

# CASHMERE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# CHRISTCHURCH NEW ZEALAND

# 87th ANNUAL REPORT

To be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation in the Rata Lounge on Sunday 25th September 2016 at the conclusion of morning worship.

# **MISSION STATEMENT**

Cashmere Presbyterian Church will make the life and teachings of Jesus Christ known and will share in God's loving purposes of truth, justice, peace and wholeness, for all people and the world.

# **AIMS**

- **AIM I** To engage in dynamic Christian worship.
- **AIM II** To provide effective teaching based on the Bible, using theology relevant to our times.
- **AIM III** To be a caring, welcoming, inclusive and supportive church family.
- **AIM IV** To share the love of God in practical action, outreach, and Christian leadership in the community.
- **AIM V** To have effective parish governing and administrative structures and use of resources.

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# **AGENDA**

for the Cashmere Presbyterian Church Annual General Meeting to be held on Sunday 25th September 2016 after the morning service

Constitution: Moderator

**Apologies** 

Welcome

# Thanksgiving and Remembrance

# Minutes of 2015 AGM

**Motion:** that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 30 August 2015 be taken as read, and confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

# **Matters arising**

# **Receiving of reports**

**Motion:** That the Annual Report of the Cashmere Presbyterian Church Parish Council be noted and that the Annual Reports of all other organisations applicable as printed in the Annual Report be received and taken as read.

Finance: including Accounts, Budget, Auditor

Motion: That the Annual accounts for the year ended 30 June 2016 be adopted.

**Motion**: That the Budget for 2016-17 be adopted

**Motion:** That Meredith Smith be thanked for her work as Auditor for the 2015-16 year, and be re-appointed as auditor for the 2016-17year.

# Parish Clerk/s and Committees

The Cashmere Parish Council has become aware that the structure of the Cashmere Parish as laid out in our Operation and Terms of Reference document is not working so well. It seems that this is a good time to review this document, in order to promote congregational involvement in the life, ministry and mission of our church, and to empower leadership. Parish Council is bringing to the AGM the proposal to make interim changes for the next year while this review process is underway. These recommendations are:

- a) that we move away from having Committees, and instead call our working groups Teams
- b) that the Teams, each with a Convenor who is a member of Parish Council, be:

Church & Society

**Fellowship** 

**Family Ministries** 

Finance

**Pastoral** 

Property (including Information Technology)

Strategy

c) that members of the Cashmere congregation are encouraged to get involved in the life of these teams (rather than our previous structure of Committee membership)

As per our current structure, we are seeking an additional two congregational appointments to Parish Council.

Parish Council is delighted that Anne Shave and Bruce Leadbetter have agreed to take up the role of Parish Clerks.

Hence **the Recommendations** coming to the Annual General Meeting of Cashmere Presbyterian Church are:

- 1) The Parish of Cashmere Presbyterian Church notes that the 'Operations and Terms of Reference' document is under review, and agrees to interim changes to Parish Council structure.
- 2) The following people be appointed as Convenors, with membership of Parish Council:

Dr David Troughton, as Convenor of Church and Society Cecile Pierce, as Convenor of the Fellowship Team (name to be supplied), as Convenor of Family Ministries Bruce McAlister, as Convenor of Finance Committee Elisabeth Cooch, as Convenor of the Pastoral Team Warren Campbell, as Convenor of the Property Team Peter Nelson, as Convenor of Strategy

- 3) The Parish appoints Anne Shave and Bruce Leadbetter to be joint Parish Clerks
- 4) that ...and ... (2 names to be supplied) be appointed members of Parish Council as representatives of the Cashmere Congregation

# **General Business**

# CASHMERE HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OFFICE BEARERS 2015-2016

MINISTER: Rev Silvia Purdie BA, BTheol

(from February 2016)

**SESSION/PARISH CLERKS:** 

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**CARETAKER:** Beverley Berry

# FROM THE MINISTER

# **Cashmere Presbyterian Church is**

a church anyone can come to

a living treasure

a place of beauty, serenity, and the presence of God grounded in Jesus Christ and open to all

# 1 Corinthians 5:16-19

From now on, therefore, we judge no one from a human point of view...If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation...this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself...and has entrusted this message of good news to us.



It has been quite a year for Cashmere Presbyterian Church. This time last year you were busy setting a new path after David Coster's retirement. In February you bravely took me on board, and we have had a fascinating 6 months together so far. This report details the major developments in ministry, worship and parish directions. I want to begin with this verse from 1 Corinthians because here Paul is making a big claim, that I would also want to make for our life together as a parish—that God through Jesus is continually making a new start in human relating. I have seen time and time again these past 6 months people reaching out to each other, affirming affection and belonging, experiencing something of God reaching out to us, and participating in the work of God reaching out to the people around us. This is summed up in Paul's phrase "the ministry of reconciliation", how the Spirit of Jesus is alive and active in human community, within us and between us and carrying us forward and outward.

Thank you for the privilege of sharing this with you at this time in your life as a church.

# **Thanks and Congratulations**

First, to the Parish Clerks who have so ably shared the role for the past 3 years: Elizabeth Taggart and Ian Gray. They have carried a large responsibility through the vacancy. Every week they have gone beyond the call of duty, dealing with matters large and small, always with a willing heart and a quick smile, even when it was personally costly. I want to honour these two fine capable godly people who have provided consistent, wise, encouraging leadership for this church through some demanding years.

Second, to the team who manage the church behind the scenes: to Gail Weaver (surely the best church administrator ever!!), Bruce McAlister who manages the finances so well, Meredith Smith for her accountancy help, and Beverley Berry who keeps the place clean.

Thirdly, to Rev Hugh Perry for his faithful work as Interim Moderator and Ministry Settlement Board Convenor over the past year. AND to all those who have worked hard on the MSB, the Mission Planning team, and the Strategy development led by Peter Nelson. Great work everyone!

Finally, thank you to Janet Aldridge for providing me and my family with a very beautiful home. We love living at 110 Bowenvale Avenue (rent paid 80% by CPC).

# **Ministry transition**

After a decade of ministry at Cashmere the Rev David Coster retired from parish ministry in August 2015. A Ministry Settlement Board was established with the goal of finding a new Minister. With my husband being posted (as an Army Chaplain) to

Burnham I applied, and was appointed as Stated Supply Minister, beginning with a Commissioning service on Sunday 14 February. Once the parish's Mission Plan was completed, the MSB received the go-ahead from Alpine Presbytery to proceed towards a Call. A Congregational Meeting on 7 August 2016 approved this by a good majority. I am grateful for the support of the MSB in negotiating an 80% of full-time appointment.

# **Mission Planning**

A major accomplishment over the past year has been the completion of a Mission Plan for Cashmere Presbyterian Church, including key 5-year strategic priorities. With my appointment being for an initial year we set goals for this year:

Key Initatives (5 year goals)	Specific Goals for 2016
To have a Unique Offering;     For Cashmere Presbyterian     Church (CPC) to develop a     distinctive community profile	<ul> <li>a) Run a series of 5 evening marriage seminars ('Couples@Cashmere'), May-Aug, to connect with couples</li> <li>b) Hold a seminar to promote public theology; 'The Cashmere Conference', 9-11 Sept</li> <li>c) Complete the process of mission planning in order to clarify identity and direction</li> <li>d) Investigate becoming a "Marriage Centre"</li> </ul>
To be a family oriented church;     we value the involvement of     children and families and will     explore ways to meet their needs	<ul> <li>a) Improve the space and resources for children in the church</li> <li>b) Build relationships with local schools, offering our facilities</li> <li>c) Hold children's music concert/s</li> <li>d) Provide pastoral care for families</li> <li>e) Continue with Family Services monthly</li> <li>f) Involve young people in the Cashmere Conference</li> </ul>
To offer high quality and diverse worship services, widening our appeal and meeting spiritual needs among different sectors of the community	<ul> <li>a) A series of worship services in June-July on a 'Kiwi' theme, involving wider communities</li> <li>b) offer special worship services at retirement villages</li> <li>c) Contemplative space, 1<sup>st</sup> Friday morning of each month: 'Calm and Cake'</li> </ul>
4. To improve our profile and increase income from facility hire	Develop a Marketing Plan:    publicity for worship    attracting weddings    other venue hire    promotion of other church activities (Silvia attending workshop in April)
5. To be a strong Community Hub; to be a living centre of the Cashmere community	<ul> <li>a) Restart the Pre-school Music programme</li> <li>b) Continue partnership with Cashmere Residents Assn, including Legal advice seminar 'Q&amp;A'</li> <li>c) Explore hosting Girls Brigade</li> <li>d) New initiative of the weekly Craft Group</li> <li>e) Attract young mothers with children as a coffee drop in</li> </ul>

The mission planning process included a congregational discussion lead by Rev Darryl Tempero, reports to Elders Meetings, and reporting to Presbytery. Once my position is finalised we will be planning for next year and beyond. In June we conducted a Worship Review, seeking feedback and suggestions for our pattern of worship. Parish Council is in the process of reviewing the Committee structure of the parish, and exploring options for lay leadership and congregational involvement in the life and work of our church.

# **New Initiatives**

<u>Craft Group:</u> Tric Nelson has initiated and led a very successful new outreach, called 'Quilts & Bits' on Tuesdays

In October (15th-16th) a Craft Fair is being held as a community event and fundraiser.

<u>Community networking</u>: David Troughton has been proactive in connecting with the Cashmere Residents Association and Community Board, hosting a Legal evening, working with CREST on emergency services, the Youth network on the Cashmere Conference, amongst other things.

<u>Preschool Music:</u> It has been wonderful to get the Cashmere Music Group up and running again, this time with significant church involvement, starting in Term 2. A significant team of volunteers from the church assist and relate with the young families, and the group has formed and grown.

<u>Couples @ Cashmere</u> seminars for couples. This series of 5 Sunday evenings was a tentative but good start towards our goal of becoming a Marriage Centre, with more to offer than a beautiful wedding venue. I was assisted in this by my husband Chris, and counsellors Murray Cameron and Blair Stirling. Approximately 10 couples have attended at least one of the sessions.

<u>Calm & Cake</u> has been something I have offered, contemplative space and morning tea on the first Friday of each month, on the general topic on Mindfulness. Approximately a dozen folks are coming along. Thank you to Ellie Ward for helping host this.

The Cashmere Conference is our biggest new project for the year. David Troughton and I have been co-ordinating this for 9-11 September. With three guest speakers, four workshops, and a Youth Stream it is a major undertaking in public theology, on the theme of 'What does the future hold?'. We are very grateful for funding from the St David's Trust (of Presbytery) and a grant from the Christchurch City Council Community Board.

# Still working on ...

- Connecting with the 2 local Primary Schools has started, and we are hosting Cashmere Primary School for two major events later in the year: their school dance and the end-of year music concert 'Soiree'.
- Little contact has been made with Rest Homes and retirement villages; more could certainly be done in this area.
- No further development re Girls Brigade
- Pastoral care and contact with families has not happened as much as hoped, and there has been little church connection or attendance from children and families.
   Parish Council decided in August to seek funding for a new part-time position to lead our Family Ministries. We have registered with Kids Friendly.

<u>Whareora House</u>: A new development not anticipated by the Plan for 2016 was the beginnings of involvement with Whareora Community House in Spreydon. With the closing of St James' Presbyterian Church, Cashmere Presbyterian is offering to pick up some partnership to support this Methodist-owned facility, and to potentially lead some form of spiritual focus or worship onsite there.

# Marketing and publicity

A major aspect of my work has been to develop a marketing plan and new promotional avenues for the church, specifically:

- Facebook page: this is now active, with 64 'likes'
- Website: the decision was made to develop a new website for the church, and eventually a 2<sup>nd</sup> one for the Function Centre aspect of church venue hireage. This is

in process.

- Conference website and publicity: the process of planning the Cashmere Conference has included a specialist website (www.cashmereconference.weebly.com), and a great deal of community networking and promotion, including to High Schools and other churches.
- Photography commission: local photographer Stephanie Defregger has completed a very beautiful and evocative set of photographs of the church, people, weddings and site.
- Other: we have been actively promoting our activities through posters, signs, letterbox deliveries, a hand-out for what's on in the month, notices in school newsletters, other websites such as EventFinder, BeThere, local newspapers, etc.

# **Partnerships**

I want to acknowledge the ongoing partnerships that Cashmere Presbyterian church has:

- Aspie Help. I honour Leigh McMurray and her team for their dedicated assistance to those with Asperger's and their families.
- The Foot Clinic is continuing its much appreciated service ahh the foot spas and massages! - of personal and practical care.
- Tim Emerson's superb work in the Christchurch musical scene in tutoring and accompanying young musicians
- Parents Centre is a major user of our facilities, and we are looking for opportunities to connect with the many young couples and new families that come.
- Rotary Club of Cashmere continue to be based here.
- Other church connections this year have included:

St Paul's Trinity Pacific youth group performing at Cashmere on Sunday 14 August St Augustine's Anglican Church, especially at Easter and Christmas the Presbyterian Women Presbyterial group

active support for St James' Presbyterian Church

a combined service with St Martin's Presbyterian Church, 31 August an inter-church informal evening of Praying for Cashmere, 17 August involvement in the South Christchurch Ministers' Fraternal

I would also like to note my thanks to Murray Robertson for his support and involving me in a mentoring group based at South West Baptist church.

# Worship

Many thanks to the many visiting preachers who have shared in our life over the past year. Special thanks to Anne Shave who has taken on the leadership of our monthly Healing Services, which are deeply appreciated by the growing group who attend (3rd Sunday at 11.30am)

Since February our worship has included:

- a Lenten theme of 'Who we are in Christ'
- Maundy Thursday service with informal Communion, combined with St Augustine's
- 3 Sundays in June on the topic of 'The evolution of God' exploring the names of God
- a series through July on 'Being Kiwi', with all NZ music

Thank you to all the Cashmere Presbyterian Parish for your warm welcome and sharing together the work of mission, the enjoyment of the love of God in worship and fellowship, and in our unique "ministry of reconciliation" based here in Cashmere.

Silvia

# PARISH COUNCIL REVIEW & REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES 2015-2016

# **PARISH CLERKS** (Elizabeth Taggart and Ian Gray)

Once again we would like to thank the congregation for their support throughout the last year, especially during the vacancy after Rev. David and Joy Coster retired from Cashmere.

The Strategy group continued to have 'a conversation' with Rev. Darryl Tempero in which they indicated that the Parish would like to be involved with the other parishes in the Christchurch South Presbyterian area in an informal way, continuing to seeks ways in which we could meet together.

Rev. Darryl Tempero continued to lead and challenge the Mission Planning group of Cecile Pierce, David Troughton, Marianne Smith and Phillip Snape, who have put together a document which has formed part of our requirements in being able to call a minister in a permanent capacity. The group have put a great deal of work, thought and prayer into this document, and on behalf of the Parish I would like to thank them for this.

The work of the Strategy group has continued in a less formal way this last year, with the most recent development being exploring the possibility of developing the role of a Children's and Young Persons ministry. Funding for this role will be sought through various sources.

The Ministry Settlement Board continued to work throughout the year and, along with the Mission Planning document, Bruce McAlister and Peter Nelson put together a Budget which could be presented to the Alpine Presbytery when we were ready to call a minister.

In August the Interim Moderator and Convenor of the MSB, Rev Hugh Perry, was approached by Rev Silvia Purdie who was seeking work in Christchurch as her husband Rev Chris Purdie was moving to Burnham Military Camp as Chaplin. After discussion with referees and with Silvia herself, the committee invited Silvia and Chris to meet with us.

Further discussion occurred at Parish Council level and after a Congregational meeting Silvia was called to a position of Stated Supply at 80% (this was by her choice) for a year, with the Parish supplying a house for the family to live in. Since joining us Silvia has introduced us to new forms of worship using her musical talents, initiated new ways to present Cashmere Presbyterian to the community, and made a big effort to get to know the congregation. With this in mind the MSB committee, along with the Parish Council, considered calling Silvia to a Permanent position in the Parish, and at a Congregational meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2016 it was voted by a majority to ask the Alpine Presbytery to allow us to follow through on this call. Presbytery meets on 25<sup>th</sup> August and we await the outcome of that meeting. The Terms of the Call are as they were for the Stated Supply.

The Rev Hugh Perry continues as our Interim Moderator until Rev Silvia Purdie's appointment is made but I would like to thank him on behalf of the Parish and MSB committee for his wise council, sense of humour, and time and effort he has put into leading us throughout the vacancy.

Helen Matthews, as a Parish representative on the Parish Council, has indicated she would like to relinquish this role and we would like to thank her for her input and ideas whilst she has held this position. A replacement will be sought at the Annual Meeting in

# September.

Annette McAdam has indicated that she will stand down as Convenor of the Pastoral committee and we would like to thank her for the work she has done in the role, which involves the organisation and distribution of the Cashmere Connection.

We record with thanks the lives of Noelene Nelson, Jacobina Taggart, Walter Simpson, Jess McAlister, Heather Hamell, and Bob Peach. We wish to extend our sympathies to all the family members of these special people.

During the year, through Baptism we have welcomed into the family of Christ: Fletcher and Lacklan Greer, Sienna Easton, Henry Turner, Samuel McElwee, and Estelle Lee.

Gail Weaver has again provided a friendly helpful service as our Church Administrator, often taking on more than her role demanded. She has helped immensely during the vacancy and lan and I would like to acknowledge our thanks for this.

As we move forward as a Parish there will be challenges ahead. With wisdom, prayer, and thoughtful ideas and suggestions, we can continue to grow our Parish and strive to be a community of faith in Cashmere. New structures for running our Parish may become evident, how we "do things" might change but working together as a team and congregation and carrying out Gods plan for us will continue to live out the Christian message.

As this is our final report as Parish Clerks we would like to thank the Parish Council for their support and help during our three year term of office. Bruce McAlister continues to carry out the role of Parish Treasurer and we would like to thank him for the immense amount of work he puts into this role.

We look forward to seeing what directions the Parish is led in in the future.

# **CHURCH AND SOCIETY COMMITTEE** (Convenor: David Troughton)

Where can each person in the community be held of equal value, male and female of all ages, of all ethnicities, of all occupations, of all levels of responsibility in the community? Where can we all meet and consider the big questions of life, know that we belong to each other? Where can we meet to review together where we are and what are our values, and to be reassured again that we are not accidents in a meaningless universe? The Church is the answer!

We are the Church. We matter hugely in the purposes of God. We are important in the bringing in of God's Beloved Community. But there is a serious challenge: prophets such as Amos, we have been reminded recently, said that our religious activities are offensive unless we are responding to the needs of the society- to poverty and injustice.

The Church and Society Committee is responsible to provide leadership and encouragement in these areas within our community. David and Joy provided leadership, support and initiative in this and we value all that they have contributed over their ministry. Now Silvia has taken us further during her period of Stated Supply, and we look forward to consolidating those ventures and to further developments and increased awareness in the wider community as she comes on a permanent basis.

God's mission is the mission of every one of us. Many of us have community and family and other involvements, and we support and encourage you in them. If there are initiatives you feel we should be taking as a congregation, bring the issues up and we definitely listen and respond. We do miss the initiatives of the APW that used to be so important in the life and witness of our parish.

Our context in Christchurch is of a city that has been overwhelmed by change, as well as by disrespect and unnecessary difficulties; the psychological effects are becoming apparent now. There is an ongoing and definite background of grieving, even though we experience encouragement from the rising of the new city. As a counsellor from another church emphasised recently, in our churches we have to take this into account by providing safe places and by managing development and change carefully because of this. Our energies are being used in supporting each other even yet. Festina lente—make haste slowly—but we all identify with the importance of responding to a wide variety of needs as they present.

We cooperate with the Cashmere Residents Association, through Cashmere Residents Emergency Support Team, along with Rotary and the Cashmere Primary School and Civil Defence. We are looking to get a generator to have on site in the event of an emergency, and also water. Also we hosted with them a successful Legal Q&A night.

We benefit through joining in the network of other groups through the *Older Adults Network* of the *Spreydon-Heathcote Community Board*, and are now beginning to relate to the youth section. They will present recent study results at the Cashmere Conference. An important challenge for us is that over the next fifteen years the population of those 65+ in Christchurch will rise from some 52,000 to 93,000. In Spreydon-Heathcote there are currently just on 7,000 in that age group, so that will rise to about 12,500. What services should we be providing now, and what processes should we be setting in motion to grow with this increase? How should we take into account that many have not valued the church in their younger years, so will they come to see it in a new light in their senior years? Will they face up to the spiritual questions which arise, and how will they respond? How best can we support them?

The *Food Trolley* is taken weekly to the City Mission (coordinated by Elisabeth Cooch), and the *Foot Clinic* programme (led by Judith Waters) is very much appreciated. Thank you for your commitment to all the volunteers involved in these ministries. There have been responses to needs of prisoners. Through our minister we are developing relationships with the Christchurch Parents Centre who run antenatal classes from our premises.

The Marriage Centre concept has moved forward with a series of five stand-alone sessions on topics with respect to marriage, some being led by guest speakers. Some couples from beyond our church community have come, including some who have been married here. These programmes will be evaluated and possibly tweaked for the future, but they have taken us a step further.

The Centre for Spiritual Growth concept incorporates our Healing Services, and Anne Shave has responded to the challenge of leading them in partnership with our ministers. They continue to minister to us at our points of need and have been very much appreciated. Calm & Cake @ Cashmere, on the first Friday morning of the month, has been an innovation which has introduced a time for meditation and reflection to which people who are seeking to develop their spiritual life can come. Some people who have seen the notices have come, but it is in its infancy. Our minister has led the meditations; Ellie Wards has hosted the cake time!

Te Waiora House is a retreat and healing centre in which we are still interested and has been flourishing under their new Hosts.

Caring for Creation is part of our DNA. We keep the congregation posted with opportunities to relate to community activities in this field as well.

We have had ongoing interactions with other local Presbyterian parishes, and have been thinking of ways we may relate, especially with St James' closing. We have our ecumenical cooperation with St Augustine's at Holy week and at Christmas. There are associations of ministers. Our minister recently developed networking with the St Augustine's Youth as well as with the local house church of South West Baptist and Cashmere New Life. Te Raranga has advertised our activities, and has had reviews of their city-wide programmes and up-coming events. St Mark's Methodist Church, Somerfield, had a seminar led by Dr Peter Linehan surveying the patterns of change of churches in the Christchurch area.

We focus on aid through the *Christian World Service* Christmas Appeal, and as a policy we also promote their special appeals for various other acute needs as they arise. We have not had an active Fair Trade Stall this year. Our parish also supports a *World Vision* Child.

On World Communion Sunday 2015 we were very privileged to have Rev Dr John England lead the service. The way he took the prayers showed influences from his experiences in Asia, and he gave a great review of the history of the witness of church in China—the mother of Genghis Khan and his Chief Vizier, on the basis of their Christian convictions, protested with him about the way he treated his enemies. At that service Arwinder Singh of the local Sikh Gurudwara played the tabla to accompany the series of Indian hymns used as voluntaries. Some of us have ongoing active connections with people of other faiths, and occasionally they visit us for worship. They appreciate the way we respect our Holy Scriptures—just as they do their own.

Helen Wells, formerly a member and retired at Diamond Harbour, is currently in Vanuatu teaching English to theological students. John Sinclair is returning from serving in administration at Freeset in Kolkata this December.

We have supported the *Hospital Chaplaincy* at The Princess Margaret Hospital, but the patients have been relocated to Burwood Hospital. Because they would really need about eight volunteers on the Sundays we are involved, instead of the four we have had previously, we have approached St Martin's to see whether they would cooperate with us, so we can still play our part in providing a service we will benefit from if we are in hospital. Hopefully there will be about four of us who will commit to going to Burwood about twice a year. There is also a call for more regular financial support, which we will need to consider.

Our *Parish Council* have forwarded to the *General Assembly*—to be held in Dunedin this year—through the Alpine Presbytery, a request that it will form an ongoing committee to initiate and to coordinate the study of social issues, and the issues of the public square. There used to be one, but in recent years the church has not been studying them in a responsible way. But we need to be well-informed in making our contribution to society, and well-prepared so that we are ready to enter into discussions of social policy as they arise from time to time. We should earn the right to contribute in the public square, as the prophets did in ancient times and in more recent times, and to gain respect by our competence and insights. There is widespread appreciation of the fact that we have taken this initiative.

Cashmere Conferences have developed a reputation for being of high quality and being very stimulating, and they have a flow-on effect. With respect to developing Community Justice Panels, there are a number of issues, some political, and they would value our prayers. Support for it has grown out of our conference.

Our Cashmere Conference this year should be no exception: "What does the Future

hold?" This is presenting us with quite a variety of challenges. We have several accomplished and well informed speakers coming to discuss several timely issues, we are having displays, and we hope to create a public square where there is communication between the Community and the Church. Some community leaders have expressed their delight that we are doing this. It is part of our ongoing relationship, and we hope ongoing dialogue.

There are exciting mission opportunities here in Christchurch and also globally.

# **PASTORAL COMMITTEE** (Convenor: Annette McAdam)

This group has continued very much the same as the previous year. A clipboard was sent around for members of the congregation to sign as to how they would like to receive their Cashmere Connections, and most opted for collecting them from church.

Visiting continues, with Silvia and myself visiting rest homes—as many as time allows.

It is with regret that I will be resigning as Convenor of this committee, with effect from the AGM.

# **FELLOWSHIP & HOSPITALITY** (Convenor: Cecile Pierce)

It's Annual Meeting time again, and an opportunity to reflect on the Fellowship and Hospitality programme that has featured well in the life and outreach of the Cashmere Presbyterian Church over the past 12 months.

The first event was a celebration lunch held for Rev David and Joy Coster following David's final Service to mark the conclusion of his successful ministry at Cashmere and subsequent retirement. With many past and present parishioners, colleagues and friends to share in this beautiful meal, we were able to reminisce over the glad times and the sad times experienced in the last 10 years, and to say a heartfelt 'thankyou' to David and Joy.

Parish members were pleased to prepare a 'welcome' dinner for Silvia and the Purdie family on their arrival to Christchurch, and this was followed a few weeks later with a special lunch for Silvia's first service as our Stated Supply minister.

Food is always welcomed as a social event, and catering for after-church lunches is easily arranged and enjoyed. Sometimes it is nice to dine out and an impromptu 'winters day' lunch held at Oderings Café in July proved to be a huge success.

With no formal committee appointed, parish members were asked to share ideas with the Convenor so that a varied program could be put together during the year. With that 'Girls Night' evolved, and a well attended fashion parade at Repertoire at The Colombo, was organised by Helen Leadbetter. The proceeds were donated to Breast Cancer Research. In December, another 'Girls Night' night was held, where boxes of homemade biscuits, adorned with crafted angel decorations were made and packed by a very industrious team. They were then gifted to people in and around the parish in time for Christmas.

On a Sunday afternoon in November Tim Emerson once again delighted an appreciative audience with a Variety Concert, and to finish off the year Ngaere Brownlie arranged a night at the Court Theatre to see the stage show, *Mary Poppins*.

Quilts & Bits is another popular activity, initiated by Tric Nelson, where women come

together each week to do beautiful craftwork and enjoy each other's company. If you are interested you are welcome to join this group.

The main fundraising event of the year took place in March with the Annual Fair. This provided a significant income to the parish finances, as well as a percentage of the profits being donated to the Christchurch Charity Hospital. Managing the Fair is proving more difficult with each passing year, and the energy required more demanding. The future of the Fair will need to be reassessed if it is to continue in its present form.

The final event for the year was a Quiz Night, suggested by Gail Weaver who also sourced the questions and arranged the accompanying Quiz material. With Bruce Leadbetter as Quizmaster, a happy audience, pizzas, prizes and a raffle, a fun night was enjoyed by all.

It has been a real pleasure to work with so many people who have given their time and talents to produce a wide range of activities in the course of the year. To all those who have readily agreed to help with and without being asked, your contribution is greatly appreciated – THANKYOU.

We already have some different and surprising events being planned for 2016-17 which I'm sure will be fun. I look forward to your participation.

# OTHER REPORTS

# **FORUM**

Forum has continued to meet for an hour each Wednesday morning at 10.00am, and is valued by those who participate. The focus is on the Scripture readings, sermon and general theme of the previous Sunday morning's service. Those attending may either contribute to the discussion in the way they feel led, or simply sit and listen. We aim to finish by 11.00am. To quote a TV advertisement which is currently screening: "Why not try us, you'll like us."

Alan Simson

# OFFERING SECRETARY'S REPORT

As you will see from the figures in the Church's Annual Accounts, our offerings as a congregation form an important part of the Parish's finances. In the past financial year a total of \$62,890 was contributed though our offerings, contributing \$67,507 in the 2015 financial year. This amount is an essential part of the church's income.

I talked last year about this being a new era for Cashmere Presbyterian and we have seen the appointment of Silvia as our new minister. Silvia has taken our call with enthusiasm and has embraced our strategic plan to develop a focus on both youth and families so that we as a church can survive and thrive into the future. Clearly there is an investment in doing this—and I do stress the word investment as opposed to cost as this is very much about investing in our future. That said we need to able to fund the new initiatives that the Parish Council is developing with Silvia, funding that over time will provide a return on the investment put in now, but like anything we have to invest to get a return.

Our current offering has dropped in this last year from \$76,559 to \$62,890, a reflection on our drop in membership from 109 to 87. Currently 94% of our offering comes by way of either automatic payment or the envelope system. The benefit of this is that we know what we have coming in from both a cash flow and budgeting perspective, but the drop in membership means we need to look for more support from our current members. The finance committee understands that a lot of our members are on fixed incomes, however if we were all able to look at increasing our giving on an annual basis to reflect the increased costs and investment in the future of our church, then it would be so gratefully appreciated.

In conclusion I would like to thank everyone who has supported our church during the past year, God continues to guide us on a path, challenging us on looking for new ways to spread his word and your offerings to his work are a very important part of this and I thank you sincerely.

Peter Nelson

# **FOOT CLINIC REPORT**

Throughout the year Foot Clinic has continued to meet 6 weekly. Participants enjoy a cuppa, as well as home-made baking, as they bathe their feet and catch up with friends before reclining for their foot care.

From June this year we changed the Monday afternoon session to Tuesday, which means we now have the morning and afternoon sessions on the one day.

Our wonderful team of volunteers are kept busy with more people keen to come than we can accommodate. If anyone would like to volunteer to assist us, please contact one of the members—we especially need help with nail cutting.

To the wonderful team who give of their time and talents to ensure the success of this community project – thank you.

Judith Waters

# FROM THE OFFICE

Another busy year in the office, with wedding enquiries and bookings staying at around 35, but other bookings have increased, especially now that the Kowhai Lounge is also available for hire. A lot of time is taken up with answering hire enquiries, showing people around, and the paperwork associated with hires.

Health & Safety has been a big news item this year, with the changes brought in by the Health & Safety at Work Act 2015. In April, together with Tony Waters, I attended a workshop run by the InterChurch Bureau which gave insight into the requirements of this Act for churches and trusts. As a result we are working on reviewing our policies, as well as continuing the ongoing checks to ensure that the church premises and equipment are safe to use.

So, who uses our premises? Our regular users are: Cashmere Garden Club; Rotary Club of Cashmere; Christchurch Parents Centre; a Karate class; the Tuesday morning craft group and the Thursday Quilting ladies; pre-school music; the Foot Clinic; CREST: Tango Vibe; and a new booking for this year is a Pilates class.

Occasional bookings have included the Alpine Presbytery for meetings and roadshows; the local Lions Club; 1st, 50th and 80th birthday parties; wedding anniversaries; the Princess Margaret Hospital Choir; U3A; Men's and Women's Probus; music teachers hosting pupils' performances; Cashmere Residents' Association presentations; and several business bookings for planning/training days.

The kitchen also continues to be hired frequently, with one regular user, and several different one-off users making food for sale.

A big thank you to all those who have done "office sitting" when I have taken leave—your help is much appreciated, and has contributed to my enjoyment of those holidays.

Gail Weaver

# Cashmere Presbyterian Church Minutes of Congregational Meeting, held Sunday 30th August 2015

# **Constitution:**

Moderator, Rev Hugh Perry, constituted the meeting with prayer at 11:00am.

# **Introduction of Ministry Settlement Board:**

Rev Hugh Perry introduced the Ministry Settlement Board (MSB) and he then read the recommendation from the MSB that the Congregation approve the recommendation of the Ministry Settlement Board to call a Minister for Cashmere Presbyterian Church on a Stated Supply basis for one year under the standard terms of call, with an accommodation allowance to be paid in lieu of a manse.

Question from the congregation was asked: "How widely was the vacancy circulated?"

Answer from Rev Hugh Perry was: "It was widely advertised within the usual circulation, but not overseas."

Moved that recommendation be accepted by congregation: Barrie Murphy; Seconded: Alan Simpson

Recommendation agreed unanimously.

Congregational meeting closed 11:08am

# Cashmere Presbyterian Church Minutes of the 86<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Congregation Held in the Lounge on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2015

AGM opened at 11:09am.

**Apologies:** Helen Matthews, Paul Smith, Judith and Bill Harrington, Dot McDonald, Pauline McCormack, Joy Wright, Tony and Judith Waters, Bob Peach.

**Present:** 51 members and associate members, who recorded their names as noted on the list attached to these minutes.

# Thanksgiving and remembrance:

The meeting stood and gave thanks in remembrance and honour of those who had passed away during the year since we last met at an AGM: Jen Peeters, Helen Wilson, Irene Drewett, Gwen Mitchell, Thelma Harding, and Alan Guthrie.

# Minutes:

**Agreed:** that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 31 August 2014 be taken as read and confirmed. (Elizabeth Taggart/Anne Shave)

# **Matters arising:**

It was taken that these have been dealt with in the previous year and there were no further matters arising.

# **Annual reports:**

**Agreed**: that Annual Report of the Cashmere Presbyterian Church Parish Council be noted and that the Annual Reports of all other organisations applicable as printed in the Annual Report be received and taken as read. (Elizabeth Taggart/Bruce Leadbetter).

To be noted specifically that David Troughton's report be widely read as it is good.

# Finance:

Bruce McAlister spoke to the reports, advising that it had once again been a challenging year. His notes, as presented to the meeting, are attached to these minutes.

Agreed: that the financial report be accepted (Bruce McAlister/lan Gray).

# **Budget:**

Of specific note regarding the budget for the year ending 30 June 2016, Bruce presented information around the change in Insurance options. The Finance Committee is continuing to review natural disaster cover. The Parish is not currently at full replacement cover as we are unable to do this. Please refer to the specific information in Bruce's notes attached to this report.

Bruce has agreed to continue for a further 2 years as Parish Treasurer.

Agreed: that the budget be adopted as presented (Bruce McAlister/lan Gray).

# **Auditor:**

**Agreed:** Meredith Smith be appointed as auditor for 2015-2016 year (Bruce McAlister/lan Gray).

# Parish Clerks, Parish Committees, Parish Council for 2015-2016:

Agreed: that the names as listed be approved (Chris White/Cecile Pearce).

# **Church & Society:** Convenor: David Troughton

Elizabeth Taggart, Bryan Gainsford, Bruce Leadbetter.

Corresponding members: Elisabeth Cooch, Malcolm Gray, Leith McMurray, Ian Gray.

# Pastoral Committee: Convenor: Annette McAdam

Elisabeth Cooch, Ian French-Wright, Judith Harrington, Maree Johnstone, Bill Swan, Keith Grant.

# Property Committee: Convenor: Warren Campbell

Bruce Lyford, Marjorie Columbus, John Willis, Keith Grant, Ian Gray, Shona Lyford.

# Finance Committee: Convenor: Bruce McAlister

lan French-Wright, Ian Gray, Elizabeth Taggart, Louis van Rensburg, Peter Nelson (Offerings Secretary).

# Fellowship & Hospitality Committee: Convenor: Cecile Pearce

Frances French-Wright, Judith Irwin, Annette McAdam, Jill McAra, Helen Leadbetter, Kathleen Anderson, Trish Nelson (flower committee)

# **Co-ordinating Committee:**

Elizabeth Taggart, Ian Gray, Keith Grant

**Presbytery Elder:** Ian Gray

# **Parish Clerks:**

Ian Gray, Elizabeth Taggart

# **Parish Council:**

Convenors of Committees

Parish Clerks

Parish Representatives – Elisabeth Cooch, Helen Matthews

# **General Business:**

Agreed: a vote of thanks be given to both Ian Gray and Elizabeth Taggart for the work they have done and are continuing to do as Parish Clerks (Vivienne Boyd/Ngaere

# Brownlee).

# The meeting stood and together said the Grace. Meeting closed at 11:50am.

# Present:

Chris Wright

Annette McAdam

Shona Lyford

Bruce Lyford

Jill McAra

Diana Lancaster

Marie Martin

John Martin Leith McMurray

Vivienne Boyd

Frances French-Wright

Barbara White

Brian Irwin

Peter Nelson

Tric Nelson

**Bryan Gainsford** 

Bruce Leadbetter

Helen Leadbetter

John Willis

Ngaere Brownlie

Maree Johnstone

Chris Johnstone

Bruce McAlister

Diane McAlister

Barrie Murphy

**Lorraine Murphy** 

Brian Lawson

Joan Lawson

**Graham Cook** 

Sue Wagner Marianne Smith

Ian Gray

Elizabeth Taggart

Noelene Kent

Shirley Wilson

Kathleen Anderson

Helen Bartrum

Brian Bartrum

Jean Simson

Alan Simson

Ivan Pierce

Cecile Pierce

Graham McCormick

Rosemary Troughton

**David Troughton** 

Judith Irwin

Rouie Swan

Bill Swan

Ellie Wards

Ian French-Wright

Anne Shave

# FINANCIAL INFORMATION

# FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Financial accounts for the year ended 30 June 2016 are appended to this report. The net surplus is shown at \$13,799, but when depreciation, repayment of Loan, and transfers for Fixed Asset additions are adjusted for, the surplus for the year was \$17,740.

The surplus was due to paying supply only from August 2015 to January 2016. If the current 80% arrangement had been in place for the full year the result would have been a small deficit.

As usual the congregation supported the Christian World Service Appeal, Presbyterian Support Services, and other worthy causes.

Freewill offerings from envelopes—including automatic bank payments, and loose donations—totalled \$60,077, a decrease of \$7,430 compared to the 2015 total of \$67,507. Several substantial contributors ceased to support the offering system during the Financial year, due to death, change of circumstances and moving from the Parish.

Donations, including Thanksgiving appeal, totalled \$10,687 an increase of \$171 compared to the 2015 total of \$10,516.

Wedding proceeds and Rental of Church Facilities totalled \$43,866, a decrease of \$8,771 compared to the 2015 total of \$52,637.

The contribution from Church House totalled \$21,650 compared to the total for 2015 of \$5,604. The results for 2015 included substantial costs for the painting of Church house at the time the EQC repairs were completed. It is pleasing to see the Church House facilities fully utilised, leaving areas available in the Church Centre for additional rental.

'Red Spot' donations are used specifically for payment to Wellington of the Assembly Assessment Budget. The total received by way of 'Red Spot' envelopes, including specific year-end donations, was \$2,505, compared to \$2,275 in 2015. The Parish Council would encourage all members of the congregation to support the 'Red Spot' envelope collections and the Thanksgiving Envelope Appeal, as it assists the Parish to meet its Assembly Assessment Commitments.

The Financial year ending 30 June 2017 will be a year of challenges as we commence the ministry of Silvia. The budget included with the Annual report shows a deficit of \$10,455, but the Finance Committee is hopeful that with the leadership of Silvia, and with your support, the deficit can be eliminated. The plans of the Strategy group are aimed at increased membership and the increase in the usage of the facilities. Updated marketing and web costs are included in the budget.

We would also thank Gail Weaver, the Office Administrator, and Meredith Smith, the Honorary Auditor of the Church, for their assistance during the year. The assistance of Meredith in the transfer to Xero has been much appreciated.

J Bruce A McAlister Treasurer (AC Retired , BCOM)

# Cashmere Presbyterian Church - Summary of Financial Performance

	Year End	Year End Year End Year End	Year End	Year End	Year End	Year End	Year End Year End Year End Year End Year End Year End	Year End	ear End	Year End	Budget
	30.6.2007	30.6.2007 30.6.2008 30	30.6.2009	30/06/10	30/06/11 30/06/12	30/06/12	30/06/13	30/06/14	30/06/15	30/06/16	30/06/17
Income											
Envelopes	24,086	21,665	21,443	20,123	19,638	19,798	23,183	26,649	21,986	19,390	21,350
Automatic	42,906	42,838	41,842	40,539	39,574	38,838	38,978	36,243	38,910	34,611	38,000
Total Envelopes & Automatic	66,992	64,503	63,285	60,662	59,212	58,636	62,161	62,892	968'09	54,001	59,350
Loose Donations	5,342	5,299	5,260	6,130	5,339	6,618	6,549	6,837	6,611	6,076	6,750
Donations, Weddings & Rent	13,467	14,534	17,519	23,511	24,516	26,583	45,106	42,852	63,153	54,553	52,000
Total Envelopes, Loose & Donations	85,801	84,336	86,064	90,303	89,067	91,837	113,816	112,581	130,660	114,630	118,100
Japanese Weddings	3,500	1,567	356								
Interest Received	8,067	46,689	51,290	20,949	20,317	19,916	19,642	19,044	18,013	14,279	13,350
Special Fund Raising	9,639	8,968	8,032	7,872		10,199	8,140	11,768	10,391	5,557	6,000
Grant Presbytery Christchurch/					2,000						
Church House Contribution					7,925	13,833	13,097	11,659	5,604	19,490	22,150
S Canterbury Heritage Trust							12,174				
Insurance Settlement							46,950				
Red Spot Donations	4,438	4,539	4,704	4,939	6,493	6,783	4,574	3,319	2,575	2,505	3,000
Total Income	111,445	146,099	150,446	124,063	125,802	143,768	218,393	158,371	167,243	156,461	162,600
Expenditure											
Minister's Stipend, Allowances,											
Car & Pulpit Supply	47,327	52,034	56,129	58,058	59,288	60,586	60,795	62,069	62,786	29,917	50,850
Housing Allowance		11,787	18,681	18,720	18,720	18,720	19,760	19,760	20,800	11,377	22,850
Honorarium & Office Administration	17,892	19,431	19,161	20,411	20,008	24,493	26,616	29,438	33,318	36,345	37,400
Christian Education	978	382	558	529	385	468	266	457	281 ni	Ē	200
Study Leave				09		225					
Teaching Gratuities						120	360	400	300	06	
Depreciation/ loss on sale	21,997	13,793	13,316	21,378	31,184	31,898	31,959	33,057	32,463	7,696	
Rates, Insurance, Telephone,											
Stationary etc	17,233	14,587	12,052	15,078	15,577	23,446	22,258	20,385	23,410	28,531	30,475
Marketing Costs											7,000
Manse Maintenance	582	436									

Repairs & Maintenance Presbytery Expenses	7,240	9,607	8,227 1,512	22,182 1,392	11,831	12,483 1,380	13,578 1,368	18,257 1,620	11,287	11,511 1,845	11,000
Vacancy & Interview Costs  Tower & External Repairs  Assets not funded by Grants & Donations  Ministers Education/ Study Leave		<del>1</del> 87					61,227	914		1,900	2,000
Budget & Levies/ Contribution Plant Church House upgrade/Baptist Savings repayment Assembly Assessment	spayment 15,639	14,225	12,038	9,468	990 6,312	372 11,071	360 1,305 10,771	1,389 12,099	1,496 12,413	1,855 12,698	2,000
Total Payments Deficit prior to Transfers	130,319	138,006	141,674	167,276 -43,213	166,011 185,262 -40,209 -41,494		250,923 -32,530	199,845 2	200,366 -33,123	143,765	179,305 -16,705
<b>Transfers from other Funds</b> Manse Rental  Maintenance Provision	585	436		10 800	2.500	1 800	000	2 000			550
St David's Building & Maintenance Fund  Presbytery EQC excess	3,500	6,500	5,250	000,9	2,000	2,500	3,000	4,500		1,000	1,200
				10,500	8,000	8,000		1,500	4,500		
Surplus Funds 2016 year Childrens Funds Property & Maintenance Fund						120	360 1,680	400	300	90,1,900	7,000
Total Transfers from other Funds	4,085	6,936	5,250	28,840	14,000	12,420	6,040	10,400	4,800	2,990	8,750
Deficit / Surplus after Transfers	-14,789	15,029	14,022	-14,373	-26,209	-29,074	-26,490	-31,074	-28,323	15,686	-7,955
<b>Transfers to Special Funds</b> Equipment Fund Interest to Special Funds	6,905	25,128	27,050	6,816	4,673	4,194	4,318	3,617	2,704	5,642	2,500
Total Transfers to Special Funds	6,905	25,128	27,050	6,816	4,673	4,194	4,318	3,617	2,704	5,642	2,500
<b>Net Deficit</b> Add back Depreciation	<b>-21,694</b> 21,997	<b>-10,099</b>	<b>-13,028</b> 13,316	<b>-21,189</b>	-30,882	-33,268	-30,808	-34,693	-31,027	10,044	-10,455
Cash Surplus/ Deficit	303	3,694	288	189	302	-1,370	1,151	-916	-1,436	17,740	-10,455

# ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE CASHMERE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH For the year ended 30 June 2016

# **Entity Information**

Cashmere Presbyterian Church For the year ended 30 June 2016 'Who are we?', 'Why do we exist?'

# **Legal Name of Entity**

Cashmere Presbyterian Church

# Other Name of Entity

Cashmere Hills Presbyterian Church

# **Entity Type and Legal Basis**

The entity is a church, established under the Presbyterian Church Property Trustees Act 1865. The rules of the church are detailed in the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand Book of Order. The entity is a registered charity in New Zealand

# **Registration Number**

51877

# **Entity's Purpose or Mission**

Cashmere Presbyterian Church will make the life and teachings of Jesus Christ known and will share in God's loving purposes of truth, justice, peace and wholeness for all people and the world.

# **Entity Structure**

The church is one of 273 churches affiliated to the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand (PCANZ). It is guided by the provisions of the PCANZ Book of Order, however the church is autonomous and governance is the responsibility of a Parish Council, which is elected by members.

# Main Sources of Entity's Cash and Resources

Donations and offerings.

Fund raising activities.

Rental of Facilities.

Weddings.

# Main Methods Used by Entity to Raise Funds

Fundraising: Annual Church Fair; sundry social events throughout the year.

Donations and offerings.

Investment income.

Income from services and activities: hiring out of facilities for social and community events; hiring out of kitchen facilities for food preparation; use of church for weddings.

# **Entity's Reliance on Volunteers and Donated Goods or Services**

The church relies on the time and expertise of volunteers to fulfill its mission activities (community support and outreach), governance (the Parish Council members and Parish Clerk's are volunteers), as well as many pastoral care and assistance roles.

# **Physical Address**

2 Macmillan Avenue, Cashmere, Christchurch

# **Approval of Financial Report**

# **Cashmere Presbyterian Church** For the year ended 30 June 2016

The Church Council is pleased to present the approved financial report including the historical financial statements of Cashmere Presbyterian Church for year ended 30 June 2016.

**APPROVED** 

Elizabeth Anne Taggart

Joint Parish Clerk

23 August 2016

Charles Ian Gray

Joint Parish Clerk

23 August 2016

James Bruce Alfred McAlister

Treasurer

23 August 2016

# **Statement of Service Performance**

Cashmere Presbyterian Church For the year ended 30 June 2016

'What did we do?', 'When did we do it?'

# **Description of Entity's Outcomes**

As reported in the Entity Information section, the mission of Cashmere Presbyterian Church is to make the life and teachings of Jesus Christknown and will share in God's loving purposes of truth, justice, peace andwholeness for all people and the world.

In furtherance of this objective the church offers a weekly Sunday morning worship service and a monthly Healing Service, attended by congregational members but open to all members of the public. Special services at Easter and Christmas are also held to promote community involvement, and a monthly contemplative service is also open to all members of the public.

The church supports the local community by its involvement with the Cashmere Residents Association and its connection with the Rotary Club of Cashmere.

A pre-school music group has been reestablished this year, which is attended by families from the local community.

Pastoral care is available for all who seek it.

# **Description and Quantification of the Entity's Outputs**

Account	2016	2015
Numbers at Balance Date:		
Number of Church Members on the Role	88	109
Number of Associate Members	17	20
Childen in Mainly Music Class	8	0
Youth in Bible Class	0	0
Ministry Staff (Full Time Unit)	1	1
Administrative/Mission Employees (Not Ordained)	2	2

# Activities in the year to balance date:

Number of Services	68	66
Number of Weddings Performed in the Year to June 16	32	50
Number of Funerals in the Year to June 16	4	7
Number of Baptisms in the Year to Balance Date	6	7

# **Additional Output Measures**

# **Additional Information**

A Pre-school music group was reestablished in May 2016.

# **Statement of Financial Performance**

Cashmere Presbyterian Church For the year ended 30 June 2016

# 'How was it funded?' and 'What did it cost?'

Account	Notes	2016	2015
Revenue			
Offerings	1	62,581.90	70,081.80
Charitable Appeals	1	31,955.30	45,880.10
Property Income	1	47,644.37	34,270.66
Investment Income	1	14,279.12	18,013.00
Other Income - Transfers from Special Funds	1	2,900.00	4,500.00
Total Revenue		159,360.69	172,745.56
Expenses Minister Ctinend & Allewanee	2	20.046.07	62 795 90
Minister Stipend & Allowance		29,916.97	62,785.80
Minister Housing Allowance	2	11,376.65	20,799.96
Other Staff Costs & Expenses	2	36,344.63	33,317.47
Property Expenses	2	29,861.65	52,436.49
Administration & Office Expenses	2	35,106.57	29,576.55
Sundry Expenses	2	2,955.40	2,357.06
Total Expenses		145,561.87	201,273.33
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year		13,798.82	-28,527.77

The notes to these financial statements form part of and should be read in conjunction with this Statement.

# **Statement of Financial Position**

Cashmere Presbyterian Church

As at 30 June 2016

# 'What the entity owns?' and 'What the entity owes?'

Account	Notes	30 Jun 2016	30 Jun 2015
Assets			
Current Assets			
Bank Accounts and Cash	3	37,645.80	25,250.01
Receivables and Prepayments	3	2,278.25	987.00
Other Current Assets	3	1,100.00	0.00
Goods and services tax		377.48	855.00
Total Current Assets		41,401.53	27,092.01
Non-Current Assets			
Land and Buildings		1,526,003.00	1,526,003.00
Plant and Equipment	5	30,923.45	36,342.00
Investments - Non Current	3	345,333.92	343,550.00
Total Non-Current Assets		1,902,260.37	1,905,895.00
Total Assets		1,943,661.90	1,932,987.01
Liabilities			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Loan Payable		2,000.00	1,700.00
Income Received in Advance		5,824.77	0.00
Other Current Liabilities	4	7,358.16	9,335.81
Total Current Liabilities		15,182.93	11,035.81
Non-Current Liabilities			
Loan Payable	4	16,582.03	18,737.00
Total Non-Current Liabilities		16,582.03	18,737.00
Total Liabilities		31,764.96	29,772.81
Total Assets less Total Liabilities (N	et Assets)	1,911,896.94	1,903,214.20
Accumulated Funds			
Equity		1,911,896.94	1,903,214.20
Total Accumulated Funds		1,911,896.94	1,903,214.20

The notes to these financial statements form part of and should be read in conjunction with this Statement.

# **Statement of Cash Flows**

Cashmere Presbyterian Church For the year ended 30 June 2016

'How the entity has received and used cash'

Account	2016
Cash Flows from Operating Activities	
Receipts from providing goods or services	119,605.05
Interest, dividends and other investment receipts	48,481.22
Cash receipts from other operating activities	2,900.00
GST	-1,302.99
Payments to suppliers and employees	-110,045.49
Cash flows from other operating activities	-24,186.81
Total Cash Flows from Operating Activities	35,450.98
Cash Flows from Investing and Financing Activities	
Receipts from sale of investments	9,963.03
Proceeds from loans borrowed from other parties	48,718.42
Payments to acquire property, plant and equipment	-2,277.76
Payments to purchase investments	-11,746.95
Repayments of loans borrowed from other parties	-58,667.84
Capital repaid to owners or members	-5,116.08
Cash Flows from Other Investing and Financing Activities	-3,928.01
Total Cash Flows from Investing and Financing Activities	-23,055.19
Net Increase/ (Decrease) in Cash	12,395.79
Cash Balances	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	25,250.01
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	37,645.80
Net change in cash for period	12,395.79

This statement has been prepared without conducting an audit or review engagement.

# **Statement of Accounting Policies**

Cashmere Presbyterian Church

For the year ended 30 June 2016

'How did we do our accounting?'

# **Basis of Preparation**

The entity has elected to apply PBE SFR-A (NFP) Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting - Accrual (Not-For-Profit) on the basis that it does not have public accountability and has total annual expenses equal to or less than \$2,000,000. All transactions in the Performance Report are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. The Performance Report is prepared under the assumption that the entity will continue to operate in the foreseeable future.

# Goods and Services Tax (GST)

The entity is registered for GST. All amounts are stated exclusive of goods and services tax (GST) except for accounts payable and accounts receivable which are stated inclusive of GST.

# **Income Tax**

Cashmere Presbyterian Church is wholly exempt from New Zealand income tax having fully complied with all statutory conditions for these exemptions.

# **Bank Accounts and Cash**

Bank accounts and cash in the Statement of Cash Flows comprise cash balances and bank balances (including short term deposits) with original maturities of 90 days or less.

# **Changes in Accounting Policies**

The policy in respect of Depreciation has changed during the year to permit the entity to revalue buildings when valuations are received. The change in policy has impacted the financial reports by increasing the surplus by approximately \$25,000. All other accounting policies were applied on a consistent basis during the year.

# **Depreciation**

Depreciation on fixed assets other than Land and Buildings are charged in the financial statements using the straight line method assuming 8-10 years for Plant, Furniture and Fittings and 15 years for the organ.

# **Notes to the Performance Report**

Cashmere Presbyterian Church

For the year ended 30 June 2016

Account	2016	2015
1. Revenue		
Offerings		
Automatic Payments	34,611.00	38,910.00
Envelopes - Weekly	19,389.80	21,986.00
Loose Offerings	6,076.10	6,610.80
Other Grants Received	0.00	2,575.00
Red Spot - Donations	2,505.00	0.00
Total Offerings	62,581.90	70,081.80
Charitable Appeals		
Church Hall Link Funding - Donations	0.00	1,000.00
Fundraising	1,109.10	1,684.00
Fundraising - Calico Fare	0.00	3,594.00
Fundraising - Fair/Garage Sale	4,448.15	5,113.00
General Donations	9,697.20	7,569.10
Sustentation and Rebates	0.00	1,034.00
Thanksgiving Sunday	990.00	1,915.00
Weddings and Funerals	15,710.85	23,971.00
Total Charitable Appeals	31,955.30	45,880.10
Property Income		
Church House - Donations Received	0.00	5,100.00
Church House - EQC & Painting Costs	0.00	-12,457.00
Church House - Expenses	-7,618.30	-5,766.00
Church House - Rent Received	27,107.60	18,727.32
Facilities - Rent Received	28,155.07	28,666.34
Total Property Income	47,644.37	34,270.66
Investment Income		
Interest Received - deposits	386.63	309.00
Interest Received - Manse Fund Housing Contribution	8,250.00	15,000.00
Interest Received - Special Funds	5,642.49	2,704.00
Total Investment Income	14,279.12	18,013.00
Other Income		
Transfer from Manse Property Fund	0	4,500
Transfer from St Davids Building & Maintenance fund	1,000	C
Transfer Property & Maintenance Fund	1,900	C
Total Other Income	2,900	4,500
Account	2016	2015
2. Analysis of Expenses		
Ministers Stipend & Allowance		
Ministers Allowances (Other)	1,069.39	2,622.96
Ministers Car Allowance	1,285.68	4,167.91
Ministers Stipend	23,953.37	54,332.15
Ministers Pulpit Supply	3,608.53	1,662.78
<b>Total Ministers Stipend &amp; Allowance</b>	29,916.97	62,785.80

Ministers Housing Allowance		
Minister Housing Allowance	11,376.65	20,799.96
Total Ministers Housing Allowance	11,376.65	20,799.96
Other Staff Costs & Expense		
Honorariums - Cleaner	7,532.07	7,995.82
Honorariums - Organists	3,710.00	3,610.00
Honorariums - Office Administrator	20,899.12	18,211.65
Honorariums - Treasurer	4,000.00	3,500.00
Superannuation	203.44	0.00
Total Other Staff Costs & Expense	36,344.63	33,317.47
Property Expenses		
Depreciation	7,696.31	32,463.00
Insurance	9,730.54	7,849.33
Rates	923.59	837.46
Repairs & Maintenance	11,511.21	11,286.70
Total Property Expenses	29,861.65	52,436.49
Administration & Office Expenses		
ACC Levies	439.30	400.96
Assembly Assessment	12,697.50	12,412.68
Christian Education	0.00	280.87
Computer Expenses	2,183.03	0.00
Interest to Special Funds	5,642.49	2,704.23
Light Power & Heating	4,343.18	3,721.70
Presbytery Levies	1,845.00	1,812.00
Printing, Photocopying & Stationery	6,466.39	6,370.57
Telephone & Internet	1,489.68	1,873.54
Total Administration & Office Expenses	35,106.57	29,576.55
Sundry Expenses		
General Expenses	2,955.40	2,357.06
Total Sundry Expenses	2,955.40	2,357.06
Account	2016	2015
. Analysis of Assets		
Bank accounts and cash		
BNZ Deposit A/C	19,008.90	7,204.57
BNZ Main Account	13,909.90	15,930.40
BNZ Offering A/C	1,497.00	1,888.00
BNZ Weddings A/C	3,130.00	127.04
Petty Cash	100.00	100.00
Total Bank accounts and cash	37,645.80	25,250.01
Debtors and prepayments		
Accounts Receivable	440.89	0.00
Prepayments	1,837.36	987.00
Total Debtors and prepayments	2,278.25	987.00
Other current assets		
Bond Paid	1,100.00	0.00
Total Other current assets	1,100.00	0.00

Investments		
Baptist Savings - Estate M M Salmond	2,288.29	2,227.00
Baptist Savings - Janet Shaw Trust	942.45	925.00
PCANZ - Manse Fund	318,089.27	314,436.00
PCANZ - Property and Maintenance Fund	8,470.18	10,016.00
PCANZ - St David's Building & Maintenance Fund	6,258.77	5,702.00
Westpac Deposit - Estate M M Salmond	212.00	212.00
Westpac Deposits - Special Funds	9,072.96	10,032.00
Total Investments	345,333.92	343,550.00
Account	2016	2015
4. Analysis of Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities		
Accrued Expenses	612.54	0.00
Bond Received	810.00	0.00
Children and World Vision	850.10	1,052.00
Foot Clinic	663.06	0.00
Kitchen Fund	460.00	0.00
PAYE Payable	1,081.47	0.00
Trade Aid	933.34	0.00
Unpresented Cheque	1,605.06	8,283.81
Wage Deductions Payable	342.59	0.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	7,358.16	9,335.81
Loan Payable - Current		
Current Portion - Loan Baptist Savings	2,000.00	1,700.00
Total Loan Payable - Current	2,000.00	1,700.00
Good Service Tax	·	·
GST	-377.48	-855.00
Total Good Service Tax	-377.48	-855.00
Income Received in Advance		
Income Received In Advance 2	1,194.77	0.00
Wedding Deposits	4,630.00	0.00
Total Income Received in Advance	5,824.77	0.00
Loan Payable - Non Current	·	
Loan Baptist Savings	16,582.03	18,737.00
Total Loan Payable - Non Current	16,582.03	18,737.00
Account	2016	2015
5. Property, Plant and Equipment		
Property		
Buildings	1,110,000.00	1,110,000.00
Buildings Accumulated Depreciation	-163,997.00	-163,997.00
Land	580,000.00	580,000.00
Total Property	1,526,003.00	1,526,003.00
Furniture, Fittings & Equipment		
Furniture & Fittings	66,506.00	66,506.00
Furniture & Fittings Accumulated Depreciation	-50,723.80	-46,655.00
Plant & Equipment	71,013.76	70,174.00
Plant & Equipment Accumulated Depreciation	-55,872.51	-53,683.00
Total Furniture, Fittings & Equipment	30,923.45	36,342.00
Total Property, Plant and Equipment	1,556,926.45	1,562,345.00

There have been no significant donated assets.

Account	2016	2015
6. Accumulated Funds		
Equity		_
Current year Surplus / (Deficit)	13,798.82	-28,527.77
Equity	1,552,764.20	1,581,291.97
Reserves	345,333.92	350,450.00
Total Equity	1,911,896.94	1,903,214.20
Total Accumulated Funds	1,911,896.94	1,903,214.20
Account	2016	2015
7. Breakdown of Reserves		
Reserves		
Estate M M Salmond	2,500.29	2,439.00
Janet Shaw Trust Fund	942.45	925.00
Manse Fund	318,089.27	314,436.00
Property and Maintenance Fund	8,470.18	10,016.00
Special Funds	9,072.96	16,932.00
St. David's Building and Maintenance Fund	6,258.77	5,702.00
Total Reserves	345,333.92	350,450.00

# Estate M M Salmond:

The funds are invested in the New Zealand Baptist Savings and Development Society with \$212 held on deposit with Westpac. Both the interest and the capital is available for the new life work in the Cashmere Parish.

# Janet Shaw Trust Fund:

The fund is invested at the New Zealand Baptist Savings and Development Society. The fund is for really vital work of the Church in Presbytery of Christchurch but not to provide bricks and mortar. The fund must be used for the extension of the Church into areas where there are needs of establishing the means of worship.

# Manse Fund:

The net proceeds from the sale of the Manse are held by Church Property Trustees and are invested in the Presbyterian Investment Fund. Of the total funds held, \$300,000 is held as a fund to provide fund for the payment of the Minister's housing allowance and \$18,088 being interest earned which is available for general funds.

# St. David's Maintenance Fund:

The St. David's real property fund was established by the Trustees of the St. David's Trust Fund from which Cashmere Presbyterian Church is entitled to 20%. The funds are invested in the Presbyterian Interest Fund and are available for capital expenditure and maintenance. Property and Maintenance Fund:

This fund is invested in the Presbyterian Investment Fund and is available for capital and maintenance expenditure.

# Special Funds:

Special Funds are invested at Westpac bank and are available, \$8,500 for maintenance and capital expenditure of Church House and \$573 for maintenance of Church buildings.

Account	2016	2015
8. Commitments		
Commitments to lease or rent assets		
Photocopier Lease (to 7 October 2018)	1,349.88	1,349.88
Rent of Minsters Residence (to 8 February 2017)	22,880.00	0.00
Total Commitments to lease or rent assets	24,229.88	1,349.88
Commitment to purchase property, plant and equipment		
Explanation and timing	0	0
Total Commitment to purchase property, plant & equipment	0	0
Commitments to provide loans or grants		
Explanation and timing	0	0
Total Commitments to provide loans or grants	0	0
9. Contingent Liabilities and Guarantees		
There are no contingent liabilities or guarantees as at 30 June 2016	6 (Last year - n	il).
Account	2016	2015
10. Assets Used as Security for Liabilities		
Land and Buildings		
Loan - Baptist Savings	18,582	20,437
Land and Buildings used as Security	1,526,003	1,526,003
Total Land and Buildings	1,544,585	1,546,440

# 11. Related Parties

There were no transactions involving related parties during the financial year.

# 12. Events After the Balance Date

There were no events that have occurred after the balance date that would have a material impact on the Performance Report (Last year - nil).

# 13. Ability to Continue Operating

The entity will continue to operate for the foreseeable future.

# 14. Comparative Figures

On 1 July 2015 Cashmere Presbyterian Church changed from Solution 6 to Xero to produce it's Financial Statements. Xero is bank account based and agrees with bank statement balances at year end, whereas Solution 6 reconciled outstanding cheques and outstanding lodgements within the bank balance. The comparative figures therefore incorporate all bank accounts as the statement balance as at 30 June 2015. Additionally accounts other than the main accounts were shown in special funds. Under Xero all bank accounts are shown.

# 15. Diamond Harbour Land

Cashmere Presbyterian Church has agreed to take over the management of the Diamond Harbour land from the General Assembly and to provide support for the Presbyterians in Diamond Harbour as per the 1996 covenant. Having taken over the management of the property, Cashmere authorised the Church Property Trustees to sell the property to the Anglican Church Property Trustees in Christchurch for its current market value. The sale value will be recorded as the contribution of Cashmere to the new church being built on the property.

In the event of dissolution of the parish of Mount Herbert, or the dissolution of the covenant entered into on 1 July 1996, or upon the sale of the property, the net proceeds shall be divided between the participating churches in proportions agreed but Cashmere's contribution shall not be less than the current market value of the land at the date of the agreement.

# **Audit Report**

# Cashmere Presbyterian Church For the year ended 30 June 2016

# To the members of the Cashmere Presbyterian Church

I have audited the financial report on pages 3 to 16. The financial report provides information about past financial performance of the Church and its financial position as at 30 June 2016. This information is stated in accordance with the Statement of Accounting Policies.

### **Board Responsibilities**

The Parish Council are responsible for the preparation of a financial report which fairly reflects the financial position of the Church as at 30 June 2016 and of the results of its activities for the period ended on that date.

# **Auditor's Responsibilities**

It is my responsibility to express an independent opinion on the financial report presented by the Parish Council and report my opinion to you.

# **Basis of Opinion**

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. It also includes assessing:

- the significant estimates and judgements made by the Parish Council in the preparation of the financial report, and
- whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Church's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in New Zealand. I planned and performaed my audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which I considered necessary in order to provide me with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial report is free from material misstatements, whether casued by fraud or error. In forming my opinion I also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial report.

### **Qualified Opinion**

Due to the inherent nature of the organisation, certain income items such as Envelope Donation, Cash Offerings, income from social activities, and donations cannot be verified prior to entry in the records.

In this respect alone I have not obtained all the information and explanations I have required.

In my opinion except for the adjustments that might have been found to be necessary had I been able to obtain sufficient evidence concerning revenues, the financial report as attached fairly reflects the financial position of the Church as at 30 June 2016 and the results of its activities for the period ended on that date.

My audit was completed on 11 August 2016 and my opinion is expressed as at that date.

Meredith Smith B.C.M.

CHRISTCHURCH

11 August 2016

# Cashmere Presbyterian Church Budget for the year ending 30 June 2017

	Budget Y/E A 30/06/17	ctual Y/E B 30/06/16	udget Y/E <i>A</i> 30/06/16	Actual Y/E 30/06/15
Expenditure ( excluding depreciation )				
Minister's stipend, car, expense allowance				
and pulpit supply	50,850	29,917	36,230	62,786
Housing Allowance	22,850	11,377	10,220	20,800
Honorariums & Cleaning Facilities	15,400	15,242	15,600	15,106
Parish Administrator	22,000	20,899	20,000	18,212
ACC Levies	450	439	450	
Computer Costs	2,500	2,183	2,000	
Insurance	9,650	9,731	10,000	
Light Heat & Power	4,500	4,343	4,500	
Printing & stationery	6,000	6,466	6,750	
Rates	975	924	950	
Telephone & Internet costs	1,650	1,490	1,950	
Superanuation	900	203		
General Expenses	3,850	2,955	1,900	
Rates, insurance, stationery,				
Heating & telephone				23,410
Christian Education	500	nil	500	281
Teaching Gratuities		90	400	300
Marketing Costs (Note 1)	7,000			
Repairs & Maintenance (Note 2)	11,000	11,511	8,500	11,287
Plant		1,900		
Presbytery Expenses	1,730	1,845	1,845	1,812
Assembly Assessment	13,500	12,697	12,700	12,413
Interest to Special Funds (Note 3)	2,500	5,643	2,650	2,704
Minister Education/ Study Leave	2,000			
Baptist Savings Principal repayments (note 6)	2,000	1,855	1,700	1,496
Total Expenditure	181,805	141,710	138,845	170,607
Less Transfers from Special Funds				
St David's Trust (Note 1)	1,200	1,000		
Maintenance Fund (Note 1)	550			
Property & Maintenance Fund		1,900		
Housing Allowance (Note 4)	10,500	8,250	7,000	15,000
Teaching Gratuities		90	400	300
Transfer Surplus Funds 2016	7,000			
General funds/ Manse Fund (Note 3)				4,500
Total Transfer from Special Funds	19,250	11,240	7,400	19,800
Net Expenditure	162,555	130,470	131,445	150,807

The Net Expenditure will be financed as follows: Budget Y/E Actual Y/E Budget Y/E Actual Y/E						
•	30/06/17	30/06/16	30/06/16	30/06/15		
Income						
Envelopes	21,350	19,390	22,500	21,986		
Automatic Payment	38,000	34,611	40,000	38,910		
Loose	6,750	6,076	6,750	6,611		
Donations	7,500	9,697	5,000	8,601		
Thanks Giving Sunday	2,000	990	2,000	1,915		
Rent Church Centre Facilities	25,500	28,155	25,000	28,666		
Weddings	17,000	15,711	21,000	23,971		
Special Fund-raising/ Fair ( Note 5 )	6,000	5,557	9,500	10,391		
Interest Received (Note 3)	2,850	6,029	3,000	3,013		
Red spot Donations	3,000	2,505	3,000	2,575		
Contribution Church House (Note 6)	22,150	19,489	14,500	5,604		
Donations & Fund Raising				1,000		
Total Income	152,100	148,210	152,250	153,243		
Surplus ( Deficit ) ( Note 7 )	-10,455	17,740	20,805	2,436		
Transfer to Reserves Vacancy Fund (Note 6)			-31,500			
Deficit after full years Minister Costs included	-10,455	17,740	-10,695			

# **Notes**

- 1 Marketing costs of \$7,000 are for the update of the Web site, signage, updated Brochures, and these costs will be funded from Surplus's made in 2016 due to the vacancy. This expenditure is considered to be an investment in the future development of the Church
- 2 The Repairs and Maintenance (including garden costs) of \$11,000 is to be funded \$8,500 from General Funds and \$1,750 from Maintenance Funds.
- Interest received includes interest on all Special Funds and this interest is then transferred to the Special funds. For the purposes of the budget, the interest from the housing fund to fund Minister's Housing Allowance and any General Funds transferred from the Manse fund are
- 4 Interest on the Manse Fund established from the sale of the Manse is available for the running costs of the Parish. An amount of \$11,500 has been allocated from the Housing Fund established as part of the proceeds from the sale of the Manse and will be used to fund the Housing Allowance and to fund general costs.
- 5 Fund Raising activities have been included in the budget and budgeted to contribute \$6,000. No specific events have been planned. The Finance committee is of the view that we should continue with an annual Garage sale/fair. Parish Council would appreciate any people interested in leading the organisation of the fair to contact the Church Office
- 6 The contribution from the rental of Church House after provision for future Maintenance is used to fund Principal repayments of the Baptist Savings loan, with the balance being available for general purposes.
- 7 The budget for the year ended 30 June, 2017 shows a deficit of \$13,455. Minister costs have been included at 80% of the approved Minister costs. Insurance for natural Disaster cover on all buildings has been renewed on an indemnity basis. The Finance Committee would wish to insure these buildings on Replacement value for Natural Disasters, but the increased premium of \$6,000 would add to the above deficit.

The Parish is required to meet its commitments to the Assembly Assessment and its Operating costs and Parish Council seeks the support of the congregation to ensure the budget income is exceeded thus eliminating any deficit. No transfers from Special Funds have been included in the Budget as we need to fund activities from General Funds and not reply on Special Funds. These Special funds which are being eliminated should be used for other purposes such as major maintenance. Parish Council would encourage all members of the congregation to take advantage of the donation rebates available and to consider It is worth noting that based on Envelope donations, which includes donations by way of automatic bank transfer, of \$54,000, Donation Rebates of approximately \$18,000 would be available from the Inland Revenue Department.