's absence.

All are welcome to come and join us!

*Marie Blythe, on behalf of the Bible Study.*

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