



# AGM Reports

ALL SAINTS 2022

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# Vicars Report

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Rev's Andrew & Emily Spence, Guy & Summer Benton

## 2022 Overview

This year has been full of grace, love, Jesus, relationships, joy, hard times and sad times. It has been an absolute pleasure to journey with you all through it and we wanted to highlight some of the things to take note of this year.

### Central Gatherings

Our central gatherings are about bringing together the people for worship, teaching and communion. This is a key gathering space for our people and a great chance to all be in the room together. This year has seen 9am gather every Sunday and then 10.30am gathers every second and fourth Sunday. Just as the early church practiced we want to meet together in the temple and in each others homes.

Our 9am service got a boost this year with a look at what the service might look like. Summer led a discussion with the 9am regulars around what people were after and how the service might look. There has been some trainings around the liturgical assistant role. Big thanks go out to Summer's mum, Lollie Twyman, for reorganising the cupboard of silver and sorting all the linen for us while she was over.

Our 10.30am service has been a regular highlight and every time we get together we are amazed by the number of kids, new people and enduring relationships that are forming here. There are many people that input into this service and we are so thankful for their contribution. It is nice now to be leaning into training more service leaders, preachers and a like to take the reigns of this service more.

10am Wednesday has been mainly held by Guy and is a dedicated bunch of people coming together regularly to celebrate the eucharist together. It is always a joy to get in the room, pray together, share morning tea together and get a consistent 9 or 10 in the Dominion Post quiz.

### House Churches

Alongside our central gatherings are our house churches, the other side of the temple and house rhythm. We have a team of 15 people dedicated to leading our house churches. When we surveyed them recently we have close to 63 people participating in house churches across the parish. The benefit of house churches is that it provides an opportunity to journey closer, to ask questions and to build strong relationships. We are hopeful that we can continue to grow this ministry as the parish grows and as new people are attracted to Jesus.

### Go Sunday

Our last rhythm here at All Saints is our Go Sunday options. These have provided a great chance to connect with some regular parts of our community. We have had kindy and playcentre connections through many of our young families, we have Food for Thought caring for some of the most vulnerable people in our streets with a Sunday night meal, we have had a knitting group who are caring for animals and bringing generations together to knit, we have had a crew helping restore God's creation on Mt Victoria and we have had a Light Party. Go Sunday is a chance to walk the talk and build relationships with our community. The response from the parish has been amazing and we are hearing all sorts of transformational stories coming through, for both those serving and those being served,

## **COVID Response**

We put together a COVID response team to care for our parishioners when they were isolating. This dedicated team would shop and then deliver goods to anyone who was isolating. Andy and Emily benefited from this team when they were in isolation this year and would like to share that it was such a joy to see this team in action. It was actioned with 24 hours and the thought and care that went into buying things was excellent. There were also a few extra items included which was such a joy.

The care with which this team cared for members of our parish is a testament to the culture that is here at All Saints. People are so willing and generous with their care for others.

## **Library**

The meeting room library was changed when we remodelled the office. The old Vicar's office was transformed into a round table reading and meeting room. We found the books then took pride of place in this office. You are most welcome to come and enjoy a cup of tea and read in the reading room/meeting room we have created.

With less and less people utilising the library some material was given to new homes. We would like to thank Bob Smith for his years of dedication to the library and many generations will be richer in knowledge because of that investment.

## **Refugee Resettlement**

In July, we partnered with Lyall Bay Community Church and collected enough goods for a family of refugees that are moving here. This was a great response and so quick a response. There were so many donations and many people responded from outside the Parish as well.

## **City Mission Donations**

We have continued to receive donations toward the food bank at the City Mission. This has been a faithful ministry of All Saints and we are so thankful that people donate to this important ministry and also those that deliver it along to the City Mission every month.

## **Thursday Hangs**

What started as a wet Thursday afternoon idea has ballooned into the gossip of the playground. Kids started sharing amongst themselves that there was a hangout space for them and their parents on a Thursday afternoon. While it is low key and very organic, the basic structure is to come have some food, play a few games and while the kids play the adults can connect. It is quickly becoming a great place for the community to meet and we look forward to what this might morph into in the future.

## **Huddles and Missional Communities**

We have been running two huddles as co-vicars for the past year with two groups of people in the parish. These are ideas that come out of 3DM and are a way to disciple people. The hope is that this model is replicable and able to multiply, causing more and more people to be discipled. They have this saying in 3DM: Slow is Fast and Small is Big. Basically meaning that it is easier and faster (in the end) to start with a small group and disciple them, then you get some real traction around discipleship happening over time. In our busy world though it can feel very slow - but we notice that Jesus took 12 people under his wings for three years and changed the world. So we are hopeful of that here as well.

Alongside this comes the idea of Missional communities - where there are spaces in which people can participate in a community and come into relationship with Christians and seek God from there. These missional communities can take many forms, for instance one we have heard of is where families come and play board games with a bunch of committed Christians for the evening.

Over time you form relationships and then there are moments when the gospel can be shared (which is what you have been practising to do in huddles). Watch this space but we are hopeful that some missional communities can start to emerge at All Saints over the next few years.

## Future Goals

### Priorities 2023 - MAP Plan

As you will see from the AGM agenda - we are excited to present to you the Mission Action Plan. This outlines some clear goals the Co-Vicars and Parish Council would like to achieve. This all comes out of the five sessions people attended on a Sunday afternoon. We are wanting to agree together that this a plan we are hoping to achieve over the next three years.

There are several important factors to consider when looking at this plan:

1. This is a three-year plan that outlines where we want to go over the next three years. It is grouped into four key areas that are our outcomes, worship of God, disciple people, develop belonging and grow new missionaries. The hope is that when three years rolls around we can still have those four outcomes but we might have some new goals in each one.
2. It is key to remember that a lot of this need discernment and fleshing out as we go - for instance if we were to set up an evening service, who would this serve is a big question but one we want to look at and discern when we get there. This is why creating an underpinning of prayer is so important in this.
3. We wanted to be in line with what we have discerned is core DNA to what has made All Saints the place it is today. All Saints has always sent people - sometimes unwillingly, but it has always grown people and they have had a huge impact around our Diocese and province, we want to continue to do this. Many people have talked about the impact that an evening service has had on them being at All Saints and finding faith. All Saints also has had a great ministry to introduce people to Jesus.

All these were key in helping us step into this plan and put our blueprint of what it might look like for All Saints into the future on the table. We are hopeful that you will join with us and say Amen to that plan and then put our foot in front of the other and step out in faith as we move towards it.

We are so blessed to be your co-vicars and are excited what the next year might hold. May God bless you and keep you!

Yours in Christ,  
Summer and Guy Benton  
Emily and Andrew Spence

# Wardens

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## Chris Worsley & Marietta Flaws

### 1. What are 2 or 3 highlights from the year for your group?

- Seeing discussion on how better to engage with the parish on our vision & values blossom into the Mission Action Plan – six weeks of up to 50 parishioners meeting to share ideas on why we exist, our strengths, resources, what we want to be known for, growth, mission and the Christian life.
- House Churches pivoted from being a necessary pandemic response into a significant part of how we do life, community, worship and outreach at All Saints. While some have been shaky others have been hugely successful (and an encouragement to the rest of us!). We see a lot of promise in House Churches both for the health of our discipleship & community, and as a place to welcome those searching & new to the faith.
- Go Sundays – few and far between being every 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, but have been a great way to establish connections with groups and people in the community
- Many more – Greater connection with children, youth, young adults & families, Light Party, Seniors Lunch, dinner hosted by the Senior Youth...

### 2. How did your group represent our values this year? (Jesus-Centred | Missional Living | Authentic Community)

While a lot of our meetings & discussions with Co-Vicars, Parish Council & others are functional, we try to undergird everything with prayer, seeking to be led by Jesus in our thinking, acting and decisions. As Wardens we're also actively involved in the life, ministry and outreach of All Saints. Through this we're being disciplined ourselves, discipling others, and sharing the kingdom of Jesus. It's amazing how sometimes our biggest challenges in how we live aren't from a sermon or being disciplined, but from discipling others and sharing our faith...

### 3. What plans do you have for your group for the next year?

Hold back the Co-Vicars... No actually we're very supportive of their plans – and as the Mission Action Plan process finalises for the coming year, we look forward to:

- deepening our rhythms of prayer, worship and discipling as a community
- more engagement and involvement with those around us in our community, along with opportunities to share the love and message of Jesus
- building on our House Church beginnings to engage as many parishioners & new people as possible in supportive discipling groups, enabling us to better live and share our faith
- developing our sense of belonging to All Saints community through social events, welcoming people warmly & helping keep people connected
- growing the mission of the church in our hearts and minds, so that even the idea of a church plant will not seem crazy!

We'd also like to thank everyone who has contributed to the life and work of All Saints this year, as we've moved more deeply into being Jesus-Centred, living missionally, & being authentic community.

There are many unsung heroes, so we won't try mentioning them all.

However here are just a few notables:

We're very grateful to *Kian Verner* for the work she put into her admin role in the church office from 2020 until she finished in May this year, and to *Sue Mihaere* for the cleaning role she carried out until her health prevented it. Our thanks also to *Aoife Lake* for her continued centre cleaning & hall setup, and to *Ginny McCarty* who so capably took up the reins as Parish Administrator.

It's inspiring to see *Rebekah Butterfield* (senior youth) and *Alex Growcott* (junior youth) each with their groups of leaders having input into the spiritual lives of our young people.

# Synod Report

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## Rev Andrew Spence & David Butterfield

The Anglican Diocese of Wellington Synod 2022 was 24/25 September at St. Paul's in Kāpiti. It was a great weekend of catching up with mates and not many business items but we heard about the City Mission's new building, whakamaru. This is going to be our Advent appeal as a Diocese and we are aiming to raise \$365,000 to build the chapel. If you want to find out more got to:

<https://wellingtoncitymission.org.nz/whakamaru/>

### At Synod we the Diocesan priorities for 2023 were set:

- **Housing:** seeking transformation for the most vulnerable within New Zealand's worsening housing crisis
- **Climate:** safeguarding all creation by actively reducing carbon emissions.
- **Refugees:** responding in compassionate and generous ways to the growing global humanitarian crisis (Recalling that this Diocese has collectively supported over 325 households comprising nearly 950 people through its partnership with Red Cross since 2016.)

The most challenging part for me of all of Synod was Bishop Justin's charge: [Here](#) he talked about churches in our Diocese doing two things:

- **Generosity:** he talked about the gospel never being dependent on money and actually a spirit of generosity invading our Diocese would actually help those spaces where the gospel is thriving. I think back to our idea of 'there is enough' in the Kingdom.
- **Multiplication:** secondly, there was a wero\* laid down, that every church in our Diocese was once a church plant but we have lost that heart. So the challenge is to reclaim this heart. How do we multiply ourselves?

It was by no means planned but is hugely relevant to that challenge that we are in a series on Acts. Looking at how a small group becomes a force that the empire is nervous about. How they spread from one small group in Jerusalem to a group that invaded all parts of the Roman society. So as we journey through Acts and look at how God moved this community to multiply and grow may we pray that too for All Saints. This is a place that has always trained and sent (even if unintentionally) people to do new things. How can we continue to be that place?

We would love to hear what you feel God might be saying to you about multiplication and growth as you pray!

# Methodist Report

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## Ginny McCarty

### Highlights:

I have enjoyed reading the stories of the strong women whose shoulders i stand on, women who fought for female preachers and supported the suffrage movement.

I love that the mark of the early Methodists was that they met weekly in neighbourhood groups and were encouraged to take communion in the local Anglican churches.

Having the privilege of input from two faith traditions.

### Future plans:

As maybe your shortest serving Methodist rep, it fills me with joy to have worn the cloak of Methodism in this place. Being an employee, I can no longer be on Parish Council. I continue to receive communications from the Methodists and process them.

It would be great if there was an advocate on Parish Council for the Methodist faith tradition to be kept alive in this place, adding to the richness of our worship.

Keen?

# Church Building

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## Adrian Hendry

- Parish Council have received some high-level thinking about possibilities from the Diocese
- We will meet soon and start designing a process for how we move forward as a Parish
- Currently there are no plans in place but the Diocese Mission Action Plan will form part of that discussion and planning

# House Churches

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## Moira-Clare Donovan

- The highlights are when people's concerns are very clearly met in the context of the service.
- We bring our concerns to Jesus and help and support each other in missional living. How? In sharing, worship, Bible study, prayer and a shared meal.
- Our future plans are to keep growing and attract more people.

## Worsley & Minnee's

House Church led by Worsley's and Minnee's 10am on House Church Sundays.

Our house church started the year held in Diana and Gerald's home with Andrew Stewart holding it in his home a few times they were away. We then decided to move it to the parish centre to provide a church presence at the centre should anyone drop past expecting a church service. A few people joined the group on a one off basis in this way.

During the time we were worshipping at the church we had between 12-15 people attending. There was a mix from the 9am service and the 1030 service. We enjoyed singing together, listening to the sermon and discussions were quite deep and reflective.

Once the 9am service started we resumed meeting at the Minnee's home. Looking forward we are thinking about how we can re frame the home church to better attract people who are wondering about God.

## Tuesday Night

The group consisted of Warren Horne, Charlotte Corcoran, Michele Miller, Fiona Williams and Hayley Denoual and myself. We met on Tuesday evenings during term time.

We did the Diocesan Advent and Lent studies, watched some Bible Project videos and discussed what stood out, drank tea, chatted, and prayed for each other. Most times we met at our place but others took turns hosting. Thank you.

Highlights included dinner once or twice a term when Lee Miller and David Corcorran joined us as well. Fish and chips from opposite Rita Angus were a favourite. Thanks Hayley for picking them up on the way here.

Most of the group went to see the show, Jersey Boys. This was a great night out.

Overall, we got to know each other better, learnt to pray more and received some answers to our prayers.

We stopped meeting about the end of July.

## Karen

Highlights from the year from our group?

- Holding the initial meeting of the Karen people - 4 families in Wellington, 1 family in Porirua, 1 family Lower Hutt.
- Each family taking turns to host the House worship service every 2 month.
- The worship service conducted in traditional Karen Anglican Worship Prayer book ( translated from 1962 Anglican Prayer book) which they brought with them.
- Singing the Anglican Hymns.

The values

- Maintaining the traditional Christian faith through prayers and songs in their Karen language.

Plans for next year

- To carry on the house worship service inviting other Karen from different denominations.
- To relay important community information as community development.
- To encourage them to assimilate in the wider community.



## Young Families

This year we have continued to meet as a house church centred around the discipleship of young families. Meeting each fortnight on the house church Sunday rhythm as others have been meeting around the eastern suburbs.

We have a solid group of 8 young families involved in our House Church, this year we have seen and realised the value of taking a more intergenerational approach so have been blessed by the addition of some regulars to our community who are grandparent age to provide that experience and love towards us as parents as well as our youngers.



Our time together pivots around whanaungatanga or connection with one another through tea and coffee with the children tearing around playing. We then gather for a time of prayer and discipleship which looks sometimes like a scrum more than anything but what a privilege to be apart of.

We have been taking a pod approach to praying which looks like gathering in small pods with some older and some young to pray, then we splinter off to age-appropriate discipleship before we come back together for morning tea together which is food and more hot drinks.

The different series that we have been doing at All Saints has provided a great scaffolding for our conversation deeper into the bible and around who we are as sent disciples for the Kingdom. We continue to ask ourselves what it means for us to disciple our kids in Christ and bring them to faith as well as how to we as a group reach out to those around us so each week we are digging deep into the bible and praying together but looking to go on a journey of real transformation in each of our families as well as in our communities and what does that look like. We are excited for 2023 and what God will have in store for our House church or House Churches, we are aware that on a good day there is upwards of 25 in the room which is beautiful but is requiring us to have conversations about how to do that well as a House Church family.

## Miramar

What are 2 or 3 highlights from the year for your group?

- Gathering together in each other's homes, being together, sharing around the leadership
- Using a psalm we wrote together
- Discussions that are always honest, open, and helpful

How did your group represent our values this year?

- Ongoing support for each other, including in prayer and practical ways
- Participating in Go Sunday options to serve others
- Reminding ourselves often that Jesus wants us to live His way and figuring out how that needs to look in our lives

What plans do you have for your group for the next year?

- To have a weekend out of Wellington to relax together and get to know each other more
- To continue to 'do life together' through thick and thin
- To be open to new opportunities as the church develops

## Hataitai

What are 2 or 3 highlights from the year for your group?

- People were pleasantly surprised that meeting in a home could be a good thing
- Getting to know some people from the 9am service better

How did your group represent our values this year?

- We used the Dio House Church liturgy plus recorded sermon (Jesus-centred)
- Welcoming people into our home felt authentic (community)
- We used the sermon messages to encourage people to think about looking 'outward' (missional)

What plans do you have for your group for the next year?

- Our group chose to return to the 9am service when it started to happen weekly again. But all said they were grateful to have had the chance to get to know others better and enjoyed the hospitality.
- We are seeking God's guidance about starting another group or joining an existing one, perhaps to share leadership of it.

## Ongoing Rhythm for Upward Looking Liminal's (ORFUL)

What are 2 or 3 highlights from the year for your group?

- delicious shared meals with shared hosting
- free and frank discussions, able to disagree and laugh and never get too heavy

How did your group represent our values this year?

- good intimate services using the online liturgy
- helping as a group at Food for Thought

- getting to know each other, pray for each other

What plans do you have for your group for the next year?

- still to be discerned as our passions are varied. We need the nurturing evening home group type space, to build us up for the challenge of our varying outward focussed mission dreams.
- to grow and multiply so we have the critical mass to solve the above conundrum and do it all.



## Young Adults

What are 2 or 3 highlights from the year for your group?

- Quiz night
- Go Sunday up Mt Victoria to participate in the regeneration of
- Getting together weekly to 'be' rather than 'do.'

What plans do you have for your group for the next year?

- We are excited to engage in a more intergenerational way and push out of our solo location.

## Ministries

### Senior Youth



2022 has been an exciting, packed and fun-filled year for our senior youth group. It has been awesome seeing our young people grow in their faiths and serving the community. Camps have been such an awesome space for spiritual growth, getting to know each other and deepening relationships. Throughout the year we have explored a range of topics including prayer and what makes a good youth group culture. We had some awesome people come speak to us (one even flew in from Auckland!). This last term we have also had a focus on serving and ended the term with the Youth Group Fundraiser dinner,

where we raised over \$900 for Wellington Free Ambulance and had an awesome time with the wider church family. Another big highlight this year has been the parish involvement in the youth group. We've had some amazing guest speakers coming in to share their stories as well as our church adults providing spectacular suppers and of course the amazing turn out for the dinner. Some other fun activities we've done this year include a scavenger hunt, a fancy dress night, and a shaving cream fight at camp. We've also set up a Study Space on Monday afternoons for the young people to come do school work. It is always filled with laughter, learning, and of course, snacks!



The fun activities, intergenerational events and relational building lean into All Saint's value of authentic community by developing a space where we work out as a group what this looks like amongst the complexities of life. My leadership team this year have been stellar, every week they bring their all. They have modelled what it means to live out a Jesus-centred life, and I feel incredibly blessed to have had them alongside me in my first year in this role. It has been a huge privilege to watch our young people grow and develop across the year, both in their faiths and as people. I can't wait to see what next year will hold!

## Junior Youth

What are 2 or 3 highlights from the year for your group?

- Intermediate camp has to be a highlight. This was an awesome time for our young people to meet others across the diocese. We watched the movie Wonder and learnt about what friendship and being loved by God means for us. Our young people made some new friends and had awesome time at Foxton Bible Camp.
- Youth Alpha has been another amazing thing we have been doing at youth groups. The content has been super engaging for our young people and has been bringing up lots of big questions.

How did your group represent our values this year?

- Jesus Centered has been our main focus this year looking at how Jesus fits into our daily lives. Through things like youth alpha, we have been exploring what our personal relationship with Jesus looks like and what are some of the big questions we might have about God and our relationship.
- Missional Living, some of the ways we shine attention on how we as leaders live and serve on a team together. We also have had a focus on what mission can look like for us personally, what are luxuries we have that others don't for example.
- Authentic community I think happens pretty naturally for young people, especially intermediates. They often live with their hearts on their sleeves and aren't very good at hiding what is going on in their lives. This creates a sense of community as a group together.



What plans do you have for your group for the next year?

- One of my goals for next year is to go on more fun adventures with the young people. As a smaller group this opens up lots of potential for fun adventures.
- Another one of my goals is lifting up the team, making sure that as a group we are looking to the future sustainability and for longevity.

## Prayer Chain

What are 2 or 3 highlights from the year for your group?

- An increased number of requests for prayer from our church family, and others, via email and the church website
- Many specific answers to prayer

How did your group represent our values this year?

- Prayer is Jesus centered as we seek him for answers and guidance
- At times prayer has been missional when those who don't know him have consented to being prayed for, (even better when we get feedback of change as a result)

- The prayer chain is a community of people who believe (and have experienced) God at work in their own lives, and the lives of others as a result of prayer

What plans do you have for your group for the next year?

- To continue to provide prayer support to any who request it for themselves, or on behalf of others

## Breathe

Highlights from the year from our group?

- We have been meeting together for contemplative prayer for four years, and when a member, Bryce, moved to Sydney he was so committed to the group he attended by zoom. One Sunday the background on his zoom call looked unusual, as if he were outside in the dark. As we questioned him about it he walked into All-Saints Hall to surprise us with an in person visit. He had been in Auckland for a sister's birthday and flown to Wellington as well to surprise us.
- Mostly however, there is a consistent high, comprised of faithful attendance, reverential return to silent wordless worship, preceded by lectio divina, meditating on the words of Christ.
- Angie says " I would like to say this meeting is the highlight of my week, I feel closer to God because of it. I feel very accepted by the people in the group. It is a place where I feel unconditional love. I feel the love of God breathing into my bones and i am grateful (for this space) that allows us all to journey with God in a way that is personal for each of us".

How did our group represent our values this year?

- We are Jesus centred in that it is his words that we use for our lectio divina, to hear more deeply their reverberations and meanings that might strike in a particularly personal way.
- I am not sure exactly what is meant by authentic community, but we are able to talk freely and able to share in the group in ways that feel committed to each other and each other's wellbeing and growth
- Under the heading missional living, again I am not sure what is meant, but other than being open to new members, we do not go out as a group as missionaries. One our lovely members is great at helping new Christians finding their path and that is our great Kate Amos.
- I suppose we might classify ourselves as missional in that we offer worship outside of a traditional service. The format is greeting, lectio divina, contemplative prayer ending with the Lord's Prayer.

What plans do we have as a group for next year?

- We would like to continue meeting and growing in Christ, please God.

## Choir

Highlights:

- The choir has been able, and very keen, to start up again after the covid shutdown. Its members care about each other and believe that singing is an integral part of worship in services.
- The choir singing at the Advent 1 Service on 6<sup>th</sup> November, and the Nine Lessons and Carol Service on 11 December will hopefully highlight the quality of worship at those services for everyone.
- So far this year, no one in the choir has died from covid or anything else!

How we represent the All Saints Values:

- The choir is a committed group of singers who try to represent the Authentic Community of All Saints. This year, unfortunately covid shutdowns have impacted our ability to do this.
- The choirs hymns/songs selection is always based on the current scripture of the day, in music styles from traditional to contemporary.

- We function at times as an outreach group, bringing worship to places like Te Hopai rest home, when covid allows. And some of the non-religious choir members learn about worship through the choir.

What plans do you have for the next year?

- The choir would sing fortnightly at, eg. 9am services, leading the congregation in singing worship
- The choir would like to sing at outreach places such as rest homes, COVID permitting.
- The choir is a church ministry for its members. It provides musical worship to people whose ages currently range 18 to 99 years of age. Whole families attend, and people from all over New Zealand and the world. The members get on very well, and have sung together in services for years.

## 630am Prayer

This year we have continued with our daily rhythm of prayer here at All Saints. In the past there has always been a space for a daily rhythm of prayer, alongside either AYM or 10am prayers lead by Corinna, but this year we realised there was a space for a wider parish prayer rhythm at a time that worked for a few more people so we launched 6:30 morning prayer on Zoom.

This has been a time of sustained daily prayer, meeting Monday – Friday for 15-20mins using a mixture of short liturgies to help guide prayer. There is always a space for open prayer for others. We are so reliant on prayer and the way we continue to gather and pray.

This community is about 7 or 8 people, the beauty of this is that you always know someone is going to be there and so the accountability and encouragement that comes from praying with others is there. If you are like the rest of us and find 6:30 hard but you are keen to participate in a daily rhythm of prayer then head over to the weekly e-news for the link.

## 10am Prayer (on Zoom)

What are 2 or 3 highlights from the year for your group?

- Having started with Level 4 lockdown in March 2020, we celebrated continuing to meet going into our third year.
- Seeing more trust and confidence being built in the group.
- Three of us join regularly (Mon-Sat or Mon-Thurs) and two join when they can. It's a sacred space for us all, whatever is going on in our lives. We even had someone join from their car in Auckland. They had gone to a church they thought had 10am prayer but it wasn't on, so somehow she found us instead!

How did your group represent our values this year?

- We use the Lectionary, Bible Gateway, NZPB, plus YouTube worship music for variety (Jesus-Centred)
- Good levels of trust and encouraging people to be comfortable with silence as well as praying aloud (Authentic Community)
- We discuss the Bible passages and also look up maps, Bible Project summaries, life stories of saints — to encourage people to think about how relevant many of the Bible's themes are for us today and in our world. We also use the Bible readings to guide our prayers of thanksgiving and intercession, praying for the Church, the world, and for people in need (Missional).

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What plans do you have for your group for the next year?

- Our group are so grateful for the consistency of knowing I will be there at 10am six days a week. If I can't be there, I email the readings and links to the online NZPB and encourage them to join on Zoom and do what they can, depending on tech confidence. So for now they would love it to continue.

- I would very much like to find someone who could share the responsibility of making this happen every day. But if that doesn't happen, it's been a huge blessing for me to set aside that half-hour each day for God. Some mornings it's just me and the half-hour is different, but just as much of a blessing to sit with God for that time.

## External Relations Committee aka Missions Team

All Saints' mission efforts have continued this year much as they have in years past, but with a particular increase and focus on laying the foundation for mission being more deeply at the heart of parish life moving forward. We want mission to be not just something we do on the side, but a part of our core DNA. We want to see every ministry group and individual involved in the parish have regular engagement "out", bringing God's kingdom to the world around us.

Locally, All Saints has participated in multiple opportunities for outreach and community engagement. Most of these opportunities have been through our Go Sundays, house churches, and huddles. We have had many teams of people involved at Food for Thought in Kilbirnie. We have been receiving pantry items for Wellington City Mission and joined in with Lyall Bay Community Church to help furnish a home for a refugee family. We have planted trees on the town belt, cleaned up litter in our community, and hosted working bees at Hataitai Kindergarten and Hataitai PlayCentre. The Mainly Music team, which has been operating for a long time, also seems to have had a renewed enthusiasm for loving our community well and has made a big impression on families around us by sharing Jesus' love through a good cup of coffee and remembering the names of the children and parents who come.

Overseas, All Saints continues to support many of the ministries that we have in the past. While this has carried on largely unchanged this year, we are praying that in the next couple of years we will be able to support foreign mission more closely and dramatically. We also pray that we will even be able to send out missionaries from our parish family before too long.

To help foster keeping mission at the core of our parish, we did a sermon series on mission in the month of September, bringing in guest speakers from several different contexts. Our aim with these efforts is for mission to begin to be indistinguishable from other ministries due to the fact that each and every part of All Saints is focused on bringing about God's kingdom to the world.

## Te Hopai

What are 2 or 3 highlights from the year for your group?

- A significant relationship has been built with the Te Hopai staff to the extent that every effort is made to accommodate us to take services and communion to individuals when other groups have been unable to visit due to Covid restrictions
- Increased numbers attending a monthly mid-week service (between 20 – 25)
- Having the All Saints choir join some services before the Covid restrictions came into force

How did your group represent our values this year?

- By taking a service where Jesus is very much the centre to a group of people who no longer have the opportunity to attend church outside the rest home
- By visiting individuals who can no longer attend the service – taking communion, praying for them and offering friendship

What plans do you have for your group for the next year?

- To continue to provide a monthly church service (on occasion including the All Saints choir if Covid restrictions allow) and visits to individuals
- To increase our profile so that Te Hopai may call upon us when residents would like prayer or pastoral visits

## Mainly Music

Mainly music has been going for 15 years here at All Saints! It has been a year really worth celebrating. Our team has morphed and changed this year a wee bit, We celebrated Julie Little after many years of faithful serving as she departed our team and we welcomed some others who were keen to try out being on team Mainly Music! Our team is made up of a few different roles, Up front (singing and dancing), Welcoming, and Hospitality (morning tea/coffee). We look to build a strong sense of culture in our team around being an outward focused ministry here at All Saints, where each team member knows their immediate role but also plays a huge role in working the room to know those who are coming from the community to participate in Mainly Music, provide a listening ear, offer prayer where available.

Each session is about 30mins long of singing and dancing followed by morning tea which is catered by one of the families. We have seen a fairly large increase in the number of families that are coming along to mainly music this year. There has regularly been 15+ family units attending each week. We believe this to be because of sustained advertising in the community and word of mouth from others who are inviting their friends along. Some comments around why they are inviting others has been, "Warren makes a fabulous cup of coffee", "the team remembers my coffee order", "I love the community, the team remember my name and play with my kids".

The Mainly Music team here at All Saints has done an amazing job of connecting with the community and looking at ways to onramp families into spaces where there is opportunity for continued relationship building.

We continue to ask for your prayers that as we meet each week during the school terms we are able to connect, build relationship and share faith with families from our community. We are excited and energised by what God is doing amongst us, and the way we are seeing people engage. If you would love to be apart of this space with us please do not hesitate to reach out. There is always something for someone to do, particularly in the meet and greet area.

Much love The All Saints Mainly Music Team  
Heather, Warren, John, Sue, Kian, Pauline, Diane, Sheryl, Guy

## Rita Angus

Highlights:

These happen when people share how the gospel relates to their lives.

How we represent the All Saints Values:

We pray then study a Bible chapter, piece by piece. I prepare thoroughly so that I can contribute new ideas and thoughts.

Future Plans:

To keep going. To attract more people.

## Cradle Roll

There are 7 names on the Cradle Roll to which an baptism anniversary card is sent to them until a 5th one has been sent.

## Seeds to Feeds

Seeds to Feeds is a Wellington based organisation with a vision to connect communities around locally grown food.

Read more about it here. <https://www.seedstofeeds.nz/>

About two years ago I was invited to the launch event and met people in the Hataitai community keen to do this. You may have noticed the vege gardens under the pohutakawa trees. These no dig vege beds are part of our involvement with Seeds to Feeds.

Each group is encouraged to hold workshops and have a community dinner or event in about March. We have hosted workshops using lemons and another one of making Indian vegetable pickle as two examples. Some of you have been to dinner. Covid has impacted what we have been able to do over the last two years but we are hopeful for the year ahead.

You can be involved in many ways. Do you have a vegetable garden? Do you have gardening equipment you no longer use? Could you teach people how to preserve or make chutney? Do you have an overflowing compost bin?

Do you like gathering seaweed? Do you have piles of mulch you can't use? Would you like to come to dinner and meet more people from Hataitai and Kilbirnie?

Talk to or email Heather on [h.miller@xtra.co.nz](mailto:h.miller@xtra.co.nz)

## Parish Chaplain – Edna Hurd

I have continued to serve communion to the residents at the Rita Angus retirement village on the 3rd and 5th Wednesdays this year. There has been some changes

- St. Aidans Peninsula Parish are now doing alternative months.
- Rita Angus no longer has a chapel so services are held in the day room. Numbers vary between 4 and 10.

I would love to see a couple of people to join us who could fetch people from their rooms. I would also like to extend it to those in their rooms or hospital wing now that the threat of COVID has quietened down, I have had no discussions on this as yet.

I also occasionally take Home Communion to parishioners in their homes, one reasonably regularly, dependent on health.

Serving in this capacity is a privilege and joy. Thank you.

## Centre Management

Highlights:

- Sharing morning tea with the Exercise Group and Sing Your Lungs out on a Tuesday morning.
- Having the Wednesday Steady as You Go group join us in great number for the Seniors Roast was a real blessing.
- It's such a privilege to be able to stand on the shoulders of those who've come before in offering a space of welcome and generous hospitality. Thanks to Lauren King & Kian Verner who have held that space this year.
- Great to know the income is \$1,000 over budget already.
- Having Andrew Bartlett care about wifi -such a gift.

How we represent the All Saints Values:

- Knowing Christ has no hands and feet on earth, but ours helps keep things in perspective.
- A constant source of outreach into the community with the variety of individuals and groups hiring the hall.

Future Plans:

- To keep going holding that tension between offering generous hospitality, and having to generate income, with decreasingly available time as our internal ministries ramp up.
- Building up a team of volunteers to help keep the centre ticking as a welcoming space, with generous hospitality.