

Outreach Ministries Report 2022

Auckland City Mission

Parishioners have continued throughout the year to donate food items for our weekly collection for the Auckland City Mission.

With the aim of encouraging an increase in donations, we repeated our practice, over the 4 weeks of July, of highlighting specific items constantly needed at the Mission's Foodbank Distribution Centre. It is here that food parcels, sufficient for 4 days, are made up and distributed to Auckland families and individuals who do not have sufficient resources to access good food on a regular basis.

In addition the Mission, as a member of the Foodlink Collective, shares bulk food donations with community food banks between Thames and Kaitiaia.

In these times when food insecurity is so prevalent, this Parish support for the City Mission should continue to be at the forefront of our outreach to the disadvantaged in our communities.

Barbara Weir

Habitat for Humanity

The collection of curtains for the Habitat for Humanity Curtain Bank is a well established outreach activity for the Parish. St Aidan's is always listed as a loyal supporter in Habitat's Annual Report.

It is gratifying that parishioners immediately think of Habitat when they are replacing, or know of others who are replacing, their preloved curtains.

This year it was decided to choose Habitat as the recipient of the proceeds from our Annual Quiz. A total of \$3,346 was raised at this event. A big hit on the night was the stall we set up to sell tote bags and aprons made from curtain fabric off cuts by Habitat sewing volunteers. Items not sold at the Quiz were offered for purchase to parishioners after the Church Services on the following Sunday. A letter of gratitude acknowledging the St Aidan's donation has been received from the Habitat team.

In its work over the Winter months just gone, Habitat has reached 550 families with key interventions such as double lined curtains, heat pumps, and minor repairs to ensure their homes are warm, dry and healthy.

Barbara Weir

Prison Ministry

As we have been 'absent' from prison since Covid, a lot of water has flowed under the bridge, so we all went to a Chaplaincy Volunteer training event on Saturday 29 October. This proved to be a good refresher and provide healthy guidelines for this outreach. Hopefully we will be able to get at least one visit in this year.

The Chaplaincy at Wiri had printed Scriptural messages for the ladies who requested this 'Non-contact ministry.' This was integral during lockdown and was very beneficial to the recipients. People contact is always the first choice.

PROGRESS and the way forward...

The Saturday workshop at St Johns Presbyterian Church was very beneficial and necessary, and all who attended agreed on the value of this workshop. Presentations were succinct and having three speakers kept the attention span of the attendees:

- Introduction to our new Code of Conduct
- Taking Church services inside the wire

We were given very helpful guidelines, with informative talks by Brett Johnstone and Richard Ward. We were also introduced to David Marshall National Ministry Development Manager. He presented the new name for Prison Chaplaincy, TIRA TUHAHA, Prison Chaplaincy Aotearoa (TTPCA).

Every prisoner is offered transforming hope through the love of God.

Sheryl Swanevelder

Charitable Purposes Group Report 2022

The members of this group are Revd Louise Anderson, Kumar Mather, Barbara Weir and Jenny Haggitt.

This year's disbursements were less than usual for the second year, because the Mission Shop was closed for nineteen weeks during the Covid lockdowns of 2021. We still managed to give reasonable donations to the following, amounting to \$11,000 altogether.

CMS, Anglican Board of Missions, ATWC, Auckland City Mission, Prison Chaplaincy Service, Hospital Chaplains, Christian Broadcasting Assn, Christians against Poverty (Budgeting Service) and PARS (Prisoners Aid & Rehabilitation Societies).

Later in the year we gave \$1,000 each from the Reserve Fund to Ukraine and the Tonga Relief fund via Christian World Service

Jenny Haggitt

Auckland Hospital Chapel Helpers

Five times a year St Aidans provides helpers to the chaplaincy service to locate and help patients, if they want to and are able enough, to attend the Sunday morning ecumenical communion service in the hospital chapel.

Ideally about a dozen helpers are needed but we are now down to only 4-6 helpers so the question arises whether, if we cannot find more helpers, we cease this involvement. If you can help please contact Christine Muller the co-ordinating leader for the St Aidan's team or David Jamison for further details. The next time the team is rostered for this will be on the third Sunday of the month in February (19th) and then the third Sundays in April, June, August and October.

David Jamison