

Annual Report



2018

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Note: This report is to be read in conjunction with the relevant Financial Statements and Reports.

Taranaki Cathedral Annual General Meeting Agenda 10.30am Sunday 24 March 2019, Peace Lounge

- 1.) Welcome and prayer
- 2.) Apologies – *as per the list circulating*
- 3.) Minutes of the previous AGM of 25th March, 2018
- 4.) Matters arising
- 5.) Adjournment of the meeting for the AGM of the St. Mary's Church Parochial Properties Society Inc.
- 6.) Reports
- 7.) Financial – 2018 accounts
– 2019 budget

- 8.) The Cathedral Project
- 9.) Appointment and elections – Dean's Warden
 - People's Warden
 - Vestry reps. (3-6)
 - Synod reps. (2 lay + 1 youth)
 - Parish Nominators (4)

- 10.) General business

Opening Prayers

I runga i te Ingoa o te Atua, te Matua, te Tama me te Wairua Tapu. **Amine.**
(In the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.)

God our Creator, when you speak there is light and life, when you act there is justice and love, grant that your love may be present in our meeting, so that what we say and what we do may be filled with your Holy Spirit. Amen

Our Cathedral Prayer

Gracious God, you have guided generations of faithful people who have gone before us in St Mary's.

We are embracing the opportunities and the challenges in the strengthening and the development of our cathedral and our cathedral community.

We pray you will inspire our mission 'to be as Christ to our community' – encourage, prepare and equip us for this journey as Christ leads.

Lift our hopes and deepen our faith in what you have in store for us.

Help us to listen well, to deepen our love, strengthen our unity, widen our vision. Energise us in body, mind and spirit for the work before us.

As we journey on may we find in Christ's hospitality, hope and food for the journey. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Taranaki Cathedral Church of St Mary Peace Hall, on 25th March 2018, 1.30pm

1. Dean Peter opened the meeting and led everyone with a prayer.

Present: Parishioners as per the list (see below)

Apologies: Parishioners as per the list (see below)

Apologies received: Moved Dean Peter Beck. **Carried**

2. **Minutes of the last AGM**, 26th March 2017 were tabled and taken as read. Minutes confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Moved Con Robertshawe, seconded Julie Otene. **Carried**
3. **Matters Arising:** John Pickering questioned reference to the remediation given. That this was on the agenda for today's meeting. Dean Peter explained that these minutes are a true and accurate record of what was discussed and recorded at the 2016 AGM.
4. **Adjournment of the meeting:** Dean Peter Beck moved that the meeting be adjourned to accommodate the AGM of St Mary's Church Parochial Properties Society Inc. **Carried**

Minutes of the 2018 AGM of the St Mary's Anglican Parochial Properties Society are attached to these minutes.

5. The Cathedral AGM resumed:

Ministry and Support Group Reports were tabled with the following comments:

- a. Dean Peter Beck thanked the Choir and acknowledged the work of Christopher Luke
- b. Mele acknowledged and thanked Anne Street from Stop Inn for her support and those who help with meals.
- c. Dean Peter thanked Jennifer Smart who has taken on the Office Managers role.

Cathedral Groups were tabled with the following comments:

- a. Dean Peter thanked all who had prepared their reports and for all the work that they have done in their respective areas of responsibility, and to all who have helped and supported them. A thank you was also extended to all who have retired during the year. Dean Peter also issued a challenge to the Parish regarding fundraising and engaging new personnel to ensure that these groups will continue, grow and flourish.
- b. Clyde Bannister Wilks spoke of the work on the Welcome Desk and the work of Christopher Luke.
- c. Ailsa Claridge gave a verbal report on the relevance of the work that is done by volunteers who look after the welcome desk.
- d. Dean Peter Beck spoke about the success of The Community Café and the need

for more and younger volunteers.

Verbal Reports:

- a. Raewyn Wolfe gave a report on the Flower Group
- b. Kathy Egli gave a report on Crafty Connections

No other matters arose from the reports. Dean Peter moved that all reports be accepted/**Carried with acclamation and thanks**

6. **Financial Reports:**

Treasurer Kath Varley was available to answer questions.

It was noted that the deficit for 2018 was \$38,000 due mainly to Diocese's charges, which is a challenge going forward. Chapter and Vestry are aware of this and that the Ministry is not sustainable in its current form.

The Chair asked that the financials be adopted. Moved K Varley/seconded Dean Peter Beck. **Carried**

Ailsa Claridge moved a vote of thanks to Kathy who does the role voluntarily. Her commitment, and contribution is overwhelming. **Carried with acclamation**

7. **The Cathedral Project:**

Dean Peter referred to the forum held earlier, and the document that had been prepared to explain and outline the vision to parishioners. Time was required to ensure that the concept was absorbed and understood. Submissions had been called and received by a closing date of 9 March. These are now being summarised and audited by an independent person to ensure objectivity. The resulting summary will be distributed to the cathedral community and forwarded to the Project Governance Board. 17 submissions were received from some 311 on the cathedral email database.

The Campaign Manager, Jan Mason gave a verbal report on the fundraising to date for the Cathedral Project – a report added as an addendum as it was not included in the written reports.

Remediation Manager, Jenny Goddard spoke to her written report which was tabled and invited questions:

- a. Clyde Wilks asked what is the Project Governance Board? Dean Peter explained that it is the body empowered to oversee all aspects of the project and has representatives of the TATB, Bishop, Standing Committee, Cathedral Parish Community, Fundraising and Building Committees. Dean Peter also reiterated that ownership of the Church Building was held by the TATB.

Colin McLeod moved a vote of thanks to parishioners for their financial support of the project to date. Seconded by Lesley Lowe/**carried**

- b. Colin McLeod asked where progress was at with regards the remediation. Jenny responded that small steps were happening all the time and things were progressing well. There will be no start on the remediation until the necessary funds were on hand.

Recommendations from Chapter and Vestry

1. Richard Handley moved the first of three motions that had been passed unanimously by the Chapter/Vestry at their meeting of 28 February 2018 and sought the support of the AGM. The motion was seconded by John Lander

*Chapter and Vestry collectively affirm the full vision of the Taranaki Cathedral Project for expanded ministry on this site and the provisions of all the necessary elements contained in the existing concept (named in the CP Design Brief January 2018) and encourage the Taranaki Cathedral parish to support this. Moved Pat Scaife/Seconded John Lander. **Carried***

2. Julie Otene put the following recommendation from the Chapter and Vestry Meeting of 28th February 2018.

*Chapter and Vestry send a recommendation to the AGM to set a Taranaki Cathedral parish target of \$2million for the Cathedral Project. Moved Julie Otene/Seconded Anne Smith **Carried***

3. Richard Handley put the following recommendation from the Chapter and Vestry meeting of 28th February 2018.

*Chapter and Vestry recommends to the AGM that Peter Barleyman be nominated as an additional member to the Taranaki Cathedral Project Governance Board in order to ensure strong parish and Taranaki representation. Moved Richard Handley/Seconded Jenny Ellis. **Carried***

The Chair allowed a further motion to be tabled from the floor

That this AGM resolve to proceed with all urgency to open the Taranaki Cathedral Church of St Mary for regular Christian services by completing Stage One of the design plan to Earthquake Strengthen the historic building preserving its National Heritage One status before embarking on any other enhancement work.

Moved John Pickering/Seconded Clyde Bannister Wilks **Lost**

8. Election of Officers

Synod – All positions re-confirmed.

Deans' Warden – Sarah Foy re appointed.

Peoples Warden – Julie Otene re-elected unopposed.

Vestry Positions- Four names nominated for five positions. Simon Mosely, Richard Handley, Lesley Lowe, Peter Holden and declared elected.

The following motion was put: *This AGM approves that the Vestry be given authority to co-opt a further person should they so desire. Jenny Ellis/Richard Handley*

The motion was **Carried**

Dean Peter Beck thanked the retiring members and those coming on board for their time and service.

9. General Business

Julie Otene moved a vote of thanks to retiring Dean, Peter Beck for his Leadership, wisdom and friendship during his time with the Cathedral.

This was expressed with loud acclamation.

The meeting closed at 3.30pm with the Cathedral Prayer and Grace

Present 2018: Julie Otene, Kath & Kevin Varley, Raewyn Wolfe, Gwen Jury, Richard Handley, Lesley Lowe, Keith Lowe, Ruth McLeod, Colin McLeod, Ron Harris, Mary Harris, Jenny Ellis, Malcom Potts, Jocelyn Hunter, Anne Smith, Ross Smith, Barbara Miller, John Lander, Rochelle West, Warrick Quinn, Shirley Marsh, Bill Marsh, Jen Pearce, Howard Vosper, Elizabeth Davies, Judy Clarke, Sara Binnie, Bruce Binnie, Heather Lofthouse, Graeme Mudge, Pan Denney, Mele Prescott, Mary Vinnicombe, Roz Robertshawe, Bruce Wallis, Robin Brockie, Isabelle Marchant, Bruno Egli, Kathi Egli, Jan Mason, Dean Peter Beck, Ailsa Claridge, June Mosely, Simon Mosely, Keith Clarke, Jenny Goddard, John Pickering, Sue Pickering, Clyde Bannister Wilks, Don Morton, Con Robertshawe, Jenny Ellis

Apologies 2018: Pam Holdt, Rob Green, Jenny Tait, Dianna McKinnon, Elwin Hunt, Valerie Clarke, Trish Carter, John Carter

Ministry, Staff and Support Team Reports

Acting Dean: Archdeacon Trevor Harrison

I begin by acknowledging the ministry and work of our first Cathedral kaumatua, Archdeacon Tiki Raumati, who served this Cathedral from its beginnings as a Cathedral in 2010 and who died on 30th August, 2018 and was buried in the Cathedral graveyard, as he wished, and as a challenge to us all to continue his work of reconciliation between our tikanga. Rest in peace and rise in glory.

I started my time as Priest-in-charge of the Cathedral Parish on Thursday 31st May, as it was the day of the regular staff meetings, though officially I was appointed as of the 1st June, 2018, and then as of the 1st December, 2018 the Bishop appointed me as Acting Dean.

Coinciding with my start was the carrying out of an Organisational Review headed up by Mary Bourke, assisted by the Diocesan Manager Simon Cayley, Canon Robin Brockie and Canon Pat Scaife. My initial time was therefore spent getting to know the Parish and its organisational and worship structure and the staff and parishioners. With the completion of the report and its presentation to the Bishop I have been responsible for implementing its recommendations.

A major recommendation was to consider the staffing structure going forward and to that end I drew up a proposal that sought to better support the role of a new Dean given the demands of the position in the current environment. The proposal acknowledged the leadership role of the Dean in the Cathedral Project, while also maintaining the worship and ministry of the parish in and to the Taranaki community. New proposed positions were designed to free up the Dean to better carry out his/her role and help to convert thinking and action into an outward looking Cathedral for the city, region and diocese.

To that end the proposed structure would see a full-time Precentor and Pastoral Minister working alongside the Dean primarily to tend to the liturgical and pastoral needs of the Parish. A new position of Pioneer Minister was proposed where the primary focus would be outwards to children, youth and young families and to creating alternative worship opportunities. Alongside these people would be an enhanced role of Communications Adviser to support the work of the Cathedral and the Project. Continuing positions would be those of Director of Music, Office Manager, Cleaner and Premises' Coordinator. The proposal was accepted by Chapter/Vestry and implementation is now underway with the new roles of Pioneer Minister and Communications Adviser having been filled by Cath McVey and Andrew Moffat respectively.

Substantial work was undertaken by the Bishop and I in the hope of appointing a new Dean for the start of 2019, and also a Precentor and Pastoral Minister, but in that we have been unsuccessful to date, but our endeavours are ongoing. Alongside these matters we have continued the regular weekly worship of the

Parish and I continue to delight in the worship offered together in our daily and weekly services and led by a variety of Laypeople and Clergy. We looked at extending the range of services we offer and to that end offered new a Messy Church service, a Youth Service and “Picnic Carols on the Lawn.”

It has been a privilege to work with and alongside the gifted and talented laity and clergy of this Parish and my prayer for you is that you may be a continuing place of reconciliation and peace, worship and witness, hospitality and generosity, and a witness to this city, province and Diocese.

Dean’s Warden and Peoples Warden: Sarah Foy and Julie Otene

The past year has been challenging for the Cathedral and the wardens.

In February, a combined Chapter/Vestry day of reflection and workshopping was facilitated by Mary Bourke. Many aspects of cathedral life were considered in the light of continuing worship in the interim cathedral, as well as consideration of the skills, attributes and qualities needed for a new Dean. In May, an organisational review of the cathedral’s current structure and systems began with a view to being well positioned for future ministry and mission. The review was commissioned by the Bishop together with Chapter/Vestry and the wardens.

The review team led by Mary Bourke included Diocesan Manager Simon Cayley, the Reverend Canon Pat Scaife and Canon Robin Brockie. Findings were released in August, laying the groundwork for a staffing restructure as well as considering the financial constructs that underlie the cathedral's operation and touching on a number of other issues around structures and capacity. Mary spoke with a wide range of people including staff, parishioners, Chapter/Vestry and other stakeholders. The report will provide valuable background for many forward-looking decisions.

In February and March the wardens undertook a consultation process with parishioners regarding the second concept design for the Cathedral Project. This differed from the first concept for the remediated cathedral and its Vivian Street site as it included moving the vicarage forward on its existing site and having a welcoming space/atrium at the front of the cathedral.

An independent reviewer was appointed to ensure transparency and validity of the process. There were 18 submissions, some for and some opposed to parts of the proposed concept. Concerns were directed at the additional proposals in relation to the proposed atrium and the future use and position of the vicarage. There was also reservation regarding some internal modification to the interior layout of the church. However, the reviewer concluded that now was the time for a positive decision to be made with a commitment to a specific project, involving all of the proposed elements. The restructure of the staff began with a proposal presented on Thursday October 18. This new structure aimed to better support the role of a future Dean given the demands of the position in the current environment. It acknowledged the leadership role the Dean must play in the Cathedral Project, while also maintaining worship and ministry of the parish and Taranaki community.

Three ministry roles were converted into one fulltime role and three communication positions (two staff roles and a contractor role) into one, allowing for greater alignment between the parish, Cathedral Project and wider community. A newly created part time Pioneer Minister's role focused on pastoral ministry outside the immediate parish family, especially those with children and youth. Cath McVey was appointed to this position late in 2018.

Interviews for the new part time communications advisor took place in late December 2018 with Andrew Moffat being appointed. The additional new fulltime role of Precentor/Pastoral Minister has yet to be filled.

We farewelled previous communications co-ordinator Richard Grevers, a loyal staff member who helped maintain the website, the cathedral signage, brochures and production of pewsheets and was full of enthusiasm for the cathedral's place in history.

Peter Beck's last Sunday service with us was April 8. His warmth, humour and willingness to immerse himself in the Cathedral Project was hugely appreciated. Ross Falconer was inducted on 22 April and was at the cathedral until May 20 when he opted to return to Whangamata, where he had been living with his wife Lesley, having come 'out of retirement' to take up the role at the cathedral.

Trevor Harrison joined us on 1 June 2018, initially as priest-in-charge but later on as Acting Dean. He has been a steady hand, willing to deal with important tasks around systems and processes. Trevor is also supportive of new ideas, new ways of doing church and is a great all-round enabler.

As the year drew to a close, Chapter and Vestry opted to meet monthly instead of every second month. There a number of reasons including the lack of active committees and the need to deal with change fatigue and adequately resource the Acting Dean and wardens.

Those regular meetings began at the end of 2018 and new committees will be formed for personnel and fundraising-events.

Following the wonderful announcement of \$5 million for the Cathedral Project from the Government's Provincial Growth Fund, visiting of parishioners stepped up.

Julie is a one-woman visiting machine, encouraging others in the parish to be involved to tell others about the Cathedral Project and seek their financial support. She continues to need help as without this 'backbone' parish commitment other funders will look less favourably on requests for assistance.

Julie is also closely involved with the finance committee and is spearheading efforts to reorganise the cathedral accounting systems with the impending departure of long-term treasurer Kathy Varley. In addition she fills in the Annual Parish Return and organises sidespeople for Sunday services.

Sarah was involved with a range of communication roles during 2018 including editing the parish magazine, supporting the work of the Cathedral Project in its marketing and promotion, and helping the Dean where required. She ran a senior primary- intermediate school-age youth group, monthly on a Friday called Yaki Youth, and was one of the Sunday Faith Crew leaders.

Given the changes at the 'top' and the ongoing vacancy for a Dean, the wardens have provided a high level of support. It continues to be an honour to serve the parish and work out best how to be Christ in the community. We thank the ministry

team and staff who have soldiered on despite uncertainty, and who offer love and spiritual guidance in so many ways to our community. You keep the place ticking over and are the public faces of our church! We are all looking forward to having long-term leadership of the cathedral sorted and in place for the long term as we consider a future that is uncertain yet full of promise!

Pastoral Minister: Ailsa Claridge

It is always a privilege to be part of the ministry at Taranaki Cathedral and particularly that ministry which is Pastoral and sees me walking beside people in many different experiences of life.

The role of Pastoral Minister has covered a wide range of ministry including:

- Meeting with people as they become part of our Cathedral family through the delivery of Welcome Packs
- The privilege of walking alongside people as they grapple with their faith in the context of all that can challenge in life. This included individuals who invited such contact for a range of reasons, those who are sick or facing health issues, home communions with those who are unable to come to our services, and in visiting individuals in rest homes.
- Leading the monthly gathering for LLMs which provides input, support and group supervision for the ministry these lovely people offer.
- Chaplain to our Mother's Union, leading their worship, offering teaching around prayer and faith at their monthly meeting.
- Regular preaching and celebrating in our Sunday Services, and at times on a Tuesday morning or Wednesday 10am and at Holy Trinity, Stratford on a bimonthly basis
- Leading morning prayer on Wednesday mornings
- Involved in Funeral Services including those at the Rhapsody Rest Home where I am also Chaplain. Funerals have been in funeral directors Chapels, and at either of the two crematoriums.
- Liaison with ministry units in Waitomo and Taranaki to ensure that their prayer needs are known to those leading Morning Prayer each morning at the Cathedral, by creating the Prayer Diary for the week.
- Handling Baptism enquiries. Meeting with those who wish to pursue it further and co-ordinating with the priest who will baptise. There were 7 baptisms over the 2018 year. It has been a real privilege to be involved in a number of those baptisms.
- The invitation to create and lead a monthly study for a group of women.

Special events that I have had the privilege of co-ordinating, participating in or attending include:

- Creating and offering the service of "Remember our Children" for those who have experienced the grief of what it is when a child dies as a new born or stillborn or miscarriage.
- Host and mentor for the four people who participated in the LiFT course in 2018 – two from our parish and two from other parishes in the city.

- Continuing to co-ordinate the series with Rob Green and Rob Ritchie of “Our Shared Story” which explores the stories relating to settlers and Maori in Taranaki, the implications for Maori, settlers and the Crown through the Land Wars and confiscations and the implications for us as a Cathedral moving forward in peace and reconciliation.
- Spending time at Parihaka. And being invited by Māori from the DHB to participate in the weekly karakia and waiata group on Wednesday mornings in the hospital chapel.
- Creating the liturgy for our Parihaka Service which had as its focus in 2018, Parihaka Women both in the time of the invasion and ransacking of the community in 1881 and over the years that have followed to the present day. The service sought to acknowledge the atrocities of the past and honour the courage and strength of the women of Parihaka.
- Christmas Hampers for those in our city who would otherwise not have had a Christmas dinner experience. 15 hampers were delivered to a variety of households. Sources of those contacts include PARS, Family Works, as well as Taranaki Retreat, and households known to Cathedral Staff.

I also attended Te Huinga (The Gathering for clergy held in Hamilton), as well as the monthly Diocesan Formation programme. My professional development for the year was at Te Wānanga o Aotearoa studying Te Ara Reo Māori, Level 2. A course which is offered without cost. This course was not only Māori language but also much learning and experiencing of Te Ao Māori (Māori world view) which has been a very enriching experience. I receive both spiritual direction and supervision through the Cathedral and have attended a week long silent Retreat at the Community of the Magnificat in the Wairarapa funded through the Dean’s Trust. It is a deep joy to be involved in ministry at Taranaki Cathedral.

Assistant Priest: Bruno Egli

Past Roles

Pastoral Administration:	In the process of handing over to Bruce Binnie
A Fundraising Team Member:	Not actively involved in this year
Stewardship Planning:	No planned stewardship programme. But I have maintained the donor numbering system and the printing and issuing of donation envelopes as required.
Church Service Advertising:	This has been suspended.
Printing Nametags:	Ever since going overseas Jennifer Smart, office manager now organises this.
Assist in Worship services:	As and when required.

My closing paragraph in last year’s report:

“It is my wish to reduce my time commitment at St Mary’s, Kathi and myself decided to have more time together and thus are now working through the process of relinquishing some tasks.”

These last 12 months were transitory periods. There were several months Kathi and I were preoccupied with Kathi's eyesight problems and following her recovery after surgery in the Waikato hospital. There were some difficulties occasionally with computer access, all this slowing down the planned handing over and continuing to maintain the various records. Simon Moseley is a great help in these matters, but with fewer office computers access time sometimes is limited.

Also, some new thinking has come into how we do the pastoral administration, requiring some changes. I am grateful to Bruce Binnie for his willingness to step into some of my tasks. The donation envelopes process entirely under his control this year. I will continue to assist with the various tasks so that Bruce is not under pressure to pick up everything immediately.

The uncertainty of leadership and the many changes keeps us all on our toes, meaning occasionally some element of frustration as certain things are on hold. But all in all, I am thankful to work alongside such a wonderful team.

Director of Music to Taranaki Community

Cathedral Executive Officer – Music Innovation Trust of Taranaki :

Christopher J. Luke

Cathedral Choir

I continue to be delighted with the way the Cathedral Choir continues to humbly support the 10.00am service on Sunday mornings, along with the many liturgies in Holy Week, Advent and Christmas. They continue to be very patient and attentive to their musical support of the life of the Cathedral despite the year's difficulties.

Continuing our "On the Road" Ministry to the Bishopric, the Cathedral Choir and I, along with the Priest-in-Charge and other clergy, were pleased to present Choral Evensong at St Mary's Church, Hāwera in July, along with a Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols at the Wesley Methodist Church, Hāwera in December.

In 2019, weekly rehearsals for the Cathedral Choir will be managed in a new way to allow for a better level of commitment for all members. The traditional 7.00pm rehearsal on Wednesday evening will be replaced with a Sunday morning rehearsal at 9.00am running for 50-minutes and then allowing for time to prepare for the 10.00am Choral Eucharist.

Assistant Organists to the Cathedral

I continue to be ever thankful for the work and support of Helen Shearer in assisting me in accompanying services this year.

2018 Music Programme

I was pleased to present 15 events in the Interim Cathedral this year involving the Lunchtime Organ Recital Series (10 recitals), the Hymn Lecture Series (four lectures) and my annual Christmas Organ Recital. I'm looking forward to continuing this series in 2019 partnered with St Joseph's Catholic Church, New Plymouth.

Picnic Carols on the Lawn

Despite fears for both the weather and how many might attend, this inaugural event was a great success with over 250 people in attendance; a mix of both Cathedral members and the community, including quite a few who simply walked in off the street. The Great Taranaki Steam Band enjoyed being involved and are happy to make this a regular commitment each year. The lawn area outside the Vicarage proved to be the perfect amphitheatre – something to consider for the future, particularly with The Cathedral Project. Many favourable comments all round including a want for the event to possibly go longer next time.

Music Innovation Trust of Taranaki

As Executive Officer to the Trust, I am ever grateful to the Cathedral for its continuing support. 2018 has been a very busy and successful year for the Trust with 100 events/performances presented throughout the region. As I write this, it is a critical time for the Trust's future as we wait for approval of our next 3-year round funding from the TSB Community Trust. For a more detailed report on the Trust's activities, please speak to me personally for a copy of the 2018 Annual Report or email mitt@taranakicathedral.org.nz

Canon Pastor: Bill Marsh

This last year has been difficult for our pastoral Carers. We have been very short of Carers with the result that we have not been able to fulfil some calls on our time. I apologise for this and hope that this year we are able to do better. However to be able to meet all the calls we desperately need more Parishioners to offer themselves for Carers. Currently we only have three Lay Ministers who are totally involved with Rest Homes and the requirements of caring in those situations. The Parish is extremely grateful for those Parishioners who daily go about the parish visiting people who are lonely, need encouragement and spiritual care as well as needing just "a friend." I am not going to name these people. They know who they are and so do we. Thank you for the wonderful work you do without asking for any reward but the knowledge that you are "being Christ to people." There have been five funerals at the Interim Cathedral this last year. Your Priests have officiated at 35 services at other churches. St Joseph's (5), St Chads St John's and Holy Trinity (1 each). We are very appreciative of the welcome and assistance we receive from these churches and the hospitality they offer to our Parishioners at a time of need. As well we have officiated at funerals held in Funeral Directors Chapels and again we offer our thanks to those Directors for their understanding and assistance. The Garden of Remembrance has had several interments of ashes this year and we hope that will continue. It is a lovely serene place not just for interments but a place where one can sit and meditate and commune with God.

I am now only working Wednesdays and Thursdays each week which has curtailed my pastoral work. However one development is my Hospital visits. I visit each Wednesday morning and try to make contact with our people who are in for treatment or care. I am aware that because of my limited time I have not been able to visit everyone more particularly if I call at the Ward and find that either you are

having a procedure or Doctors are doing their rounds. In addition I am an On Call Chaplain and also a member of the Local Chaplaincy Committee. We have an excellent relationship with the Hospital and more particularly with staff. I also have a continuing rapport with Chaplain Joe Gray who is a real asset with his empathy and understanding of the hospital culture.

This coming year will be particularly challenging as we wait upon the appointment of a Precentor and Dean. My tenure with St Mary's will be completed after 18 years on 30 April when I will be retiring from stipended ministry. I have so much appreciated the friendliness and encouragement I have received from Parishioners over those years. I was taught and have always believed that pastoral work is much easier and more successful when done in the home environment. For that reason I have never had an office at the Cathedral always preferring meeting in the home. I will always continue to be a part of St Mary's and maybe help with services once in a while but for now I must sign off with a heartfelt thank you to you all and I will always value the friendship you have given to Shirl and I.

Blessings Bill Marsh Canon Pastor

Family Worker : Catherine McVey

Faith Crew

2018 provided a wonderful opportunity to further deepen relationships with our regular families, as well as welcome some new families at Baptisms. Our numbers continue to fluctuate from 3-15 with anything in between. We have a wide range of ages attending, from age 2-17 years, making it a rewarding yet challenging gathering. We are so fortunate to have 6 voluntary leaders, who give up their time in order to make our program sustainable. We follow the lectionary to lead our planning and implementation of the programme, as well as drawing on the Strandz Children's Ministry website and resources. We begin and end each session with focussed prayer time using a prayer cloth and candle on which the Lord's Prayer and Cathedral Prayer are focuses too. We use a variety of methods to share the scriptures, including the use of the projector, stories and dramatic skits. In the middle of this year, we offered a Bible Superhero learning series, where the children were taught about some of the lesser known heroes of the bible: **David** (brave giant slayer); **Miriam** (brave baby hider); **Ultimate Peacekeeper Jesus**; **Mary** (the humble and obedient); **Jonah** (scared but came back and was bold); **Daniel** (stuck with God and slept in the lion's den); **Moses** (led the Israelites to freedom after trying to run away and thinking he was not worthy); **Esther** (saved her people from certain death by trusting God's plan). What have you done as one of God's superheroes? At Easter time, we put together an All Age Good Friday service, focusing on the Stations of the Cross. The Intermediate youth group was instrumental in making and preparing many of the elements for this service, including making an altar with one of the dad's supervision; being part of the worship team and making and serving hot cross buns after the service.

In Term 2, our focus shifted to plastic Free July, and again we were able to share our space with our community by offering a Plastic Free event. We made reusable shopping bags, played games and had dinner together. We were able to collect Koha which was donated to Upcycle Taranaki. In December, we offered a new event, in the form of Picnic Carols, which was a joy to behold. We provided a space on our Vicarage Lawn for families to bring a picnic, sing along to the Great Taranaki Steam Band and enjoy ice cream and coffee as required. It is my hope that these events become a regular fixture in our church calendar of special events.

We also held our annual children's Christmas pantomime style liturgy on Christmas Eve, which was well attended. The sum collected during Faith Crew sessions throughout the year was around \$80 and it was voted by the children to be donated to Gabby's Starlit Hope.

It is a testimony to the work that God is doing in our midst that we were able to host such a multitude of things over the course of the year. It is my hope to celebrate the Cathedral consecration with a family picnic allowing time for the container in the entrance to be painted as a collaborative art project, and to set up a labyrinth for use over Lent.

Pukeko Stomp

Our baby and toddler music groups held on Monday and Thursdays continue to grow and flourish. Each group has 20+ children and their carers. We continue to be blessed with the support of volunteer bakers and kitchen helpers, who honestly, we could not manage without. We receive so much wonderful feedback from adults and children alike around how much they love the safe and happy environment and helpers. At Easter time, Dean Peter came to tell the story of Easter to our youngest disciples which was well received by the littlies (and we all loved seeing him wearing bunny ears!). We have been able to provide new baby gift baskets, meals and baking to several families this year and provide much needed pastoral support during tough times and bereavements. We continue to have a solid flow of influx and outgoing children in our two weekly groups with children leaving to begin Kindy and school. There seems to be an increase in the number of overseas families with a high need for support due to a lack of familial support here in New Plymouth. Again it is with a grateful heart we receive these families. Plans and vision for the year ahead include involvement in the Good Friday /Easter services; and a Saturday morning bacon butties session for Dads and bubs. We would also like to support Ruth and the Saturday luncheon by doing cards for Easter and singing at Christmas time.

Office Manager: Jennifer Smart

Another busy year and I wouldn't have it any other way! Being my second year here I'm starting to understand a little more of how the Anglican Church operates! The office has been a hive of activity over the recent months. It is with great gratitude that I have such wonderful volunteers in the office and on the Welcome Desk who carry on what we are here for, to reach out to all people in the community with time, food, patience and non judgement.

I am always looking out for more help in the office and the Welcome Desk however. With the Cathedral remedial project building up this year, we are busier than ever and no doubt once the building is wrapped there will be more people coming in to see what is happening. Im hoping there will be people here to interact with them and tell them our story.

Currently we have three people who help in the office and serving our visitors, some a couple of hours a week and some three mornings per week. Another project we are supporting is the Breakfast Café. Office volunteers are helping with cooking and preparation for this each week. As I say, it's a varied role here in the office!

Bookings for both halls, lounge, library and offices are in great demand. Revenue from this is a good incentive to help accommodate these groups/people but ultimately, its being able to use our facilities going forward to open our doors to all people not just parishioners.

I believe we will also be carrying out other duties going forward. I often get asked if what I am doing is part of my job.....I say, it's the fine print at the very end which says 'other duties', jokingly of course. Im here for the good of the church and will do anything to support it. Going forward this year.....I would like to see the Hatherley Hall an open and inviting place for all. To be positive and proactive supporting the remedial work and the developing and building of the new space, this is for our future generation, same as our ancestors did for us.

Blessings to you all

Teams, Groups and Ministry Reports

Churchyard Maintenance & Restoration: John Pickering

The graveyard continues to attract many visitors and tour groups who are fascinated by the history recorded on the headstones, including a large group of 68 girls from Wellington College. The graveyard looks clean and tidy thanks to the weekly work by the gardening team and Corrections community teams. The new park bench installed under the Siberian Elm tree provides a place to sit quietly in respect of the dignity and heritage of the site.

The big event in 2018 was the burial of the Cathedral Kaumatua Tiki Raumati. His grave as the first local Māori in the grounds is a recognition of his life's work to bring together the two cultures in common land. It is an honour to be responsible for the care of his grave.

The Lychgate and east stone wall were cleaned but still suffers ground movement causing the wooden gate to often jam shut requiring Noel to reset the hinges. On behalf of the Heritage Graves Commission I regularly sprayed the 20 war graves for moss control and clean the inscriptions as they record the tragic events of the 1860 military war history and soldiers' deaths encountered during their short stay in New Plymouth.

Over Christmas the headstone of Robert Loveridge was pushed over by persons unknown and split into 3 parts. This is the first vandalism since lighting was installed. Repairs are being considered. Robert died age 35 in 1863 and left a wife and many children. I thank Richard Grevers for preparing the online record of the headstones and making this available on the Cathedral website.

Lay Licence Ministers (LLMs): Ailsa Claridge (in consultation with the LLMs)

Lay Licence Ministers are laity who serve in our parish as Pastors, Educators, and Worship Leaders. We have 4 Lay Licence ministers and one Lay Licence Emeritus.

During 2018, Lay Licence Ministers continued to meet on the first Wednesday of the month for support, fellowship, input and supervision. The format of those meetings was worship, input, group supervision and prayer. The theme for the year was "Change" looking at change and its implications in life, the barriers and challenges and what is helpful. This series of input and supervision allowed for reflection, self-examination and fresh understandings to use in pastoral care. The year has been a positive one for our LLMs.

Our LLMs are involved in a range of pastoral care in the wider community. This includes chaplaincy at Heatherlea, a role in their workplace eg the Hospice and for a time at Tainui, and in Hospital Chaplaincy leading services as well as being part

of the “on call” team for the Hospital and services elsewhere. LLMs are also involved in ongoing pastoral care of parishioners – those who are frail or unwell, and in times following bereavement. This may include offering Home Communion. There is also involvement in our Sunday and midweek services as Liturgists, leading in Intercessions, reading the lessons and serving with the chalice.

There were no Diocesan training Days for LLMs in 2018. So that made the nature of the monthly meetings for our team even more vital. It is hoped that we might find others who have a sense of call to Lay Ministry from within our Cathedral Community.

Rest Home Ministry: Ailsa Claridge (in consultation with those ministering in rest homes)

We have a number of people from our Cathedral who offer monthly services in rest homes within the city. These people may also offer pastoral support to individuals, be involved in the blessing of rooms, and offer special services at various times of the year. There are a number of people who visit individuals with rest homes not listed below as well as parishioners who provide ongoing connection with the Cathedral for those who have made their home in one of the many rest homes in our city and beyond.

Heatherlea: Barbara Miller takes a monthly Communion Service at Heatherlea and as their “Chaplain”, visits at least weekly spending time with individuals and small groups building a growing relationship with both staff and residents, conducts room blessings, co-ordinates the ANZAC services and has participated in funerals.

Rhapsody: Ailsa Claridge offers a monthly Communion Service on the second Wednesday of the month. Ailsa is “Chaplain” and visits Rhapsody weekly to be available to residents and staff. This can include involvement in funerals, the blessing of rooms and support for families. An annual ANZAC service is held as well as special themed services at different times in the year.

Tainui: Tainui is an Anglican ministry unit in its own right. Heather Lofthouse and John Carter in their roles as Chaplains cared for the spiritual needs within that community. During the year, Heather resigned from her role as Chaplain and an appointment was made of a fulltime chaplain.

Taurima: Rev’d Judy Clarke offers a monthly Communion Service at Taurima Resthome on the first Tuesday in the month. This service is very much enjoyed by the residents. A very much welcomed service was the Advent Carol service in December.

Telford: Mele Prescott offered Holy Communion services at least every fortnight at Telford Resthome. There were at least 15 people who would always be present and ready to receive. The activities coordinator was always easy to work with and welcoming which was very helpful to my ministry. The residents of Telford were

hospitable, encouraging and open to what I offered which included singing with guitar and unaccompanied, and the sharing of story. The Christmas and Easter services were a highlight. Mele's last service with the residents and staff was a blessing of the entire complex in January 2019 which was a celebration of new beginnings. She is grateful for her time at Telford and the skills and experiences she learnt from there.

Stop-In: Anne Street

After 25 years in business, well over 100 volunteers and total takings of more than half a million dollars, Stop-In is still reaping in the dollars. It's surprising how those 50 cents, \$1 and \$2 items accumulate sufficient income for us to donate to so many worthy charities and organizations.

Back in 1992 Nesta Andrews and Jill Rawson had the idea of setting up a secondhand clothing shop. They suggested the idea to Rvd. David King and it was accepted, opening June 29th 1993.

For our 25-year celebration Mark Birch interviewed Jill Rawson and an article was published in the Cathedral Magazine. Buntings gave the shop a festive look. Volunteers and parishioners donated grocery items which made up four lovely baskets for a raffle. The proceeds from the raffle were given to Women's Refuge and the Emergency Shelter. Twenty-one volunteers celebrated our special anniversary at Sun World.

To coincide with this special time our new display flag arrived, stating OP SHOP OPEN. This has attracted the attention of many passers-by who've become new customers. Frequently we hear "I didn't know there was an Op Shop here". It has certainly put us on the map.

Total income for 2018 was a very healthy \$36,100. We donated \$26,108 to 41 charities for educational needs and projects within the Taranaki Cathedral community, social outreach and to support other registered NZ charities in working to alleviate need or poverty. Of the distributions made \$2,898 was donated to overseas welfare charities. We still sponsor two children, Maria in East Timor (\$528 through Child Fund) and Adama in Mali (\$540 through World Vision). \$1,000 was donated via Red Cross for disasters in Tonga and Indonesia.

Cathedral Youth Ministry donation was \$5,280 and \$3,120 for shop rental. Our TSB Horizon Savings account of \$4,706 and term deposits of \$12,180 totaling \$16,886 make up reserve funds set aside to provide for relocation of the shop during the Cathedral Earthquake strengthening work. This amount has accrued since 2015 from the \$300 we deposit each month.

We continue to give assistance to those in need. To some we are an extended family and we offer material help and a listening ear and some pop in to check up on us! There are several special helpers who take responsibility with different tasks – stacking boxes in our store room; sorting and grading shoes; hanging clothes and vacuuming the shop.

Our system of labelling clothing has been upgraded. Instead of stapling the price tickets to garments we now use plastic tags. Colours of price tickets are changed at certain intervals so we can monitor the time garments have been in the shop.

Most unusual finds in bags of donations were, a pregnancy test kit, a breathalyzer kit set and a mousetrap (Oh dear!). Also a miniature solar-powered wobbling Bishop Philip!

Our shop opens six days a week, but this has extended to seven days. We have Sunday opening when the clergy and choir browse around and find their bargains!

Sadly, we lost dear Mary Harris who had been associated with Stop-In for many years and often entertained us at our Christmas get-together. We remember with love that lovely Welsh voice.

A big thank-you to all the volunteers for your valued assistance in the running of 'Our Exclusive Boutique' opposite the Cathedral. May God bless this wonderful ministry and all who benefit from the work of Stop-In.

Welcome Desk: Jennifer Smart

This role is hugely important, welcoming visitors and parishioners to our Cathedral. Our welcome desk volunteer numbers have dwindled partly due to changes in life and perhaps because it is much quieter role now the Cathedral is shut but we are still open to welcome people in, talk about the exciting period ahead with the Remedial and building work. A folder is now housed at the welcome desk with all updated information on the project.

This year has seen many of our regulars return for our wonderful hospitality. To be able to come to a quiet, safe, non-judgemental place and to be able to have some nourishment and a drink, perhaps a chat, is a huge thing for some of our visitors, what we take for granted sometimes so hence this role can change peoples lives on a regular basis. Some bring in food to heat as they have nowhere to do this, its just a small something we can do to help support them. Food bank are still supplying bread to us, we have a lot of our toppings donated so it is for a very small cost that we can support these people in our community.

Community Café : Jennifer Smart

A lot has happened in the last year. My first bouquet goes to the absolutely wonderful volunteers who turn up regularly each week, many are not parishioners, who, with great humour, grace and energy keep this café going week after week. My second bouquet goes to Carey Hickling, who finished with us end of 2018, she has done an amazing job in organising the food, cooking, and preparing for the last four years. Her replacement is yet to be found but her duties are being covered by several people until we do.

This year we had a wonderful donation from Bayleys Real Estate, we purchased aprons for the waiting staff and an urn. Other donations were mainly fruit and vegetables, lemon honey and other toppings from volunteers. This coming year we hope to be able to cover all our fruit toppings from donations so any extra fruit you may have or anyone you know may have please let the office know.

Due to the church Treasurer leaving, we are setting up the café independently, a committee has been formed, more members are welcome, a bank account is being set up and we will have our own cashflow machine. There will also be a monthly newsletter for all the café volunteers to keep them up with what is happening and the menu which will change monthly. We welcome input/ideas from our volunteers.

Since the café started we have raised over \$70,000.00, which has been distributed to many worthy causes, to mention a couple, Hospital Chaplaincy, World Vision Clean Water Project, Tents for the Sudan, Disaster in Tonga... the list goes on.

It's a wonderful fellowship, meeting and safe place for people to come, long may it last!

Fellowship: Gwen Jury

St Mary's Fellowship leadership has been successfully shared throughout the year. With the Waikato/Taranaki diocese AAW remaining in recess, the St Mary's Fellowship is joining the Wellington Diocese AAW. We have had a busy and interesting year including eight meetings, sharing lunch and a social time prior to our meeting and short service, one mid-year luncheon and four very good informative guest speakers. The Fellowship catered for five Organ Recitals sharing the May catering with St Mary's Stitching Group to celebrate Christopher Luke's 100th Organ Recital. The koha received goes into the funds enabling the Fellowship to give generous donations to overseas and local charities. We gave donations to Overseas and Outreach towards the installation of five water tanks in Tonga, the AAW Emergency Fund, the Te Puna Trust, the Cathedral Project and a large supply of hygiene products to the Food Bank. Throughout the year we joined neighbouring Churches for World Day of Prayer in March, Wave of Prayer in May and Patronal Days.

Fellowship members continue to volunteer their time, supporting Cathedral activities, helping at Stop-In, the Welcome Desk, Pukeko Stomp, The Community Café, the Seniors Luncheon, with Pastoral Care, gardening and Church services. We would like more members. If interested you are welcome to join our lunchtime meeting on the 4th Thursday of each month.

Food 4 Thought: Kerry Ginever

This is a group of women who meet on Thursday mornings for study, discussion, prayer, and fellowship. A wide range of topics was looked at in the last year, including a Lenten Study on the book of Romans. Led by Kerry Ginever, we read from the Bible or study books supplied by Kerry on various topics e.g. miracles. Voluntary donations are collected weekly, and we support missions and various charities. Last year, \$708 was gifted. New members welcome and can contact Kerry Ginever (753 3004) for details.

Cathedral Handbell Ringers: Helen Shearer

At the start of 2018, following the resignation of three valuable members we were doubtful if our group could carry on. Fortuitously a reporter from the *Taranaki Daily News* had made contact and wanted to write an article about our handbell group. A reporter and photographer duly met with us, and the publicity that followed, plus a notice from the Dean to NPCLN, meant that seven people showed interest. Most of them came to see and try ringing, and finally three joined us to practise for the rest of the year. Our group was restored to 11 ringers!

We resolved to concentrate on teaching the art of handbell ringing and not to undertake any public engagements. With perseverance at technique and reading music, we progressed to being a happy group striving for the same result. So rewarding. Mid-year an approach was made by the Army Association to perform a short programme before their celebratory dinner on 30 September reflecting "100 Years On". I felt we had suitable music in our repertoire for this request, and the engagement was accepted. This programme formed our music for the year. We were told afterwards that our music set the tone for the night, and felt honoured that we had been able to tell a reflective musical story. With this success we then decided to offer this concert again near Armistice Day, and so it was repeated to residents of Jean Sandel Retirement Village, with very enthusiastic response. Our year ended abruptly after this as members advised of their unavailability during December. So no Christmas programme was developed. It was a year of some satisfaction, and we hope everyone will return for 2019.

Mothers' Union: Rosemary Bent

In the year under review meetings were planned to fit around 2 of the MU Objectives:

Bringing up children in the faith and life of the church and to maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service.

We have 30 members in the Branch with three members admitted during the year. Members continued their support for the Teen Mums' School at the YMCA providing knitted articles and some financial assistance. The Y's Youth Academy received funding towards the cost of driver's licences. These are necessary for job seekers. Members keep in touch with regular visits. The Men's Emergency Shelter and the Te Puna Trust are the other two local entities we support.

As part of a worldwide organisation we support literacy, numeracy and self help projects across Africa, parenting skills in the South Pacific and Family Life Projects around the world. In September and October we focused our attention on the MULOA conference (MU listens, observes, acts) attended by Rosemary Bent and Virginia Wells. With the help of our chaplain, the Revd Ailsa Claridge we looked at who we were helping, how and what we could do in the future. These findings will make the basis of the Diocesan report and planning for 2019/21 to be presented at the second half of the MULOA in Brisbane next year.

Sacristans: Pamela Holdt

During the year Mary Vinnicombe from the Stitching Group has repaired two of the Burses and made six linen purificators to replace the ones that have been withdrawn. I have continued to carry out the role of the Sacristan and have nothing further to report.

Our Shared Story : Ailsa Claridge

Our Shared Story is a series that has been created as a response to the interest of a number of people into the stories of our past and our connection with Māori in Taranaki.

This series began in 2017 with two sessions looking at settlement of Taranaki by English immigrants, their stories, the history of the beginnings of St Mary's and a tour of our graveyard to hear the stories there. In 2018, there were 5 sessions on a range of topics which included a bus trip to visit the sites of the first gunshot fired in the Land Wars and other sites of settlement and battle within the Waitara area, Maata Wharehoka visiting us for a session on what it means to be Māori, learning of protocols for visiting a marae and waiata to use, looking at the situation various leaders Māori, Pākehā, and Crown found themselves in during the time between the phases of the land wars through the use of drama, and looking at the implications of the second stage of the land wars and land confiscations in Taranaki.

While the series is based at the Cathedral as a Cathedral event, people have come from other parishes, and from the Māori community here in Taranaki and further afield.

The series has created discussion, provided education and interest as we as a Cathedral move deeper into the process of Peace and Reconciliation with our past and into the future.

The Cathedral Project: A Taranaki Taonga

Cathedral Design + Remediation Manager: Jenny Goddard

Much has been achieved, but inevitably some will feel there is little to show for it. We know much more about our cathedral – stained glass conservators have assessed our beautiful windows, we have dug under the walls to check on the foundations, the saltiness of our stones has been studied, the origin of our slates debated and the northern cross removed after the fire service deemed it at risk of falling. We are ready to remove the reredos and organ for storage and part with the pews. The engineers have crunched countless numbers and devised skilful ways to conceal steel, cables and concrete. We have the Resource Consent allowing us to proceed.

In short, we are ready to go on Phase One. The documentation allowing for Building Consent application and a building tender to be let has just been delivered by our engineering and architectural consultants. After some final checking, these will be turned over to our Quantity Surveyor to update their estimate for the costs of the building work. The last estimate in July 2018 was based on less detailed documents so we do expect changes- both up and down.

We still anticipate the project costing between \$9 -10 million. Note however that this includes contingencies and a significant amount of professional design fees that have already been spent.

Until sufficient funds are raised though, we can not tender the project or enter in to a building contract. We had hoped to begin strengthening work on site by mid-2019, but as I have said on many occasions, the timelines are “funds driven”- so, no money, no start! Hopefully we can still achieve a late 2019 start if fundraising allows.

I have led funding applications to the Provincial Growth Fund and in August to Lottery Environment and Heritage Fund. The applications were quite different. The Lottery application was all about the cost of earthquake strengthening and reopening our significant heritage church. We received \$500,000 which was the highest allocation made bar one. In contrast the application to the Provincial Growth Fund highlighted the vision and goals of Phase Two of The Cathedral Project- the reworking of our existing buildings and a new space that will provide a place for education, tourism, reconciliation, celebration and administration. The application has seen us granted \$5 million. This is a huge boost for the Cathedral Project and our region but it has not been provided for strengthening, it is

for Phase Two, so currently not within our reach. Understandably then, moving ahead with Phase Two has been a priority. We now have Ngāti Te Whiti involved and enthusiastically engaged with our vision and by May should have architect's concept drawings and much more information about the work, business and organisational structure of the development. This is vital so that we can promote Phase Two to the public and bring on board new funders who have little interest in the structural deficiencies of Taranaki Cathedral but lots of enthusiasm for the bicultural development and story of peace and reconciliation that we are jointly weaving with our partner, Ngāti Te Whiti.

