

Annual Report

2016-2017



My, look what can be done with new technology!



Ngaio Union Church

Worship - Acceptance - Community

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Artist at Advent, Pavithra Devadatta, 27 November 2016

From the Minister

Another year closes at Ngaio Union Church and another moment to reflect presents itself. Annual reports and AGMs fail to excite most of us but there is merit in looking at what has happened and how we've travelled. It's good to acknowledge what's important and take a moment to be truly thankful.



This last period of time was given over to imagining a future. Previously, the doors gently swung shut on combining with neighbouring parishes, giving a clean slate for plotting our own course. (Having said that, a new door remains ajar with respect to Johnsonville Uniting.)

I think we worked hard at this, twelve months of critically looking at what is our purpose and how that might be manifest in who we are and what we do. The parish council, influenced by the informal 'Arlington' working group, seemed to hold meeting after meeting, workshop after workshop, to be in a place to bring something before the congregation for consideration. Then the faithful flock took hold of the issues and ideas so that consensus might be achieved. And it worked – well, I think it did. One of the arrival points was the adoption of the following mission statement:

To live God's love in Ngaio by creating a warm and vibrant Christian Community where all can belong.

This is the map. More of that later.

A jewel in the crown

While the cut and thrust of the Merge youth group is out of sight for most of us at Ngaio Union we all hold an awareness that each week this new youth ministry prospers, ie. around the personality and leadership skills of youth pastor Brett Reid things happen with and for young people. It's a combined ministry – Wadestown and Khandallah churches together with ourselves. But the particular joy is that a sizeable proportion of the young people come from outside our three parishes. For me, this is evidence that Merge is cool; teenagers, especially non-attending-church ones, are happy to be counted among this Christian group. Wow! We thank God for this; may this ministry continue to be blessed.

A well-oiled machine

Regular life, of course, rolled on at NUC – Sunday worship, Lenten studies, Still-Point, special services for Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and Pentecost, social outings, belonging to the singing group, being on a roster (or two), and generally getting involved so the place hums – all this and more carried us through the year. It shows how the ministry of NUC is not found in me as minister but in a collective of commitment.

For me, activity and roles to play were again found outside the parish – UCANZ, Presbytery, Council of Wellington Churches and neighbourhood resthomes in the main.

We do it together

Within the parish my main connections are with this list of 'Ps' ... parish council, preaching team, pastoral care group and pastoral colleague – Korean. What do I call Worship and Education?? 'Pretty good team', I think. My thanks goes to all these committees, work groups and colleagues for the privilege of working alongside you; your giftedness underpins the life and work of our church. Thank you.

It's time

Of course, this report is a little different this year - it's my last one. After ten and a half years it is time for fresh leadership. In so many ways the time has flown and now changing gear (into neutral?) is timely; retirement sounds just right for me. I have seen my task as getting NUC ready for the coming era, one that I firmly believe has to be different. Together, we have set in place principles, ideas and plans for going forward. As I said earlier 'We have a map'; now it's time to start following the course God has set for us that is found on that map.

Now, it's not my domain to choose a successor, but let me say this: the one who follows me should be, in my mind, the person who can and will hands-on roll out the map. They shouldn't be another me; it's time for a new day and a new way. They must believe in the mission statement and see it into a reality. I believe the church is due for that. I'll leave you with those thoughts.

Thank you

As I've tried to say in this report - we are a team, small, humble, excessively talented and dedicated. Another Wow!

It has been a privilege to serve you in the ways I have been able to and to work alongside you. Thank you. I will miss that. Just what my future is church-wise I cannot say; it's my next step of trusting God I suppose.

In closing

I want to thank in particular those who have looked after me and helped me do my job – Ian Bolitho who has unending patience with fickle ministers, Alister McKay my steward, and Anne Cuthbert (and Tony Warrington before her) - the relationship with your parish secretary is critical.

To you all, I pray the peace of our Loving God will be known in you and will sustain you, for all that lies ahead at Ngaio Union.

Thank you for having me.

Haere, haere, haere.

Lionel Nunns



Singing Group—combined service with Koreans 28 August 2016



*Community Carols—Onslow Community Church 4 Dec 2016
(Ngaio Town Hall closed due to earthquake concerns).*

Notes from Parish Council

Parish Council (PC)

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| Minister | Rev Lionel Nunns |
| Chairperson | Alister Mckay |
| Parish Secretary | Anne Cuthbert |
| Treasurer | Geoff Brown |
| Regular Members | Eileen Eckford, Susan Parker, and Tony Warrington |

Committee Convenors

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| Pastoral Care Group | Enid Millar |
| Worship and Education | Barbara Walker |
| Finance and Property | Tony Warrington |

Representatives

Methodist Church of New Zealand (MCNZ):

Lower North Island Synod Elaine Bolitho

Presbyterian Church of Aoteroa New Zealand (PCANZ):

Central Presbytery Anne Cuthbert and Tony Warrington
as an alternate representative.

Uniting Congregations of Aoteroa New Zealand (UCANZ):

Wellington Forum of Cooperative Ventures Tony Warrington

Eligible for re-election

Anne Cuthbert and Geoff Brown will each conclude a third three-year term as members of the PC at the 2017 Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Parish Statistics

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| Regular membership | 80 |
| Pastoral Roll | 109 |
| Average weekly service attendances | 44 |

People

Our pastoral role and regular attendances have increased a little, and it is a pleasure to welcome some new members to our congregation. While there are some of you who are now unable to attend services due to ill health we keep you in our thoughts and prayers

It is with considerable sadness that we record the death following a long illness of Neil Lindsay on 29 September 2016. Neil was a skilled pianist accompanying our services for over 40 years. Our sympathy goes to Neil's partner, Ruth, and his family. The sudden death of Colin Moore, on 8 December 2016 is also noted with much sadness. Colin was a very active member of the congregation and of Parish Council for many years being the chairman for much of that time. We will endeavour to abide by his insistence that we follow due process and always

report back to the congregation. Our kind thoughts go to his wife Helen, son David, daughter-in-law Belinda and grand-daughter Eve. Other deaths, noted with sadness, since the last AGM have included long time members of our congregation Avril Head on 7 August 2016 and Joan Stevenson on 27 May 2017, as well as Ivan Bootham the husband of Audrey Bootham another of our long time members

The Church Directory produced in 2016 is a very useful document allowing us to keep in contact with each other more easily.

The work of Parish Council (PC) and its Sub-Committees:

I want to say thank you to Alister McKay continuing on the PC after 9 continuous years as a member, and for agreeing to take over the role of chairman following Mark Jeffries departure to Hamilton. Even though we have a smaller parish council than in previous years we have continued to deal with a lot of important work. Once again we had 11 monthly meetings during the year. Additional meetings for future planning and with partner churches have also been required. These matters will be referred to in more depth later in this report.

Once Brett Reid's role as youth pastor for the MERGE youth Group was fully established Colin Moore and Sue Brown handed over the running of the HUB Governance Committee to Adelaide Gleadow and Eric Edwards, and their input is greatly appreciated.

I hope you find the process of reporting back to the congregation following each meeting helpful and want to remind you that we welcome your feedback.

Sub-committees and working-groups meet regularly and they continue to be involved with much of the detailed planning and implementation of parish work and activities. Reports from these groups are included elsewhere in this report.

We would appreciate you considering joining us in the PC or one of the sub-committees as we move into a time without a minister.

Ministerial

At last year's AGM Lionel advised us that he would retire at this year's AGM. How privileged we have been to have had him as our minister since 15 February 2007, and we are going to miss him and Diana and their huge contribution to our church. His role in providing inspirational leadership, excellent pastoral care, and varied, thought provoking and spiritual services has been greatly appreciated. During his time with us he guided us through several years of planning, and he leaves us with a much clearer vision for the future. Even though Lionel was employed in a part time basis he still managed to support services at the Malvina Major Rest Home and Cashmere Heights Resthome as well as devoting a lot of time and effort into working with our church of oversight through Presbytery Central. We give Lionel and Diana our best wishes as they move into the next stage of their lives.

We are blessed to have retired ministers Graham Millar and John Howell and our lay preacher Sue Brown as part of our ministerial team. Their assistance and contributions are greatly appreciated. They also represent us when preaching at other Wellington Churches. Lionel together with Graham, John and Sue have planned for services from October through until the end of January and Sue has kindly agreed to be the contact person for these.

Brett Reid the Youth Worker for NUC, KPC and WPC runs the MERGE youth group. We are impressed with how he leads the group that is well attended. Some funding for Brett's role was provided by the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand (PCANZ) Press Go Fund and each of the three churches are required to contribute \$2,000 for each of the next three years to add to this funding. Future planning and funding for this important role will need to be considered within the coming year.

We continue to have a close relationship with the Korean Good Church and we enjoy the company of the Rev Woo Young Jung and Ji Yeon Lee and their family at our Sunday services.

The support that is provided by the parish council, the parish sub-committees and by the members of the congregation has contributed greatly to us being able to support Lionel to concentrate on spiritual support, preaching, pastoral care and outreach as we endeavour to be God's people in Ngaiō.

Future Ministry

On 28 June members of the Parish Council met with representatives of our partner churches: Donovan Lind, from Presbytery Central, Ian Harris from Lower North Island Synod and Geoff Donovan from Union Parish Oversight Group for the Lower North Island. We called the meeting to begin discussions on the process required for initiating a replacement for Lionel following his retirement. We will report back when we hear further from the partner churches.

Worship and Music and Christian Education

Joint services with Johnsonville Uniting Church (JUC), Wadestown Presbyterian Church (WPC) and Khandallah Presbyterian Church (KPC) were held over the Christmas period and throughout January. Our links with the other HUB churches of KPC and WPC continue to grow and we have had shared services and pulpit swaps during the year. The Korean Good Church continues to use our premises for their services and we continue to hold an annual combined service with them.

The support of members of the Worship and Education Committee (W and E) is greatly appreciated. The varied "All Age Services" are always enjoyed. Helen Moore's support with the children activities is valued. It is always a pleasure to have the presence and participation of children in our services.

The thirty minutes of quiet and meditation, led by Elaine Bolitho at nine o'clock on Sundays, continues to be appreciated by a number of our congregation.

We continue to be blessed by having a singing group and their beautiful singing is always enjoyed. Music is a special part of NUC's Sunday services and our thanks go to Marion and John McInnes and the members of their band, and to Diana Nunns as they accompany us during our services.

During the period of Lent John Howell lead a series of poetry discussions that was well attended. Lionel led services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday with good attendances.

Last year's "Artist at Advent" was the artist Pavithra Devadatta.

Much unseen work goes into our Sunday services. We are very lucky to have such good support from the members of the congregation who assist with welcoming people, doing morning tea and the flowers, cleaning the church, preparing for services in other ways including assisting with communion and reading the lessons.

Pastoral Care

Lionel together with Enid Millar and the other members of the Pastoral Care team provide pastoral support to the congregation. This important service is greatly valued and appreciated. The regular morning tea or lunch gatherings organised by the committee are well attended and enjoyed.

Outreach Activities

We continue to make monthly grants from our Community Assistance Fund to Ngaio School, Ngaio Pharmacy, and Downtown Community Ministry (DCM). Once again the contributions made via the wooden community fund box do not meet the grant commitments. The grants made and the ways of meeting the shortfall in donations to the fund will need to be reviewed in the near future.

Your contributions to DCM's Food Bank each week assist them with their work amongst Wellington's hungry homeless people. Your continued support of the Christian World Service's Christmas Appeal helps towards their work overseas.

Once again our thanks go to Helen Moore as she has continued to organise the very successful Combined Ngaio Churches Christmas Carol Service and to Ian Bolitho who formats and copies the programmes for this event.

A community ceilidh is being planned for this year and the funds raised from a Koha will go to DCM.

A candidates meeting prior to the election is to be held on 14 September.

Finance and Property

The comprehensive summaries from Geoff Brown, as treasurer, and Tony Warrington, from the Finance and Property Committee, can be found later in this report. We appreciate the invaluable service they provide. We thank you, the members of the congregation, for your financial contributions both through regular giving and for the additional donations and responses to special appeals received during the past year. Electronic banking is now well established and use of the Xero accounting package, arranged through the MCNZ and commenced on 1st July 2016, has proved very useful at reducing the Treasurer's work load.

Woo Young Jung and family, continue to rent the church house in Ottawa Rd, and Lionel has continued to receive an appropriate housing allowance.

We are grateful for all the excellent work that Margaret Pitt does as she arranges rosters, bookings and oversees the groups who use the church while also preparing the donation receipts. Meg Gleadow is currently doing a great job of cleaning the upstairs lounge, toilet block and kitchen.

We are grateful for the support that Margaret Delany provides completing our annual Financial Review Certificate.

Tony's property summary details the stages that have been undertaken so far as we start to make plans for the future of the church house and the hall complex. The extra work involved for members of the Parish Council and especially Tony and Alister is greatly appreciated.

Health and Safety

Alister McKay and Susan Parker continue to be the health and safety representatives. A defibrillator has been purchased thanks to a donation from Margaret Pitt and added to by additional funding from members of the congregation. A training session for a group of interested people is to be arranged.

Future Planning

Following more parish council and congregational discussions the three following agreed points remain as the basis of our future planning:

- Remaining a Union Church
- Maintaining a presence in Ngaio
- Having a fully informed congregation

A presentation called "Our Mission Our Future" was presented to and accepted by the congregation on 4th December 2016. This resulted in a new Mission Statement affirming our values of **Worship, Acceptance and Community**:
"To live God's love in Ngaio by creating a warm and vibrant Christian Community where all can belong."

NUC website

Barbara Walker's skills in keeping the NUC website up to date are much appreciated. The website can be found at ngaio.methodist.org.nz. As well as enabling members of the congregation to access information on missed services or notices and upcoming services and events it is helpful for letting others know more about us on-line.

Thanks

There are so many members of the congregation who provide vital, and often unrecognised contributions to the running of our church. To those of you, who are on the church cleaning roster, helping with the morning tea, doing the flowers, assisting with services and supporting us in so many ways I say a big thank you. Additional help is always welcome. Once again I want to record our thanks to Ian Bolitho for all the hard work he does for the production of this annual report, and our weekly service sheets and the monthly Clipboard, and for ensuring the sound and data projection systems are working successfully.

Anne Cuthbert



We Remember

Avril Head

Avril was a valued infant teacher and husband John a principal at Cashmere Avenue School in the 1970s. They were members of the Ngaio Presbyterian Church and at the time Ngaio Union was formed Avril was on the Parish Council. She was also active in the Women's Fellowship and children's programmes, and in the 1990s was in charge of the Sunday School, where the other staff appreciated her teacher training.

Although they moved on to other appointments we were happy to welcome them back to Ngaio Union in retirement. Her warm friendship, deep faith and cheery personality are remembered.



22 May 1929 to 7 August 2016



23 March 1936 to 29 September 2016

Neil Lindsay

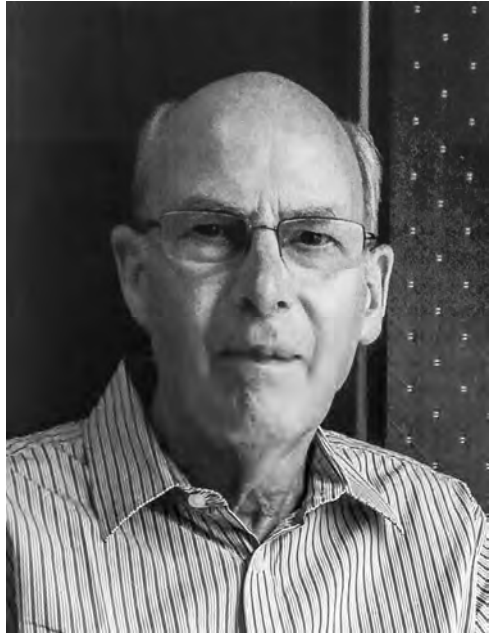
Neil has worshipped on the Ngaio Union site since at least 1962, first as part of the Methodist Bible Class and then member of the church and continued when the Ngaio Union Church was formed in 1971. He was a superb musician and played the organ/piano at services for over 40 years.

Neil used his musical abilities in his broadcasting workplace and brought his outstanding knowledge of music and tunes into our worship. He sang and/or accompanied the Wellington Male Voice Choir for many years.

Less well known is that he translated scripts into braille to aid the blind.

Colin Moore

Colin became a member of the Parish Council in the early 1990s and was the chairman for many years. During that time he assisted with the appointments of both Graham Millar and Lionel as our ministers. More recently Colin along with Sue Brown were NUC's representatives on the HUB Governance Group that helped to establish the MERGE Youth Group. His considerable wisdom and understanding of correct procedures while insisting that we reported back to the congregation are some of the things that those of us on the Parish Council miss about him.



12 April 1946 to 8 December 2016



Joan Stevenson

Joan, who in recent years received care at Johnsonvale home, was a long-time resident of the Ngaio and Crofton Downs area. With her late sister Kath, Joan was a member of the Ngaio Methodist Bible Class and Church, and continued to worship with us at Ngaio Union for as long as her health permitted.

8 July 1927 to 27 May 2017

Merge Youth Group

Kia ora whānau, WOW, one minute it's July, 2016, nek minnit you blink and it's August 2017; doesn't a year go past just like that!! It's crazy to think that we are already one year into offering youth ministry for the young people of our three parishes in Khandallah, Ngaio, Wadestown, and beyond! It has been O for Owsome. J So, I thought I'd share with my highlights from this past year.

New Wine and Easter Camp were fantastic, but you've already heard about those! In term 2 of 2017 we hosted the Youth Alpha Film Series, now that's something to write about! What is that, you ask? Youth Alpha is a film series that takes us through some of life's biggest questions and how we might respond to those in light of our Christian faith. First and foremost, aimed at non-Christians, Youth Alpha encourages open and honest conversation with those gathered. The videos are usually 20-minutes long and have three questions, interspersed, which act as pit stops along the way. At each question the video is paused and we split off into smaller groups where discussion ensues. The idea behind the small group discussion is to encourage people to open up and be a little more vulnerable than they might otherwise be. To add to that ease of conversation, each group had its own facilitator, and we attempted to match our young people with an adult that they felt comfortable with. NUC's very own Kate Spencer helped facilitate a group of NUC young people, and she had noted many a time some really insightful discussion.

What's most exciting about Alpha is how responsive the young people were to the teaching and the moving of God's Spirit throughout the series. We trust that God has planted seeds in the lives of our young people and we continue supporting them in prayer as they make their way along this crazy journey called life.

I can't talk about Alpha without talking about the food!! We had some of our most popular nights during term 2 and that's in part thanks to the lovely chefs who supplied our little (big) tummies with delicious food. To Sue and Geoff, Loene, Alister, Elaine and Sally from NUC we would like to extend a massive thanks to you guys!

So, what's still to come in 2017/18...? I am excited about Merge Youth's Film Fest entry which will screen in September of this year. We too await this year's 14 Hours Homeless event, in October, and we look forward to summer, not only for warm weather but also for whatever camp awaits us there.

I'd like to end this report by thanking you, the NUC community. Without your prayerful and financial support and generosity the work that we do here would be impossible. I can't begin to tell you just how thankful we are as a group to know that we have such strong supporters in our midst. Keep on doing what you're doing! As always, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. And the hugest thanks possible must go to Kate Spencer for the huge support that she is to me on a Friday evening!! We couldn't do this thing without you. J

God's infinite blessings to you,

Brett Reid and everyone at Merge Youth.

Pastoral Care

Contacting

We have continued to meet regularly to ensure the smooth running of our commitments to you, the NUC congregation.

Your Welfare

The health and well being of our members is important so phone and e.mail contacts are essential and actual visits are good.

It is our aim to keep in contact with as many as possible.

Socialising

We like to plan get-togethers in order to meet in person and have fellowship. Outings are always well received.

Future Plans

Change happens all the time but the Pastoral Care Committee intend to be part of this and we remind you we are only a phone call away should you need help, or are aware of NUC members who do also.

The Pastoral Care Committee:

The Rev. Lionel Nunns (Minister), Ruth Richards, Susan Parker, Vivienne Ireland, Loene Betteridge, Sally Gray, Audrey Bootham, Enid Millar (Convenor)

Enid Millar

Merge Youth enjoying delicious food!



Property Report

A number of areas have dominated for the Church House, the Church, and the future of the Hall complex.

At the house:

Maintenance work has seen substantial cutting back of tree overgrowth and removal of the material, but some has had to be deferred until later this year. The rusted out guttering at the rear of the house is to be replaced; repairs are also to be made to the rusted railings at the top of the stairs to the front door; the broken fan in the shower box is to be replaced; and long term smoke detectors have been fitted in the house.

At the Church:

The carpets were commercially cleaned (with the support of a generous donation). After investigation of options a defibrillator was purchased and mounted on the foyer wall (again almost completely paid for from generous donations). One of the emergency lights was replaced with a new LED system, and another purchased (still to be fitted) to replace aged and defective ones. Two fire extinguishers were replaced (required every 5 years); and the building Warrant of Fitness was renewed.

Future of the Church House and Hall complex

Some early actions have been taken following on from congregational decisions that we should explore selling the Church House, demolishing the hall complex, and investigating the possibility of building one or hopefully two town houses on the cleared hall site:

- We have met with representatives of the partner Methodist and Presbyterian Churches to discuss our intentions and likely requirements for approvals to be given. They gave general encouragement and outlined the specific requirements before the necessary approvals could be sought from the relevant national church property trustees.
- We sought, and have just received, a market-based valuation of the House at 44 Ottawa Rd. This is an important input to financial planning, possible loans required, and cash flow issues. Meantime it continues to be rented.
- We have had a preliminary meeting with Ken Collins and Mark Holmes (of Pynenberg and Collins, Architects) to discuss what might be possible on the Hall site including provision alternate ministerial accommodation, etc. We provided them with all the relevant plans and drawings we had of the church, the hall complex (and its additions), and the existing survey descriptions.

- We also met with a Surveyor, Peter Maunder (at Ken Collins' encouragement) and have commissioned him to carry out a topographical survey of the hall complex site, and of the infrastructural services (drainage, water, access etc.) which will be needed for meaningful discussion with the Architects as to what might be possible on the site – and what the City planning requirements, and title resurvey will demand.
- Obviously, much remains to be talked about and decided over the coming year or more. Financial resources, likely costs, timings and cash flows will all be significant inputs. At least a start has been made.

What our members do:

Members of the congregation continue to clean the church; do the flowers which we enjoy; make morning tea; do door duty; mow lawns; do monthly checking of the emergency lights, hose reels, doors and fire extinguishers; take the pantry food to the Downtown Community Ministry and distribute The Clipboard, Touchstone newspaper and other material from time to time.

We are always looking for more helpers in these areas. If you are able to assist with any of them, please give your name to any Parish Council member, or to Margaret Pitt, who has taken over organising and printing rosters.

Thanks:

Thanks to Alister McKay and Sue Parker for their monthly property systems checks. Thanks also to Helen Moore for organising kitchen and toilet supplies, cleaning materials, etc. and to Meg Gleadow who regularly and faithfully cleans and tidies the upstairs kitchen, toilet, foyer and lounge areas.

We are also grateful to those who spend a bit of time pulling weeds, trimming shrubs back, and tidying up the areas around our buildings. It all helps, and is augmented by working bees from time to time when larger quantities of garden rubbish can be removed.

Many thanks to Margaret Pitt who looked after bookings and arrangements for those using our Church building through the week, as well as meeting the needs of our own congregation and the Korean Wellington Good Church.

Thank you to all for what was achieved last year, and for the understanding, commitment, and support which we know will be given, and which we rely on so much.

Tony Warrington

Worship and Education

Members: Rev Lionel Nunns, Elaine Bolitho, Helen Moore, Vicky Mabin, Alyson Howell, Kate Spencer and Barbara Walker, with contributing expert comment from Michelle Scott, Brett Reid, Graham Millar and Sue Brown.

Our year has ended with a challenge – the imminent retirement of Rev Lionel Nunns. Lionel has guided, led, advised and supported our committee for the last ten years. Always well prepared and organised, with a wonderful circle of family and friends to call on, an openness to inclusivity, diversity and our progressive faith, Lionel has not only led our congregation but also those of neighbouring parishes to more fully support our young people with the appointment of Brett Reid as Merge Youth leader but also to work together as a HUB to sustain worship in the northern suburbs. We are grateful for Lionel's preaching, leadership and forward planning in establishing a preaching team who will work with us until the appointment of a new minister in 2018. We are thankful for Graham Millar, Sue Brown, John Howell, visiting preachers and the collaboration with HUB churches.

Two ongoing discussions have engaged us this year (1) how we can best support our children and (2) how we can truly honour the Treaty and be representative of an inclusive New Zealand by using Te Reo in our services. Alyson is to organise a children's day in the next school holidays. With the advice of Michelle Scott and Graham Millar we are encouraging correct pronunciation and greater use of Maori terms and phrases in our services.

Whilst it was decided not to organise a parish retreat at the end of 2016, the Worship and Education Committee arranged or supported many other events. We led Team (all-Age) services on: 20 November, (What is your image of God?), 9 April (Palm Sunday based on Brian McLaren's book), 2 July (God's hospitality to humankind) and Kate is currently working on a draft for the Team service on 17 September.

Worship and Education supported 'Science with Soup' series of speakers and John Howell's, four- poem Lenten studies, both of which we shared with the HUB churches. Neighbours' Day, organised by Jo Fullelove was recognised with an afternoon tea. Our Artist at Advent, Pavitra Devidata was greatly appreciated for her paintings, stories and humour. She has continued her association with NUC by offering art classes in her home.

Our members continue to make individual contributions – Helen Moore prepares the children's table and organises Ngaio community carols, Barbara Walker, assisted by Alyson Howell, maintains the church website, Elaine Bolitho prepares the roster of bible readers and organises the thirty minutes of quiet prayers which precede each service. Vicky Mabin arranges the Christmas music service and Alyson Howell has used her skills with flowers to decorate our church

on special days such as Easter. In July we welcomed Kate Spencer (poet, actor and fizzing with great ideas) to our committee.

We would also like to acknowledge and thank the following people for their contribution to worship at NUC:

- Ian Bolitho who each week so skilfully prepares our orders of service and PowerPoint slides and then operates the projector and microphones during the service. He has a special knack for choosing just the right illustrations.
- Brett Reid for his work with our young people and their involvement in our services.
- The late Colin Moore not only for his administrative work for NUC but for his thoughtful and deeply felt 'prayers of the people' in our worship.

Last year we noted the retirement of Neil Lindsay, long-time member of NUC and wonderful pianist. Sadly, Neil died in September 2016. Through his music Neil contributed enormously to our worship and he is deeply missed. Marion McInnes and Diana Nunns have stepped up in his stead and a highlight of each month is having Marion and the band providing the music. Finding other competent pianists or musicians is proving to be no easy task. Suggestions welcome!

We frequently receive good feedback from visitors who appreciate the warm welcome and quality of worship at Ngaio Union. We look forward to continuing to honour and share our God in worship and in the community.



*"God's radical hospitality"
Loaf of bread and breakfast cup of wine on a trolley.
Holy Communion with a difference, 2 July 2017*

Finance

Our Accounts

Accounts for the past year 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 are attached.

Like most Churches, our Accounts are prepared on a cash basis.

We have differentiated between our *Normal* (day to day items) and *Special Activities* (appeals; community assistance; capital works and capital purchases).

Looking back at 2016/17

Normal Activities ended the year with a deficit of \$1,179

Results were better than expected due to some building repair work and investigation costs which have yet to come to charge. In addition there was a very gratifying increase in giving of about \$2,506 (3.3%), and Church use and House rentals increased from \$9,835 to \$20,312 largely due to receiving a full years rent for the Church House.

Special activities also showed a deficit of \$2,491

This included \$2,000 for the youth ministry worker (Brett Reid) which we share with Khandallah and Wadestown Presbyterian Churches.

Total funds in the bank at year end were \$49,698

Of this \$7,840 is a tagged donation for investigations related to the seismic status of the Hall complex.

We paid out the expected \$3,600 from the Community Assistance Fund

The Community Assistance Fund received \$2,297 in donations. The gap was met from fund reserves (now depleted), interest on church accounts, and normal church income.

We acknowledge the very real effort made to contain expenditure and the response of many in their regular giving and generous donations. Thank you to you all.

Looking forward to 2017/18

Budget Revenue is based on:

- A significant (\$2,000) increase in offerings to a target of \$80,000.
- Donations and special efforts at about last year's level of \$7,000.
- Revenue for building's use and church house rental should remain at about \$20,000, unless circumstances change significantly.
- Community Assistance Fund donations of at least \$2,400 (compared with \$3,600 paid out). Our reserves for this are now non-existent. Increased giving to the fund would help a lot. We do add our bank Interest to it but the

amount is now very low. The rest must come from giving and general income, or we will need to reduce the regular payments in some way.

- Special Appeals for others (Christmas appeal, etc.) at \$2,500.

Budget expenditure is based on:

- Increases in ministerial and other operating and maintenance costs including the increase attributable to the payment of the minister's housing allowance for a full year (*The actual position will obviously become clearer once ministry arrangements following Lionel Nunns retirement in October are known and church house issues are determined*).
- Maintenance of existing support levels to national churches, and for Parish levies to regional church bodies.
- Maintenance of existing payment levels to the Community Assistance Fund. (\$3,600).
- Payment of the costs for possible further hall and site studies, and consideration of possible development options.

The proposed budget assumptions would produce an overall deficit of \$14,200 for the year, and a reduction of all remaining bank funds from \$49,968 to \$35,498 – of which \$7,840 reflects the special donation made for investigation costs related to the Hall complex seismic status.

Our giving, donation, special effort and Community Assistance Fund budgets are particularly challenging. If you are able to assist by reviewing your regular giving or through donations we thank you. Please talk to Geoff Brown or Tony Warrington if you would like to use the envelope system or direct bank credit.

Appeals

We encourage your continuing support of the CWS Christmas Appeal and the Community Assistance Fund in particular (given its dependence now on regular donations), and other special appeals made during the year. Donations to appeals are always passed on in full to the organisations concerned.

Thanks

Our thanks go to Geoff Brown, for all his work as Treasurer; to Margaret Pitt who has continued to look after the envelope and bank credit recording and receipts as well as arranging bookings for the use of our buildings and to those who help with banking and appeals. Your dedication and work is much appreciated by all.

Most importantly, we thank you all for your continued support. Without it the mission, work, and needs of our Church and others, could not be fulfilled.

Tony Warrington

Ngaio Union Church: Financial Statement 30 June 2017

| Normal Activities | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | Budget 2017/18 | |
|---|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------|---------|
| Revenue | | | | |
| Offerings | 75,465 | 77,971 | 80,000 | |
| Donations and special efforts | 1,561 | 7,171 | 7,000 | |
| Church revenue | 9,835 | 20,312 | 20,000 | Note 1 |
| Interest | 235 | 79 | 100 | |
| Total funds received (normal) | \$87,096 | \$105,533 | \$107,100 | |
| Expenditure | | | | |
| Ministerial costs | 62,577 | 71,447 | 74,000 | Note 9 |
| Partner support fund | 4,300 | 4,300 | 4,300 | |
| Presbytery/Synod/UCANZ | 1,510 | 1418 | 1,500 | |
| General expenses | 4,287 | 3,249 | 3,500 | |
| Property maintenance | 280 | 11,025 | 10,000 | |
| Other property running costs | 9,790 | 12,847 | 13,000 | Note 2 |
| Parish administration | 1,511 | 1,950 | 2,000 | |
| Outreach and special efforts | 1,592 | 380 | 500 | |
| GST | 0 | 96 | 0 | |
| Total funds expended (normal) | \$85,847 | \$106,712 | \$108,800 | |
| Diff revenue/expenditure (normal) | -\$1,249 | -\$1,179 | -\$1,700 | |
| Special Activities | | | | |
| Revenue | | | | |
| Book and card sales | 335 | 113 | 100 | |
| Building projects | 1,700 | 500 | 500 | |
| Special appeals | 3,509 | 2,297 | 2,500 | Note 10 |
| Community assistance | 2,447 | 2,496 | 2,500 | |
| Total funds received (special) | \$7,991 | \$5,406 | \$5,600 | |
| Expenditure | | | | |
| Property | 1,988 | 0 | 10,000 | Note 3 |
| Special appeals | 2,787 | 2,297 | 2,500 | Note 10 |
| Community assistance | 3,600 | 3,600 | 3,600 | |
| Youth worker funding | 0 | 2,000 | 2,000 | Note 8 |
| Total funds expended (special) | \$8,375 | \$7,897 | \$18,100 | |
| Diff revenue/expenditure (special) | -\$384 | -\$2,491 | -\$12,500 | |
| Diff revenue/expenditure | -\$865 | -\$3,670 | -\$14,200 | |
| Funds in bank at start of year | 52,503 | 53,368 | 49,698 | |
| Funds in bank at year end | \$53,368 | \$49,698 | \$35,498 | |
| Funds in cheque account | 16,343 | 12,633 | | |
| Funds in savings accounts | 29,193 | 29,225 | | |
| Funds in building account | 7,832 | 7,840 | | |
| Total funds in accounts | \$53,368 | 49,698 | | |

Ngaio Union Church: Assets and Liabilities 30 June 2017

Assets

Current assets

| | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|--------|
| Westpac Trust Cheque Account | 12,633 | |
| Westpac Trust Savings Account | 29,225 | |
| Westpac Trust Building Account | 7,840 | Note 4 |
| Total | \$49,698 | |

Properties

| | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Church, hall and lounge | 940,000 | Note 5 |
| Church and hall contents | 75,690 | (Includes laptop PC) |
| Concrete retaining wall | 85,000 | |
| House | 335,000 | Note 6 |
| House contents | 35,000 | Note 7 |
| Total | \$1,470,690 | |

Land

| | | |
|-----------------|------------------|--------|
| Hall and lounge | 285,000 | Note 5 |
| Church | 305,000 | Note 5 |
| House | 235,000 | Note 6 |
| Total | \$825,000 | |

Total assets **\$2,345,388**

Liabilities

Current liabilities **\$0**

Notes

1. This amount assumes that the hall is not used and the only hire income is for the church building and church house rental throughout the year.
2. This amount is an estimate of the ongoing property running costs with the hall being retained but not used, which includes insurances and rates for the hall.
3. This amount assumes that the donation of \$7,800 for the DSA is either expended or returned to the donor.
4. The balance of the donation of \$10,000 held in this account for assessment of the future of the hall complex, consequent on its seismic risk status.
5. Church and hall buildings and land are from the QV revaluation of September 2015 and are the assessed indemnity value.
6. The house building and land value is from the QV revaluation of September 2015.
7. Contents are as accepted for insurance purposes by the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches.
8. Budget expenditure is based on an assumed contribution of \$2,000 towards the cost of the HUB youth worker.
9. Includes minister's housing allowance of \$400/week.
10. Special appeals figures do not reflect the additional sums which are donated directly to CWS, or the direct bank credits authorised by individuals associated with Ngaio Union Church.

*Ngaio Union Church Trading Account
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Cheque Account

Westpac Trust Cheque Account

| | |
|--|------------------|
| Income as Xero | 110,899 |
| Balance in cash book at 30.6.16 | 16,343 |
| Total | \$127,242 |
| Less expenditure as Xero | 114,609 |
| Balance in cash book at 30.6.17 | \$12,633 |

Cheque account is composed of:

| | |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Church funds | 12,641 |
| Community assistance | -9 |
| Property repairs | 0 |
| Balance | \$12,633 |

Savings Account

Westpac Trust Saver Account

| | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Building improvement reserve | 3,333 |
| Church Ministry Reserve | 25,822 |
| Interest | 70 |
| Community assistance | 0 |
| Youth fund reserve | 0 |
| Ngaio book reserve | 0 |
| Balance | \$29,225 |

Westpac Trust Building Account

| | |
|--------------------|----------------|
| Balance on account | 7,840 |
| Balance | \$7,840 |

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Total in Savings Accounts | \$49,698 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|