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Minister's Annual Report

In a world where everything seems to be changing – some things remain the same. I am still here and most of you were also here last year. God's love and faithfulness remain ever constant and dependable. The Bible is a true guide to Divine and Human character..... But if so much is remaining the same - what is changing here? We could talk of changing personnel (Keith Woodcock got married last year and moved to America, and Diane King, one of Elders, passed away along with several other of our members). We've had changes in the buildings – the creche and youth rooms have had a major renovation thanks to Peter Wooten and the Board of Managers and our ICYE volunteers. We've had changes in our services with the monthly Creative Service and much more. The PCANZ has also been in a process of change which will continue to exert an influence on the way things are done in our local Church. They have promoted a change in the way Presbyteries do their work and recommended they merge to form larger units. They have implemented Parish and Minister Assessment processes and changed the way ministers are trained. A parish assessment looks at eight qualities in a churches life under two headings – Mission Vision and Mission Capacity. I thought for my annual report I could make some comments under those eight qualities.

Mission Vision

1. An Outward Focus

The tension between caring for the current members and the need to look outward has been felt at St Columba's from time to time this year. Should I spend my time visiting current members or those on the fringe of the Church and families. Should we encourage the youth groups and KFC to use the buildings but recognise that they might get some damage and breakages in the process so it is not quite so pristine for other users. The church must have an outward focus and so I have been more intentional about inviting young families for a meal or ensuring I visit people on the fringe of the Church not just the sick or bereaved members.

2. A Sense of Direction

St Columba's Mission Statement is about Reaching out in Love (to God, each other and the Community) so while this does provide a focus it is important to have more specific goals which implement this outward focus. The E100 series has been an important part of this as it has encouraged bible reading (reaching out to God) and participation in small groups (reaching out to each other). The continued development of KFC and the growth of the number of kids attending both after school (up to 40 on some days) and during the holiday programmes (over 50 children) has been excellent. Being approved as a "Kids Friendly Church" is another important step as it sets the goal of what we want to be but also provides some markers for our continued development. I frequently ask "what sort of church do we want to be?" and what do we need to do to become like that?

3. Involving Leadership

After needing some time out last year I am so aware of the value of a bigger team of leaders who will share the load of ministry. We have several capable lay preachers in the congregation and I am aware that I need to use them more. Pam and Wim's creativity are

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amazing. Having Robin lead the Pastoral visiting team is also vital to the success of that work. Nancye Munro has also put us on notice that she will resign from Session in her 81st year. She and these others have made a tremendous contribution. Nancye has kept the Roll, as well as organised the Communion service as well as her general duties as an Elder and all round hospitable and lovely lady. The changing of the guard from such great leaders is a scary thing for any organisation and yet it also gives us an opportunity to see if we can do things in a new way. Can someone who is not an Elder take on the task of preparing Communion, can non Elders serve Communion? If we were to have Communion monthly as some have suggested how could we enlarge the pool of helpers or change the way we do Communion so that it is still meaningful?

4. Relationships with the Wider Church

Personally I am delighted that I have less responsibility in the Presbytery, no longer being Interim Moderator for St John's and Ahuriri (I remain on the Business and Mission Committees and have some role with the Tuki Tuki camp). One of the highlights of the past few months is meeting with the new ministers from those churches as we look at ways we can develop our preaching. This is great for our relationships as well as the actual task of preaching. I have been asked to help out at St Paul's a couple of times as well since Rev Colin English's retirement – and it is hard not to think of this involvement as a drain and a pain and yet part of being a healthy congregation is to have strong relationships and networks across the region.

Mission Capacity

5. Worship

The Church describes good Worship as that which “is true to God, enhancing of life, promotes growth in faith, is relevant to the cultures/contexts in which we live, and is inviting to people unfamiliar with church.” This is one of the most controversial areas in any church because our personalities are all different – some quieter introverts, others extroverts, some intellectuals, others like emotion, some like the organ and hymns others a good rock sound with guitar and drums. Here we have striven for inclusive worship – with a little for everybody. I have particularly liked seeing the participation of our young people playing the piano or in the youth Band.

6. Strong Sense of Community

I am grateful for those who demonstrate an all embracing attitude across all generations and cultures so that there is a real sense of belonging in the congregation. I was particularly proud when one of the youth came to church for the first time and commented on how welcoming people were, and of those who came up to another first time visitor and talked to them and then even visited the next day with some soup. Different generations bring different values (do you wear caps in the church? Do you tolerate children making noise in the church?). Part of my role is to manage any conflicts and to help work towards reconciliation, healing, and renewal. Thankfully it is not something I have to do often. I am convinced that real community comes not from more people attending larger worship services but from people's involvement in smaller groups so when I hear of the Op Shop staff caring for each other or people in a house group going the extra mile for one of their members going through a hard time I am delighted. Real community comes when different people/ages mix together and one of the dangers of youth ministry is that you can have an amazing youth group that has nothing to do with the rest of the church. Integrating all ages is an important goal if our church is to have a future.

7. A Lively Faith

“Healthy congregations tend to have higher levels of attenders growing in their faith or experiencing moments of conversion or faith commitment. Among attenders there are high levels of devotional activity such as prayer and Bible reading.” The statistics from the E100 about how few church attenders read their bible daily or weekly were staggering (less than 25%) but such disciplines are hard – until they become a part of what you do. .../

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Feedback from the groups has been great and we hope that people are making a new habit of regularly reading the bible. We have a membership/ confirmation class running at the moment so we will see how many make public professions of faith. Part of the process of looking at the Roll and asking people to update their membership status and contact details was to challenge people to think about what it means to belong – both to the church and to Christ.

8. Newcomers and Numerical Growth

We have been blessed with a steady stream of newcomers (some of whom come back a second or third time!) many have joined from other churches when they have relocated city or country or because of other changes in their lives. I like the idea of “Back to Church Sunday” because it reminds us that there are people who would consider favourably an invitation to come back to church. From what I have said above – I think that people would find a warm welcoming community and, hopefully, worship that draws them nearer to God. The challenge is to see such newcomers integrated into the different activities of the Church so that they are not just Sunday attenders but part of our community life. Overall our Roll revisions have meant a small drop in full members so we are not actually growing but attendances have seemed better lately. I am a little paranoid about turning 50 next year (I have been for the past two years!). You help me realise that whatever your age there is still lots of life to be lived but I cannot escape my bias that the church needs to continually attract younger ones who will be active workers for the kingdom of God just as many of you have been throughout the years.

St Columba's is a great church to belong to and I thank you for your support and partnership in the ministry here. I thank you for the opportunity to use my gifts for the Glory of God and my continued prayer is that all of us will find St Columba's a great place to belong, a place of support a where there is continual encouragement to use your gifts for the glory of God.

Brett

SESSION REPORT July 2009/June 2010

Reverend Brett Walker (Moderator), Robin Arnold, Nancy Bryan Hans Marnewick, Dot McLeod, Nancye Munro, Sue Read, Barry Thrupp, Pam Thrupp (Session Clerk), Peter Wooten, Colin Zachan **Patoka Elder** Roger Thomsen **Minute Secretary** Pam Watkins

Another year has flown by and in that time we have farewelled old friends who have passed away or moved away and welcomed those new friends who have joined our Parish. It is a natural occurrence in a Parish with such a diversity of ages.

Reverend Brett Walker and the Session, who are ordained Elders, are entrusted with the Spiritual well being of St Columba's. We are grateful to Brett, as our Minister, for his work in this Parish and in the wider community. It is well known that Brett visits people weekly in the hospitals and the Hospice and that he is often invited to take funeral services of people he has only recently met. He is a caring and compassionate man who brings the love of God to many through his actions. Thank you Brett for all the work you do, some known to us but a lot unknown.

It was a difficult year last year with Brett's work load taking its toll on his health meaning he needed two months off to rest, regain his strength and reevaluate the number of things he had taken on or been forced to take on due to the vacancies within the Hawke's Bay Parishes. This put extra pressure on people to step up and help out. We are blessed with people from the wider Churches in Hawke's Bay and from this congregation, who are willing to go that extra mile when needed. Many of us learnt the work of a Minister is not 'a stroll in the park' and we were very happy to welcome Brett back into the fold! .../

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In July, Session welcomed Nancy Bryan as a new Elder. Nancy brings a fresh face and new ideas. We are very pleased to have her join us.

Session was asked to look at the frequency of communion served at St Columba's. There are some who would like to take communion every month and others who feel happy with the six times a year it is served at present. Brett has decided to ask the wider congregation what their thoughts are.

I am very grateful for the support Session gives me as Session Clerk and for their commitment and Christian love to the people of St Columba. There is much wisdom among Session members with the oldest of the Elders turning 80 this year! As a small group we work well together in a relaxed manner, with one purpose in mind, to bring the love of Christ to all who attend St Columba both through worship and the children's programmes.

Session recognises the help given from the congregation in delivering communion invites and being a listening ear to those you visit. We are very grateful to you as it lightens the load for the Elders.

Session made the decision to upgrade the Church roll as many people had either moved house or out of the area and we wanted to be able to contact people if needed. It was a big job, a few people were upset by it, perhaps because it was not worded well, but it was a necessary exercise and it is now almost completed, thanks to Rhonda, Robin and Nancye.

It is over a year since we began the **Creative Family services**. It has gone from strength to strength with the children gaining confidence and a greater sense of belonging to their Church family. Music, drama, songs, readings and prayers led by the children and youth, makes this a happy and joyful service, where they are learning to praise their Lord in their own way. Thankyou to all those involved who are making it happen.

It was a real blessing to finally be rewarded as a 'Kids Friendly' church. There were many requirements to be met both from the congregation, the Minister and the youth and children's leaders. After all the paper work was done and forwarded to the national coordinator Jill Kaiser, we gained that recognition of Kids Friendly. I might add the only one officially in Hawke's Bay! It is an ongoing commitment and one I hope and pray we can all continue to work on.

Wim has had another very successful year with the **Youth Group**. We are very grateful to him for his dedication and commitment to the young people. It has been a struggle for him at times, with a lack of leaders to help with this challenging age group. We are thankful that Brian Walker has been such a great help to Wim.

Wim has made the decision to retire from the position at the end of the year or earlier, so we are advertising for a full time youth/children's worker to work with the youth and with KFC, as Peter's second in charge. Thank you Wim for all your hard work and for the Christian message you have brought to so many young people. I'm sure you will be remembered by them for many years to come.

The Toolbox series you ran for families both within the Church and for the community was very successful and we extend our grateful thanks to you for this valuable outreach.

Kool Kids has consistently had around 12/14 kids attending regularly. Richard and Pam have enjoyed teaching the children the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments this year. It is great to see the way the kids respond to helping out in the services, the Christmas play, plus many other activities that we plan. Thank you Richard for your commitment to Kool Kids. You are a hard working family man but you give of your spare time to share your love for Christ to the kids. .../

KFC (Kids Friendly Care) has proved to be an important outreach to the community. After school care has now reach 35/40 children and the holiday programme takes in 50. This shows the huge need for good, safe childcare with so many working parents.

KFC is financially independent from the Church and they are now paying a reasonable rent for the use of the rooms so that in turn assists the Church's finances.

Congratulations to Peter for the hard work he and his team have put in to upgrade the old facilities. They are now warm bright and kids friendly.

Mainly Music is also an outreach to the community and the number of children who attend on Wednesdays and Thursdays is challenging and heart warming. It is good to see new mums meeting together. Many of the congregation are involved in assisting with this programme and we thank you for your efforts. Thank you to Karen and Margaret who run these two programmes.

The **Pastoral committee**, led by Robin Arnold, serves a very important role in the life of St Columba.

A group of people meet every Wednesday to discuss the needs of the Parish and for those people who need to be visited during the week. Approximately 25/30 people are visited every month by this kind and compassionate group. These are members who are new to the Church, sick, bereaved or lonely. Hospital patients are visited twice a week, once from either Marjory Yelverton or Robin and once from Brett.

This committee also organises and runs the dinners for those who live alone, and that makes up approximately 1/3 of our Parish. There have been three men's breakfasts over the year with good attendances from men both from our congregation and the community. Thank you to this committee for the way you show Christ's love and compassion to the people from St Columba.

We owe a huge thank you to Robin for his time, commitment and care, for the pastoral welfare of St Columba's.

The Board of Managers has once again maintained the buildings and grounds well. St Columba always looks so well cared for and we thank you for all your efforts. Amanda has done a wonderful job caring for the finances. It is a huge job and especially for someone as busy as she is. We are so grateful to you Amanda, thank you.

There are so many people who work so hard around the Church and so we thank the flower ladies, the cleaners, the lawn mowers, the sound people, the music makers and organists, the tea makers and John and Ross the handy men.

The Op Shop ladies do a fantastic job and they provide St Columba's with so much financial support. Thank you to Verna and to your great team.

The Halo continues to be a good source of information and is well read and distributed. Thanks to Jim Payton (the Editor) and his team who put it all together and get it out to so many people.

Session minutes are well documented and presented by our cheerful minute's clerk, Pam Watkins. Thanks Pam.

The Church office is well run by Rhonda Holt who is always helpful cheerful and approachable. Thank you Rhonda for the work you do.

St Columba's is a Church family to which one feels a strong sense of belonging. It is made up from a diversity of ages and different opinions and cultures, but generally it works well together, embracing and acting on our Mission statement "A family reaching out in love to God, each other and to the community".

May God continue to bless this Church family, helping us to put Christ first in our lives, in our worship and in our work.

On behalf of Session

Pam Thrupp

Session Clerk

Board of Managers Report 2010

The Board has completed an overall successful year within its role of maintaining the Church property, and financial resources of the parish.

We are acutely aware of the ageing of our congregation and especially members who volunteer to assist us all, and as such we need to continue to employ a commercial cleaner. We need to have more regard to the use and payment of outsiders, in future, especially in the maintenance of our buildings.

Rising power charges have necessitated an increase in facility donations – an increase of \$10.00 across the board with an increase of \$5.00 for use of the kitchen. We ask all users of our facilities to be aware of their power consumption.

We remain indebted to Amanda Druzianic, Parish Treasurer, who carries out her role with professionalism and patience.

The method of recording your offerings has been changed this last year. These are now recorded electronically and our thanks go to Mike Latter for this.

Many thanks to Grace Burns who has for many years played a major role in keeping a record of the offerings and also our thanks to Roz Snijders for organising the offering envelopes.

The food fair, garage sale and Golden Thank offering all contributed to our finances this last year. Our special thanks to Two Fold for their continuing generosity to the Parish. We are indebted to all who help with our fundraising endeavours and to the congregation for their positive attitude towards financial matters and the challenges thereof.

Our sincere thanks to Robin Arnold for his continued work maintaining and upgrading the sound system.

The Board is ever mindful of and appreciates all those folk who volunteer their time and energy to the smooth running and maintenance of our Church – the cleaners, the flower arrangers, the folk who mow the lawns, the door greeters, the money counters, those who make the tea, the folk who work at Two Fold, the team who attends to all those repairs that need to be done from time to time – we thank you all.

A very special thanks to Rhonda, our office administrator, who has a major input into the smooth running of the Parish.

Our year's deficit would have been larger had we undertaken budgeted maintenance this last year. We are to effect repairs to the Manse roof and also to carry out some routine maintenance on the house as we continue to rent it out.

The recycling system is working well with the addition of signage.

Unfortunately members who resigned in September 2009 were not replaced by nomination. New members to the Board are still required and would be most welcome.

I would like to thank members of the Board for their support over the last year, and for their willingness to undertake various duties.

Barbara Stewart

Board Members 2009 - 2010

Yvonne Dobbie, rosters
Annette Jennings, policy, fundraising
Mike Latter, **co-chair**, buildings, KFC
Barbara Stewart, **co-chair**, buildings
Anne Tristram, **Secretary**, correspondence

Amanda Druzianic, **Treasurer**
Brian Kirk, grounds
Brian Neilson, buildings, policy
Jenny Ziebie, OSH
Sarah Atley, **minute secretary**

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010

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It is a pleasure to present my annual report which shows the finances of our Church are in a fairly healthy state. The final result of the year's activities was a deficit of \$2,025.64 which came in ahead of our budgeted deficit.

Total income of \$170,555.20 was \$17,236.60 lower than last year partly due to a significant decrease in offerings from January to June 2010.

Of this total income \$828 was collected for the Christian World Christmas Appeal and \$559 was collected for the Whitestone Chapel in Zimbabwe.

Once again a huge thank you goes to all the Opportunity Shop ladies who donated \$18,914.32 to the church which enabled the Board of Managers to continue to extensively improve the church facilities this year.

Total expenses at \$172,580.84 were \$23,045.54 less than the previous year.

Property expenses accounted for most of this decrease due to the expenses incurred in the renovation of the youth lounge and the addition of three toilets off the crèche in the 2009 financial year.

Salaries and wages were \$2,877.54 more than last year.

Working expenses were up by \$638.49 due to general inflationary increases and Christian education expenses were up \$359.57.

The Assembly Outreach Budget was \$3,765.18 less than last year.

In the next financial year the Board of Managers have budgeted a \$6,900 deficit. This includes a budget of \$3,000 for the maintenance of the manse, as no money was spent on the manse in 2009.

Amanda Druzianic

Treasurer

MISSIONARY GUILD REPORT 2010

As a team member of our group of 24 ladies it gives me much pleasure to present the Annual Report of St Columba's Missionary Guild for 2010.

Despite several of our members suffering bereavements of their loved ones and with other coping with illness we have enjoyed another year of fellowship.

We record with thankfulness the life of our friend, Jean Lothian.

During this past year, we have celebrated the 90th birthdays of Fran, Daphne and Muriel.

We were pleased to welcome Colleen McKay to our group.

At the AGM 2009, we were grateful that Jeanetta Smith was willing to succeed Valda Smith who had been our most efficient Secretary for the preceding two years.

With the APW/MWF project as the emphasis of our annual fundraising, we were pleased to donate \$300 towards this cause. We regularly contribute to the Fellowship of the Least Coin, Turakina College, Mission Birthday, Global Mission and Leprosy Mission.

Our group is represented at the local meetings of Presbyterial and World Day of Prayer and in the various groups within the parish.

One of the highlights of the past year's activities was the Fashion Show of op shop garments in October. We have heard about the Enliven Home Care programme, the Hearing Assn, St Columba's youth outreach and the work of CEPAD in Nicaragua. Fiorella Rodriguez told us of her life in Costa Rica and Margaret Madill entertained us with her life story. We enjoyed a Scottish wedding and the peace of Margaret Goodwin's garden.

Thank you, Grace, Jeanetta, Muriel, Wendy and Beth for fulfilling your special roles within our group.

Arohanui

Anne Lanigan

ST COLUMBA'S EVENING FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL REPORT 2010

I am pleased to report another very successful year for St Columba's Evening Fellowship. This success doesn't just happen – it is the result of the support of you members and the great work done by your committee. Thank you all.

We have a membership of 41 with an average attendance of 25. Once again we have had a varied programme of speakers and entertainment.

July	Games Evening
August	Soup and rolls dinner
September	Phillip Roden, community policeman at Maraenui
October	Tracy Neal, Princess Alexander Retirement Village
November	Christmas card making
February	Bus trip to Southern Hawke's Bay
March	Collette Simpson, bead necklace tutor from JJs
April	Cherry Edwards from Public Trust
May	DVD from Christian World Service on living conditions in Nicaragua

There were two major fundraisers this year. A soup and rolls dinner in August, and waitressing at EIT International Students Dinner.

We continue to support local organisations through our 'Caring For' donations. This year we have supported The Beacon, Mahana, Napier Foodbank, Women's Refuge and Parkinsons Hawke's Bay.

Monetary donations which were made this year went to:

APW Project	Cranford Hospice	The Beacon
Mahana	Parkinsons Hawke's Bay	

Through Jenny's funeral catering two urns, a new TV and a DVD player have been purchased for the parish. Thank you to Jenny and her team.

Dot continues to be our APW rep though she has retired as correspondence secretary of APW. Many thanks to Dot.

My thanks to committee members who have taken Devotions this year. You have done a great job.

It was with sadness we heard of two bereavements this year. Ellena Whitehouse who had been a member of Fellowship in the past, and Maureen Fowell who was a serving committee member at the time of her death in September. Our thoughts were with these families at this time, and with those members who have been unwell this year.

I wish to record my thanks to my very capable committee for your continued support and willingness to accept tasks.

Thank you all so much and I ask God's blessings on all we try to do.

God bless us all

Peggy Flack

President

Mid Week Service

The Mid Week monthly service for the folk from the Retirement Homes in the Taradale/ Napier area is very well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all. On average we have 35 - 40 happy people arriving, all eager for another enjoyable morning tea which is followed by a shortened Church service taken by Brett. We admire these elderly friends who make such an effort even just to dress and walk but who still arrive, many with walking frames, with beaming smiles, a story or two and with grateful thanks for the little we do for them. We are humbled by their will power.

Without the help of our volunteers, all who multi task and those on the baking roster this monthly service would not be possible. Thanks to you all - I hope it keeps you young at heart. A special thank you to Anne Lanigan who organises the morning tea.

Jeanette Barker

Co-coordinator

Napier Community Foodbank Report

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Napier Community Foodbank has provided a service for 22 years. For most of that time about 3000 parcels were delivered each year to those in need, but, for the period from 2008 on, there has been more than double that number.

In the year to 31 March 2010, 1854 requests for parcels were received from a total of 45 agencies, and 1601 parcels were distributed in Napier to 6169 people comprising 2628 adults and 3145 children. This is a 20% increase over the previous year. A break down of these numbers shows that this year:

40% of parcels were distributed to single parent families on the DPB.

37% to those on sickness/invalid's benefits.

15% to those on no income.

11% to those in employment.

Less than 2% of parcels went to those on unemployment benefit.

The hard times we are going through affect not only those in the previous statistics but also those whose generosity provides food, money, parcel-packing, delivery sometimes, collection from supermarkets, advertising and all the work of the 50 or so volunteers who keep this service going. During the month of June this year many of the volunteers and other agencies took part in the "Feed the Bus, Fuel the Family" drive which was very successful in providing a boost to the depot's supplies and gave publicity to the need that exists.

This congregation is well represented in many capacities in its service to the Foodbank. The Sunday food basket provides a regular boost of food and money, the Op Shop gives a regular donation and the monthly parcel-packing roster shows the names of many of this congregation whose generosity of time, food and money enable the Napier Foodbank to provide the outreach to those in need. Christian service is about caring for one another and the Foodbank exemplifies this.

The Napier Community Foodbank sincerely thanks the donors, helpers and supporters whose commitment is invaluable.

Tom Wares

TWO FOLD OP SHOP REPORT 2009 – 2010

As you will see from the financial report, Two Fold continues its steady trading.

This financial year we made a donation of \$1,000 to the Samoan Tsunami Appeal. This was our first offshore donation and was given through New Zealand Red Cross.

Early this year Netta Morison resigned from the committee. Compiling the roster continues to be a headache. If you have any suggestions please come and see us.

John McLay now does all the shop banking. Thank you to the banking volunteers for your help over the years. Your help has been much appreciated.

If you know of anyone who could benefit from company and meeting new people please suggest to them that they visit us. Six more volunteers would make such a difference.

We are still meeting new customers. The regulars are very much part of the shop family.

A big thank you to John McLay, Rhonda Holt, Ross Prentice, John Duncan and the Two Fold Committee. Your support means so much to me.

God Bless You All

Verna Gillum

Convenor

PRAYER GROUP REPORT

We feel it is a privilege to come together on a Tuesday morning at 11 a.m. to pray; giving thanks and praying for the needs of our Church, family and friends. The sick and any other needs we have, we give to the Lord in prayer.

Thank you to those who give us prayer requests and your prayers; to our Lord and Saviour who hears and answers prayers. If you have prayer requests you can give them to Beth Mitchell, Rita Coates, Bobbie Lythgoe, Ernest Hedley, Janice Tucker or Marjory Yelverton.

We welcome all who can come for half an hour Tuesday morning at 11 a.m.

Prayer is recognising the presence of God in our lives.

Marjory Yelverton

KFC ANNUAL REPORT 2009/2010

Geez what a year!

KFC kept on going and going and going like an energiser bunny. Didn't stop. Flat out from go to whoa.

So what did we do you may ask?

Let us think – well:

There was the 30 to 40 kids who attended afternoon care from half a dozen schools each day (up from 20 at the start of the year).

A multitude of kids attending the last holiday programme (a multitude means about 50 kid's each day) having fun and learning about Jesus.

KFC BBQ and bouncy castle day at Church one Sunday with the back hall chocka (that is very full).

Completion of the upgrade to the Youth Room, Art Room (old Creche) and the Youth Kitchen in a wonderful array of colours.

Gardens set up to feed the starving.

Marcus and Armin (German spies) and Fiorella (Costa Rican gypsy) getting up to mischief with the kids on the pretence of overseas volunteer work.

Tremendous help from all staff and volunteers (greatly appreciated) in building relationships with children and parents alike (only lost two children!!).

Youth Group members Wim (the Master), Vincent, Henry and George assisting as best they can during the holiday programme (and Emily to come on board soon).

The beginning of 'Senior' and 'Junior' Christian Programmes during the holidays so as to meet the needs of all ages attending.

Provided a major Christian Outreach in line with our Mission Statement at no cost to the Church (in fact a surplus – yippee).

So that was only a small portion of what the crew got up to last year and we look forward to the next twelve months with glee and enthusiasm (of course).

Peter Wooten

Co-ordinator

Annual Youth Group Report Wim Slooten-Youth Coordinator

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Another year bites the dust!

I am privileged to submit my fourth annual report as youth coordinator.

If I sum up this past year in a few sound bites then “growing numbers”, “new converts”, “closer ties”, “better communications”, “better facilities” and “greater involvement of youth and church” come to mind as positives. On the negatives we should also mention “felt at times isolated”, “needed more support”.

There are heaps of positives to mention:

- Our Friday Massive programme of outings, film shows, games and activities has a consistent following of around 20 out of a possible 50 teenagers. I shudder to think if they together should decide to attend one Friday simultaneously! We aim to share the gospel and encourage prayer on a weekly basis on these Friday fun events.
- We can also report good turn outs to more evangelical meetings with the Parachute Band, Bay City Outreach and Richie Dabs.
- Parents are participating with providing supper on a roster basis.
- Easter Camp saw a record number of youth participate at Tukituki Camp.
- A growing number of our youth now consider themselves Christian.
- We attended a few “Fuel” worship meetings with our friends in Waipukurau.
- Our youth are regular contributors to our creative services when they participate in drama and music.
- Two of our youth assist with sound desk duties and many participate in a leadership role during the holiday programmes.
- We have seen the beginnings of a youth band and four youth meet weekly in church to improve their skills and they played for the first time in a service in August.
- Our discussion programme for older teens and young adults meets weekly with between 8 and 12 people attending.
- The use of Face Book, ePostie and texting has improved communications with our youth.

It is important that our youth feel “at home” at St Columba’s and **all of us** contribute to that “home” feeling. I learnt at the Presbyterian youth ministers’ conference that for a young person to develop and maintain a deep faith it is necessary that there are at least **seven Christian adult** role models actively present in the young person’s life. That is a high number if your parents are not Christian, your school is not and your only Christian input comes from attending “Youth Group”.

As youth coordinator I feel strongly that our church and youth need to interconnect on a greater scale and I would encourage every one in our congregation to get more involved in the lives of our youth. Having a one-on-one chat after a service can do wonders. Assisting with supper or just dropping in on a Friday or Wednesday night would be a great move.

I want to thank Brian and Anne for their support this year and it is encouraging that Louise, Steve and Sue are “on board” to make the rest of 2010 a very successful year for St Columba’s youth.

God Bless,

Wim

Taradale Mainly Music Annual Report June 2010

I am pleased to report we have had another extremely successful and fun year with Mainly Music at St Columba.

We have two weekly sessions that are held in Fish Hall. The Wednesday session is co-ordinated by Margaret de la Haye and I co-ordinate the Thursday session.

Our Wednesday group has seen a marked growth in attendance and has a good turnout at the present time of an average 26 families per session, approx 40 to 45 children. Thursday numbers have climbed again this year to an average 28 families per session, approx 50 to 55 children. Both sessions are very busy if everyone turns up! We have increased our props (rainbows, bean bags, scarves etc) to 60 items so that we can meet the current demand. If regular numbers exceed 60 children we will be implementing a waiting list.

We have had the following Theme Days over the last financial year: - 'Wild Animals', Fathers Day Celebration – Hats, Hats, Hats, Box Day, Christmas Celebration, Art Deco Teddy Bears Picnic (this was so popular the previous year we were asked to do it again!), Easter Celebration, Mothers Day Celebration, and 'Exploring Shapes and Colours'. Our theme days are always lots of fun and very enjoyable to all that attend.

During this financial year Mainly Music has been very fortunate to have the assistance of our International Christian Youth Exchange students, Markus, Fiorella and Armin. Their enthusiasm and helpfulness was very much appreciated and everyone at Mainly Music enjoyed their time with us. Mainly Music donated \$450.00 to our church to help with boarding costs during their stay.

Our Attendance Certificates for each child are very popular and say 'well done' to those that attend music on a regular basis. After attending ten sessions the child is presented with their certificate that they love to take home. We celebrate every child's birthday and they are given a special birthday pendant to take home and share with their family.

In May our district conference was held in Palmerston North and Margaret, Mary Meirs and myself attended. This was a very interesting day full of new songs, relationship discussions, team building exercises, yummy food and good company.

Our sessions are very successful due to our church helpers who meet and greet at the front desks, undertake kitchen duties, play the piano and help set-up the hall and assist with props, etc. We thank them all for their time, energy and dedication.

Taradale Mainly Music is a great team effort and we all enjoy working together to bring music and happiness to the children and parents who attend.

Karen Jensen

Coordinator/ Thursday Team Leader

Reading and Prayer

Reading: "What we see now is like a dim image in a mirror - then we shall see face to face. What I know now is only partial, then it will be complete - as complete as God's knowledge of me. Meanwhile these three remain: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love."
1 Corinthians 13:12-13

Prayer: Thank you Jesus, for your incredible love for me. With your help, I intend to share that love with the people in my world through my words, attitudes and actions. Amen



DISABILITY EXPO

The Disability Information Trust Hawke's Bay is holding an expo of products and services to help the disabled. This will be held on Friday 17th September from 9.30 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. in the church complex. There will be around 50 different exhibitors. If you are disabled, or know someone who is, come along and check out what is available for the disabled.

A TOUCH OF TARTAN There will be a social evening with a Scottish flavour in the back hall of the church on Sat 25th September. All welcome. This is a fundraiser for the church and your support would be appreciated. For further details, see the Sunday bulletin, or ring the church office.

CONGRATULATIONS to June Newson who has won numerous prizes, including the Best White Bloom, at the recent National Camellia Show held in Gisborne. Over a good number of years June has achieved many national awards for her wonderful camellias.

What's on in September

Wednesday 8 th September	11.00 a.m.	Midweek Communion
Thursday 16 th September	1.45 p.m.	Missionary Guild
Friday 17 th September	9.30 a.m.—3.30 p.m.	Disability Expo
Monday 20 th September	7.30 p.m.	Board of Managers monthly meeting in the lounge
Wednesday 22 nd September	10.30 a.m.	Mid Week Service
Thursday 23 rd September	7.30 p.m.	Session meeting in church lounge
Tuesday 28 th September	7.30 p.m.	Women's Fellowship
Saturday 25 th September	7.30 p.m.	'A Touch of Tartan' Scottish evening
Monday 27 th September	7.30 a.m.—5.30 p.m.	Kid's Friendly Holiday Programme - weekdays during school holidays

Regular events

Mondays	House Group 7.00 p.m. (fortnightly) Contact: Pam Thrupp 835 5785 Board of Managers meet at 7.30 p.m. in the church lounge on the third Monday
Tuesdays	Op Shop Open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Contact: Verna Gillum 844 8265 E100 discussion group 10.00 a.m. - 11 a.m. before Prayer Group Prayer Group 11.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. Contact: Marjory Yelverton 843 5331 House Group 7.30 - 9 p.m. Contacts: Wim & Inger Slooten 844 9070 Women's Fellowship meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month
Wednesdays	Mainly Music 9.30 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. Contact: Margaret de la Haye 843 2272 Op Shop Open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Contact: Verna Gillum 844 8265 'Now We're Talking' discussion group 7 - 9 p.m. Contact: Wim Slooten 844 9070
Thursdays	Mainly Music 9.30 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. Contact: Karen Jensen 843 9447 Op Shop Open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Contact: Verna Gillum 844 8265 Missionary Guild meets on the third Thursday of the month Session meet at 7.30 p.m. in the church lounge on the fourth Thursday
Fridays	'Massive' Youth Group 7 - 9 p.m. Contact: Wim Slooten 844 9070

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 Fax 844-5409 If no reply, please leave a message and we will call you back as soon as we can.

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Services – Sunday 9.30 am morning worship

Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of March, September and December and the second Sunday of June, plus Easter and World Communion Day. On the Wednesday following, a Communion service will be held at 11.30 a.m., followed by lunch.



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