



CHRISTCHURCH NEW ZEALAND

92nd ANNUAL REPORT

To be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation in the Rata Lounge on

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at the conclusion of morning worship.

Mission Statement

To worship God, follow Christ, transforming the world in the power of the Spirit

AIMS

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

To engage in dynamic Christian worship.

AIM I

AIM V To have effective parish governing and administrative structures and use of resources.

leadership in the community.

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CASHMERE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OFFICE BEARERS 2020-21

MINISTER:

Rev Hamish Galloway

PATHWAYS PROGRAMME DIRECTOR:

Dr Anne Shave

SESSION/PARISH CLERKS:

Elizabeth Taggart Joyce Lockhart

PARISH COUNCIL:

Kathleen Anderson, Rosemary Troughton, David Troughton, Warren Campbell, Peter Nelson, Tony Waters

TREASURER:

Meredith Smith

PARISH SECRETARY:

Gail Weaver

FREEWILL OFFERING:

Tony Waters

ORGANISTS:

Tim Emerson, David Troughton, Lynley Clarke

SUNDAY MORNING TEA:

Annette McAdam

FLOWER COORDINATOR:

Tric Nelson

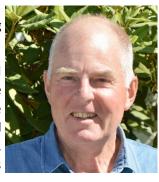
FORUM:

Alan Simson

FROM THE MINISTER

I write this report at a time when we have a preaching series based on Ephesians.

In the book of Ephesians, Paul presents a lofty and compelling vision for the church to "grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."



While it is indeed a lofty vision, there are clear elements of this vision that have been lived out by the Cashmere congregation over the past year.

One of those elements is love. The congregation is warm, friendly and welcoming. We are knit together by our shared faith, the enthusiastic passing of the peace each Sunday, well attended morning teas, sing-alongs, and a lovely informal network of friendship. Over the last year we have been delighted to welcome a number of new folk into our midst. They talk about the warm welcome they receive. This is love at work.

Another element is spiritual growth. Dr Anne Shave's work with Pathways has had a big impact on the parish. A significant number of people have participated in this programme now. The feedback has been so positive; people have really enjoyed it. The fruit is also very positive. In my view there has been a rise in the spiritual temperature of the congregation. There is a deepening hunger and engagement with the things of spiritual growth. A sign of this occurred just the other week, when 18 folk turned out on a Thursday evening for Bible Course. This is God's love at work in our lives.

Pathways has been a major project for us in the last year. Funded in large part by the Alpine Presbytery Mission Fund, it allowed Cashmere to employ Anne part-time to lead the programme in the parish. Many people in the parish have participated. Funding is being sought to enable this project to be rolled out to the wider Presbytery in the coming year. If successful, Anne will be working on Pathways under the Presbytery banner but will still be based at Cashmere and will continue to take an active role in the parish, including leading a monthly service. Thank you, Anne, for all you are doing. It is making a transformative difference.

I have been working on two thirds time during the year this report covers. My main focus has been on delivering good pastoral care and consistent preaching. These things are the bread and butter of parish ministry, but, in my view, are so important to the effective functioning of a parish like Cashmere.

A small project, with a significant impact, has been the new signage on Dyers Pass Road. It has caught people's attention and increased the number of people coming into church on a Sunday morning. We received funding from the Alpine Mission Fund's "Have-a-Go" fund to get 8 new signs made. The plan is to make the signs catchy and rotate them regularly.

I would like to record my thanks to a big team of volunteers who make Cashmere tick! We are very active, with a gathering or event of one sort or another every month. I want to especially thank the two Parish Clerks. Elizabeth Taggart finishes her term at the AGM. She has been an energetic and strong leader in the parish, a delight to work with. Thank you, Elizabeth, for the leadership given in both good times and bad. Joyce Lockhart is such a wonderful worker in the parish. Last AGM she added Parish Clerk to her wonderful work with our children. She is wise, loyal, calm and hard-working. Thank you, Joyce.

And the staff team is working so well together. Anne Shave and I are deeply appreciative for all that Gail does as Parish Administrator. Gail is so efficient, so knowledgeable, and so appreciated in this parish. Thank you, Gail.

We have had some baptisms and a confirmation during the year. An absolute highlight was the full immersion baptisms of Vin and Helen on an idyllic January day, at a stream on property in Port Levy owned by Vin's family. Meaningful and memorable.

Finally, on 29th September, I will be inducted as the new Moderator of the PCANZ. From that point, for the next 2 years, my main focus will be the national church. But I will still work out of Cashmere, have a leadership role in the staff team, and hope to still preach at Cashmere around once a month. We are presently seeking to engage someone to work alongside Gail, Anne and me over the next 2 years that I am Moderator.

Thank you so much for all your love and support.

God bless.

Hamish Galloway

PARISH COUNCIL REVIEW, COMMITTEE AND GROUP REPORTS 2020-2021

PARISH CLERKS (Elizabeth Taggart & Joyce Lockhart)

The passing of another year, we ponder on what we have achieved as the congregation of Cashmere Presbyterian church.

If last year was a year of change—with the change of ministry and Covid lockdowns—this year could be considered as a year of renewal. Many will feel it has been a positive year here, although we are acutely aware that many of us have family and friends overseas who continue to struggle with Covid, and we keep them in our prayers.

It is that same Covid that has given us the continuity of Hamish Galloway's ministry here, as the date for him to begin as Moderator was delayed a year. He has brought to us thoughtful preaching from the heart, sharing the gospel in a real and relevant manner, making worship meaningful for all of us. His positivity is contagious and we appreciate the atmosphere that he fosters.

Anne Shave is a valuable part of our staff, leading us in worship on the fourth Sunday of the month. She brings her own unique style that challenges us to evaluate our relationship with God. She also continues to lead us in a Healing service once a month which those attending find valuable and very meaningful.

Anne has also brought to us a new initiative called Pathways which has developed into a purposeful programme that allows participants to examine their Christian faith. We have seen some very positive outcomes. Bible studies have begun, twice at the home of Anne, and now a third is being held at the church. We also have seen people who completed Pathways return to worship after a long period away. Another session is planned and if you are interested in attending please speak to Anne or Hamish.

Gail Weaver, our wonderful and irreplaceable administrator, rounds out our cohesive staff team that works so well together. We appreciate all three of them for the smooth running of the Parish!

The year saw many of the activities that we have grown to enjoy. Plantarama was held in October. This is a major fundraiser and always a fun social time. Thanks to Tric for all her work in organising this.

Carols on the Green was well attended, with the Steadfast band playing carols and Ian Gray serving food from the BBQ. What a wonderful way to start the Christmas season and be a presence in our community. Thanks goes out to the

Harrison/Beldham family who again welcomed us onto their beautiful property for this festive gathering.

In February we celebrated the baptism of Vin by immersion, and Helen Wells received appropriation of baptism, both of these taking place on the property Ira and her family own on Banks Peninsula. It was a meaningful afternoon, with a shared lunch/picnic afterwards.

We would like to give thanks to those parents who have brought their children for Baptism. During the year we welcomed Matilda Jae Storey into the family of the church.

We remember and give thanks for those members of our church community, past and present, who died during the year: Lorraine Murphy, Diana Lancaster, Wendy Emerson, Marie Martin, and Jean Walls

Because Hamish had originally joined us as a stated supply minister, we were happy to formally call him as our minister in a congregational meeting, and later had a service of recognition with Rev Barry Ayers to celebrate this.

Shortly after this, just days before Easter, Hamish had an incident with his bike, which required a short stay in hospital. Thanks to those who stepped up to help organise and assist when Hamish needed some help. We are grateful to Rev Geoff King, who came on very short notice to participate in our Easter morning service so we were still able to have communion. Hamish was thrilled that he came out of the hospital without any plaster on his arms, but still needed some healing time. He is now back riding his bike again.

The smooth running of the parish is dependent on the many people within it who help out with all the various duties, which includes those who help with door duty, Bible reading and candle lighting, and organising communion.

Our organist and musicians also contribute much to our worship, so thanks to Lynley Clarke, David Troughton, Tim Emerson and Zoe.

Thanks goes to Tric Nelson for the preparation she does to provide us with beautiful flower arrangements each Sunday.

lan Gray continues to provide support for our technical services and computers, which is appreciated.

Thanks to Joyce Lockhart, Kathleen Anderson, Jill McAra, Margaret Ford and Niki Davis for the time and effort they bring to running our Pre-school Music

programme on a Thursday morning. This is a valuable outreach to the community and families who attend.

Our thanks to the members of Parish Council for their valuable support and the work they have done as convenors this last year.

Warren Campbell quietly attends to the repairs and issues that need attention on our buildings throughout the year. Thanks Warren.

Special thanks to Tony Waters, who acted as minute secretary for the extra Parish Council meetings held throughout the year.

Meredith Smith carries out the role of Treasurer for our Parish very capably and we are grateful for the way she does this so diligently.

Social activities are also important to us here at Cashmere. Thank you to Cecile who works hard with her team to provide us with lunches and organising morning teas at various venues every month or so.

Cath Dale has been the mastermind behind an initiative called Cashmere Sings. The afternoon sing-alongs, with Tim playing brilliantly on the piano, are a true success. The most recent even offered Devonshire tea after our time of song.! Thank you, Cath and all your assistants, for organising these afternoons.

Elizabeth Taggart has been on Parish Council for six of the last eight years, with the last three as Parish Clerk. We thank her for her dedication and hard work!

In the last year, we have seen more names added to our role, our average attendance has increased and the Annual Report is showing we are in a better position financially than we have been for many years. Small groups have begun again. Now it is the responsibility of each of us to help keep the momentum going, search for how we can help, and then commit so that the year ahead is even better.

PATHWAYS PROGRAMME (Anne Shave)

Pathways is a programme which provides opportunities for individuals to reflect on their stage of life, spiritual growth and areas of gifting and service. Last year Cashmere Presbyterian Church applied to the Alpine Mission Fund for funding to support the part-time employment of Anne Shave so that the programme could be rolled out at Cashmere, with a view to offering it to other churches in the Alpine Presbytery during 2022 and to the wider church the following year. We received funding for the first year only, but we are hopeful that our application for further funding may be successful.

By the time of our church's AGM, we anticipate that approximately 40 parishioners from Cashmere Presbyterian will have participated in the Pathways programme. Each person:

- Had a one-to-one conversation with either Hamish or Anne to explore 'where they are at' in terms of their stage of life, spiritual growth and areas of service.
- Attended a full day seminar and retreat time with other parishioners, looking at transitions, spiritual development and meaningful service.
- Had a follow-up one-to-one conversation aimed at exploring 'next steps' with respect to spiritual nurture, areas of service (both within and beyond the parish) and support required to continue moving forward.

Hamish and I have been very heartened by the enthusiasm with which Pathways has been embraced at Cashmere. Those who have been involved have spoken of feeling refreshed spiritually and of having a deeper sense of belonging within the church family.

One exciting outcome of the programme has been that this year quite a lot of people in our congregation have been exploring faith by reading books and listening to podcasts about aspects of Christianity, using Bible reading notes, and/ or participating in small study groups. In addition to the discussions of the Sunday Bible readings which occur at Forum, some topics covered in small groups this year have included "Meet the Disciples," "Followers of Jesus," and "The Bible Course" (an 8-part DVD series from the UK Bible Society). A lovely BBC documentary about contemplative spirituality, "The Big Silence", was shown (with pizza accompaniment) on what turned out to be one of the wettest Sunday afternoons of the year. The weather prevented some people from coming, so we shall look to have a repeat screening of that in 2022. These opportunities have been accessible to everyone in the congregation – not just to those who have been part of the Pathways programme – and it is wonderful that so many people have been involved. A number of parishioners have taken the initiative in exploring spirituality in other contexts, too. One definition of Theology is "faith seeking understanding" (Anselm of Canterbury, 1033-1109). Theology is being done here at Cashmere!

When we applied for funding for the Pathways programme last year, Hamish and I wrote that we believed that the programme would help participants by:

- providing them with time, appropriate tools and encouragement to reflect on their lives and the religious dimension of their experience,
- affirming their faith and existing spiritual practices,

- emphasising that growth in Christian faith continues at every stage of life,
- inspiring and equipping people to engage in unfamiliar spiritual practices and new areas of service or assisting people as they relinquish forms of service,
- celebrating the uniqueness of God's relationship with every person,
- deepening relationships between Christians within the congregation,
- providing an opportunity for accountability in the spiritual life.

As I read back over those statements now, I think that our hopes have been realised and also that some quite unexpected blessings have arisen from the Pathways programme. Hamish and I would like to thank everyone in the parish for allowing us to develop Pathways here, in the midst of such a supportive community. We are very grateful.

I discovered recently that Johann Sebastian Bach wrote the initials "S.D.G." at the end of all his church compositions. Those initials stand for Soli Deo Gloria – Glory to God alone. That sentiment seems an entirely appropriate way to end this report, as we reflect on the past year and look to the future. *Soli Deo Gloria* – Glory to God alone.

CHURCH AND SOCIETY COMMITTEE (Convenor: David Troughton)

Along with our worship, and the pastoral care of our church family, the concerns of the Church and Society committee lie at the heart of what it is to follow Jesus. He said we are to teach others to "obey what I have commanded you"—which involves loving each other and our neighbours. Many of our neighbours are caught in situations of poverty and deprivation, abuse, discrimination, wars, natural disasters, or trapped in spiritual issues or ignorance of God's love for the world.

To do this, we need to understand our time and place, our context, and to prepare for the future. We pray "Your kingdom come!" and we cooperate with God in what He is doing. Some projects are run by the church, but much of the time we are yeast or salt, as Jesus said, in the community.

Events of 2020-21 have highlighted that we are all interdependent, travelling together on miniscule islands on a tiny hazardous planet in vast space. Fresh photos from recent travelers to the outer atmosphere have reminded us of that.

Our interdependence has been underlined by a pandemic, coming in waves of variants of a novel coronavirus, Covid-19. We have had to venture into the unknown, learning as we go, needing patience and flexibility. We have found out we have had unjustified confidence in what we really cannot rely on! We have

been applying knowledge from previous epidemics, developing new vaccines, and hoping that specific treatments will emerge. It may be hard to believe, but when cooperation has been critical, some—including part of the church—have been asserting they are free and independent, and have sought to avoid loving their neighbour, by refusing to respect facts and carefully gathered data, and have resisted adopting mitigating procedures. It has highlighted another moral issue, as there has been a dramatic contrast between privileged countries where vaccination has been available, and those where it has not.

Other experiences emphasising our interdependence have been the climate changes around the world. Environmental issues such as contamination, pollution, sustainability, restoration, simplicity are all very live in our consciousness. We support each other with the crisis, we collaborate in treating the problems. As Christians, we sing an important truth, "This is God's world after all."

The truth will set us free, but in many places humans are living in a 'culture of lies'. We see from what is happening in the USA that disrespect for facts and reality stymies progress; it generates cynicism, scepticism, wild theories, and vulnerability. We do not want that contagion to spread to New Zealand. For our well-being, and for a healthy society, we need truth, and trust and goodwill. We need to move beyond personal self-fulfillment and narcissism to the sense of belonging that is at the heart of our faith.

Nowadays, our consciousness of the importance of unity in our diversity has been heightened as we have much more contact with peoples of other faiths and ethnicities. With them we relate as friends, and discover fresh ideas to explore, to evaluate, to concur with or dispute. The freedom to do so is fundamental, but so is mutual respect and humility. Importantly, the relationships of our various cultures with Māori is a lively and important topic.

Our Christian faith enlightens these and other issues. We have an obligation to understand them, and to make informed and forward-looking responses, and to participate in the discussions in the public square in Christ's name; we are to work toward everyone leading flourishing lives, the way God intends. Jesus came that we might have life—'more and better life than they ever dreamed of' (John 10:10 MSG). Through recent events, it has become very clear how critically important for our credibility it is that our actions match our words. It is encouraging to hear from local leaders that our church can be relied on to deal with relevant issues responsibly. May we encourage people to glorify our Father

who is in heaven.

One of the problems of parishes is that they tend to be very unreliable, as enthusiasms wax and wane. We need a concerted effort to address our responses to issues in an ongoing, reliable way. That is why having a team of people who work together on this aspect of our ministry in the world makes a huge difference. It means that as members of the body of Christ in this part of Christchurch we accept it as our responsibility. Currently that is hard to achieve, and my role has been largely MBWA, management by wandering around. In that way, I have tried to keep up our awareness and involvement in a variety of issues, and have tried to encourage our various initiatives and interests, and coordinate activities with other activities in the parish.

Also, the Cashmere Connection has provided a way of getting everyone on the same page, so to speak.

We have maintained our interest in Healing Services, Te Waiora at Hororata, caring for creation, CWS, and relating to St Augustine's and St Martin's, relating to the Community Board, CREST, Whareora, a craft group organised by Tric Nelson, and the very popular foot clinics coordinated by Judith Waters. Cath Dale has built relationships with the wider community by the Cashmere Sings events.

We have made two responses to Covid 19 pandemic. Clare Shave took an initiative with a morning tea after church, and raised \$814.50 for UNICEF. In another appeal, for the Christian Medical College in Ludhiana, India, \$1.060 was raised through the hard work of Helen Wells in mounting an Indian meal in Thorrington Village, and a Wednesday morning tea at Troughton's.

Looking forward, there are some fresh questions to explore:

- The nidus of a group to foster Global has met, and now can develop further. We have resources in our parish, as Helen Wells has experience in Vanuatu and Thailand, Lynley Clark has served in Vanuatu, David and Rosemary Troughton have worked in India. There is a possibility of supporting a project in Zimbabwe, which Ira is actively engaged with. Elizabeth Taggart has been a link with CWS. We welcome advice from Clare Shave, who has worked with several aid agencies.
- In the field of caring for creation, we can support the replanting with native trees on a farm on the hills above Port Levy, Te Pohūe. It has already had funds designated for it from other agencies.
- Involve in the discussion of the Strengthening Communities Strategy of the City Council, looking at people, place, participation, and preparedness.

- Obtain a grant and run neighbourhood events.
- Involve high school students working towards community awards in the Te Pohūe and CREST programmes.
- Consider whether some form of cooperation with the Presbytery-sponsored
 East Christchurch outreach would be appropriate.

FAMILY MINISTRIES TEAM (Joyce Lockhart)

Preschool Music

Although our numbers have been down this year, we still average between 7-10 children each week. We seem to be transitioning at the moment with more babies attending.

The majority of the families that attend are not connected to the church, but it does provide our community a friendly place for moms to meet and have an affordable fun activity for the morning.

We have had Niki Davis join us after our long-time convenor, Rosemary Troughton, retired. Niki keeps all the records, ensures we all have name tags, encourages our families to participate and lends a helping hand when needed. Kathleen Anderson, Jill McAra, and Margaret Ford keep the kitchen running and everyone happy with a cuppa and food during our snack time. Thanks to all of them—we couldn't run this program without them!

Sunday Programme

We have been delighted to see our numbers rise, even if just a small amount. We continue to follow the bible reading/children's message and have purchased materials from a programme called Roots. Zoe has also been helping, which has been invaluable when we have older children and she give them more challenging readings and discussion. Family Worship has continued to be well attended and has been a valuable way to reach out to younger families or have grandchildren attend.

PROPERTY (Convenor: Warren Campbell)

In the winter months of 2020 we discovered that moisture was somehow infiltrating the rooms in the basement area beneath the front of the Church. Much work was done to remove the mouldy carpets, treat the mouldy walls with bleach and generally clean the room up. These rooms are not used for anything other than storage these days and, due to the location, are probably not likely to be used for anything other than that. The installation of low voltage heaters in these rooms has so far kept the chill from the rooms this winter and there has

not been a recurrence of dampness such as that from last winter.

With much of the paintwork around the outside of the Rata Lounge looking chipped and untidy, Finance Committee approved a quote of \$8,000 to carry out painting of the west and north exterior walls. This work required the construction of scaffolding to reach the extreme heights from ground level on the north wall. The work was carried out to a high standard and came in just under budget.

It is anticipated that some painting of Church House will be required next Summer to freshen up some weatherboards which are showing deterioration, but hopefully nothing like the cost of the work recently undertaken.

Following the burglary of the Church in early May, quotes are being sought for the installation and monitoring of an alarm system primarily for the office area.

We continue to employ the services of a gardener on an "as required' basis to keep the gardens tidy and bushes trimmed around the grounds. The lawns continue to be maintained by Fergus Smith and Warren Campbell.

FOOT CLINIC REPORT (Judith Waters)

Foot Clinic has continued, with an enthusiastic group attending 6 weekly to have their nails trimmed. The longer morning session instead of a full day has continued successfully.

Availability of appointments is dependent on the availability of volunteers, so if there is anyone who would be interested in joining our team, they would be very welcome – contact a member of the team or Gail.

Volunteers welcome our clientele with a "cuppa", and prepare and sanitise the foot baths so they can sit back and enjoy a foot soak before having their nails trimmed and feet massaged. Attendees come from a wide area of the city.

To the wonderful team of volunteers who give of their time and talents to make this community service possible—thank you. You are appreciated by all who attend.

QUILTS & CRAFTS (Tric Nelson)

This has been a really good year with our crafting Ladies. Our numbers have increased over time to 22 on our list, and if most of them are there it's a very happy and noisy group. As a group we seem to have most crafts covered, so if you aren't sure how to do something someone will be able to help you.

In the Autumn it was decided to have an adventure to Rangiora to visit the lovely craft and wool shops there. So, on 9th May, we set off on the bus, most with their gold cards at the ready, and away we went. It was a fun day, with lots of laughing, shopping and, of course, eating.

Looking forward to another happy year.

FELLOWSHIP & HOSPITALITY REPORT (Cecile Pierce)

It is with pleasure that I write this report from the Fellowship and Hospitality team of volunteers. Over the past year, while still conscious of the effects of the Covid 19 pandemic, it has been a privilege working with people who have taken the initiative to come up with ideas for fun and fellowship, through music, social activities and, of course, food. All of these have been carried out with the full support of the Cashmere congregation and community and we thank you all.

Sing-along Concerts:

There have now been three Sing-along concerts held over the cooler months, August 2020, May and August 2021. Chief organiser, Cath Dale, enlisted our own musician Tim Emerson on the piano, Ann Jennings to transcribe the words ready for Gail Weaver to put on to Power Point—Gail also attended to the advertising—and Hamish Galloway as MC. With attention to detail, Cath organised an enthusiastic team for the smooth running of the concert program, and serving Devonshire Tea, (and don't forget the Piper). Each production has brought happy audiences who have enjoyed the upbeat music, singing and being together.

Cath also organised another popular and successful 'Wonders of the Wardrobe' event held last October. We thank Cath for her ingenuity and organising skills, all carried out with her huge, encouraging smile, and we wholeheartedly record our appreciation.

Plantarama

October 2020 saw the fourth very successful Plantarama come to fruition, due to Tric Nelson once again taking on the responsibility to organise this now annual event. The 2020 Plantarama saw the best profit of almost \$4,000, which is an excellent result for one morning's sale of (mainly) plants—all contributed by the gardeners and craft people in the Parish. Once again we were delighted to have Gail and her friends from the Mount Herbert Anglican Parish join us with their Fabric and Craft de-stash sale.

There is a huge amount of work leading up to this spring event and Tric has ticked all the boxes in planning and carrying out this event over several years. We look

forward to another Plantarama in October this year. Our sincere thanks to Tric and her willing team.

Foodie Functions

Kathleen Anderson has organised very successful Coffee Mornings during the year, held every six weeks at Oderings Café, Nazareth Café or the Mosaic Café, and these have been well attended. A pleasant time spent catching-up with friends in relaxing surroundings.

Clare Shave and Rosemary Troughton have both hosted special morning teas to raise funds for Covid stricken India.

Following Rev Hamish Galloway's Commissioning Service held on the 2nd May, we were delighted to host a morning tea in his honour.

We have celebrated birthdays with both the young and old(er) members, and Annette McAdam has led the team who have served refreshments for two weddings, and five funerals. A service much appreciated by all concerned.

The Christmas BBQ Lunch, which has been a highlight for many years, was again a great success.

A Soup and Rolls Lunch at the beginning of July was followed by a masterful, head scratching Quiz organised and led by Alan Simson.

The months have been busy and cheerfully organised and catered for by a strong team, not only the women in the congregation but with the able assistance of our capable menfolk, who have willingly done the heavy lifting when asked.

The next assignment for our parish will be preparing the supper for more than 300 delegates and attendees at Hamish's Induction as Moderator of the General Assembly. We will be asking for help to provide baking and support on the day for this occasion and look forward to a positive response. And so, once that task is done and dusted, I wish to hang up my hat and pass the baton on to someone else who will enjoy the role of Convenor of Fellowship and Hospitality as much as I have.

My sincere thanks for the support and assistance of a multitude of willing people who have shared with me this journey of Fellowship and Hospitality at Cashmere Presbyterian Church.

WHAREORA HOUSE OF LIFE (Elizabeth Taggart)

Located in Athelstan Street, Whareora House is run by Rosemary O'Regan with

the backing of the Trust members, who have been parishioners at St James' Presbyterian, members of St Mark's Methodist church and the Methodist Synod. Dorothy Haywood is the chairperson and involved with planning and implementing the activities at the House.

Those living in the local community support the various activities—e.g. craft group, card afternoons and monthly community lunches. A vegetable garden also supplies vegetables for the lunches and for a community vegetable exchange. Monthly bus trips are well attended with a wide variety of places on the visiting list. A recycled clothing store is also on site, open 10am till 1pm.

The House certainly plays an important part role in its local community.

FROM THE OFFICE (Gail Weaver)

There was a fair bit of catch up to do upon returning to the office after working from home during the lockdown, but things soon settled down to a more normal pace.

At the beginning of the financial year, we had a couple of weddings booked at short notice by people whose plans had been disrupted by Lockdown, but overall wedding bookings have been down this year—no doubt due to the uncertainty of the current global health situation. There are at least two weddings that were cancelled because the couples concerned are based overseas, so could not easily return to New Zealand.

Other than weddings, though, our bookings remain at a good level. Our regular users continue as previously: Garden Club, Karate, Parents Centre classes, with Quilts & Crafts, the Foot Clinic and Forum being the main church groups meeting regularly during the week. Christchurch South Rotary usually hold their annual changeover meeting here, but we have not yet managed to persuaded them that Cashmere would be a much better venue for their regular meetings!

The break in at the beginning of May was a bit of a blow, although we are thankful that there was no gratuitous damage to the premises. Obviously the insurance has covered most of the incurred costs (less the excess, of course), and most of the stolen property has now been replaced, with just a couple of items still to be purchased.

Thank you for all who assist me in my job in various ways; this truly is a wonderfully supportive place to work!

Minutes of the 91st Annual General Meeting of Cashmere Presbyterian Church held Sunday 30th August 2020, commencing at 11.20am

The Rev Hamish Galloway Constituted the meeting with prayer.

Present: Rev Hamish Galloway (Moderator), Gail Weaver (Minute Secretary) plus 47 members and Associate Members whose names are recorded at the end of these minutes.

Apologies: Ian French-Wright, Helen Matthews, Bruce & Helen Leadbetter, Diane McAlister, Pauline McCormick, Alan Simson, Elisabeth Cooch. *The apologies were sustained.*

Thanksgiving and Remembrance

The meeting stood in remembrance of those who had died during the previous year: Bruce Lyford and Dawn McIntosh.

Minutes of 2019 AGM

Agreed: that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 22 September 2019 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting (Gail Weaver/Shona Lyford)

Matters arising from Minutes (none)

Any items of General Business for this meeting? (none)

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 (Anne Shave/Annette McAdam)

Contributors were invited to speak to their reports:

- Hamish commented that he is enjoying his life as Minister here
- The Clerks, Elizabeth Taggart & Colin Reid, thanked Parish Council for their support during their time as Clerks.
- David Troughton, for Church & Society, updated on some more recent happenings, but also commented on the very limited amount of inter-church activity, and that there has been no Church & Society voice on Parish Council for some time.
- Rosemary Troughton spoke for the Family Ministries, and that they are loving what Hamish is doing, and appreciate his lead and support. The Team needs more support and to enlarge – they trust in God to provide.
- Warren Campbell for Property. Occasionally he hires a trailer to remove

rubbish and garden waste, but he wonders whether anyone has one he can borrow instead? Hamish believes it may be possible to borrow one from Hope Church. With regards to mowing the lawns, does anyone know of a youth who might be willing to take this on? Warren reported on the damp issues in the Croft Rooms under the church.

- Forum: Hamish has been enjoying these discussions.
- Foot Clinic continues to provide a great ministry from a great team.
- Quilts & Crafts is another great outreach ministry, with a happy and friendly atmosphere.
- Fellowship & Hospitality: Cecile regretted that we were unable to have a proper formal welcome of Hamish to the parish when he arrived but hopes we can do so at some point soon.
- Strategy will be covered in more detail later in the meeting.

The Motion was put to the meeting and AGREED.

Finance: including Accounts and Budget

Peter Nelson spoke to the reports, advising that we are still awaiting the Audited Accounts.

It has been an interesting year, trying to manage the Finances and Budget during the Covid-19 crisis. We have, however, ended the financial year with a deficit of only \$598. Part of this is due to the savings on Ministry costs, with Hamish being only 66%.

Investment accounts are currently returning very low interest rates.

Two of our office tenants requested rent relief, due to absence of work during the lockdowns, and each were granted one month's relief.

Peter thanked all those who are involved in Fundraising, and all the behind-thescenes people, especially those donating time or purchasing things out of their own pockets.

The Finance Committee were thanked, as was Meredith, especially noting that she does not take an Honorarium for her work. She was presented with a voucher as a gesture of thanks.

Motion: that the Draft Annual accounts for the year ended 30th June 2020 be approved.

Motion: that the Budget for 2020-21 year be adopted

The Motions were moved Peter Nelson, seconded Meredith Smith, and AGREED.

Thanks were expressed to

- Tim Emerson (who had left the meeting) for his musical talents.
- To Colin Reid for his work as Joint Parish Clerk over the last two years. He is standing down from this position and was presented with a gift for his garden
- To Elizabeth Taggart for agreeing to continue as Joint Parish Clerk for another year.
- To Anne Shave for leading the Healing Services.

Parish Council Membership:

The following nominations were moved as one Motion (Bruce McAlister/Noeline Kent) and **AGREED**

- 1) That Elizabeth Taggart and Joyce McDonald-Lockhart be appointed as Joint Parish Clerks.
- 2) That the following people be appointed members of Parish Council:

Rosemary Troughton, Convenor of Family Ministries

Warren Campbell, as Convenor of the Property Team

Kathleen Anderson, as representative of Fellowship & Hospitality Committee Peter Nelson, as Convenor of Finance Committee

David Troughton, for Church & Society Committee

Note: Rev Hamish Galloway will speak to Pastoral matters at Parish Council.

- That Joyce McDonald-Lockhart and Tony Waters be appointed as Congregational Representatives on Parish Council
- 4) That Cecile Pierce be appointed as a Corresponding Member of Parish Council with responsibility for Fellowship & Hospitality.

Draft Strategic Plan:

Hamish presented the report to the meeting for discussion and questions.

Whilst ultimately Parish Council comes up with the Mission Plan, feedback from the wider congregation is sought.

The parish has applied to the Alpine Mission Fund for funding to employ Anne Shave running the Dynamic Discipleship and Congregational Vitality Project. The intention is that Cashmere parish be a pilot and prototype for the programme, and that it then be offered out to the Presbytery initially, and the wider church ultimately, once Hamish is Moderator. We should know by 17th September whether the funding has been granted.

Anne commented that, although we are one small congregation, this pilot could have impact for the wider church; she is excited by the prospect, and delighted that Hamish has the energy and experience to lead the way in this.

Hamish talked about the suggestion of simplifying the Mission Statement, and whether we should be saying it each Sunday.

The meeting participants were generally happy with the directions suggested.

Other comments:

- Fellowship comes first, and faith may follow.
- Reach out, draw in, build up.
- It is encouraging coming into a traditional church and feeling welcome.
- Helping children see the relevance of faith.
- Not only younger families, but a whole range of ages that we can reach out to.

Ministry Settlement Board

No other nominations being received, it was **Agreed:** That Rosemary Troughton, Elizabeth Taggart, Warren Campbell, Peter Nelson, Ira S. and Janice Lee be appointed as Congregational Representative on the Ministry Settlement Board (Rouie Swan/Graham McCormick)

The meeting closed at 12noon by sa	aying th	e Gra	ce.

	_Minutes Approved
 Date	

Members & Associates present at the AGM

Janet Aldridge	Jane Kim	Ira S.
Kathleen Anderson	Richard Leete	Vin S.
Brian Bartrum	Barbara Leete	Anne Shave
Warren Campbell	Joyce Lockhart	Clare Shave
Lynley Clarke	Shona Lyford	Fergus Smith
Graham Cook	Annette McAdam	Meredith Smith
Cath Dale	Bruce McAlister	Bill Swan
Tim Emerson	Jill McAra	Rouie Swan
Margaret Ford	Graham McCormick	Elizabeth Taggart
Bryan Gainsford	Matthew Moir	David Troughton
lan Gray	Gerard Moot	Rosemary Troughton
John Hill	Peter Nelson	Judith Waters
Chris Johnstone	Tric Nelson	Tony Waters
Maree Johnstone	Cecile Pierce	Barbara White
Noelene Kent	Ivan Pierce	Shirley Wilson
David Kim	Colin Reid	

PART TWO: FINANCIAL REPORTING

Finance Convenor's Report Draft Accounts for 2020-21 Budget for 2021-22

Any questions with regard to the Draft Accounts or the Budget should be given in writing to Meredith Smith in advance of the AGM

FINANCE CONVENOR'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2021 (Peter Nelson) It is my pleasure to present the Finance Report for the 2021 financial year.

I wish to point out that, at the writing of this report, we are still waiting on the audited accounts to come back from our official auditors. However your Finance Committee are confident that the set of accounts presented is a full and accurate record.

This year has seen a significant improvement in our financial performance. Although we are reporting a deficit of \$5,631 there are a couple of reasons for this:

- We are required by our auditor to include outstanding leave liabilities; for the year ended 2021 this was \$7,836
- The Repairs & Maintenance figure of \$15,160 includes \$7,500 for the painting on church house, an expense that we had previously put off due to our financial position.

While declaring a deficit of \$5,631 this compares favourably to budgeted deficit of \$16,288.

With a combination of the generosity of our congregation and new members we saw a 20% increase in giving compared to the previous year, which we are most grateful for as this is such an important income stream for us.

Our wedding and facilities rental income was up slightly when compared to the previous year, by \$3,964.

Expenses, while 12% over budget (excluding depreciation) was driven by the painting expense that I alluded to above.

Due to return on "on call" funds being so low at present, the Finance Committee made the decision to switch our on call funds to a new product called the "Long Term Fund", still managed by Church Property Trustees. It has been a good year for the fund with a total return of 14.05%. This, however, is an unusually high return and we would expect to see returns around the 5% mark for the coming year.

Again my thanks go out to all those who have been involved in fundraising during the year—events such as Plantarama, Cashmere Sings and functions such as the Mid Winter function. To Tric, Cath, Cecile and their band of merry helpers - thank you. We could not survive without fundraising and the people who so willingly give of their time.

Similarly I would again like to thank all those who give of their time and monetary contribution in other ways, be it mowing the lawns or providing flowers, all of these things save a cost to the church.

Meredith can present any further detail to our meeting and answer any questions you may have around the financial result and set of accounts.

I would like to acknowledge the work done behind the scenes by a few people:

Jay Lee yet again continues to give his expertise in the insurance area dealing with the insurance company/broker and this has been of huge benefit. His knowledge and attention to detail is of much value.

Warren Campbell, our Property Convenor, does so much work behind the scenes and goes well beyond the expectation of his role.

Thank you again to the Foot Clinic who generously donated \$723 during the year while providing a generous service to our older members.

Once again a special thanks to Meredith Smith our Treasurer, who has very capably dedicated herself to the role and donates her time. Meredith is a pleasure to work with and a true asset, not only to our finance team but also to our church.

I would like to thank our finance committee for their hard work over the past year.

Thanks to Tony Walters our Giving Secretary and his experience in this and as our minute taker.

As we head into a new financial year I am confident that we are on the right path to move forward in a positive mindset financially. Our growing congregation and our church families' generosity in their giving are giving us a strong base on which to build.

Cashmere Presbyterian Church Draft Annual Accounts

for the year ended 30 June 2021 can be downloaded from our website:

http://www.cashmerechurch.org.nz/news.html

The Proposed Budget for the 2021-2022 Financial Year is on the following pages

Overall Budget Budget Summary Cashmere Presbyterian Church July 2021 to June 2022

Account	2022 Budget Total	2021 Actual Draft Total
Income		
Automatic Payments	62,880.00	52,570.00
Bequests	0.00	1,500.00
Church House - Rent Received	34,657.08	34,886.27
Envelopes - Weekly	8,400.00	15,985.00
Facilities - Rent Received	12,000.00	12,659.30
Foot Clinic Donation	720.00	723.06
Fundraising	2,400.00	2,210.70
General Donations	1,200.00	5,147.40
Grants Received	0.00	2,673.00
Interest Received - BNZ Accounts	24.00	22.56
Interest Received - Manse Fund Housing (7,776.09
Interest Received - Special Funds	708.00	782.60
Loose Offerings	6,000.00	6,466.08
Rebate Donations	1,500.00	55.57
Pathways Project Funding	30,000.00	22,500.00
PCANZ and Village Church - Minister Con		27,305.97
Plantarama Income	3,000.00	3,946.40
Weddings and Funerals	12,000.00	11,728.92
Transfers in from provisions	0.00	1,995.00
Sundry Income	0.00	2,258.38
Red Spot	0.00	4,841.00
Total Income	266,730.89	218,033.30

Less Operating Expenses		
ACC Levies	228.00	153.29
Adminstration Expenses	1,404.00	1,837.55
Advertising	600.00	245.01
Assembly Assessment	7,968.00	7,966.32
Assets under \$500	0.00	65.22
Audit Fee	1,000.00	1,010.00
Bank Charges	240.00	177.68
Church House - Expenses	6,600.00	6.195.03
Flower Cost	1,200.00	0.00
Function Cleaner	1,200.00	1,190.70
Cleaning	7,320.00	7,264.67
Computer Expenses	0.00	304.88
Depreciation	0.00	4.083.91
Donations	0.00	1,661.90
General Expenses	600.00	1,051.64
Insurance	17,400.00	15,142.22
Insurance Excess	0.00	869.57
Interest on Finance Agreements	1,104.00	1,138.32
Kiwisaver - Employer Contribution	1,200.00	1,016.38
Light Power & Heating	3,300.00	2,887.21
Marketing Costs	1,500.00	1,340.01
67% - Minister Allowances (Other)	1,318.04	0.00
67% - Minister Beneficiary Fund - Employe	1.621.71	0.00
67% - Minister Housing	11,049.98	0.00
67% - Minister Supervision	800.00	0.00
67% - Ministers Car Allowance	450.00	0.00
67% - Ministers Stipend	32.434.04	0.00
HG - Minister Allowances (Other)	2,622.96	2,406.57
HG - Minister Beneficiary Fund - Employer	3.227.28	2,914.35
HG - Minister Housing	21.990.00	20,175.84
HG - Minister Pulpit Supply	4,027.68	841.04
HG - Minister Supervision	0.00	660.00
HG - Ministers Car Allowance	0.00	0.00
HG - Ministers Stipend	64,545.36	62,753,49
HG - Wedding Payments	0.00	750.00
Office Administrator	21,000.00	20,595.11
Organist	2,760.00	1,875.00
Other Ministerial Expenses	600.00	659.23
Pathways Project	35,339.16	30,211.20
Presbytery Levies	1,600.87	1,531.91
Printing, Photocopying & Stationery	3,360.00	3,350.08
Rates	1,200.00	1,161.03
Repairs & Maintenance	20,400.00	15,160.26
Telephone & Internet	1,560.00	1,262.50
Valuation Fees	1,575.00	0.00
Worship Expenses	120.00	1,123.29
Xero for Parishes	636.00	632.00
Total Operating Expenses	287,102.07	223,664.41
Net Profit	(20,371.18)	(5,631.11)