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Co-Deacons-in-Charge Report

Values

In August while we were still in Alert Level 3, Parish Council were discussing what we all see as the important values we wanted to live by here at All Saints. As a leadership team we brought forward, and then Parish Council agreed, to set the three following values for All Saints into the next season of the parish's life. These are the values presented below:

Jesus Centred

We aim to awaken people to Jesus, live by his message, and equip each other to live faith in real life.

Missional Living

We share our lives with others in an intentional, costly, and accessible way.

Authentic Community

We generously offer grace, hospitality, and belonging to one another as the body of Christ.

Over the past several weeks we have spent time exploring what these values mean and how we might live them out in our lives. We have also decided that this coming year we want to bring forward a focus of one of these values; the one that we as a Parish Council have identified as the weakest and the one that will make the biggest difference to the future of All Saints. You can read more about this later in this report as we discuss our priorities for 2022.

2021 Overview

Installation

The 8th of February will forever be etched on our memories as a real celebration. We had such a good time meeting everyone and finding out about the life of the Parish. You all made us feel so welcomed and cared for and we were truly blessed by the gifts given on this day. It was a wonderful celebration and one we look back on frequently. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make that day so special for our parish.

Funerals

This year we sent off 3 of our parish family to the arms of the Lord and celebrated the lives of all of them together with their family and friends. Joanna Maling, Penny Jacobs, and Janet Woolcott - may they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Service Changes

This past year we have seen a couple of changes to the way we come together in our central gatherings. One is that we reintroduced the common cup to be used as an option to receive the wine only in alert level 1. The other is that we have begun to make distinctions between the 9am service and the 10:30am. The purpose of this is to have offerings of two distinctly different styles of worship within our parish. 9am will remain our more traditional service liturgy from the prayer book, while 10:30 will push into a more distinctly different feel with some more flexibility around liturgy and service structure. Additionally, we have shifted the focus of our children's ministry to the 10:30am service where we have seen a significant increase in young children and their families in attendance.

House Churches

When lockdown happened this year, we noticed a gap in vehicles for connection to one another in times when we are unable to gather together in larger numbers. When level 2 guidelines shifted to

us only being able to gather with 50 people or under, we decided to put a lot of effort into establishing house churches. This sets up for being able to be flexible in the way we worship with one another despite the constantly shifting climate of covid but is also a very good strategy for deepening relationships among us, taking people into deeper levels of discipleship, and offering spaces to invite others into. We currently have 8 house churches meeting regularly which accounts for a high number of our regular attenders and about half of our parish role. We would like to see these numbers increased next year.

Youth Work

It has been super encouraging this year to see our Youth Group and AYM Houses crew welcome a large Evan's Bay Intermediate School (EBIS) kids into their midst. Through our connection at EBIS and the youth workers that this church sponsors, we have seen about 10-15 young people join in down at the AYM House for an after-school hang out space and then jump into engaging at the two youth groups, senior youth (The Pack) and junior youth (Avalanche).

This is some of the most cutting-edge ministry in our parish and the youth workers are putting in some seriously hard yards to engage young people who are of a different cultural and demographic than many of our youth workers themselves. In our minds, this is a perfect example of inviting people to the banquet table that Jesus would love to see there. We are so proud and encouraged by this work and as Jeshua leaves her role as youth worker for our parish at the end of the year we are eternally grateful for the hours she has put into developing this programme and making it something that is living out the gospel in our own neighbourhood.

First 'Go' Event - Trick or Treat

One of our future goals for the parish is to regularly face outward and have Sundays where we as a parish whanau go out together into our community to be the light of Christ in various different practical ways. This year we shifted to our fortnightly house churches and the first 5th Sunday under our new rhythm fell on our patronal celebration, the the nearest Sunday to All Saints' Day and it also happened to be Halloween. We decided to use this opportunity to host our first community facing event and throw a trick or treating party with stations and games hosted by our house churches. It was a beautiful event that was very well attended by the community and a great visual depiction of our house churches coming together to serve alongside one another. We hope to make this an annual event!

Priestly Ordination

The 4 of us are honoured to have spent our year as transitional deacons at All Saints and ordained priests on November 20th. As we embark on our ministry as priests, we are excited to see what God does among all of us here at All Saints. Andy and Emily are preparing to move over from the Hutt and are in the process of searching for a home nearby. We have all put down roots in this parish and are continuing to deepen our relationship with all of you and also in our community. Join us in praying for this next season that we as a parish we are walking into, let us join together in asking God to move mightily among us.

Future Goals and Priorities 2022

Parish Council and we have put together a document to present the priorities we are setting forth for the Parish for the coming year. This is important as it helps us keep focused on what we see as the forefront of parish life and also gives us markers that we will come back to throughout the year with reports of what is happening in those spaces. It will help us to also focus what we are giving towards in the coming year, with our time, our resources, and our money. This is included in the paperwork around this meeting.

Thanks

We would like to offer a special recognition and thanks to all of you who are serving in various ways in our parish. The numbers of you doing ministry in this space, in such unique ways, are too

many to name but we want you to all know how deeply valued you are. This is a beautiful example of the Body of Christ.

We are deeply enjoying our role here at All Saints and feel incredibly fortunate to be charged with pastoring such an incredible group of people who are up for adventure with Jesus. We feel God moving in this space and are so excited to see where next year takes us.

Yours in Christ,

Summer and Guy Benton

Emily and Andrew Spence

Bishop's Warden Report

Reflection – God is moving, and we are *starting* to change..

This year's been a wild ride, and an intense time of change – supporting the Deacons in establishing a new culture following their arrival, first in the Parish Council, and later trickling out into establishing Huddles, and then with another COVID lockdown providing the impetus – establishing House Churches & new patterns later in the year, just in time for our House Churches to serve the community through the Light Party. That Light Party may be fading in your rear view mirror now, but I see it as a wonderful confirmation of God's hand at work amongst all this change here at All Saints. It's not (yet) a harvest of souls, but it's more All Saints contact with serving the wider community than I've seen for many years, and not just a few core people – many house churches were mobilised, with more All Saints & AYM people serving in an event than I think I've ever seen at All Saints before.

This has all brought new vision.... as the clergy help us unpack more of what it means to be Jesus centred, live missionally, and be authentic community. I know I personally have much growing to do in all of these areas. As we all meet these challenges, I look forward to the fruits of this not only in our lives, but also of those God wants to welcome into All Saints.

Many ***souls departed*** this year from All Saints, and among our families...

We remember Jo Maling, Penny Jacobs, Janet Woolcott, Avice's sister Judy, Tim Cross's mother, Richard Dean's mother, Guy's grandfather and no doubt I will have missed some.

We've also had ***curve balls*** along the way... & a few dropped things!

A hole in the church roof, vicarage hot water cylinders & asbestos, another COVID lockdown.

Even among these things we can see God using the circumstances, and glimpses of His kingdom.

I'm ***looking forward to a new season*** of the Kingdom of God spreading....

As our huddles and house churches press in to following Jesus more closely, bringing the kingdom of God to more people around us, and to more parts of our own lives & relationships with each other.

It's been great to have a People's Warden again this year – thanks Ginny – I'm so glad you're intending to continue on Parish Council again.

Thanks to all who have served and contributed to All Saints this year in being part of the in-breaking of the Kingdom of God here on the earth, in Hataitai-Kilbirnie.

Chris W

People's Warden

Share 2 – 3 highlights of the year for your group

It has been my joy to: * celebrate the Deacons installation in February and grow alongside them in this place. I write this prior to their Ordination as Priests and have no doubt that occasion will have been significant; * develop and deepen connections and intimacy with so many good and faithful servants in the parish, Methodist Province & Anglican Diocese; * draw closer to Christ, as I grow into discerning God's will for the parish, to serve you, the people.

How did you embody the All Saints Values this year?

Jesus Centered | Missional Living | Authentic Community

Jesus Centred: I always hope that my words, decisions and actions reflect not my will for you, but Christ's. I repent for where I failed to do this, known and unknown, and am grateful for the forgiveness to be set free to hear God's word for us, free to serve, and free to try again tomorrow. Missional Living: sharing my life in intentional, costly and accessible ways is a constant challenge when one is quite attached to their comfortable life. More trust, more courage required. Authentic Community: this value is where I see much room for growth. Finding the balance between invitation and challenge in parish life, keeping it safe and keeping it real for all to have life to the full, is a constant hope.

What does the future hold for your group?

Great question. As I type who knows. I have filled a void for a year, and it's time to pray in a humble and faithful servant, willing to journey alongside the people of All Saints as we live into the vision and values

Synod Report

Synod 2021

Synod was held on-line and shortened again this year due to the pandemic. Highlights included addresses from both our bishops. Also, the Diocese affirmed its commitment to Sacred Spaces, Safe People. Most of the other business was largely routine.

Bishop Justin's address

Bishop Justin noted that our reality is that we find ourselves facing declining numbers in an ageing church and living in extreme secularism. Wellington City has been described as probably the most secular city in world for those from their mid-teens to mid-40s. Our reality is very difficult. But our confidence is always in God.

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. (Philippians 1:3-6)

When Paul writes, he is not using an individual but a plural 'you'. Our God is calling us to become a transformative movement of local faith communities. All of us!

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As we continue to become this, three things remain important on the way:

Being disciples. We need to be disciples who make disciples. Wherever God calls us, we all must have the ability to see God's kingdom come.

Being family. We need everyone to be empowered and transformative. Whether you're in the 9am or the 10.30am service you build family, and between them too, and between parishes too, and over the whole Diocese. It's not important if one rises - if we're family, then we rise together. We think of our brothers and sisters and where they are struggling and what we can do to help. It's not 'what suits me' but rather an attitude of 'what suits the family'.

Prioritising the Biblical call for the last, the lost and the least. We don't want to be about ourselves. Those on the margins, edges, forgotten – the Kingdom of God comes for them. Our churches etc. must reflect this.

Sacred Spaces, Safe People.

The Diocese spoke to its commitment of being a safe church. As followers of Jesus, we believe that every person is made in God's image. We want to create spaces where everyone knows they will be safe, especially from abuse of any kind. The Diocese will be publishing videos and posters during November as part of this commitment.

Website links

Synod resolutions passed <https://anglicanmovement.nz/blog/synod-news-2>

+Justin's address <https://anglicanmovement.nz/blog/synod-news-3>

+Ellie's address <https://anglicanmovement.nz/blog/synod-news-4>

Sacred Spaces, Safe People <https://anglicanmovement.nz/ministry-standards>

Children and Families Ministry

Share 2 – 3 highlights of the year for your group

This year we saw the shift of our main children's programme from the 9am to the 10:30 where the numbers of children were increasing. We have grown considerably as well and now have over 15 children across 8 families in regular attendance. We have also formed a young families house church that meets on fortnightly. We have built deeper relationship with one another, explored ways to help us support one another as parents to disciple our children at home, and become a welcoming space for new people to join who were not previously a part of the parish. We have formed a team to help dream up ways to reach children and families in our community. Prior to lockdown we were meeting every 3 weeks. The hope is that those will resume in the new year, and we will continue to grow that team. We applied for a grant from the Methodist Church and were awarded funds to run community date nights. The idea is that All Saints volunteers will staff a children's program in the evening once per month and offer parents free childcare to go on a date or go out with a friend. We want to communicate to families in our neighbourhood that we care about the health and wellbeing of families by giving parents time to invest in their marriage/partnership/or other adult relationships. The plan was to start these this spring, but lockdown and Covid Levels thwarted that plan. Our new projected date for that project to commence is March 2022.

How did you embody the All Saints Values this year?

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All Saints' ministry to children and families has embodied all the core values this year. Jesus Entered - biblical discipleship for children in our central gatherings and in our house church
Missional Living - we have dreamed and planned for various different community facing initiatives to build relationship with children and their families in our local community. One of those was our All Saint's Trick or Treating event which most people agreed was very successful and the others will start in 2022. Authentic Community - Our young families house church has been a space for the development of deeper community and vulnerability with one another. We look forward to continuing to journey together in 2022.

What does the future hold for your group?

Next year we hope to continue to grow Small Saints as an offering for children's discipleship in our central gatherings. We also aim to continue to develop ways to support parents in discipling their own children at home through community in our house church and resources that can be provided by the team. Next year we aim to do another trick or treating event and also start date nights and a possible parents coffee morning after school drop off for parents in the area to come for a cup of coffee and a chat with one another.

Mainly Music

Share 2 – 3 highlights of the year for your group

Firstly, we wish to say thank you and farewell to the lovely Karen Moreau. After more than ten years of leading the singing and dancing Karen has got a job at Khandallah School. She will be missed. The numbers of families attending each Friday during term time has been a bit up and down this year. Lock down and the Delta Level 2 have had an impact. It is always a highlight watching the shy children join in after a few weeks. It's also lovely to see families build connections and then arrange play dates

How did you embody the All Saints Values this year?

Jesus Centered | Missional Living | Authentic Community

Parents and caregivers who bring their little ones to mainly music often comment how much they appreciate the adult conversation, the home baking and the great coffee. Mums that are keen on baking offer to provide baking for morning tea. Offers of prayer for various situations are always well received.

What does the future hold for your group?

We have a good team, John and Julie Little and Sue Mihaere are in the kitchen, Warren Horne helps with set up/ pack down and makes great coffee. Rev Guy Benton has stepped up to lead and do the singing and dancing for the remainder of this year. Heather Miller does the welcoming and the setting up/ packing down. Thank you very much to all the team. Your work is appreciated. That said new team members are welcome. Talk to Guy or Heather if you want to be involved. It's a great way of building relationships with families in the community.

Junior Youth

Share 2 – 3 highlights of the year for your group

Intermediate camp was definitely a highlight. It was awesome being able to invite some of the EBIS kids along to something pretty out of their comfort zone, and for them to have fun and lean into all of the things going on. Another highlight has been youth church and the opportunities that have come up from it. The journeys to and from have been filled with time to make meaningful

connections with the young people and an opportunity to talk about what is going on in their world and how we can help them, from things like providing dinner on in their world and how we can help them, from things like providing dinner to helping with homework. For term3 & 4 we have been covering the topic of what makes you who you are (identity). It was awesome the week that we did out pepeha we got to learn about where some of our young people are from and more about their extended families. Some of the kids went away and learnt more through talking to their whanau and came back and could share more. It was awesome seeing how proud they were of who they were and who their ancestors are.

How did you embody the All Saints Values this year?

Jesus Centered | Missional Living | Authentic Community

Missional living comes slightly easier living in a AYM house as there are continuing opportunities to invite people round and your house is always open to have people over. Living with the several of the other leaders and having many events and opportunities to serve young people creates a space of doing mission together in a team that supports each other and has a similar united goal. This creates a sense of authentic community because of all the shared spaces and time spent together. Authentic community to me means being honest with one another about what is going on and supporting each other when something doesn't go how you expected it to. This all wraps around being Jesus centred. For me two of the most important things Jesus asks us to do it to love God and to love people. Loving people means loving them exactly as they are. It's easy to love lovely people. God asks us to love all people. This is something that I aim to do throughout my life but especially in youth work. Through loving others, it makes it easier to do missional living and have authentic community.

What does the future hold for your group?

One of the goals for us as the Avalanche youth team is to grow stronger relationships with our young people and their whanau. We hope to continue to grow their mauri, the inherent life spark of our young people, supporting the development of their identity as young people of Aotearoa and as members of the church. We would also love to be able to create more opportunities to further connect our young people with regular church activities and with the wider Anglican whanau.

Senior Youth

Share 2 – 3 highlights of the year for your group

Going to Easter Camp was a real highlight amongst our group, with both leaders and young people loving the chance to spend lots of time together hanging out. Another highlight has been the addition of the table tennis to the space, which has brought lots of fun, competition, and deepened relationships through an ongoing mutual activity.

How did you embody the All Saints Values this year?

Jesus Centered | Missional Living | Authentic Community

Jesus centred. We take time most gatherings to talk about some aspect of the bible, from Jesus to Old Testament characters and how the story of the Bible matters to our lives today. We aim to foster a culture of love, awhi, grace and discipleship, modelled after Jesus's life and ministry. Missional Living. This year we have welcomed more young people who are in contact with us because of people living missionally in the community (24/7 youth workers, AYM Kilbirnie house), and it is a joy to include these young people into our group. Within our leadership team there is a understanding that when we turn up, we turn up for our young people and others, not ourselves and what we can get out of the gatherings, which shows a missional focus in our approach. Authentic Community. Having two AYM houses central to this group naturally fosters community and offers a space for young people to step deeper into the authentic sharing of life

together. We use the Kilbirnie house for deeper, more intentional gatherings such as discipleship night and house church, which are optional for those who want more depth in faith and relationship. This depth flows back into youth group and nurtures authentic community with the whole group.

What does the future hold for your group?

As we look forward, there are exciting changes and opportunities for growth. Young people who aren't usually engaged in church spaces are beginning to turn up more often and building relationship with them as youth leaders and within the young people is very exciting! We will continue to hold a Friday night space of fun, laughter, relationship building, and learning about God, alongside other spaces, and some mentoring.

Choir

Share 2 – 3 highlights of the year for your group

Singing at Te Hopai – seeing the delight and joy on the faces and noticing that each visit more are attending. Singing at Jo Maling's funeral. Managing to keep going while Sue, our gifted leader was recovering from illness.

How did you embody the All Saints Values this year?

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In. (Authentic community),

Marie and Moira Clare's wonderful hospitality provides us with a strong base. We function as a house group church worshipping through singing (Psalm96).

Out. (Missional Living)

Supporting Sheryl Dean's ministry at Te Hopia. The composition of our group also reaches well beyond regular A.S. Parishioners

Jesus Centered.

We spend time each practice reflecting on a devotional usually centered around the words of a favourite hymn. (Thanks to Emily for the great idea)

What does the future hold for your group?

Continue to expand our repertory (e.g. modern, upbeat, music in other languages as well as beautiful older worship music. Expand the occasions we sing more modern songs at combined services. We don't want to be type cast. Sing at other rest homes especially at Christmas.

Ecumenical Services at Rita

Angus

In this crazy year I have continued to take the Communion service at Rita Angus retirement home on the 3rd and 4th Wednesdays as COVID has allowed until June when the Deacons and Chris Dodds from the Peninsula church took over due to my surgery. We generally have 8-10 people who really appreciate it.

I have also taken Home Communion as and when required, one regular person is now waiting until level 1 again.

This is a joy and a privilege which I hope to resume fully soon.

Thanks

Edna Hurd (Accredited Parish Chaplain)

External Relations (Missions)

Share 2 – 3 highlights of the year for your group

All Saints has been able to maintain its giving to missions despite the varying financial climate and the degree of uncertainty of the regular offertory. We continue to give \$10,000 to the Anglican Missions Board as well as supporting the Flaws in their work and Pastor Piyal in his missional work. Missions also caught up on previous unallocated monies giving \$3,300 to Get one Give one, \$1,200 to Wellington City Mission, \$1,500 to Prison Fellowship, and \$2,657 to the Diocese Mission project (Mission & Outreach Fiji Clergy Support). We believe we should maintain a giving and supportive attitude in our Missions outreach.

How did you embody the All Saints Values this year?

Jesus Centered | Missional Living | Authentic Community

We see the giving from the church as a fundamental aspect of outward missional living. Not as an obligation but as an integral part of being a church.

What does the future hold for your group?

The group will continue to support local and national ministries through the giving from All Saints.

Parish Chaplain/Te Hopai

I have been taking the monthly service at Te Hopai for two years, with the assistance of Richard and two women from St Barnabas Roseneath (one who plays the piano and one who does intercessions). It's an absolute joy to minister to these dear elderly people who are nearing the end of their lives, and who so appreciate us bringing a service to them. In many cases, they have worshipped and loved Jesus for many years and not to be able to continue to do that would be like losing an arm! I just love being able to bring the message of Jesus to them in a way that they may be able to relate to in their relatively restricted circumstances and seeing them respond (sometimes with tears - theirs and mine)! It's been very gratifying to see the numbers attending the service increasing too.

At Easter and Christmas last year, the All Saints choir came and sang at the service, much to the joy of the attendees. As part of the outward focus of the choir this year, they asked whether they might attend more regularly and this has resulted in them being part of the service every second month. The singing is greatly enhanced on those Sundays, and their contribution is enormously appreciated by the residents (and me). This will continue to be part of the regular rhythm going into next year.

Sadly, Covid has affected our ability to conduct services both last year and this year, more so this year as the level 2 Delta lockdown is more strict than previously. Until we are at Level 1 we will be unable to return, but we do look forward to that in the not too distant future. In the meantime, Te

Hopai have agreed that I can visit one on one by appointment so I will continue to maintain contact with residents in this way.

Blessings
Sheryl

Prayer Chain Co-ordinator

The prayer chain comprises fourteen people (and the Deacons) who have committed to pray anonymously for those who request prayer either through the All Saints website, or by some other means. The requests come to me and they are forwarded to the group, who pray for each need for a week. We keep all requests strictly confidential, often not knowing those we are praying for, and more often than not, not knowing how prayers are answered. Matt 6: 6 “when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you”. We may not know how God answers, but we know he does!

Some of our pray-ers have themselves requested prayer this year and it’s been such a privilege to be able to pray for each other and see God move. In these instances we have had feedback and God has been faithful in healing and providing for the needs of our team.

This ministry is all about Jesus and his desire to meet the needs of his people as we seek him. I’d like to encourage those who request prayer to provide feedback of answered prayers where possible, as it encourages us, builds our faith, provides opportunity for praise and thanksgiving, and the possibility of sharing with others that God is alive and working in peoples’ lives today. The ministry is a dynamic one and will continue to grow and flourish as we petition God on behalf of others and see evidence of his power in answered prayer.

Health and Safety

The only major issue this year was the hole in the Church roof. A safety fence was erected, and the hole is now repaired.

There have been a few minor injuries such as cut fingers or grazed knees. Incident reports were completed. Please note that blank incident reports are available on each noticeboard. If an accident occurs, please complete the paperwork and hand in to office manager.

Health and Safety remains an item on the Parish council agenda.

The Diocese has released its policy Sacred Spaces, Safe People. There is a video which we will all need to watch.

Please report any issues via email to healthandsafety@allsaints.org.nz

Building Committee

There is nothing to report from the Building Team.

Last time this was discussed with the Parish Council (2019, I think) they were informed that the All Saints Mission had to include the Church building as a reason for the Mission, not just a given, otherwise the Dio Board(s) wouldn't accept whatever plan All Saints came up with regarding rebuilding / repairing.

Happy to discuss.

Adrian Hendry

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The logo for 'allsaints' features the brand name in a bold, black, lowercase sans-serif font. A red circular graphic element is positioned behind the text, starting from the top right of the 's' and curving around to the bottom left, partially enclosing the letters.