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PARISH PROFILE

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Executive Summary

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Hamilton is a central church, situated in Claudelands across the river from the CBD. It is a church with a long history having been established in 1885. Today our parishioners come from all parts of the city, are increasingly diverse and are spread across the theological spectrum. We are a parish with two congregations, a Kiwi congregation and a Korean congregation. Worship and pastoral care for the Korean congregation are the responsibility of a Korean speaking minister who is part of the ministry team. The two congregations regularly interact and share together.

The church building was closed in mid-2017 and is currently undergoing earthquake strengthening. We have a modern community and conference centre called 'The Link' with a commercial cafe attached. The Link is providing an excellent worship space during the church closure.

The minister (and any family) are housed in rental accommodation, chosen to meet their particular needs.

St Andrew's is known as a friendly and welcoming congregation. We are conscious of the challenges of being church in a changing society and look to God for his leading on our journey. We invite you to read this Parish Profile prayerfully.

Parish Profile

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church has a long history. We are a parish within the Kaimai Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand (PCANZ). The parish is located in Hamilton in the North Island of New Zealand. The following parish profile tells about our visions for our future, our location, our history, and our current congregation which includes speakers of a number of different languages and cultures.

Parish Mission and Vision

St Andrew's Mission Plan 2017 - 2022 states that our mission is "To worship and work with God in the world." Together we seek to know, and make known, the opportunity for reconciliation to God through Christ. We strive to explore new ways, and to be inclusive and ecumenical in outlook, supportive and encouraging of each other in action, and sensitive and responsive to the needs of those who live within this city. We celebrate diversity of language and culture and seek to bear witness to the kingdom of God in our world.

Our vision is based around a bridge metaphor: "A bridge to the city... where love and friendship meet." Just as a bridge across the Waikato River links the Church and city, we see St Andrew's as a bridge joining people together: connecting, caring, and learning about Jesus Christ.

St Andrew's supports Christian World Service, Presbyterian Support Northern (as a Family Works Angel) and a number of local organisations. We regularly make submissions to local and national government on legislation and policies. Collectively, our sense of direction and clarity of mission continues to evolve. Our leadership is based on influencing rather than directing parishioners. We encourage parishioners to participate in decision making groups, study groups and social activities. St Andrew's has a strong sense of community. Our parishioners and elders demonstrate real concern for one another. We share a lively faith and enjoy worshipping together.

St Andrew's has good relationships with the wider Church at local and national levels. We are active in Kaimai Presbytery, including the Hamilton Cluster Group, and General Assembly and we have good relationships with other churches within Hamilton. We have supported Presbyterian churches in Christchurch and have links to the Presbyterian Church of Korea.

Parishioners appreciate a relatively traditional worship style at St Andrew's, but with mostly modern hymns and some YouTube clips. Occasionally we have informal services. We are happy to experiment with new worship styles.

We have a strong community of committed older people. Our challenge is attracting and retaining families and young adults. We recognise that we need to find ways of attracting people in these age groups, whether to regular church or another type of faith community. We are working to activate our vision of being "a bridge to the city... where love and friendship meet."

The Link

The Link is a modern community centre and conference facility which opened on 4 December 2010. The Link was planned to provide meeting facilities for the parish and for community and corporate groups. Typically, The Link is used by up to 500 people per week.

The Link comprises a variety of halls and lounges which are available for seminars and small conferences. A media room is incorporated within the complex. The venue is being well utilised by commercial companies, non-profit community organisations and by St Andrew's. It can be used for weddings, receptions and after- funeral functions. The Church offices are located in The Link and include two ministers' offices, reception/secretary's office and an office for The Link manager.

The income from The Link makes a significant financial contribution to the parish. During the period of closure of the church since October 2017 for earthquake strengthening, all worship services have taken place in the Link. The Link has a separate web site, see: <http://thelink.org.nz>

The Café

The Kirk Café became a reality in January 2017. The resource consent permits 7-day trading (Mon-Sat 7 am to 4 pm and Sunday 10 am to 4 pm). A professional experienced café operator is managing a successful business and co-operates with the parish and the needs of the congregation. The café provides refreshments for public Coffee Evenings on current issues and caters for our pancake breakfasts on Shrove Tuesday. A possibility being considered is the use of the café for Café Church.

A benefit of the café is the opportunity to bring passers-by and neighbours on-site and build their familiarity with St Andrew's. At times of crisis or spiritual searching, they will know that St Andrew's is there for them.



Who We Are

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church has a long history, which makes us who we are today. This section describes our physical location, our history, and the current state of our parish.

Hamilton City

Hamilton sits on both banks of the Waikato River and is New Zealand's largest inland city (population 169,500). According to Stats NZ estimates, Hamilton's population is 55% Pākehā/European, 21% Māori, 18% Asian and 5% Pasifika. It is forecast to grow 1.2% per year over the next 30 years. Despite its growth, Hamilton's roads are not seriously congested. The completion of the ring roads by 2021 will make it very easy to get around the city.

Hamilton's economy revolves around the dairy industry because of the Waikato region's moderate climate – warm summers and cool winters. Education and research also feature in the local economy. The University of Waikato, Waikato Institute of Technology (WINTEC), and a few large employers in the area are responsible for much of New Zealand's innovation in agriculture. Gallagher's International headquarters are located in Hamilton. Hamilton is also noted for its beautiful public gardens and for having one of the largest shopping complexes in the country.

The Waikato Museum, Hamilton Zoo, annual events such as Balloons over Waikato, Hamilton Gardens Arts Festival, and the National Agricultural Fieldays, contribute cultural colour to the area. Culture is also influenced by increasing recognition of tāngata whenua ("people of the land" or indigenous people). In particular, the Tainui tribe is one of the largest land-owners in Hamilton.

Approximately 50 suburbs comprise Hamilton. St Andrew's Church is located in Claudelands, adjacent to Hamilton East. These suburbs link the University of Waikato to the CBD and include areas zoned for high density residential accommodation, therefore housing a mobile population of students and others. The area is also home to people in residential care facilities and half-way homes. There are many churches in the vicinity – Presbyterian, Anglican (Cathedral), Roman Catholic (Cathedral), Baptist, Methodist, Apostolic and various community churches that use school halls. There is also a mosque within the general area serviced by St Andrew's.

Kaimai Presbytery, PCANZ

St Andrew's is within the jurisdiction of the Kaimai Presbytery. The Kaimai Presbytery includes Waikato and Bay of Plenty Presbyterian, Co-Operating, and Union congregations. Of the 55 parishes in the Kaimai Presbytery, ten are in Hamilton. Within the presbytery, small groups, called Mission Clusters, meet to support and resource each other between the two presbytery meetings each year. The Hamilton churches make up one Mission Cluster.

History

St Andrew's parish was established in 1885. By 1912, it had grown so big that it was split into three parishes, one of which continued as St Andrew's. The church purchased land on River Road and constructed our current neo-gothic church building, which was consecrated on 1 February 1914. The building is listed as a Hamilton heritage site. It seats 350 and we love its interior woodwork and its historic Croft pipe organ.

George Croft of Auckland built the organ that was first played at the 1928 Christmas services. It underwent a full restoration in 1988 to ensure that it maintained its status as one of Croft's finest examples. This majestic instrument was especially popular for weddings.

The 1950s and 60s were boom years for St Andrew's. Membership reached 1000, women became Elders in the 1970s, and the church hosted numerous activities. In 1955, St Andrew's opened a church centre with two halls, a kitchen, Sunday school rooms, and offices.

In the 1980s, St Andrew's became involved with refugee resettlement. By the 1990s our involvement with other cultures had morphed into a culturally diverse parish structure. In 1995, a group of Korean parishioners established the Hamilton Korean Church within St Andrew's. This church functions within and as part of St Andrew's, sharing a single Parish Council. We believe this organisational arrangement is unique in New Zealand. In 1999, church members visited Korea, developed a deep appreciation of the culture, and confirmed partnership with Baek Yang Ro Presbyterian Church in Pusan. Both Korean and Kiwi members of St Andrew's are active in the NZ – Republic of Korea Friendship Society in Hamilton.

Over the last hundred years, St Andrew's has inducted nine ministers. The longest term was 21 years and the shortest was four years. Since 1995, we have had Korean ministers primarily serving the Korean speaking members.



Recent History

The Parish Council was formed from the amalgamation of the Session and the Board of Managers in the early 1980s and there have been several structural reviews of the Parish Council over recent years. Following a review of the Parish Council structure in 2014, St Andrew's again changed its governing structure and changed the term that elders serve, from life to 3 years, with the option to be re-elected.

Since May 2014, various people have led worship and provided pastoral care during the current vacancy. The Rev. Ken Wall began a Transitional Ministry on 1 October 2015 and continues in that role.

Congregation Profile

St Andrew's draws people from across the city and the surrounding districts, more so than from notional parish boundaries (as is the typical nature of city churches). The majority of members live along the East side of the Waikato River towards the North. Some members reside in residential eldercare facilities.

November 2019 parish statistics include 141 members and 87 associate members. Average attendance at English language worship services is about 55 and for the Korean language services, it is about 40. Attendance is slightly higher at our communion services and other "special" services.

Members include individuals from families with longstanding connections to St Andrew's, many retired people, some family groups, Pacific Island and Asian migrants (including about 40 Koreans), tertiary students (mostly Korean), and business and professional people. We are aware of an age imbalance and the difficulty of attracting and retaining young people and young families. At June 2019 there were six youth (13 to 17 years old) and 12 other children (under 13), mostly Korean.

We have a Korean minister who leads Korean language worship every Sunday and Wednesday. Rev Ham Tae Ju, a New Zealand resident and a fully ordained minister of the PCANZ. He is the fourth Korean minister to serve our Korean congregation. His ministry began in 2009 with the support of church congregations in Korea. We have regular combined bi-lingual Kiwi-Korean services, usually followed by a shared meal.



Finances

Our Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2019, which can be read [here](#), shows a net cash operating surplus of \$14,749, and a net operating deficit after depreciation of -\$8,251.

Our parish has the good fortune that ...

*nearly 45% of gross operating income is derived from The Link, rather than needing to rely almost entirely on donations.

*The Link contributed \$73,986 cash to offset against church expenses after meeting all its own share of expenses.

*At 30th June 2019, working capital assets exceeded working capital liabilities by approximately \$15,000, or by 9.8% as a percentage of total assets.

Both the 2019 income and 2020 income years had, or have, budgeted net cash operating surpluses.

*The 2019 budgeted surplus of \$7,625 was exceeded by approximately \$7,000.

*The 2020 net cash surplus is budgeted to be \$1,036, the decrease mainly being due to an allowance for extra repairs and maintenance.

Work on Stage 1, to improve the seismic strength of the church building to at least 50% new building standards, is anticipated to commence in late 2019; with the budgeted cost being fully funded.

This work is expected to be completed in 2020, when we will seek new valuations for our buildings and contents. The most recent valuations (for insurance purposes) are:

*\$2,715,000 for the church building;

*\$3,765,000 for The Link building; and

*\$1,038,000 for the church organ and other contents.

The 2018 Government Valuation of our land is \$1,590,000.

Organisational Structure

St Andrew's is governed by one Parish Council comprising both our ministers and elders elected for a term of three years. The Parish Council elects a Parish Clerk and Associate Parish Clerk. Parish Council meets monthly (but not normally in January).

The Parish Council assigns seven committees (whose members are elders or other parishioners) to address aspects of the life and mission of the Parish. These committees meet monthly and make monthly reports to the Parish Council. The Terms of reference of the Worship, Social & Ecumenical Action, Kiwi-Korean Liaison, Pastoral Care, Christian Education, Church Life, and Resource Management Committees can be found [here](#).

In addition to these seven committees, several ad-hoc groups exist. They operate quite independently.

The **Church Library Committee** manages the excellent library which is open at morning tea time on Sundays.

The **Mini Movers** group provides outreach – music, play, and socialising - to families with young children.

Indoor bowls involving both Kiwi and Korean and from both within and beyond St Andrew's is played weekly.

The **Women's Group** meets monthly for a programme of activities and fellowship.

The **Busy Men's Breakfast** provides an opportunity for men from within and beyond St Andrew's to meet, eat and listen to a speaker together.



Did you know?

You are welcome at these happenings in The Link organised by St Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

Monday @ 9.30 am : Mini Movers for Pre-schoolers

Tuesday @ 9.30 am : Indoor Bowls

3rd Tuesday of month : Women's Group—phone church office for details

Wednesday @ 1.30 pm : Communion

Last Wednesday of month @ 7.00 am : Men's Breakfast

Sunday @ 9.30 am English and **11.30 am Korean**

Worship & Programmes for children/teenagers

Rev Ken Wall 0213212721 & **Rev Ham Tae Ju** 0210445192

Children are welcome to enjoy the playground beside The Link under adult supervision.

Further information available from church office :
phone 854 9737 or www.standrewshamilton.org.nz

For Link bookings call in or phone Manager on 855 3190.

Hamilton Korean Church within St Andrew's

The Hamilton Korean Church functions within and as part of St Andrew's Presbyterian Church in an organisational arrangement still acknowledged as unique in New Zealand. Korean membership fluctuates according to immigration policy and the exchange rate. While less than its peak a decade ago it remains fairly constant at about 40-50. SPANZ – Spring 2015 – records the celebration of the first 20 years of our partnership. The quarter century will be celebrated in February 2020.

In November 2007, the Race Relations Commissioner (in the Human Rights Commission) recognised St Andrew's for the inclusion of the Hamilton Korean Church within its life and structures during the previous 13 years. The "citation" noted that during most of that time, the congregation has been served by both a Kiwi and a Korean Minister, the latter with financial support from Korea.



Cross-cultural
congregation
celebrates 20 years

There is one Parish Council with one budget for this worshipping community. The Kiwi-Korean Liaison Committee of Parish Council has helped ensure recognition of the diversity within St Andrew's and the growing together of the whole Church family.

Summary

St Andrew's is a living church. It seeks to contribute to its wider community while caring for its own. It is rich in tradition, yet adaptable. It is wealthy in 'people power,' strong in faith, and central to the spiritual lives of its members.