

ANNUAL REPORT

2021/2022

Alexandra Clyde Lauder Union Church

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Sunday, September 4th, 2022

10 am

St Mungo's Church

Fraser Street, Clyde

AGENDA

Devotions
Apologies
Welcome
Approval of Agenda
Confirmation of 2021 Meeting
Matters Arising from Minutes
Correspondence
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Election of Parish Councillors
General Business
Benediction

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Ministers Annual Report 2021 - 2022

Our Son recently turned 2 and a half, and for all that time a global pandemic has been with us. Its effects continue to shape our world, country and importantly our church. This past year we have seen perhaps the biggest effect of disrupted programming, absences from worship and uncertainty. While we are now learning to live with a new virus in our midst, it is still causing suffering and challenge for many. Nationally, and regionally I have only just recently been able to be part of in person meetings, while online meetings bridge the gap, there exists a deficit in relationship building at such events. Therefore, again much of the focus of this report mentions the pandemic and its effects.

With my technical skills I was called upon both regionally and nationally by both the Presbyterian and Methodist churches and nationally by the Presbyterian church to assist and manage several significant online gatherings. These included a general assembly and a special assembly. I wish to thank the parish for their grace to allow me to serve the wider church. It was very much appreciated by the wider church.

As a result of the pandemic choices were required to be made by each church community as to how they would proceed considering the public health emergency presenting the country. The big question that church communities were faced with was whether to require proof of vaccination to enable larger numbers attending services. This occurred not long before Christmas, and as a peak time in the church calendar caused several difficult conversations to be had. Fortunately for us there was little division about the requirement to enforce a vaccine pass. This situation however did present several challenges for my colleagues. The parish council also decided that for the month of March we would not meet in person formally, rather meeting online with several small groups operating some reported that while they had gathered for worship in the morning they were still fellowshiping and studying God's word well into the afternoon.

We now have two new congregations to acknowledge. With the advent of the pandemic effort has been made to regularly make the service available via livestream, also a printed copy of the service is hand delivered to a number of housebound people. This has continued to support people with their faith journey, while not able or unwilling to meet in the large congregational setting. How we continue to work with and encourage and interact with these "new congregations" is a challenge for the year to come. Significant progress has been made to ensure that St Enoch's Alexandra is fit for purpose for 2022 and beyond. To this end the property team have overseen the earthquake strengthening and public safety upgrades well, also of late the carpet has been replaced and the vestry painted and repaired to a usable condition. This facility is something to be proud of and to share with our community. Following a significant grant from the Wesleydale Trust (Methodist) we have been able to significantly upgrade and provide video and technology to support worship both onsite at St Enoch's and Online. We have been incredibly blessed by the generosity of grant and gift providers that has meant little of the parish funds has been drawn on to enable these significant upgrades. As always, many people make the life of our parish possible, from those that contribute financially and in kind, to those that attend, to those that visit, to those that mow lawns and maintain our buildings, to those that lead worship and to those that govern. Thank you very much for your service to the parish and importantly to the kingdom of God.

I'd also like to thank my family for their contribution, often hidden to enabling our work together.

As the memories and effects of the pandemic continues to fade, I look forward to the next year, building on the lessons learnt and continuing together to share the love and good news of Christ to a world in desperate need.

Yours In Christ

Rev Andrew Howley

Alexandra Clyde Lauder Union Parish Property Report

Ongoing maintenance of our ageing buildings within a tight budget is always a challenge! The major activity this past year has been the earthquake strengthening at St Enoch's. This was completed within budget, quite unobtrusive and very effective. Breen Construction Ltd carried out the work in a very capable manner and tidied up very well afterwards.

Pews have been replaced with new movable seating.

The fire alarm system has been upgraded to meet the current Building Warrant of Fitness standard.

There have been repairs to a water leak near where the choir used to be and this is being repainted.

Currently working on the upcoming carpet replacement in the church and vestry.

Minor repair work has been done at St Mungo's as required.

There may be repairs to their irrigation system necessary when it is first used in the Spring. The wastewater upgrade in Clyde is dragging on slowly and we are not connected yet to enable the decommissioning of the septic tank system.

Thank you to all that have been involved with church property activities during the past year.

Malcolm Moore
Property Committee

Pastoral Care Report 2021-2022

I would like to present the Annual Report for the Pastoral Care group.

Thank you to the 10 visitors in Alexandra and four in Clyde and to Carole Randall for sharing a district in Clyde. I would welcome anyone who would like to be a visitor. Unfortunately, with Covid still being with us only one meeting has been held so I do rely on visitors to let me or Andrew know of any illness or problems in your area.

We need to care for each other in these difficult times.

A very sincere thanks to Joan Jopson who has been a visitor for many years but has retired due to health reasons. Our thoughts are with beryl as she copes with health issues. Thank you to Kay Pringle for organizing, making, and distributing "Christmas Cheer" and Easter Simnel cakes, they are much appreciated.

Thanks to Gay – you spend so much time compiling ACLaims for visitors to distribute. Our thoughts and Sympathy go out to Runa Wilson's family and to others who have lost loved ones.

Congratulations to Elma McGregor who celebrated a "big birthday" in July. I always enjoy my visits as she is full of fun. She would enjoy more visitors calling in.

Thanks to Andrew, Rosalie, and Theo for being here for us all. We must be one of the lucky churches to have a Minister.

Let us make our church a warm, friendly, and vibrant place where everyone is welcomed and loved, and remember to take the church into our community.

Jennifer Bowie – Convener - I move this report to be received.

Worship and Formation Annual Report 2022

The Parish again looks back on another 12 months of worshipping in different ways, namely by attending Church, meeting in small groups or as individuals to view media presented services. Covid has provided the opportunity for others to be part of our wider Church community, and this is encouraging . Livestreaming of the services is happening regularly with reasonable viewings. It's certainly worth continuing. Thanks to Rev. Andrew Howley and Rev Dr. Robyn McPhail and the worship teams. Paper copies of our services are now provided to any parishioner upon request, including those housebound or in rest homes. While several baptism services were held during the year, some were also cancelled because of covid disruptions. Weddings were held at both St

Enoch's and St Mungo. The use of our Churches as a funeral venue appears to be declining. Outdoor services were held on the 'Village green' at St Enoch's and beside the Clutha River. Christmas worship included a Christmas music service, Christmas Eve service (both at St Enoch's) and Christmas Day Service at St Mungo's. Combined 5th Sunday services with the Anglicans have also continued, alternating between St Enoch's and St Aidan's. The earthquake strengthening at St Enoch's meant Parish combined services could be held St Mungos , but the work was completed with minimal disruption . Easter Sunday Service was led by Rev. Dr. Robyn McPhail at short notice as covid isolated Rev. Howley. Easter Lenten studies were held in Alexandra and Clyde. IRCA round the world 24 hours of prayer was held in March. (Rev.Dr R. McPhail and Rev. A. Howley). The Parish was also responsible for the World Day of Prayer (thank you Sue Melville) and the ANZAC service at Clyde - both subject to covid restrictions. The light Party also happened at Halloween albeit in a modified format. Thank you to Chris Beilby. Again thankyou to Rev. A. Howley and all who lead worship - A Team (V. Anderson, G. Gordon, P. Griffioen), L/C Team (L. Armstrong, R. McNamara, S. Hanning), Rev. Dr. R. McPhail. Services have also been lead by Kay Pringle and Rev. E. Stevens. Music is an integral part of our worship and it comes in many formats ,including recorded, on guitar, or Carole Randall's choir. Our musicians are- V. Anderson, A. Meyer, C. Randall, H.Williamson, Rev.Dr.R. McPhail, N. Brownlie, H. Elder, O. Yeoman, P. Tyrrell. Thankyou to you all. Finally Thankyou to Rev. Howley and Worship and Formation Committee who generously give of their time and skills. Rev. A. Howley, V. Anderson, L. Armstrong, G. Gordon, P. Griffioen, S. Hanning, R. McNamara, Rev. Dr. R. McPhail, H. Williamson, O. Yeoman. P. Tyrrell. Convenor, Worship and Formation Committee. I move that this report be received.

Social Action Annual Report 2022

Once again, our 'friend' COVID got in the way of doing many things.

We had Soup and Bun Sundays during the Winter months after our Church Service. Thanks to those who supplied the soups. It was great the variety of soups we were treated to. We did this for 6 weeks.

We were asked to help serving at a Hui which was held in our Church.

Catered for Presbyterian General Assembly in September.

We were asked to quote for 'serve only' for the NZ Cake Decorators Conference being held later this year. We are awaiting confirmation.

Although, as a committee, we have not done very much, several of our members have individually, served teas and helped with other things as required.

Thanks to our committee: Linda Armstrong, Sheryll Hanning, Sue Melville, Glenys Ward for their willingness to help whenever required.

Ruth McNamara,

Convenor

Recommend: 'That this report be received'

St Mungo's Women's Fellowship Report AGM 2022

Our St Mungo's Women's Fellowship continues to meet celebrating fellowship together with an attendance of 6 or 7 members each month. Our meetings were affected by Covid in late 2021 and again this year.

Once again we participated in the Church Mini Fair held at St Enoch's in October with most of our members assisting in the Plant Stall which was a very successful stall in the raising of significant funds for our Parish. We appreciated assistance with: potting plants, naming plants, pricing and transporting the plants to St Enoch's on the morning of the Fair, sales of plants and returning unsold plants. The sales resulted in raising over \$1,400.00. Special thanks to Jim Hanning for propagating the tomato plants. We held a Garage Sale at Labour weekend and are grateful for this assistance of everyone who helped.

The Light Party this year became a Light Trail, a combined churches event, was held at Pioneer Park at the end of October. This was a well-attended public event held at 5 churches with activities held at each church in order to restrict large numbers to prevent Covid spreading. We participated in this event at St Enoch's where our members assisted with: Photo Booth, Mini Golf and BBQ.

This year we celebrated Christmas in November at The Clyde Post Office Café and Bar. We enjoyed fellowship and a lovely meal together with Christmas Table Decorations and Crackers were substituted with a Christmas Toy as Covid prevented the supply of Christmas Crackers. This was a day which we enjoyed as we were all unable to travel far prior to this because of our Covid 19 restrictions.

We decorated St Mungo's church for the Christmas Day Service and gave the congregation Christmas cake on exiting this service.

On 27th December and 2nd January, we held the Clyde Markets at St Mungo's. Many thanks to the extended Tyrrell family for the supply of blueberries for sale. Thanks too to Meg and Kevin Paulin for the cherries which they supplied for us to sell. These are always most appreciated by our customers.

Sadly, we lost Morrell Anderson in January who had been our dedicated gardener at St Mungo's for 16 years. We very much have appreciated Morrell's service to our congregation with the sanding and varnishing of our Rimu and Kauri tables as well as making the projector trolley and stand.

Lenten studies at Clyde commenced in March initially at St Mungo's and then thanks to Mrs Dunn, these studies were hosted in her home for the remainder of this series.

Thanks to Maureen Bush and Kathy Milligan for cleaning and decorating St Mungo's for the wedding of Tim and Grace Coleman. Dawn Becker provided the flowers and did the floral decorations for this wedding.

On Saturday 16th April we held a Garage Sale at St Mungo's.

Dawn Becker organised for our group to visit The Fraser Domain where our members enjoyed our meeting and afternoon tea amongst the beautiful Autumn Colours as well as listening to the Fraser River and birdsong.

On 21st May we participated in another Pink Ribbon Breakfast at St Enoch's church lounge. This was a successful event with \$500.00 being forwarded to Pink Ribbon Foundation. Initially this event was planned to be an outside lunch as a result of Covid restrictions. However, we were able to return to normal as the restrictions were lifted

Special thanks to: Kathy Milligan, Ruth McNamara and Kay Pringle for setting up and the 14 breakfast attendees who made this event the success that it turned out to be. At Queen's Birthday some of us attended the Queenstown "Lumify". We appreciated these lights and had a most enjoyable evening with a recommendation that we notify the whole church and attend this event next year.

At our June meeting Dawn Becker demonstrated the crochet of booties to our members. We found our fingers are not as nimble as they once were. At this meeting we celebrated Kathy Milligan's birthday with a birthday cake.

On 25th June we had a further Garage and Book as well as a BBQ sale at St Mungo's. Thanks to all who supplied goods for sale, assisted with the sales and those who purchased items.

We continue to fundraise for Global Mission who benefitted by \$93.10 and Leprosy Mission who were given \$88.40.

A thank you to all our members who have been involved in our Church Morning Tea roster, Communion Preparation, hosted our Fellowship meetings, cleaning, lawn mowing and door duty. A special thank you to John Grenfell who turns on our heaters and takes his turn with door duty in the winter months. He has been doing this work for 51 years. We have appreciated the musical contributions which uplifts us in our Sunday Services from: Helen Williamson, Pat Tyrrell, Carole Randall, Annette Meyer, Valerie Anderson and Robyn McPhail. Thanks for Rev. Andrew Howley and the Worship Teams for leading us each week in our Christian Journey.

Our prayers are extended to all who are facing health challenges.

Special thanks to Kathy Milligan for being our St Mungo's Afternoon Fellowship Secretary this year.

We look forward to another successful year doing God's work in our Parish in 2022 – 2023.

Sheryll Hanning

President

29 July 2022

Fundraising Events at St Mungo's this year.

| | |
|--------------|---------------|
| 23 October | 253.50 |
| 27 December) | |
| 2 January) | 2,036.30 |
| 6 February | 163.50 |
| 16 April | 586.00 |
| 25 June | <u>551.80</u> |
| | 3,591.10 |

ACLUP Women's Evening Fellowship 2021-2022

This period of our group's life has been very quiet as our members preferred not to meet in person due to Covid concerns. Lacking the push needed to get going after such a long break has meant few times of fellowship.

28th November Christmas Meeting.

11 of our members gathered on a beautiful sunny day at Monte Christo partaking in summer berries ice cream and cream. During the time of fellowship discussion on the future of this group was shared, it was agreed to continue the discussion in 2022.

The balance in bank for the EWF is \$120-80, it was agreed by the group to give a donation \$100-00 to the Hospital Chaplaincy Appeal.

Members of the group have continued to support the wider church in caring for our community, fundraising, and helping the wheels to turn. Thank you to you all, you are very much appreciated.

Special thanks go to Kay Pringle who hosted The Pink Ribbon Luncheon on the 21st May. \$500-00 was given to the Breast Cancer Foundation.

Sue Melville.

Treasurers Report to AGM 2022

I present to you my Treasurers report and Financial Statements for the 2021 – 2022 financial year, a year of Covid and construction!

The continuing presence and spread of Covid disrupted our face-to-face services as well as the hire of our facilities by outside groups this year. Due to a reduction of income, we were able to qualify and apply for the MSD Covid 19 Wage Subsidy. We also secured a grant from the Wesleydale Trust of \$15000.00 to be used to replace equipment 'borrowed' from Andrew and upgrade our technology. This has enabled live streaming of services during and after lockdowns and is now a regular feature of weekly services. This is also a great 'selling point' for the hire of our facilities.

This year we were able to hold a 'Mini Fair' at St Enoch's and several Garage Sales at St Mungo's 'with both raising over \$4000 each. A great effort and thanks to all involved. The long awaited St Enoch's earthquake strengthening finally started in the new year after more delays when the C.O.D.C. required additional engineers reports resulting in increased costs, which were covered by our Otago Foundation Trust funds. As mentioned last year, this has reduced the interest we receive. Breens completed the work very efficiently with as little disruption as possible.

Towards the end of the financial year, a donation was received to replace the carpet in St Enoch's. Quotes have been received and this work will be carried out shortly. This is a huge gesture and grateful thanks goes to the donor. N.B. No Parish funds will be needed to complete this work.

Grateful thanks must go to all our parishioners who give via the internet. Your regular donations have kept this Parish going BUT for how long? Last year's budget projected a deficit of almost \$11000.00 but the actual deficit is \$4792.00. Fortunately we received the Wage Subsidy funds, the Wesleydale Grant and some generous general donations, some from IRD tax rebates, BUT, we cannot rely on these 'one of' payments. With our upgraded facilities alongside Alexandra Community House, we need to promote our place as a venue for community events, activities, etc. There is real potential for them to be utilised more than an hour or so a week.

My thanks again to Don for your support, banking the weekly offerings, keeping the giving records and distributing the annual receipts.

Also, special thanks to Jennifer Bowie, who has been a bank signatory for many years and has now retired. We really appreciate all your support, Jennifer and we welcome Malcolm Moore as our new signatory.

Finally, I wish to thank everyone who continues to support and contribute in any way to the life of our Parish.

I move 'that the 2021 - 2022 Treasurers' Report and Statements of Financial Performance and Position be received'.

Linda Armstrong
Treasurer

Alexandra Clyde Lauder Union Parish

Statement of Financial Performance

Year ended 30 June 2022

| <u>REVENUE</u> | <u>2022</u> | | <u>2021</u> |
|----------------------------|----------------------|---|----------------------|
| Offerings | \$ 69,580.00 | | \$ 65,303.00 |
| Donations, Fundraising | \$ 8,935.00 | | \$ 18,724.00 |
| Donations Tagged | \$ 15,000.00 | 1 | |
| Grants | \$ 102,131.00 | | |
| Womens Groups | \$ 370.00 | | \$ 708.00 |
| MSD Wage Subsidy | \$ 9,000.00 | | |
| Interest Bank & Investment | \$ 4,381.00 | 2 | \$ 9,398.00 |
| Use of Property | \$ 10,258.00 | | \$ 10,550.00 |
| Sundry Income | | | \$ 6,749.00 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | \$ 219,655.00 | | \$ 111,432.00 |

Notes to Financial Performance

Revenue

- 1 Donation tagged for St E carpet
- 2 Decreased interest due to use of OFTB investment for E/Q S

EXPENSES

| | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------|---|----------------------|
| Ministry | \$ 73,270.00 | | \$ 72,414.00 |
| Missions | \$ 544.00 | | \$ 1,379.00 |
| Administration | \$ 9,255.00 | | \$ 9,711.00 |
| Property | \$ 21,113.00 | | \$ 21,928.00 |
| St E E/Quake Strengthening | \$ 101,594.00 | | |
| Plant & Equipment | \$ 18,322.00 | 1 | |
| Other Expenses | \$ 349.00 | 2 | \$ 3,096.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$ 224,447.00 | | \$ 108,528.00 |
| Surplus(Deficit) | - \$ 4,792.00 | | \$ 2,904.00 |

Notes to Financial Performance

Expenses

- 1 Includes St E Chairs and Technology equipment
- 2 Includes fundraising costs

Alexandra Clyde Lauder Union Parish

Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 2022

| Account | 30 Jun 2022 | 30 Jun 2021 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Assets | | |
| Bank | | |
| Cheque Account | 17,444.54 | 19,731.48 |
| Call Account | 26,600.32 | 6,582.58 |
| Mission Account | 2,211.45 | 2,210.35 |
| OFTB Investment | 500,084.15 | 529,078.15 |
| Total Bank | 546,340.46 | 557,602.56 |
| Fixed Assets | | |
| Church Office and Flat (Land) | 230,000.00 | 230,000.00 |
| St Mungo's Church Clyde (land) | 145,000.00 | 145,000.00 |
| St Mungo's Church Clyde (buildings) | 210,000.00 | 210,000.00 |
| Centennial Avenue (land) | 1,415,000.00 | 1,415,000.00 |
| St Enoch's Church (building) | 508,000.00 | 508,000.00 |
| Total Fixed Assets | 2,508,000.00 | 2,508,000.00 |
| Total Assets | 3,054,340.46 | 3,065,602.56 |
| Liabilities | | |
| Current Liabilities | | |
| GST | (7,324.95) | (854.42) |
| Total Current Liabilities | (7,324.95) | (854.42) |
| Total Liabilities | (7,324.95) | (854.42) |
| Net Assets | 3,061,665.41 | 3,066,456.98 |
| Equity | | |
| Current Year Earnings | (4,791.57) | 2,935.51 |
| General Funds Held | 2,977,856.20 | 2,974,920.69 |
| Realised Capital Gains on Manse | 88,600.78 | 88,600.78 |
| Total Equity | 3,061,665.41 | 3,066,456.98 |

Minutes of The Annual General Meeting 2020/21

Of the Alexandra Clyde Lauder Union Parish, was held at St

Enoch's church, Alexandra, on Sunday 7th November, 2021, at 11.30am, following the morning service.

The AGM was changed from August to November because of COVID 19.)

The Meeting was constituted by Reverend Andrew Howley, and he welcomed all. A candle was lit in memory of those who have passed away since the last AGM followed by a short prayer.

PRESENT: Beryll Dittmer, Glenis Ward, Suzette and Steve Battrick, Kay Pringle, Valerie Anderson, Anne Davies, Linda Cowan, Gay Gordon, Sue and Don Melville, Elizabeth Golden, Ngaire McCloy, Hazel and George Elder, Rosalie Howley, Chris Beilby, Ruth McNamara, Alex Joyce, Helen Tucker, Evelyn Brensell, Ewing Stevens, Peter Griffioen, Linda Armstrong, Jennifer Bowie, Katherine Milligan, Jean MacDonald & Andrew Howley. *Moved Gay Gordon/seconded Sue Melville Agreed*

- APOLOGIES: Helen Williamson, Meredith Crawford, Barbara Collie, Anita and Rajan, Anna and Ollie Yeoman, Kathy and Bruce Smith, Les Brensell, Malcolm Moore, Sheryll Hanning, Pat Tyrell, Alma McGregor, Anne Marie Hopcross, Maureen Bush and Alan Brady. *Moved Chris Beilby/seconded Kay Pringle Agreed.*

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO THE AGENDA UNDER GENERAL.

- That we apply for funds from the Lotteries Heritage Fund. *Moved Kay Pringle/seconded Valerie Anderson Agreed.*

AGENDA: "That the Agenda as published be adopted" with additional item, if any. *Moved Valerie Anderson/seconded Kay Pringle. Agreed.*

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM. "That the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 30th August be confirmed"

Moved Jennifer Bowie/seconded Rosalie. Agreed.

Matters Arising from the minutes: Nil.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: "That the reports of the committees as published in the 2020/21 Annual Report, be received." *Moved Ruth McNamara/seconded Don Melville Agreed.*

Minister: Received as circulated. Rev Andrew Howley

Summary of Parish Council Decisions. Received as circulated Beryl Dittmer.

Aministration: Received as circulated. Beryl Dittmer

Property: Received as Circulated. Kay Pringle gave her last report and has handed over her convenorship to Malcolm Moore as Convenor of the property committee. Kay Pringle thanked David Dittmer, Les Brensell, Grant Smith (plumber) Malcolm Moore, Alan Brady, Peter Griffioen, Graeme Bell and Andrew Howley.

Pastoral care: Received and circulated. Jennifer Bowie

Worship & Formation: Received as circulated. Pat Tyrell.

Social Action: Received as circulated, Ruth McNamara

St Mungo's Womens Fellowship. Received as Circulated Dawn Becker.

Parish Evening Womens Group: Received as circulated Sheryll Hanning.

St Enoch's Afternoon Fellowship Received as circulated June Sinclair.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (including Statement of Income an Expenditure 2020/2021 be accepted. *Moved Linda Armstrong/seconded Gay Gordon.* Linda thanked everyone for the fundraising which helps our fund keep going.

That the 2021/2022 BUDGET be accepted and approved. Moved Linda/seconded Gay Gordon.

PARISH COUNCILLORS:

"That the following persons be reappointed to the Alexandra Clyde Launder Union Parish Council.

- Sheryll Hanning
- Ruth McNamara
- Sue Melville

RESIGNATION:

- Jennifer Bowie. Thanked after so many years on the Parish council.

NEW NOMINATIONS

- Malcolm Moore
- Peter Griffioen

Moved Don Melville/seconded Linda Armstrong

RETIRING PARISH CLERK:

- Beryll Dittmer. Thanked for all her time(18 years) as Parish clerk.

GENERAL BUSINESS

"That we apply for funds from the lotteries Heritage Fund for earthquake strengthening.

Moved Kay Pringle/seconded Sue Melville. Agreed

Hazel Elder asked" How many members do we have and how are they counted)? There was a discussion about this.

Vote of thanks to the chair and to Andrew and Rosalie, Gay Gordon for doing the Acclaim, Organists Valerie and her team, Lay Preachers and Ruth organising services for Ranui and Castlewood aged care facilities.

Meeting closed at 12.16PM.