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SPRING NEWSLETTER 2024

Psalm 27:1a, 14

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

Waiata 27:1a,14

Ko Ihowā tōku mārama, tōu whakaoranga: kia wehi ahau ki a wai?

Taāria a Ihowā: kia māia, ā kia kaha tōu ngākau; inā, tāria a Ihowā.

시편 27:1a, 14

"여호와는 나의 빛이요 나의 구원이시니 내가 누구를 두려워하리요"

"너는 여호와를 기다릴지어다 강하고 담대하며 여호와를 기다릴지어다"

Ps 27:1a, 14

Die Here is my lig en my redder, vir wie sou ek bang wees?

Vertrou op die Here! Wees sterk en hou goeie moed! Ja, vertrou op die Here!

诗篇27篇：1节与14节

耶和华是我的亮光，是我的拯救，我还怕谁呢？

要等候耶和华！当壮胆，坚固你的心！我再说，要等候耶和华！

भजन संहिता 27:1a,14

हे यहोवा, तू मेरी ज्योति और मेरा उद्धारकर्ता है। मुझे तो किसी से भी नहीं डरना चाहिए!

यहोवा से सहायता की बात जोहते रहो! साहसी और सुदृढ़ बने रहो और यहोवा की सहायता की प्रतीक्षा करते रहो।



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From the Stated Supply Minister

I have recently been reading a book entitled *Healing Our Broken Humanity: Practices for Revitalising the Church and Renewing the World*. It contains a lot of food for thought and prayer, and its focus on cultural diversity is particularly relevant for St. Andrew's. According to the authors, one way of breaking down division and prioritising the voices of those on the margins involves the embrace of corporate practices that reinforce agency. "Agency" refers to the act of having a voice. When we have agency, we can speak up for our own needs, and feel that what we say will be heard and will make a difference. The authors point out that in many traditional church settings, only certain people have agency. Often we deny agency to people without even realising we are doing it.

At St. Andrews, inclusivity is one of our key values, and I believe we do well at trying to give everyone a voice. However, there's always more to learn, and a healthy challenge can be nourishing for our spiritual lives. I therefore invite you to reflect on the following suggestions, made by the authors, regarding practices we might embrace, with the goal of reinforcing agency for all our members:

Providing occasions for minority voices to be heard and honoured, both within and outside the traditional worship setting.

Worshipping in ways that "make sense" to all the cultures present in the congregation. For example, giving people space to sing, pray and read scripture in their own languages and in the styles which speak most clearly to their hearts.

Refusing to blindly import theologies, church models and governance structures which only reflect majority cultures. (What would it look like to embrace culturally different church governance structures?)

Asking minority members to help enrich our theology and biblical understanding. Allowing these interpretations to challenge the majority culture and its normal way of doing theology and reading the Bible.

When planning public events, *inviting* minority members to take on leadership roles.

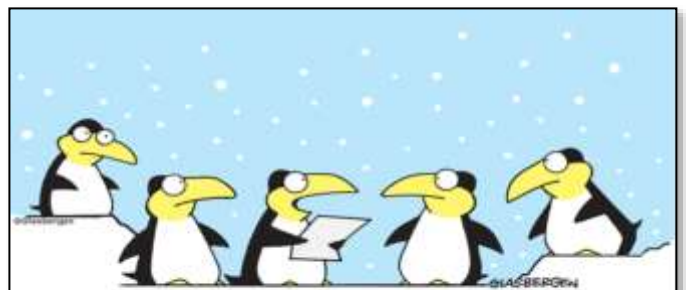
Being willing to make the sacrifice of losing/sharing your role for the sake of the church hearing minority voices.

These are challenging suggestions for me, but I also feel energised by them and excited about the conversations they might encourage us to have. Let's keep thinking, talking, and, most importantly, praying on these things!



Blessings on you all.

Kelly Gilson (Rev)



They say we're not placing enough emphasis on diversity!

New Zealand is demographically multicultural, formally bicultural, and institutionally mono-cultural—Professor James Liu



영원한 봄이신 예수 그리스도

치료차 약 한달을 한국에 보냈다. 뉴질랜드에 이민을 온 후 한국에서 여름을 보낸 것은 정말 오랜 만이었다. 대부분 뉴질랜드에서 여름을 보냈기 때문이다.



뉴질랜드 해밀턴의 여름은 적당하다. 너무 높지도 않고 낮지도 않다. 그러다 오랜만에 한국에서 보낸 여름은 상상 이상으로 더웠다. 강한 햇빛을 받아 달궈진 도시의 도로와 건물이 품어내는 복사열과 높은 습도로 버무려진 한국의 여름은 그야말로 견디기 힘들었다. 그래서 나는 한국의 여름을 이렇게 이름 지었다. 지옥 여름!

한국에 있는 내내 맑고 청명하고 시원한 뉴질랜드가 그리웠다. 그리고 마침내 뉴질랜드에 돌아왔다. 집에 돌아와서 보니 어느새 Freesia 꽃이 피어 있었다. 수선화도 노란색을 뽐내며 방긋 웃고 있었다. 아직 8월이지만 이들은 벌써 봄이 왔다고 기쁘게 합창하고 있었다. 겨울을 이기고 때 묻지 않은 순결한 모습으로 피어난 꽃들이 너무나 예뻐다. 더 나아가 내 마음에 맑은 기쁨을 주었다. 봄은 이렇게 태초에 하나님께서 사랑으로 창조하신 때 묻지 않은 피조물의 순수함과 아름다움과 신비를 되 살려 우리를 감동케 한다.

우리의 봄은 어디에 있을까? 예수 그리스도의 사랑의 품 안에 있다. 그 봄은 영원하다. 예수 그리스도 안에서 그와 교제할 때 날마다 우리 영혼이 새롭게 되기 때문이다. 예수 그리스도 안에서 새롭게 되어 거짓 없는 진실한 사랑의 길을 가는 사람은 꽃 보다 더

예쁘고 더 큰 감동을 준다. 그 사람 안에서 위로하고 따뜻하게 하고 새 힘을 주는 사랑이 품어져 나오기 때문이다.

나는 이 봄에 영원한 봄이신 그리스도 예수 안에서 날마다 새롭게 태어나기를 소망한다. 나아가 거짓 없는 참 사랑의 길을 가는 순결한 영혼이 되기를 소망하며 그리스도 앞에 겸손히 무릎 꿇는다.

“우리에게 있는 대제사장은 우리의 연약함을 동정하지 못하실 이가 아니요 모든 일에 우리와 똑같이 시험을 받으신 이로되 죄는 없으시니라 그러므로 우리는 긍휼하심을 받고 때를 따라 돕는 은혜를 얻기 위하여 은혜의 보좌 앞에 담대히 나아갈 것이니라”(히브리서 4:15-16)

Jesus Christ, the Eternal Spring

I spent about a month in Korea for treatment. It has been a long time since I spent a summer in Korea, since I immigrated to New Zealand because I have spent my summers in New Zealand. The summers in Hamilton are right. It is not too hot and not too cold, but the summer I spent in Korea was hotter than I ever imagined. Combined with the radiant heat from the city's roads and buildings, heated by the strong sun, and the high humidity, the Korean summer was unbearable. That is why I named it the Korean summer “Hell Summer!”

The whole time I was in Korea, I missed the clear, crisp, cool air of New Zealand, but I finally made it back. When I got home, the freesias were in bloom. The daffodils were smiling with their yellow colour. It was still August, but they were already signaling a happy chorus of spring. The flowers were so beautiful, having survived the winter, in all their unspoiled purity. Moreover, it brought

a clear joy to my heart. In this way, spring touches us by recapturing the purity, beauty, and mystery of the unspoiled creation that God lovingly created in the beginning.

Where is our spring? In the loving arms of Jesus Christ. That spring is eternal. Because in communion with him, in Jesus Christ, our souls are renewed day by day. The person who is renewed in Jesus Christ, who walks the path of sincere love without falsehood, is prettier than a flower and more inspiring. For from within that person comes a love that comforts, warms, and renews. In this spring, I wish to be renewed day by day in Christ Jesus, the eternal spring. And I humbly kneel before Christ in the hope of becoming a pure soul on the path of true love without falsehood.

“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathise with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” (Hebrews 4:15-16)

Tom Gilson's Tale



My parents married in 1973, just six years after it became legal in the USA for black and white people to marry. We were evicted from our first apartment. We had only gotten it because my father had been at work and didn't come in for the application.

My family (my parents, my older sister, and me) lived in the same house outside of Chicago from when I was four until I left for graduate school at 21. We loved it there. Grad school took me to California. I was working on a PhD in Maths, but leaving with my MA allowed me to start teach-

ing. My first teaching job took me to New York City. I decided to live and work in the Bronx because it was where my grandfather grew up. New York is an amazing place to visit, but it is just too much as a place to live.

When I was done with my commitment in NYC, I could go anywhere I wanted as a certified maths teacher. I chose to go to North Carolina since my parents and my sister had moved there. My mother, my sister and her family still live there.

Kelly and I met at church after I had been in North Carolina for four years. About 19 months after we met, we were married. Thirteen years, four children, and twelve homes later, we came to you. I think I'm usually a good listener, but I might have to leave a conversation suddenly to chase a child!

Max Dawson's Special Moment

I am a volunteer at Waikato Hospital where I play the piano every Friday. Recently, during my performance, I felt the need to play the music for the song *A Bridle hanging on the Wall*. When I finished, a lady was standing beside me. She told me that it was a very special song that she and her mother loved. During her childhood they rode horses together for years and sang that song on many occasions.

Her mother was very ill in the hospital and she had just left her room when there came the sound of that special music. She had recorded it on her phone to play to her mother later. She thanked me with tears in her eyes.



I thought about the great timing, with everything happening at the right moment. I bowed my head and thanked God.

Lois Mundell (née Jobson)



Three generations of my family lived on a farm on the Mahia Peninsula. We were often joined by teachers from Opoutama School and various relations needing a place to live for a while. We didn't have electricity until around 1948 and now Rocket Lab operates from the tip of the Peninsula!

As a 5-year-old I was sent to live with an aunt to begin my schooling at Frasertown. I came home as a 7-year-old to complete my Primary School education at Opoutama School.

My next "adventure" was boarding school in Gisborne for 4 years followed by a year boarding with our Bible Class teacher. Then I went to Wellington Teachers College for 2 years. I did my P.A year at Matawai, before moving to the "Mighty Waikato" to work in the Springdale School. That was where I met and then later married Ian Mundell in St Andrew's Church Wairoa on the 6th May 1961. The Rev Sam McKay officiated at our wedding.

We eventually bought the family farm on Whakahoro Rd Springdale. Our three children began their schooling there. In the 70s we bought a small farm at Ngahinepouri. Sadly in early 1997 Ian died (with his boots on). I stayed on the farm for another 8 years before becoming a "townie".

I am very lucky to have many family members living handy—even if they do complain when I "mess up" my computer or can't put petrol in my car. What do they expect? I rode a horse called Pontiac to school!!

My church life began at Opoutama. A Minister came 30 miles from Wairoa once a month to take a service in the Opoutama School. Later a Manse was acquired at Nuhaka. I loved listening to the piano being played by a local farmers wife and singing the old hymns. I also enjoyed being part of a Correspondence Sunday School. At Boarding School, we marched in a "Croc" to St Andrew's in Gisborne. Rev. Kingsley Fairbairn was the Minister there. That was when I rather fancied becoming C of E as I could never spell Presbyterian!!

Ian and I always enjoyed being part of our little country churches. We cleaned.... we mowed lawns.... we painted.... we were rostered to go and open up the Springdale Church each week day and to lock it in the evening. I arranged flowers and was a Sunday

School teacher. Now I am enjoying attending St Andrew's in Hamilton. I am truly blessed.



Joyce Wallace—100 years old

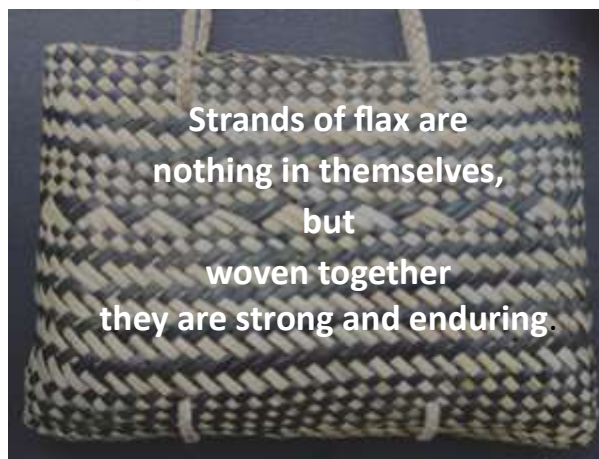
If ever there was a reason to put on a special morning tea, it was to celebrate one of our members turning 100. Joyce, who is an Awatere resident, just wanted to return to the church and to hear the organ being played. Trevor obliged. Fittingly, for a former teacher of speech, drama, piano and singing, Margaret read

*Little boy kneels at the foot of the bed,
Droops on the little hands little gold head,
Hush! Hush! Whisper who dares!
Christopher Robin is saying his prayers.*

Congratulations, Joyce, and God bless you.



Strands of flax are
nothing in themselves,
but
woven together
they are strong and enduring.



Nigerian Cooking Marathon

A few members of the craft group had a wonderful afternoon with Sharon & Henry Ota as they demonstrated cooking some classic Nigerian recipes. Sharon washed and chopped, blended and boiled, fried and baked, using some unusual and authentic ingredients such as dried stock fish (cod), dried catfish, and dried shrimp.

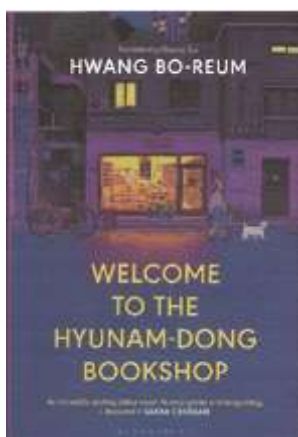
The dishes they prepared were:

- Bean cake (Akara) -like a bean fritter and delicious!
- Fried Chicken Legs
- Jollof Rice with coconut
- Melon Seed soup with spinach
- Moi moi (baked bean pudding)
- Okra Soup (with goat meat and dried fish)
- Tomato Beef Curry Sauce (delicious with long grain white rice)
- Semolina paste

It was a fabulous afternoon, allowing us to experience the different smells and tastes of Nigerian culture, and several of the dishes were very popular. Our thanks to Sharon and Henry for their time and effort.



Recommended reading:



어서 오세요. 휴남동 서점입니다
Welcome to the Hyunam-dong Bookshop

Ros Ramsbottom Remembers

My first memorable introduction to St. Andrew's was my Wedding Day in 1990 when I married David Ramsbottom. We were the last couple to be married by Rev. Lawrie Hampton prior to his retirement that same year. It was a joyous day, full of love and wonderful friends and relations - all wishing us well!



My husband David had been a member of St Andrew's for a number of years, and was keen for me to become an adherent of St. Andrew's. So in 1994 when our son Philip was born, I initially joined the activities of the Church playgroup and helped organise the programme, the purchasing of toys and bringing new members into the group. Soon after I became the Cradle Roll Visitor for the congregation. This involved visiting all the Mums in the Parish who had new babies, taking a small gift for the baby on behalf of St. Andrew's, as well as afternoon tea to share with them. This role provided a contact when they later decided to have their children baptised or attend Sunday School. I found the unique role of Cradle Roll Visitor interesting and rewarding. I still have the pink azalea in my garden that was presented to me by the congregation, to thank me for the role I had undertaken.

Very sadly my husband David died in March 2016 after a courageous battle with dementia. His funeral service was held at St. Andrew's and Anna Norrish conducted his funeral service in a very sensitive and inspiring way. I often think of his quiet, deep devotion to his family and to his faith. David was a member of the Property and Finance Committee and became a Boys' Brigade leader alongside Andrew Wilson and Peter Schaare. He dedicated nearly two decades to supporting St. Andrew's youth, through a programme of character building and teamwork, underpinned by Christian faith. As I carry out the small duties on the morning tea roster and the Bible reading roster, I like to think that he would be pleased that I have maintained my interest and commitment to St. Andrew's - the Church that meant so much to him.

M is for Matariki and Moderator—what a weekend!



Radar set to probe Opoia Pā site

Wiremu Puke put Matariki in the context of hapū living in pa immediately adjacent to St Andrew's—Opoia, Miropiko and Kirikiriroa.



Ok Seunga performed a fan dance and the Moderator and Kelly made kimchi at the K-festival that same weekend.



Rose attended the 11.30 am service at which the Rev Prof Ha Chung Yoube from Soongsil University in Seoul preached and spoke of missions working in North Korea.

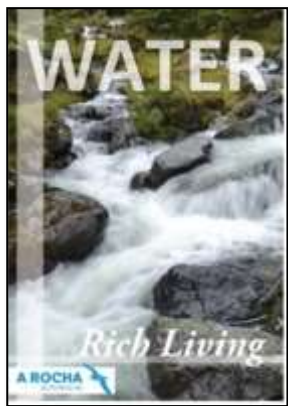
With the children's help, the Moderator, the Right Rev Rose Luxford, spoke to the congregation and preached at 9.30 am.



SOCIAL & ECUMENICAL ACTION [SEA]

STUDY GROUPS ON WATER AND SUSTAINABLE LIVING

You are invited to come to a study group to discuss “living in sustainable ways that care for the long-term wellbeing of our broader communities and neighbours”. We will use a booklet produced by Eco Church NZ to assist our discussion with a focus on WATER. The booklets will be available (at no charge) at the first study group.



There will be a series of 4 meetings on Thursday morning at 10 am or Thursday evening at 7pm starting 5 Sept continuing through the 4 Thursdays of Sept. The meetings will start with a cuppa. The morning studies will be held in The Link and the evening ones at a member's home. Please let Peter Gault know if you would be willing to have an evening meeting at your place—07 856 3923.

Make a note now to join us on 5, 12, 19, 26 September to discuss how we can use water wisely for the richness and wellbeing of our lives. We'd appreciate your names on the clipboard at Church, or by email to Peter Gault, petergault042@gmail.com or Chris Grocott, chrisgrocott307@gmail.com so we can be sure we have a booklet for each household.

MAORI WARDS FOR LOCAL COUNCILS

What the SEA Committee did.

On 29 May the SEA Committee made a 3-page submission against the *Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Bill* - introduced by the coalition government and aimed at forcing citizen referenda. Despite submitters having only 6 days from First Reading on 23 May to Close of Submissions on 29 May, there were 10,762 submissions to the parliamentary Justice Committee (which has

12 members, drawn from all parties).

We said that we had provided feedback on the basis that we are members of a cross-cultural and multicultural Church with a bicultural commitment. Within the context of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand recognises a bicultural partnership between its Maori and other church courts. We said “We need to strengthen relationships in New Zealand – inclusively sharing experiences, wisdom and learning. A Tangata Whenua and Tangata Tiriti framework can improve wellbeing for all of New Zealand's citizens, so that everyone has a voice in developing their Local Authority's future”. **According to media reports two thirds of Mayors and Council Chairpersons did not agree with this Bill, referring to it as “an overreach on local decision-making”. (Nor did more than 50% of councillors in Local Authorities.)**

We commented that in a way similar to Maori parliamentary seats, Maori Wards can enable councils to better honour the principle of partnership committed to in Te Tiriti o Waitangi and provide greater opportunities for Maori to contribute to discussion and decision-making. “New Zealand needs fair representation for everyone, and wherever they live.” Before legislative change incorporated in the *Local Electoral (Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Act 2021* it had long been possible, in theory, for Maori to be elected onto territorial and regional councils. However, it was numerically difficult - proven by only a few Maori having been elected. Before Councils were allowed to make the final decision on Maori Wards, 24 councils attempted to establish Maori Wards, but only 3 councils were successful. After the previous government's 2021 amending legislation, twenty-seven Local Authorities (out of 78) currently have Maori Wards, and a further 13 had resolved to have such Wards in place for the 2025 elections.

In the submission we emphasised that Maori Wards are hardly “additional privilege”: only people on the parliamentary Maori Electoral Roll can vote for Maori Ward councillors, and only people on the General Electoral Roll can vote for candidates in the General Wards of a Local Authority. In Hamilton’s case, that turns up 2 Maori Ward councillors and 12 General councillors. The resulting two guaranteed Maori seats - out of 14 seats in total (14.3%) - does not fully reflect Hamilton’s 23.7% Maori population, but some Maori-identifying voters will have chosen to be on the General Electoral Roll. Maori are now around the Council table, whereas that was rare before.

Local Authorities do not generally hold referenda about other local representation issues e.g. having wards or not; whether to hold voting using First Past the Post or Single Transferrable Vote. But, as with Hamilton City, they do consult widely as part of their leadership processes and receive the scrutiny of the public, including by submissions; this was done in relation to Hamilton setting up a Maori Ward. “We live in a Representative Democracy at the local government level as well as the central government level. The leadership of any given Local Authority needs to be able to exercise its judgment and discretion, taking account of the bigger picture.”

We had looked at the Department of Internal Affairs’ Disclosure Statement (15 May 2024) “designed to assist with the scrutiny of this Bill”, and we made reference to 4 points which we felt were key, relating to regression (moving away from compliance with international Covenants to which NZ is signed up), limited consultation (even very little with the local government sector) and haste.

What Parliament did next.

So that was the gist of our submission, of which a copy is available from Lance. Alas, despite the thousands of submissions mostly against, and other public feedback, the Justice

Committee recommended (by a majority decision) to Parliament that the Bill be passed. Its recommended amendments were only technical in nature. The Bill rapidly passed its Third Reading in Parliament on 30 July and was given Royal Assent the same day. Unusually, this Act has a range of “commencement dates” - transitional arrangements (and consequent requirements put on local authorities) are variable depending on councils’ Group 1 and Group 2 status.

The future?

The *Waikato Times*, 8 August 2024, p.2, reported that some Hamilton City Councillors said in interview that they did not support immediately caving in and scrapping our Maori Ward (two seats) by the Government’s 6 Sept deadline, and therefore they supported – with regret – that the decision be made by a public poll at the 2025 HCC elections. An extraordinary Council meeting will be held in late August for all the councillors to vote on it. Some other councils around New Zealand are examining what the implications of legal action might be if they were to refuse the commencement of a definite process to rescind Maori Wards for the following two election cycles.



It’s lovely to have Shakeela back with us. Welcome home, Shakeela. We’re looking forward to hearing about your time in Pakistan with your mother.

Lance Kendrick—Convenor

Two little boys were at a wedding when one leaned over to the other and asked, “How many wives can a man have?”

His friend answered, “Sixteen ...four better, four worse, four richer, and four poorer.”

- Thank you, Norma.





Anointing Service

On 11 August, with the support of Parish Council, the Rev Kelly Gilson conducted her first Anointing service at St Andrew's. Feedback from those who attended included:

Being anointed by a Minister with holy oil is the most peaceful experience. I believe everybody who believes in our Lord Jesus Christ should experience anointing at least once in their life.

The Anointing Service couldn't have come at a better time for me. because of painful back-ache I found the Service meaningful, personal and uplifting.

I went along to the anointing service, not with the idea of being anointed, but to give support to Rev Kelly in what she was offering to the congregation. However as I sat in the service, I began to feel deeply for two families I know who are going through very troubled times at present. I was pleased to be able to go forward and ask for anointing on their behalf.

Silence is golden, as is stillness. How could I not reflect, meditate, listen for that still small voice that Elijah heard? I was grateful for the words Kelly spoke, personal and with understanding.



25 years ago St Andrew's went to Korea



Standing: Dilys Parker, Rev Paul Kim, Lalita Hari, Rev Jean Cotter, Diane Short, Sari Sieling, Kim Seong Wook¹, Margaret McPhail, Don McPhail, Janice Wedde, Kim Soon Hee¹
 In front: Rev Richard Lawrence, Pauline Milroy, Oggie Kim, Amby Jenkins, Graeme Kitto, John Graham
¹ St Andrew's members in Korea at the same time.

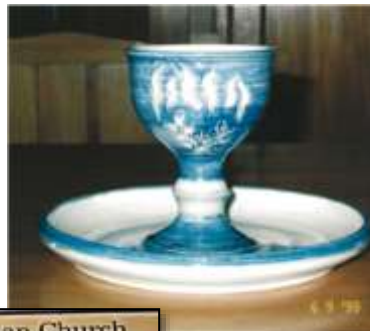


For two weeks in September-October 1999, 15 of us were hosted in Korea by Baek Yang Ro Church in Pusan. A full programme of events at the church and throughout Korea was arranged by the Rev Paul Kim (St A's) and the Rev Shin Dong Jak (BYR). It was a real joy to join in worship and other activities with this very large congregation, members of which provided home stay accommodation for us. We travelled in one of the church's buses driven by Pastor Yu, visiting sites of historic and cultural significance as well as economic giants such as Hyundai (cars and ships) and Samsung.



As a memento of our visit, we presented BYR Church with a pottery chalice and plate made in Hamilton and a wall-hanging.

We entered into a sister church relationship which saw a group of young people from BYR Church make a reciprocal visit to Hamilton the following year and Rev Shin's daughter, Miri, assisted Helen in our church office.



2024 Spring Appeal

The church's annual insurance premium will soon be payable, and the sum is likely to be at least \$3,000 more than was paid in 2023. While this year's premium is still to be advised, the total payable is anticipated to be about \$35,000 plus GST.

Last year, there were nearly \$31,000 cash reserves on hand at 30 June available to pay insurance and other operating expenses. This year, the equivalent cash reserves balance at 30 June had decreased to about \$5,000.

To be able to pay the insurance premium in full, I have made a further special appeal this Spring. If we maintain our current level of regular giving, a \$25,000 Spring Appeal target on top of our regular giving should be sufficient.

Please consider donating towards the 2024 Spring Appeal. You don't need to wait until Spring!

Donations can be made electronically to **St Andrew's Church**, bank account: **02-0316-0046144-000**. Please include either your **name** or **envelope number in the Particulars** field and enter **"Spring Appeal"** in the **Reference** field.

Thank you, your support is always appreciated.

Other Ministries

The Ministry of the Rev Oh Yo Han as Director of the Korean Sunday School is funded through donations of St Andrew's parishioners, Korean-speaking and English-speaking. And the Rev Daniel Park's Multi-cultural Youth Ministry is funded through the Kaimai Presbytery's Mission Initiatives Fund and by St Andrew's parishioners.

Donations can be deposited in the account of **St Andrew's Church 02-0316-0046144-00** with **your name** or **your envelope number** as **Reference** (for a receipt) and **either OYH**

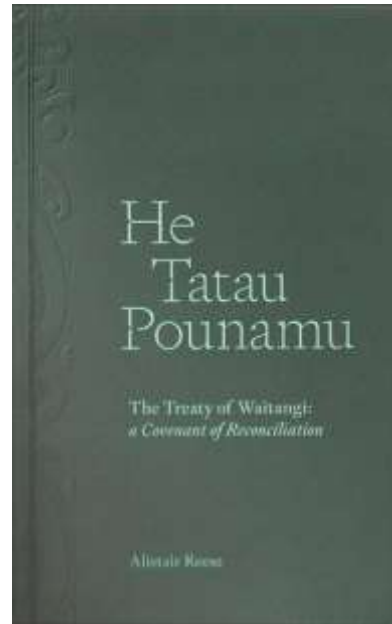
(Oh Yo Han) **or MYM** (Multicultural Youth Ministry) as **Particular**.

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The Covenant of Waitangi

Listen again to Alistair Reese's sermon—a different perspective on Te Tiriti—at the service at Waitangi on 6 February 2024—

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q4eRe0ue5OE>.



His book is available in the church library.

Ordination of new elder & Inductions

On 4 August, Daniel Foo was ordained as an elder and, with Peter Bayne, inducted to Parish Council.





Chuseok, also known as Hangawi, is a major mid-autumn harvest festival and a three-day holiday in South Korea celebrated on the 15th day of the 8th month of the lunar calendar on the full moon.

In 2024, Chuseok is celebrated from 16-18 September.

Chuseok, Korean Thanksgiving Day, is one of the biggest and most important holidays in Korea. It celebrates the bountiful harvest and hopes the next year's harvest will be even better.

Family members from near and far come together to share food and stories and to pay respect to the spirits of their ancestors.

People visit the tombs of their immediate ancestors to trim plants, clean the area around the tomb.

Time is spent playing folk games and connecting with family members.



Have a nice Chuseok with your family.
 가족들과 함께 즐거운 추석 보내세요.
 "Gachokdeulgwa hamkke cheulkeoun chuseok bonaeseyo."

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori will take place from
14 – 21 September 2024.

This is one of Haare Williams' poems in his book *Words of a Kaumatua*. Cover the English text and see how many Maori words you do actually know.

Kei runga	Above
Ko Ranginui	The Sky
Kei raro	Below
Ko Papatūānuku	The Earth
Kei mua	In front
Ko te moana	The sea
Kei muri	Behind
Ko te ngahere	The bush
Tēnei taha	To this side
Ko te puna wai	The spring
Ko ngā awaawa	And the streams
Tērā taha	To this side
Ko ngā wāhi mahinga kai	The gardens
Kei tua	Beyond
Ko ngā kaitiaki	The guardians
Kei konei	And here
Ko te kāinga	Is home
Ko ngā oranga katoa	Are all kinds of life

Use Philippians 4:7 to translate this blessing:

Ma te mārīe a te Atua e kore nei e taea te whakaaro e tiaki o koutou ngakau o koutou hinengaro i roto i a Karaiti Ihu.

추석

Types of Writing in the Bible—based on a sermon by the Rev Kelly Gilson

Which goes with which? More than one on the right may go with one on the left.

History
Law
Prophecy
Apocalyptic
Poetry & Songs
Wisdom
Gospels
Letters

The Lord's my shepherd
Jonah, go to Nineveh & tell the people...
Matthew, Mark, Luke and John
Parables and miracles of Jesus
Moses
Joshua, Judges, 1 & 2 Kings
The fear of the Lord is beginning of knowledge
You shall have no other Gods
Faith, hope and love and the greatest is love
Ephesians, Philippians, Romans
Great red dragon with seven heads
Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel
Paul – to the church in Corinth; Paul to Titus
The End
King Solomon
In the beginning, God created...



Vali sings with friends before returning home to Papua New Guinea.

On 30 June, we dedicated the plaques now placed at St Andrew's.



Happy 2nd birthday, Faithful.



We held our first Games Evening on 9 June.

WINTER CALENDAR -

Every Sunday, worship services (unless indicated differently) are at
9.30 am English language-with children's programme;
11.30 am Korean language—with children's programme; and
11.30 am Multicultural Youth (in Media Room in The Link)

Every Monday during term time—**Mini Movers** from 9.30-11.00 am—pre-schoolers, parents and grandparents meet for music, play and socialising.

Every Tuesday—**indoor bowls** at 10.00 am

First Tuesday of month—**Koha lunch** at 12.00 noon—but NOT in June

2nd & 4th Tuesdays of month-**Craft Group** at 9.30 am

Third Tuesday of month—**Women's Group**—time varies

First Wednesday of month-**Men's Breakfast** at 7.00 am

Every Thursday—**Prayer group** at 11.30 am

First Friday of month- **Proud Prayers Children's Programme** at 5.00 pm

- September**
- 1 Usual service times—**10.30 am Combined Communion/Spring Festival**
 - 8 Usual service times—**Congregational meetings** after both services
 - 14-21 Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori
 - 15 Usual service times—Korean Thanksgiving Sunday
 - 22 Usual service times—Meet & Greet at 10.30 morning tea
 - 29 Usual service times—**Refugee Sunday**—Daylight Saving begins
- October**
- 6 Usual service times—**9.30 am World Communion**
 - 13 Usual service times—9.30 am Family Service; 2.00 Anointing service
 - 20 Usual service times
 - 27 Usual service times
 - 28 Labour Day—Te Ra Maumahara
- November**
- 3 Usual service times—**9.30 am Communion**—11.30 Welcome New Families
 - 10 Usual service times
 - 11 Remembrance Day
 - 17 Usual service times—**Contributions for The Bridge due**
 - 24 Usual service times
- December**
- 1 **Advent** - Usual service times—**9.30 am Communion**

September



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For **additional information** about any event, please

- ⇒ See notices in the weekly service bulletins
- ⇒ Call the office on 854 9737
- ⇒ Visit www.standrewshamilton.org.nz
- ⇒ <http://tiny.cc/FBStAndrewsHnNZ>



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