

**ST MATTHEW'S**

**AGM REPORTS**

**MARCH 29TH**

**2020**

## Vicar's Report

Thank-you for staying for Part one of the AGM today. This is the first time myself or St Matthew's has held the AGM in two parts. The prime reason is so that the early elections can mean that vestry becomes established at the beginning of the year for the full year. The second part will look at finances and reports from the many parish groups. As we have an end of year December balance date the annual accounts are not yet ready.

As Lance and I stay here we feel more and more part of the church and wider community and its great. I love our home – and the peace it offers us and hopefully many others while we live there.

I appreciate the way our parish has become quite established at wearing name tags – I am sure it has helped each other as well as new people who join us. Thank-you.

Increasingly my heart is in parish life, consequentially I stepped down as Archdeacon and encouraged Terry Ellis to take it up. It felt very good to make the change. He comes to me for supervision and he offers the parish the leadership of the holiday programme

However General Synod elected me on the national council for Anglican Women's Studies with the promise that it doesn't involve too much, even though I'm one of two pakeha representatives. I realise this commitment is mainly around an annual hui every year – and this last year each tikanga had their own hui! I went as the NZ rep to Tonga for a week (Evelini comes from Tonga and Nai from Fiji who has visited us for ABM and House of Sarah). It is an excellent opportunity for me to experience the three tikanga of our church. It was a last minute request to attend and I'm very appreciative of Lynnley who created a wall hanging for me to present as a gift and to Lance for holding the fort back here.

Geoff and Gayle have moved back to our community, buying a house in town. However Geoff is now committed every Sunday to taking services at Te Aroha or Waihi beach – hence we may see them around during the week but not in the weekends

With the pending departure of the Maxwell's, Mary and I have been reflecting and praying about the shape of the children/youth ministry in our church this year and beyond. A number of families have recently had baptisms and are actively linked with our Sunday worship in different ways but often only one or two families comes on any particular Sunday. We would appreciate hearing ideas from you. At this stage we are planning a family night once a term. The first being this coming Friday!!!!

It has been great welcoming new people and getting to know others a little more. Elizabeth and Ian Penny come to us after an active role in Raetihi parish where Elizabeth ministered as a priest. We hope she will soon receive a license to minister in this parish.

Our office hours are dependent on a number of volunteers. Beverley and Diane maintain a regular commitment to Tuesdays. With Janice and Barbara both undergoing back surgery during the year resulting in the other days and the computer work for Sunday services being a little more in flux. Janice does a great deal from home and Barbara plans to return to the office on Fridays this year.

Our Fridays are certainly a busy day in our parish – a hive of activity thanks to Jean's hospitality, Raewyn and Vi at the op shop and the various church cleaners.

I have enjoyed working with the vestry and the Ministry Team and all those involved in our Sunday services. Thank-you. Not being musical myself I'm particularly indebted to our organists David, David and Anne.

I want to acknowledge with great appreciation all who give their time and talents to the parish in so many different ways.

Val Riches

Vicar

## The Wardens Report for St Matthews Church 2019

It is with pleasure that Lynnley and Jacky present the wardens report of 2019. St Matthews's church continues to hold centre stage in the Anglican Christian centre of Morrinsville. We acknowledge and support the diversity of our community with numerous events and activities. Our lives are constantly full of change which is reflected in the mechanism of our church.

The Loaves and Fishes are the first example of change. It has gone from a bi-monthly magazine to a quarterly issue. The renting of the vicarage created robust discussion but it is now proficiently rented out and overseen by Roger Miers.

Many volunteers take an active role in the life of our church, however many of them have had significant health issues. St Matthews prayerfully support these parishioners and welcome them back to their roles once they are feeling able.

The Motion-7 meeting was well represented by vestry and church participants. It created a very mindful and purposeful discussion which was acknowledged by the facilitators.

In January 2019, the parish camp was held at Hikumutu. 2019 was also the first year of the older youth group, titled 'BK'. To the other side of the Age **continuum** the Selwyn Centre has continued to flourish. They have had successful and valuable interaction with other groups; we look forward to reading about this in their report at the next part of the AGM. We also look forward to reading other reports from the life of ST Matthew's.

Sadly, due to structural deterioration, the spire situated beside the church, had to be removed. We are indebted to all the hard work and coordination that Roger Miers did with this huge job. The aesthetic change was noted by many members of the Morrinsville community.

We welcome the many faces that have joined our parish in the last year

and who have enriched our Sunday service. We would like to acknowledge the beautiful Baptisms of Matilda and Otis, Ava and Lily. We also held the funerals and celebrated the lives of Dell, Miriam, Margaret, Thomas, Dennis, Jennie, Ethel and Brian. It was with regret we farewelled Martha King Tamihana to Christchurch. We also acknowledge Peter Maxwell who is stepping down from the synod role. He has been a stalwart in this role, just one of his many contributions to our church life.

During Lent we linked up with a live pod-cast from the States which involved 5 international speakers. In October we celebrated 60 years of the churches construction. The sparkling clean church looked amazing with beautiful flower arrangements, the Archbishop being present in brand new Warehouse clothes due to his keys being locked in his office!

Our choir again made a special contribution. The vestry finished off the morning by providing a very tasty lunch. At Easter, Matamata received their new vicar and Val stopped having responsibilities there. That alongside the 3-4 people she supervises makes a significant contribution to the parish finances

The Christmas Carol Service, ably led by Aerial McCracken, was a community highlight. It was wonderful to see a cross section of people filling St Matthews coming together to celebrate Christmas with music. The Lone Men's Christmas lunch also extended further to people other than on our parish role and we welcomed them to an afternoon of fine food, music and conversation.

Finally our heartfelt thanks go to Rev Val and Lance Riches for their ever presence in our church. Their energy levels that they bring to their diverse roles within our church are eminent. While Val ably continues with her responsibilities, we must acknowledge Lance's pastoral support of Rhoda Reid, Selwyn Centre and other requests. The invaluable role of the ministry team and church members is interwoven with them as leaders.

Lynnley McKenzie and Jacky Hutchings

February 2020

## Treasurers report for AGM booklets

Full report provided at AGM

2019 has seen an increase in the regular giving, and with some significant contributions towards special projects, the loss for the year is not as large the budget presented at last year's AGM, it is still our 5 straight year of a loss. The budget had included an allowance for repairs, and so far, we have been fortunate that we have not had to spend anything significant. The 2020 Budget again shows a large deficit. The coverage Val provided for Matamata during the 2019 year reduced this year's deficit.

<b>Financial Summary for the year</b>	<b><u>2017</u></b>	<b><u>2018</u></b>	<b><u>2019</u></b>
Regular Giving	75,913	62,138	67,685
Other Income	23,293	34,664	42,190
Total Income	<u>99,206</u>	<u>96,801</u>	<u>109,875</u>
Total Expenses	<u>102,449</u>	<u>105,906</u>	<u>119,942</u>
Parish Loss for year	<u>-3,243</u>	<u>-9,104</u>	<u>-10,067</u>

### Other Ways to help

#### FlyBuys

If you don't have a flybuys card of your own, let me know, and I'll get you a church one.

The flybuys collected on behalf of St Matthews in the last year have been converted to petrol vouchers.

#### Tax Rebate

The new IRD system makes it really easy to claim back 33% of your cash donations. I'm happy to help get some cashback for you. You can either keep the rebate or donate it straight back to St Matthews.

#### Bequests

You could leave a legacy for St Matthews in your will.

More on this at the AGM.

**Rodney McKenzie**  
Treasurer

## **FAMILY FELLOWSHIP REPORT – March 2019 – March 2020**

**March 2019:** 12 present at Meeting. AAW service. Catholic Women's League Conference invite 22/23<sup>rd</sup> March. Lance Riches shared his experiences (with slides) at the Tombstone Ranch in Colorado, USA.

**April 2019:** 13 present. AGM chaired by Vicar Val Riches. Family Fellowship Report as presented to the AGM was tabled. Votes of thanks to Rachael as Treasurer and Val for chairing meeting. Sheryl Glover, Editor of Morrinsville News spoke of her interesting and varied life & start of the Morrinsville News.

**May 2019:** 16 present. AAW service. Isabel Longdill shared memories of her childhood and how St. Matthew's and Family Fellowship have changed over the years.

**June 2019:** 12 present. AAW Service. Martin Todd (Anne's son) spoke about the Masonic Lodge. Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June Mid-Winter Christmas Concert.

**July 2019:** 10 present. AAW Service. Michael Brown with his experiences in England in 2<sup>nd</sup> W.W. years.

**August 2019:** 12 present. AAW service. Bill Mace spoke about The Men's Shed. 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion of Church on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September.

**September 2019:** 12 present. AAW service. 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion of Church on 15<sup>th</sup> with Archbishop Phillip to preach at 10 a.m. service. Family Fellowship to provide finger food dessert for the special lunch after the service. Carole Greenville spoke of her life & her 50 years at St. Matthew's as part of our community.

**October 2019:** 8 present. AAW service., \$100 is Family Fellowship contribution to food for the Morning Tea at Parish Fair. Eric Balvert spoke about St. John Ambulance Service.

**November 2019:** 15 present AAW service. Parish Fair made \$5,500 ..... thanks to all. Made Christmas decorations & "catchup"!

**December 2019:** 11 present. AAW service. Community Carol Service on 4<sup>th</sup> December well attended & collection for Men Alone Christmas Dinner on 19<sup>th</sup>. Deacon Ethel Luke's funeral on 4<sup>th</sup> December. Played Christmas game.

**February 2020:** 5 present. AAW service. AGM for St. Matthew's Part 1 (election of Officers & Wardens) after 10 a.m. service Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February. Games.

Family Fellowship meets on 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month in the Hub. Meeting starts at 11.30 a.m. followed by lunch (bring along own) and speaker or activity. New members are very welcome to join us. Some members belong to Association of Anglican Women but this is NOT obligatory. Raffle each meeting \$2/ticket and usually a Sales Table (proceeds for the Overseas & Outreach of A.A.W).

Margie Thomas.

## **St Matthew's Church Brass Cleaners Annual Report March 2020**

Brass-cleaning can be a very soothing and rewarding task and forms a valuable service behind the scenes at St. Matthews. Our brass is polished every fortnight of the year, by a willing team of dedicated workers on a roster system. This usually takes about an hour and a half and each person's turn on the roster comes approximately 6 times a year.

In August I compile a new roster for the following 12 months and notify the team members accordingly.

The Parish of St. Matthews would like to extend its thanks to those dedicated people who work behind the scenes polishing our brass. We really appreciate the help you are giving in preparing our Church for services. If anybody else feels that they would be interested in joining us to carry out this worthwhile service, please contact Ariel McCracken on 027 2945 139 or leave your name in the Church Office.

Ariel.



## **KFCC report 2019.**

Anne Murfitt has been a brilliant help with running this group over the past year.

We started the year with a smaller group as the older ones 'moved up' to BK (Bible Kids) .

The theme was Everywhere Prayer.

We did plenty of that, starting with a treasure hunt at Howie Park during a Friday in March and then finding out this was the day which changed the world forever in Christchurch.

Being a smaller group, we were easily able to get out and about. We took eats to share with others at the Skate Park, we did a couple of eco trips to Thomas Park collecting rubbish and we enjoyed sharing muffins with the workmen along Studholme St by the bridge. We had a picnic in the vicarage garden before it was rented out and made a big mobile of vine leaves for the hall.

In November we again made up gift packages of toiletries for the mums at Kid's First Whanau Centre at Anglican Action. Thanks to Anne and Suzanne for delivering these.

My thanks to Val for the many times she stepped into the breach when I was away last year.

In future, the concept of a young people's group will morph into a family fun shared mealtime, as meeting on the last day of a week is not easy - for helpers or youngsters.

Mary Maxwell

## Worship Report

In our parish there have been three regular weekly services. The 8am on Sunday morning, usually lead by Rev Lance Riches with a number of different preachers. It has a regular gathering and although it is a traditional Prayer book service there is an informality about it as we all gather in the lounge chairs in the Lady Chapel. Often the space is well filled and there is a little catch-up with one another after the service.

The 10am service is produced on a power point which offers opportunities to vary the service. Early within the service there is time to connect through sharing news and a little later a time of quiet reflection while people have the opportunity to light a candle and say a silent pray. This service is welcoming of all ages and younger members are welcome to move in and out of the Lady Chapel – which is now set up with activity sheets and toys. Even when children are busy in there it's amazing how often they will tune in to the service when the communion is being celebrated. Another characteristic is the involvement of so many people through the service – both on a roster basis and those who want to volunteer at the time (eg children putting the candles out)

On the third Sunday of the month Anne Connolly-Munt has worked hard to have a choir participate in the service – both leading the congregational hymns and offering some of their own. Alongside Anne we have been very fortunate to have David Dyer and David Brookes share the load of playing for the services. There is a real need to encourage some others to come forward and play.

Over the last year there has been a significant push to wear nametags and I believe it has made a great difference as we connect with one another – especially the new people who venture in to the service and decide to join us. The service flows on to the cuppa in the Hub but we have often taken our name tags off by then!!

Midweek we have our 10am communion service. This is a communion service which Rev. Lindsay Wright has chosen. We have appreciated his leadership of this service alongside a number of committed lay people including Ariel McCracken and Trish Shannon who are now playing the music for us since Anne has had to stand down. Lindsay offers a great vocal lead. Traditionally he begins the service with a joke or two and then we move into

the worship followed by a cuppa and fellowship at the back of the church. I have enjoyed attending and simply being present. However he has suggested that he needs to retire from this regular commitment.

After the dust of Covid 19 settles it will be amazing to worship together again. I wonder what it will be like, will we simply slip back into how it was or will it all feel different, will we be together for Pentecost or not .... the questions continue to rise. Over this time of non-meeting there have been opportunity to connect with a number of worship events online – through zoom or facebook and such like. With many of us not proficient with more than emails I have continued to provide a simple service emailed to you all. For those without email it must be even harder and I hope there are some programmes on TV such as “Praise Be” that helps with your worship over this time.

Val Riches

## **Chaplaincy Report**

It is significant that the medical profession regards spirituality as a complimentary part of the healing. For that reason, there is an opening for chaplains to be present in our places of care which includes our local Rhoda Reid Hospital. Representing an ecumenical position for the first half of this last year Martha Tamatea-King and I (Lance Riches) have continued in that role at Rhoda Reid. Visiting on different days of the week we would engage with most of the residents both long and short term in its care. Once a month we took a short communion service in their lounge with about a dozen people attending

Martha’s departure to Christchurch was noticed with the loss of the presence of both a Maori woman along with her musical ability in the services. More recently Elizabeth Penny (a priest who has moved into town upon retirement) has been appointed to the position alongside myself giving compliment to the gender presence.

With the arrival of Covid 19 we are for the foreseeable future discontinuing discretionary visits in line with government policy. A necessary step but sadly depriving residents of the availability of a listening ear or a spiritual reassurance independent of the medical profession

Lance Riches

## Morrinsville Selwyn Care Report for 2020 Parish AGM

I want to start by thanking St Matthew's Parish for hosting our Selwyn Care group.

We have a great group who meet weekly. We average about 16 to 17 guests per session (*last year we were averaging 12-13 at the same time of year*), although we have over 20 people on our roll. Due to the fact we may have several guests leave at once or start at once we need to be flexible. We cannot fit more than twenty guests in the Hub during exercise time.

I really enjoy working alongside all the volunteers, we make a great team. Even though we have ten volunteers we normally have six or seven per session (*same as last year*). When we need extra help, other people are roped in, mainly from our church.

Lance Riches is our ZIC, and he seems to know exactly what I want. If anyone has a problem, Lance is the best listener I know. I was so glad he was able to attend our SC conference in Auckland with me. Lance and I work in the hall of the Hub and run most of the activities. Penny Martyn often helps here but if help is needed in the kitchen she will work there.

Carole Greenville takes charge of all the buying and leadership in the kitchen. She also has weekly jokes for us. We always have great morning teas. Carole cooks sausage rolls and Janice bakes scones, plus what others provide.

Janice Thorne does the roll book, cash book and also does as much work for SC at her home as she does at the centre (I suspect more). Janice has taken over sending the monthly statistics to Auckland. I write and email all notices to her. She re-sizes them and prints them as well as taking our minutes from our monthly meetings. I was having trouble keeping track of birthdays, so Trish has taken over and colours a card for each person.

We are able to do more than the \$4 a week people pay due to the generosity of some people. Each week Jean provides us with a loaf. Jean is always smiling as with many of the other volunteers, Shantal Borisov has joined the kitchen team and she always has a smile.

Gayle Lamason and Elizabeth Penny are both stand-by people, who seem to be able to help more often than not.

Andrew Allen and Ken Parker are regular drivers.

Most sessions are held at the Hub where each week we have a range of both passive and active activities. We hosted and then visited Chartwell SC. Two choirs, Pavarotti and the Morrinsville Community Singers, have come on several occasions. A real treat was when Edith Crisp played the piano with her sister, then her sister played the harp.

We did a session on eating well by Margit from Age Concern. Countdown and New World Supermarkets came and spoke with us.

We had two big successful trips, the first to Firth Tower in Matamata and the second to Hamilton Gardens,

A policeman spoke to us about scams. Two women from the BNZ spoke to us and explained how we will manage in a cheque-less society.

We visited our local library and were well looked after at the Lyceum Club during their art week.

A woman from Waikato Falls Prevention spoke and exercised with us. The week before the Church Fair we went to the Methodist church hall and Jan from Tai Chi had us exercising.

I nearly forgot about the funeral director, Matthew Sadlier, coming. I was sorry I had to miss that session.

We also visited the Moxon Centre in Cambridge.

At the end of the year I asked the guests what they wanted from our programme. I was told a similar programme. Was a bit worried I may run out of things to do but that has not happened.

The parish SC committee has changed. We now have Lance, Rodney, Carole and instead of Val (who was too busy) Chris Hutchings. He has already shown an interest in what we do.

I am looking forward to again being part of our Selwyn Care group as the co-ordinator.

Mary Allen

## **Song and Dance report for AGM March 2020**

Over the last year we have had a regular group of home based child-carers who bring their little ones for 1 1/2 hours of music, singing, rhythm and play. A couple of these women have been coming for the past 10 years or more, with their own children and now with those they provide wraparound care for. Other mums come too but are less regular.

Our average attendance over the year has been 14 children and 6- 8 adults.

We are very appreciative that Lynne Doughty has joined our team and for a season we had a young Indian woman helping - it helped her gain confidence in English too.

When we need extra help we have been very grateful to Margie for stepping up.

Huge thanks to Racheal who started this programme in 2004! The children adore coming. They revel in consistency and knowing the pattern of how each week will run.

We *all* now wash our hands very thoroughly before morning tea as a way of minimising the spread of unwanted bugs.

Lynne, Rachael and Mary.

## **St Matthew's Listening and Care Group – Annual Report 2019**

It gives me great pleasure to present another Annual Report of the Care and Listening Group.

The work I do on a Friday morning is reaching out to people giving them a cup of tea or coffee with a biscuit. Also, to listen to people who want someone to talk with and we have some interesting conversations.

I also support the Op-Shop Ladies who do a good job each Friday.

I would like to thank Vicar Val and Lance, also Deacon Mary Maxwell for their support. Also, thanks to Anne Connolly-Munt who kindly brings in lovely home baking some Friday Mornings. I'd also like to thank Isabel Longdill who is willing to help on days I am unable to be there.

Also, thanks to parishioners who are regular visitors on a Friday. I thank you all for your support.

God bless.

Jean Richards

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## **Op-Shop Report for AGM 2020**

In these uncertain times it is not an easy write. But we have had a good year, our customers are very appreciative of our cheaper prices compared to other Op Shops.

Unfortunately, we have had to close until further notice, but hoping won't be too long. Thanks to Jean and everyone who helps, Anne for her cooking, and Allan who butters it, also to Nane who helps also Lynn.

We will miss you all.

Vi and Raewyn.