



All Saints Parish
AGM
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18 November
2018

VICAR'S REPORT 2018

What a year it has been!

The year began with a whole new staff team to welcome and integrate. Andy and Bek Hickman and their girls arrived in town to begin their final year of curacy. Andy has taken on prayer, university chaplaincy, pastoral care and ad hoc ministry input. He has also brought a needed social justice influence to us as a community.

Andrew Carson began as manager in January and has transformed the processes and support of ministry within the parish. Helped by Carl Kelly, who has streamlined our finances, the administration and management of the parish has breathed new life into us – our building seems to live! Bringing on Helen Black as facilities manager (a day a week) has increased the use of our facility and brought 'style' to our foyer (and barista coffee to Sunday mornings).

Sarah Steer has led Mainly Music and the 'Littles' on Sunday for some time so her contribution is not new. Her creative energy and passion for our youngest is brilliant – and real growth has occurred in both places. Also experiencing numeric increase over this year has been Sunday School (nearing 30 children) and Messy Church (usually over 100 attending). The organisational drive and discipleship focus of Sarah Hatch is inspiring. We have great kids workers!

Davis and Renee Sione have been a gift to us. Not only was their wedding a highlight of the Sunday calendar, youth group has experienced a remarkable resurgence. The growth has primarily been through the attraction and welcome of young people who have never associated with All Saints. Quite a number have become Christians this year. The team has worked hard and the new life witnessed is deeply encouraging.

The various services have had a fairly encouraging year at All Saints. The Thursday congregation has had a wonderful year under the leadership of Robyn Appleby. The strength of relationship and the beauty of the worship is so appreciated. The 8am service has also had an encouraging year – this deeply committed congregation share have created a really sacred space together and Sue Fordyce leads this community with barely containable joy. Great to see.

The 10am service has experienced a growing number of families, and a greater cultural diversity, this year. It has been deeply encouraging to see us getting less 'white' and less 'middle aged'! A diocesan visitor commented last week that the welcoming and relaxed atmosphere was unique in the diocese – the diverse sense of community inspired them. It is my hope that we will be so full next year we will have to figure out how to keep growing!

We are so fortunate to have the committed contributions of John and Jenny Hornblow in the parish. While John oversees pastoral care and community liaison, the 5pm service is their baby. The services celebrating the arts, social justice and Celtic spirituality have added to the life of the parish. Again attendance and participation have been so encouraging.

It has been a year not without pain. It began with the closure of the Anglican service at Aokautere. There had been challenges there for some time and vestry finally made the decision to stop supporting the Trust who own the building. I am aware this has not been easy for some. St Oswalds were very impacted with the leaving of Tim and Kim Duxfield

(and others). It led the leadership team to make the decision to stop the Sunday morning service and return to All Saints. Their arrival has been really significant – you have brought new energy and outwardness. Thank you!

It is our plan to relaunch a service at St Oswalds after Easter, led by Vaughn and Marg Barsanti. They will form a team to replant the congregation and will probably take extras with them. The fantastic sense of community built through play groups, mainly music and meals together, needs the right kind of service to serve this Takaro community. We are confident the next stage will be exciting.

Our combined service with Justin, and our shared Easter and Advent worship have been real highlights. I want to especially thank you all for openness you all had to the series I did on 'For the love of mammon'. It is not easy to talk about money, possessions and giving – but you all were open and engaged. Thanks to all who have responded and enabled our budget to nearly make it (!), I encourage all who have still to follow through to do so.

A key focus over the last couple of years have been the development of 'spiritual rhythms' – our prayer rhythm (now with a contemplative prayer space) has been steady. Communitas, our discipleship rhythm, has had solid attendance. It has grown a sense of learning together. The leadership rhythm, Arahanga, has focussed on team leaders this year – thanks to Alistair and Debbie for all their energy to make this so valuable. The eating together rhythm is one that needs strengthening next year – let me know if you feel called to help with that.

I am so grateful to my wardens. Emma Costley and Dan Pitchforth do so much to make the parish run so effectively. Without their committed service we would be so much the poorer – without the lists and follow up I would be badly exposed! The vestry has again been a pleasure to work with. We have worked as a unified and committed governance group. Thanks for all your efforts.

I want to acknowledge the profound contribution of the CBAB team. Aably led by Vince Neall, they have laboured to get through the bizarre maze of consultants, bureaucracy and public opinion. The work to get to this stage has been immense and it is far from finished. We are grateful to the diocese for specialist assistance and to all who have assisted with fundraising and communication. This is a long journey with no guarantees but we are in the next stage. Please pray for divine favour in council and beyond.

Nigel Dixon

Writing from chair of Vestry and as Vicars warden.

Thanks for the opportunity! It is a privilege to serve this community. It's been a great three years in this role.

One of the most exciting things is how the conversations have changed over this time. It's great being at Vestry as you are the at the hub of information and hearing about all the exciting things that are happening. We are so fortunate to have so many amazing volunteers/ family members out there serving the church. Thank you to the current Vestry for your commitment and service for the last 18 months.

We have seen the benefits of an energized and focused staff team. Nigel continues to push us to look forward and out, away from us and where we could be in Palmerston North.

I'm very blessed to work closely with Nigel, Andrew and Emma. We all bring different

skills, points of view but work well as a team. Thanks to each of you.
It's exciting times ahead.

Daniel Pitchforth

People's Warden AGM Report 2018

It has been a privilege to serve as People's Warden for All Saints over the past 18 months. All Saints has seen a lot of change over this time, including the appointment of Rev. Nigel Dixon as Vicar, and it has been exciting to be part of the growth of our Parish. The staff team has seen considerable change over the last term; I believe we head into this next term blessed and equipped with a competent and confident team that can lead All Saints into what God is calling us to do in this city.

It has been a pleasure to work closely with our vicar Nigel, vicar's warden Dan Pitchforth and Parish Manager Andrew Carson. My sincere thanks to each of them for the work they do, both seen and the many hours behind the scenes.

One of the many privileges of this role has been to see first hand the many and varied ways people so faithfully serve. I am thankful for the generous gifts of time, energy and financial support so many of you freely give. This church does have a relatively large staff team, but All Saints is only able to fulfil its mission through the time and energy that each member of this community offers on a regular basis. The best part of my role has been getting to know more people from each congregation and seeing the many and varied ways the people of All Saints serve God and, through our church, this city. As one united community, I truly believe we have the ability to influence Palmerston North for the better, and I look forward to being part of this over the years to come.

Disability Ministry Annual Report 2018

Franco, Zandra and Vincenzo Vaccarino

We are very blessed to be part of this congregation! New people are joining our services on a regular basis which is great, but we are a bit cramped in the green and red rooms so we will need to explore alternative options for our services. A challenge is that we don't have people to lead sung worship. One of the highlights was our congregation leading the 10am family service on Sunday 8 July 2018 to celebrate Disability Awareness Sunday, with the theme of "See the Able, not the Label". This service was video recorded and will shortly be a resource on the Anglican Social Justice webpage.

At a national level, we continue our leadership role in the Disability Working Group with Archbishop Philip Richardson. In May, General Synod 2018 issued a challenge to the Church to encourage, empower and enable Anglicans with disabilities to fully engage in ministry as well as every part of church life. Motion #15, focusing on "Disability Responsiveness in the Church" was proposed, and accepted.

Mops

Our All Saints' Parish Mothers' of Preschoolers (MoPs) group meets once a term to provide a space for mums with young children to gather and fellowship and hear from God. We have had two evening sessions so far this year and also a daytime farm adventure alongside

all of our children. For our evening sessions we gathered over supper and then moved into a time of worship, which was so amazing without the sweet little distractions of our small children. We then heard from a mum a bit further along in her mothering journey, before finishing up our evenings with praying for one another. Being in the presence of God and each other on these evenings was such a blessing, especially when Sunday church services can be such a busy time for some of us. Thank you to Vicki Unwin for your beautiful leading of worship. Thank you to Claire Davis and Stephanie Parsons for opening up your homes to us this year. Thank you Claire for your leadership during the fantastic farm walk we as a group took our children on in the middle of the year. We look forward to more MoPs opportunities in 2019.

Sarah Hatch

Messy Church

Messy Church is an intergenerational church service which values being Christ-centred, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration. We meet on the first Friday of each month from 4.30 - 6.30pm. We start the evening in the large hall with 45 minutes of activities including craft, science experiments and games. Then we all head through to the Red/Green rooms where we sing together and then our drama team delight us with dramatic retellings and stories that share the heart of the gospel message. Our celebration time is followed by dinner and dessert, gathered around large tables back in the hall. Lastly we have one of the team or the church leadership team share a short reflection with the adults over coffee and tea, while the children watch a short DVD or work on colouring activities.

The All Saints' Messy Church leadership team is a group of eight and each of us work alongside a team of volunteers on each messy church night. I want to take this opportunity to thank the core team of Elaine Carson, Hannah Carter, Prue Drake, Bek Hickman, Raewyn Hunt, Gaye Philpott and Yvonne Pincott. This team is an incredibly hard working and passionate group of people who care so much for others and deeply desire for the gospel to be shared with our amazing families each month. Thank you for the hours you put in to preparing craft, drama, discipleship talks and food for our very special congregation. You are a delight to work with and I am so thankful for your time, energy, support and encouragement.

Messy Church could not happen without the countless volunteers who give up their Friday afternoon/evening once a month. We have a huge team who lend a hand with manning craft tables, running games, providing security, moving tables and chairs, prepping and serving dinner, washing mountains of dishes and getting alongside those on the fringes of our community. Thank you to each and everyone of you who have come in to help us run messy church this year. We are so very grateful to you and very much appreciate you sacrificing your time in order to help us share Christ's love with our community.

Working and learning alongside our core team and our adult volunteers have been a very special group of young people from our Above Average Year 6 -9 Children's Church group. Our Messy Church Junior Leaders have been faithful in serving by helping to run crafts and games for the entire year. Thank you Bethany Alderdice, Meg Chilton, Abigail Hickman, Lizzy Hickman, Te Ahu Roberts and Esther Steer. You are exceptional young people and we are so thankful for your willingness to lend a hand and work hard to ensure the younger members of our congregation enjoy their time at Messy Church.

This year we have had between 105 -136 people attend Messy Church at All Saints' each month.

Sarah Hatch

Children's Church

This year we have run three groups for Children's Church. The smAll saints (Preschool), The tAll saints (Year 1 - 5 school years) and our Above Average group (Year 6 - 9 school years). I am incredibly thankful to our dedicated Children's Church team. Sarah Steer and Elizabeth Wright have done an amazing job in leading the preschool group and Philip Steer has been an incredible leader for our young people in the Year 6 - 9 group. Thank you all so very much for the hours and hours you have put in to making this year so great for the youngest members of our parish family. You have each gone above and beyond with your service for and devotion to teaching and leading in this ministry.

Thank you also to our regular volunteers. Shiree Sahayam has helped Sarah and Elizabeth with tasks that keep life in the smAll saints humming. Thank you also to the parents of children in this group who lend a hand to the wider group while out in smAll saints with their own children.

Thank you to Jo Alderdice, Hannah Carter, Ben Davis, Gina Fermor, David Peel, Miriam Peel, Marianne Simon and Cindy Towers who have supported the children's ministry by helping out with the tAll saints group.

Thank you to Mike Chilton, Andy Hickman, Bek Hickman, Davis Sione and David Unwin who have been a great support to Phil in working alongside him with our Above Average group. Our young people have so appreciated having such a keen and lovely bunch of adults hanging out with and sharing God's love with them.

Our usual format for Children's Church is to gather the children for all-in worship and celebration time then split into our different groups for teaching and activities. During our time together with all of the children in one space we feel they have develop a good sense of belonging and being known by one another. We welcome and celebrate visitors by introducing them and giving them a small gift. We celebrate the birth of new babies and birthdays are made a big deal of. We have introduced live worship to our celebration times instead of singing predominately to action songs on the TV. This started with our song "Jesus loves me" which we learnt in sign language and sang accompanied by the Steer family on their ukuleles. Then in term 3 we began inviting the church worship leaders into our space to lead the children in sung worship. There has been a positive response from the children to this and it has been lovely for them to have the leaders in our space as approachable and fun members of our community.

Each term we have had one or two all-in mornings of teaching and activities for the entire Children's Church group. These days have been ones filled with celebration and fun. We gathered together on Easter Sunday, Pentecost and most recently for All Saints' Day. We have enjoyed these times of community building within the wider Children's Church group.

Each group within the Children's Ministry has seen growth in numbers this year. We have between 30 - 50 children participating in Children's Church per week. We have been excited to see new families join us and to have our children bring their friends to church with them. This growth is wonderful and we are so blessed. As the ministry continues to expand 2019 will bring the exciting challenge of finding spaces for the increasing number of children within our groups. We look forward to continuing on this exciting journey together.

Sarah Hatch, on behalf of the Children's Church team

Sundays @ 5 @ All Saints

We continue to give thanks to God for working in our midst to lead us to be a strong, healthy, innovative and caring Christian community. Our weekly attendance is between 70 and 90 with new people often choosing to stay and become integrated. Members of the congregation are great at engaging new people and caring for regulars.

For another year we have had a full complement of volunteering helpers for the many roles and tasks (between 50 and 60 in any given month).

The focus of this service continues to be:

- A place of Bible teaching and rich choral music within a liturgical framework;
- An inclusive place where people with diverse backgrounds, needs and theology are welcomed and appreciated;
- A place of generous hospitality;
- A place of challenge for people to deepen their spiritual lives and develop a more thoughtful theology;
- A place of sanctuary, healing and oasis;
- A multi-generational worship experience.

Highlights for this year include:

- The innovative services including the mini-series over two Sundays when we and the Parish focussed on the Arts and creativity in worship and the life of the church. We look forward to exploring how this may be extended next year.
- The emphasis Andy Hickman has brought on justice issues and the focus the Green Task Force have brought on environmental issues.
- The hospitality offered by members of the congregation has continued with a monthly meal on a Monday night (20 to 30 attend) and a light meal on the communion Sundays. There is also refreshments on a second Sunday, and other special occasions. A very high proportion of the congregation stay for these. Special thanks to Becky Demchick for organising these.
- The series of four Sundays on spirituality led by Pauline Simonsen.
- Continuing our ministry with children who attend and especially those in the children's choir. The children's choir has about 10 members and the children love being involved in other specific aspects of our liturgical worship alongside adults. A special thanks to Susan Hills for her leadership.
- A special thanks also to Christine Edwards for her leadership in welcoming and integrating new people.
- The office staff are exceptional in their support for the congregation in so many ways, thank you Andrew, your leadership is appreciated.
- The pastoral work has greatly benefitted from the assistance of Kama Weir.
- The congregation is embracing too the re-emergence of the "we are one Parish" focus and the vision that the Vicar has for the Parish. The congregation greatly appreciates the regular involvement of the Vicar in the services.
- Effective communication: regular contact by letter with approximately 200 people on the 5pm mailing list is a great way of staying in touch and letting people know what's happening at 5pm and within the wider parish.

Choir:

The Choir is central to the worship life of the 5pm congregation with a deep spirituality expressed in song, pastoral care and outreach. The adult choir has about 25 regular members and others who join us for special occasions. Sincere thanks to all choristers for their faithful service and for all the tasks and roles associated with this ministry, particularly Chris Bennett who takes care of choir robes and Myra Smith who deputises for Jenny when she's away.

Rev John Hornblow,
Priest for the 5 pm congregation,

10am Worship Team

The 10am worship team consists of a little over 20 faithful musicians and technicians who turn up every Saturday to practise and setup for the 10am service, getting out all the equipment used by the 8am and 10am each week, leading music and all things technical for the 10am service, and tidying it away afterwards so the 5pm service have a nice tidy area to worship in. On the odd occasion we are even allowed to join with the choir for combined services which is always great fun!

I am constantly impressed by how faithful so many people are in serving All Saints week in and week out, and the 10am worship team are no exception. When staff get weeks off for school holidays, the worship team turn up each and every week to quietly (well, sort of) serve, and in particular I need to honour the sound and visual technicians who are vital to enabling the whole congregation to join in.

We are always looking for new team members, and a constant trickle over the last year has been a huge encouragement. The more the merrier. You get over-worked and under-paid (we feed you once or twice a year) but it's lots of fun with a great team of friends.

This has been my 10th year leading the team, and I'm not sure how many I'll be around for, but I look forward to supporting All Saints how ever I can.

Tim

All Saints Youth: "Glory Gang"

It has been an amazing experience being able to work and journey with our crew, watching God being in the midst of the youth that we have worked with this year, a group that seems to be growing with wonder, uncertainty and challenges that teenagers face today. Who am I? What am I doing next year? What do I want to do? These are some of the questions that have come out of our discussions with our youth who find themselves in constant tension with their family, education, friends and now God.

What does God have to do with this? Has been the focus of our year this year is to share of a God who is very inclusive and not exclusive, a God who is gracious, merciful, forgiving. A God who walks, speaks and teaches us through his word. We have been going over the basic

landscape of the Biblical Narrative, giving them a perspective of God's love that encompasses all spheres of their personal tensions, this is with relationships.

It has also been a difficult year, with myself being in fulltime study which meant limiting the engagement with my leaders, this has brought a halt I feel, one that I was expecting in the sense that being relational is about being there, empowering them to grow. We also faced some challenges throughout the year as the youth group began to grow at a rate, beyond our expectations, preparedness and expertise. Here, we needed to re-focus and re-call God back into the mix into why we do what we do, which is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our young people, through words and acts of love. Getting parent buy in's is another challenge, even when we have tried numerous times to engage, out of 57 kids (maximum capacity), we engage with 6-7 parents right now, something we will work on.

Next year, our focus is getting into discipleship, creating a space intimate enough for our leaders to grow into the next phase of leadership, taking on a group of 2-3 kids per group for the entire year making them accountable. This also gives me an opportunity myself to grow in training and equipping my leaders as I too learn from them.

Green Taskforce 2018

Highlights for the year include:

Carbon Offset Planting has continued but at a reduced rate with less than favourable weather at critical times. The generosity of A Rocha has been pivotal in making this happen – many thanks to Keith Young for the support.

All Saint's rebuild, GTF made a submission to the revised plans and continues to engage with the planning process.

Submissions to 10 Year planning cycle for Local Territorial Authorities took place in May. The GTF submitted to both PNCC and Horizons Regional Council encouraging these organisations strongly to give greater emphasis to the need to reduce carbon emissions in order to reach the targets set by central government and international climate agreements. In both cases we made an oral submission to reinforce the message and also to support co-operation between councils as a mechanism to facilitate reduction. The example used was that of bus services where Horizons has responsibility for the buses and PNCC manages the facilities such as the bus station. The submission were well received and the group intends to participate in the annual planning process in 2019.

Subsequently, Robert Gibb has met with MP Iain Lees-Galloway to discuss environmental issues in preparation for the Zero Carbon Act 1st reading.

Care for Creation Month initiated by GTF, was celebrated from 1 September (the Day of Prayer for Creation) and culminating in the feast day of St Francis of Assisi on 4 October.

This is an international celebration, led in the Anglican Communion by Archbishop Justin Welby. Through the month there were several activities for the parish – a planting afternoon, a walking Pilgrimage around parts of Bledisloe Park and Massey University, and Franciscan liturgy at a 5pm service and an Italian meal. Special thanks go to Becky Demchick and Kirsten Holst for organising and preparing the food. The group is hopeful that this will be an annual recognition of our dependence on the living world.

Barbara Arnold
Convenor, Green Task Force

mainly music Report

The past year has proven to be an exciting and busy time for All Saints' mainly music. mainly music's ministry is to pre-schoolers and their caregivers and by extension to their wider families as well. We run a music session and morning tea and play session on a Friday morning and supplement this with extras including an evening session to celebrate Fathers' Day, a parent evening session, and invitations to hang out together especially during the school holidays. We've really enjoyed the challenge of new families joining, sometimes several at one time, and then continuing to come and enjoy our programmes. The chaos of many small people in one space also leads to a community of shared experiences and hopefully to support and acceptance. It has been great to see some of our long-standing families make connections outside of the Friday morning slot, through the 10am Sunday Service, Messy Church and also through outreach in team members' homes. We appreciate the ongoing prayer support of the wider congregation as we endeavour to share God's love to the smallest of those amongst us and to those entrusted with their care. Many thanks to the fantastic team, Dot Costley, Rebekah Craig, Amy Drew, Angela Harper, Sarah Hatch, and Stephanie Parsons who are committed to this ongoing journey. We also have a faithful group of regular helpers who make mainly music able to spread God's blessing to our families: the Hickman family, Carol Kimberley, Lorraine Shaw, Christina Simpson and Shirley Williams.

Sarah Steer, Team Leader, All Saints mainly music

Tertiary Chaplaincy

The All Saints members of the chaplaincy team (Paul & Dianne Stock, Victoria Sibley, Andy Hickman) have a ministry among students at Massey University Chaplaincy Centre. The Centre is a vibrant social hub for a wide spectrum of students, with over 500 students using the Centre every week. We provide hospitality and seek to embody the welcome of God through offering free hot drinks, use of our kitchen, and places to study and relax. Many students view the Centre as a home away from home. It is in this context that ministry occurs as we offer a listening ear, support and advice, and prayer to students on a wide variety of life issues.

Victoria has a significant ministry among International students who are interested in 'English through the Bible'; this involves helping students improve their English by interacting over a biblical story, in this way she meets a need and sows a seed. Dianne has helped facilitate a group for young women wanting support to deal with anxiety (a prevalent issue with students). Paul has facilitated a bible study group in Galatians and now Romans; it is exciting to see the spiritual growth of the participants. Andy has joined the team this year and led the Thursday Eucharist and lunch in the first semester; he has also connected well with the student union where his emphasis on social justice is well received.

Thank you for your prayers and support of the work of All Saints among tertiary students.

Paul Stock
29 October 2018

Sunday 8am Service

The 8am service has the privilege of “warming up the whare” by being the first worshippers to pray and give thanks every Sunday, filling our worship space with adoration and praise to God.

Many of our 8am worshippers are long-standing parishioners whose faithfulness and generosity has provided a bedrock of service and giving to All Saints for all generations to enjoy.

We appreciate the treasures we find in the prayer book, we cherish the deep theological grounding of our hymns and we are enriched by following the rhythm of the church’s liturgical seasons and festivals. We delight in the Eucharist each week, finding in its celebration a deep well of spiritual nourishment.

We are in good heart, our numbers steady if not growing slightly, and we have a great time every Sunday morning!

Sue

Thursday @ 10.00 Eucharist Service.

Strengthening deeper faith relationships with God and each other; in unity & diversity we encourage new awareness of God through Worship, Scripture and Fellowship.

Unity... as we worship as community who care for each other, for the Word and for the Holy Spirit present who dwells in the praises of His people.

Diversity... provided by the variety of wonderful people who:

- lead the service and preside at Eucharist,
- serve with music, provide morning tea, clean-up afterwards,
- care for and visit those who are sick,
- ...and the mystical angels who kindly set out chairs prior to the Service.

On the fourth Thursday of each month at 11.30am a small group gets together to engage with a Bible passage in reflection and discussion, pray for each other and share food together. This time is open to everyone and not simply an extension of the 10.00am Service. All are welcome.

Robyn Appleby,
Congregational Leader for Thursday @ 10.00

St Oswalds

This year St Oswald's Leadership Team have discerned and made some hard decisions. In August the decision was made to let the 10am Service rest for a session. We believe that

God is calling us to something more and joining together at All Saints to worship, learn and grow as a Community and Body of Christ is part of that journey.

At St Oswalds we currently run a Mainly Music Group on Tuesday morning for preschool children and their parents or caregivers. We have a great group of volunteers from both the church and community who offer amazing welcoming, hospitality and friendship during these mornings. Each week we have a 'Think Spot' which is where a team member shares a God moment or something from the devotionals with the group in a simple story. We also sing Grace before our kai (morning tea). Our group enjoy sharing a hot drink and home baking and talking about our weeks together, while the children enjoy fruit and sandwiches.

All year we have had a prayer slot or devoted a day to seek Gods direction for our groups and community. Currently Tuesday Lunch time we have a prayer slot.

On Wednesday we have Playgroup for preschool children and their parents and caregivers. Again, some amazing volunteers help with the running of this group and share hospitality and time with families who come. In the afternoon a group of ladies get together for Craft and Chat Time.

Fortnightly on Friday after school a group of us (from the church and community) get together and share in the process of preparing, cooking, setting up tables, eating and doing the dishes together. While dinner is cooking we have time to paint nails, do some knitting, play some boardgames or kick the ball around. This was started when one of our community families wanted to help others who were struggling for meals. We each bring something to contribute to the meal (a few carrots, a can of tomatoes...) Before we eat our meal we sing or say grace and during the meal we share thankfulness moments from the day or week. It has been a time sharing life together, building relationships and seeing God work in small and big ways as we trust in him.

On Friday nights a group of faithful people share god's love through a bread run. Left over food is picked up from the Just Zilch Group and delivered around Takaro. The Bread Run has been going for almost 4 years. The relationships and opportunities to share with different families through this act of service has been really encouraging.

Currently we are prayerfully building a missional community. From one of the books I have read lately, *"WE are designed to not only live in community but also to be at our most fruitful. It should come as no great surprise to discover that we will usually be most effective missionally when we go with others. Put simply, we go as a community, inviting people into community."* We are really excited about what God has put on our heart and the people he is leading us to.

This is on our hearts... Vision: For Takaro to know God whole heartedly. Mission: To create God's family in Takaro by seeking God and sharing life together.

Vaughan and Marg Barsanti

Collective Experiment

Collective Experiment is a group of young adults who meet weekly on a Thursday evening to share a meal, chat about their weeks and have discussions on a range of topics before praying with one another. We started the year with a series on interactions and conversations with Jesus. During the mid semester break we stayed for a weekend at Ngatiawa River monastery where we were invited to join in with the prayer rhythms of those who live there, hear some of their stories, learn a bit about living in an intentional faith community and enjoy spending quality time with each other, all while playing games and eating good food. The second semester we read through a book called 'Knowing the Good and Beautiful God' by James Bryan Smith. This resulted in some really cool conversations around the nature of God, spiritual disciplines and looked at our own personal walks with God. It's been a real joy journeying with these guys and we look forward to seeing what the next year holds for them.

Dave and Vicki Unwin

St Columba Linton

We continue to faithfully meet together for fellowship, worship and learning. This past year we have been blessed with the teaching of Debbie from our own congregation who has challenged us to share the gospel in our everyday situations. We also have invited speakers who uplift and encourage us in our Christian walk. The Music worship led by Lesley is always an uplifting start to our Sunday morning service.

Twice a month on our Sunday services we follow the recorded teachings of David Jeremiah, Charles Price and Brett McBride. The first Sunday of the month is our famous Country Breakfast which is always well attended and many extra folk from town come out to enjoy fellowship with us.

Outside of Sunday service we often meet for coffee and a chat. The annual car Rally is gaining notoriety (we have only lost one car to date).

Members of our church are active volunteers in the local community, supporting the Linton Country School, visiting Manawatu prison, driving for the Social Work Trust and St Johns Ambulance. The cleaning and maintenance of St Columba church is all done on a voluntary basis. We are very blessed to have many willing workers to keep our church and community running smoothly.

Our prayer warriors meet faithfully on a Monday night, come rain, hail or shine. Many answers to prayer have been thankfully celebrated.

It has been a privilege to be Vestry Rep for this great little church at Linton.

Carol Irvine

All Saints Parish Palmerston North Vestry Nominations

These are the people who have been nominated for Vestry at All Saints.

They have all been nominated and seconded by people on the All Saints Roll and signed that they are willing to take on this roll if elected.

Emma Costley (Peoples' Warden)

Barbara Arnold (Synod Rep)

Douglas Coles (Synod Rep)

Isaac Hatch

Vicki Unwin

Jenny Hornblow

Robert Gibb

Mike Sahayam

Odette Barsanti (St Oswalds Rep)

tbc (St Columbas Rep)

As the number of nominations do not exceed the numbers allowed as Vestry members there is no need for a ballot at the AGM.

If you have serious concerns about anyone on this list please talk to the Vicar or one of the Wardens.

Dan Pitchforth has been agreed to be Vicar's Warden for 2019.