

Lindisfarne Methodist Church



AGM Report 2022 – 2023

Current Committee Members as of October 2023

Pastoral/Outreach

***Noeline Collie (Convenor) + (Secretary)**

Rev. Tania Shackleton

Raewyn Birss

Margaret Brass

Carolyn McDonald

Dorothy King

Daphne Salter

Betty Snell

Judith Stevens

Pastoral Care Team

***Betty Snell (Convenor)**

Rev. Tania Shackleton

Jo Templeton

Mags Kelly

Dorothy King

Muriel McCulloch

Noeline Szabo

Judith Stevens

Robyn Powley (incoming)

Property and Finance

***Cam McCulloch (Convenor)**

Rev. Tania Shackleton

Eddie Bremer (outgoing)

Fin Collie

Sarah Jenkin (Secretary)

Bryon King

David Little (Treasurer)

Daphne Salter

Darren Weston

Worship and Education

***Neil Salter (Convenor)**

Rev. Tania Shackleton

Nicol Macfarlane (Secretary)

Evelyn Cruickshank

Anne Donaldson (outgoing)

Health and safety

***Darren Weston (Convenor)**

Rev. Tania Shackleton

Fin Collie

Current Office Holders

Parish Chairperson *Rev. Tania Shackleton

Parish Secretary *Carolyn Weston (outgoing)

Parish Treasurer *David Little

***Parish Stewards**

*Carolyn McDonald (outgoing)

*Barbara Richardson

*Chris Powley

*Noeline Fry (incoming)

***Congregational Reps**

*Margaret Brass

*Nicol Macfarlane

*Sarah Jenkin

Sacramental Steward

Betty Snell

Recording Steward

Margaret Brass

Bulletin Editors

Margaret Brass

Laura Black (Office)

***Denotes members of Parish Council**

AGENDA for Lindisfarne Methodist Church
AGM
During Worship Service 15th October 2022

Welcome: Rev Tania Shackleton

Present: *(Clip board passed around)*

Apologies:

Notes from previous meeting (16th October 2022) *Mover and Secunder that these be a true and correct record.*

Matters arising from minutes:

Correspondence: (None to date)

Reports: *Mover and Secunder that the following reports be accepted as read:*

Presbyter Report, Financial Report, Finance and Property (including Health & Safety), Outreach, Tech Support Room, Worship and Education, Lindisfarne Methodist Women's Fellowship/Methodist Friendship Group, Combined Synod Christchurch, Church Choir, Music Team, Ladies Evening Group, Craft Group, Pastoral Care Team, Prayer Hour, Book Club

Matters arising from the above Reports:

Financial Report

Any discussion/matters arising from the Financial Report?

Thank you to outgoing Parish Steward Carolyn McDonald.

Thank you to our outgoing Pastoral Care Convenor Betty Snell.

Thank you to our outgoing Worship and Education Convenor Anne Donaldson.

New discerned Parish Steward: Noeline Fry

New discerned Kids Club Convenor: Neil Salter

New discerned Pastoral Care Convenor: Tania Shackleton

Council Members: *All Convenors and Committees will be rolled over for another year.*

General Business:

Meeting closed

MINUTES for Lindisfarne Methodist Church

AGM

**During Worship Service 16 October 2022 at
10:32am.**

Present: Rev Tania Shackleton (Chair), Carolyn Weston (Secretary), Carla Werder (AGM Minute Taker), David Little (Treasurer), Joe & Catherine Wilson, Bryon & Dorothy King, Cam McCulloch, Chris & Robyn Powley, David Squire, Peter Taylor, Margaret Brass, Ron & Mart Taylor, Jan Hawke, Judith Stevens, Annette Little, Mags Kelly, Betty Snell, Ruth Marshall, Raewyn Hunt, Jo Templeton, Runi & Ita Safole, Raewyn Birss, Dot Anderson, Nicol Macfarlane, Heather Isles, Jean Connor, Jemma McArthur, Carolyn & Chris McDonald, Carla Werder, Barbara Richardson, Beverly Service, Sherilee Shackleton, Beverley Robinson, Daphne & Neil Salter, Evelyn Cruickshank.

Welcome: Rev Tania Shackleton with a prayer of togetherness.

Apologies: Janice McLeod, Noelene and Finn Collie, Heather Kelly, Ann Stoddart and Wilma Capil, Joy McDermott, Brendon and Rebecca Sparks, Noelene Szabo, Keith and Carol McKenzie, Ian and Glenis Findlay, Lester and Lynley Dean.

Moved: David Squires **Second:** Chris McDonald

Notes of the Parish AGM held on 17 October 2021, were circulated with the agenda, and taken as read and a true record of the meeting.

Thanks was given to Peter and Carolyn for putting the notes together.

Moved: Peter Taylor **Second:** Dorothy King

Matters arising from minutes:

- Mags resigned as Congregational Rep at the next Parish Council rather than at the AGM

Correspondence:

- Heather Kelly: Congratulations to the Convenors and Committees of the parish

Reports:

Presbyter Reports, Finance and Property, Worship and Education, Church Choir, Health and Safety, Methodist Fellowship Group, Outreach and Pastoral, Craft and Knitting Group, LEGS.

That the following reports be accepted as read after having been circulated to parish members:

Moved: Daphne Salter **Second:** Mags Kelly

Matters arising from the above Reports:

- The Fellowship group was changed to "Methodist Friendship Group" not Methodist Fellowship group.

- Page 12 Choir report – Eleanor *Jillings's* funeral not Jennings . The song that was sung was "Now the day is over."
- Worship report – page 10. Pay not 'pray.'
- Page 11 – Evelyn didn't do the minutes secretary as it was Peter.
- Page 2 – Property and Finance Secretary: no longer Eddie Bremmer, it is Sarah Jenkin.
- Page 9 – crash not 'creche'

Financial Report:

David discussed the report, and the frustration was shared around the lateness of the Annual Reports from the Christchurch Office after only being received late yesterday afternoon.

Accounts for year ending 30 June 2022 after deducting appreciation of plant and equipment:

\$34,410 surplus compared with budget deficit of \$44,251 and 2021 an actual deficit of \$21,636.

Positive result is as a result of:

Estate of R G Winwood - \$10,00

Estate of D T A Brown - \$99, 654.00

Matters arising from the Financial Report: None

Moved: Raewyn Birss. **Second:** Cam McCulloch

Thanks was given to David for his support of the records. Also to Eddie and Cam for the greater support that they give Laura and Tania and to the church buildings.

Thanks to outgoing Parish Steward: Evelyn Cruickshank.

Announcement of new discerned Parish Steward: Chris Powley.

Council Members: *All Convenors and Committees will be rolled over for another year.*

General Business:

- Carolyn Weston: Secretary for another year and then will pass the reins over.

Conclusion: Tania finished with us looking at our open hands and know that when we reach out hands to care for others we say that they are important to us and cared for and value them and their needs as well as our own. Observe your hands appearance and all that you do with your hands each day in your community. You have chosen to bless others with our hands and the work that you do. Tania then blessed our hands to continue that they are a blessing to others.

Meeting closed: 10:58am.

Presbyter's Report

2022/2023 is the ongoing story of Lindisfarne Methodist Church and I thank you for being part of the continuing story of a local church that continues to respond courageously in Jesus' name to many of the challenges we see in our world and city today. For me it is super important how we do life and faith, together, and I'm humbled to be part of a community of faith that demonstrates this.

We have been blessed by the Adventist Church having their services here on Saturdays. They treat our space with respect and have joined in some of our activities. I value the connection we have with them.

We are very blessed with the willingness of all our leaders in the volunteer-led ministries and servant ministries in our church life. You are valued for the work you do, unseen often, be encouraged for you are all greatly valued.

We have farewelled Betty Wilson, Olive Ladbrook, Beverley Robinson, Joan O'Donnell, Margaret Jordan, and Joan Campbell who died, all were much in our lives, our thinking and our prayers.

A blessing has been taking a monthly service at Vickery Court, it is a great time of fellowship. I thank Chris Powley for taking a monthly service at Cargill.

I have appreciated the Ecumenical Services over Holy Week and a huge thank you to our folk who led the World Day of Prayer at Frist Church. I thank you for us becoming more involved in the Ecumenical life of our city.

I give thanks for the funding received for the solar panels for our space and the funding for much needed repairs.

Thank you for all your support and encouragement, as my Parish Steward, Carolyn.

We have folk who have joined our Lindisfarne Church family. We welcome you and are so glad you stayed.

The coming year will be an opportunity - challenging and requiring all our best energies, best behaviours, best commitment and the courage to step out into a great unknown as we seek ways to be relevant to our 21st-century world.

I am incredibly grateful for your presence, your perseverance, for the seen and unseen tasks that keeps our faith community here and now. I encourage you to continue in the ministries you are passionate about knowing that they do make a difference.

Going forward I believe, it is a time for me (and for us as a church) to be more intentional in working toward being a church committed to/in our local communities, growing in our relationships with each other and our God. Oftentimes small, imaginative expressions of faith are more powerful than big strategies and events – when they are secured in the love of Christ for us and our world.

Thank you to all who offer hospitality and welcome on Sunday mornings and all the other days.

May Christ continue to guide us.
Ubuntu - "I am because we are".

Thank you to all who care and pray for our Church family.

Remember our "Examen" (an opportunity for peaceful daily reflective prayer)

"How have I been an obstacle today?"

"How have I been a bridge today?"

"What is God inviting me into for tomorrow?"

God's care
Tania

Invercargill Methodist Parish
Report on the Financial Accounts for the year
ended 30 June 2023

Attached are two pages from the 14-page printed Annual Accounts for our Invercargill Parish covering the twelve months ending 30 June 2023.

Statement of Financial Position

Statement of Financial Performance

Copies of the full set of accounts are available on request at our office.

The Financial Reporting Act 2013 together with amendments made to the Charities Act, means that it is mandatory for registered charities to produce financial statements in this format.

The actual results to 30 June 2023 record a surplus of \$34,082 compared with a budgeted deficit of (\$56,373). This result exists because the Methodist Church grants of \$75,500 that we have received are included in the accounts.

You will be aware that our Parish was awarded a MCNZ Green Grant of \$49,500 for solar panels and we also received a CBL Property Development Grant of \$26,000 for repairs to the external brickwork. The brickwork

maintenance is necessary, and the solar panels will reduce our reliance on purchasing electricity.

To show the true situation to 30 June 2023 (that is the financial position before we received these grants) I have deducted this grants income from the figures, and this results in a deficit of (\$41,418) compared with a budgeted deficit of (\$56,373).

As I have previously mentioned the Methodist Church of New Zealand has adopted a nil rate (0%) for depreciation on buildings, with the rationale being that given that the residual value of land and buildings is expected to be higher than the initial cost value (assuming that maintenance is kept up to date), there is no expense to spread over the life of the asset. Depreciation has however been charged on contents, plant and equipment.

Comments on the results:

- The rental income received from the Lindisfarne Centre Building at \$35,393 is ahead of budget by \$11,893, however we do have repairs to undertake including the brickwork. We were fortunate in having part of the cost of the new carpet covered by a generous donation.

- Rental on the Miller Street house continues to be received, however costly repairs and maintenance are being undertaken to keep the property in good order.
- Our Offerings income, which is the major source of revenue for the Parish this year totalled \$79,725.
It is opportune to remind members that the available IRD tax rebate system is something that can be claimed, and if desired, gifted back to the Parish.
- The fundraising committee this year worked hard but due to covid19 pressures, several planned events were cancelled which resulted in being around \$2,700.00 behind budget.
- We are all aware that our Parish is very reliant on the Reserve Funds that have been previously generated and carefully invested to continue operating in our present form and that interest rates are not as high as they have been previously.
- Included with these papers you will find an item entitled Leaving a Legacy to our Lindisfarne Parish. It is there to explain just what a legacy or bequest is and what all is involved.

On your behalf I would like to thank our Minister Tania and our other staff who have worked conscientiously during the year, and we would also acknowledge all the people who volunteer and work diligently on all of the committees and groups.

Taking everything into account, our year has been satisfactory.

We should remain positive and optimistic and look forward to an exciting and challenging year ahead that we pray will be satisfying, rewarding and fulfilling.

David Little – Parish Treasurer

2022/2023 Report for Finance & Property Committee.

This has been another busy year for the Committee. Lindisfarne Centre.

For some time, the Brickwork on the West and South sides of the building have been a concern. We applied for, and were provided a Grant from Connexional Office to fund repairs at a cost of \$26,000. The work has not commenced at the time of writing this report due to weather restrictions, but we expect it to commence shortly.

Our internet connexion has been upgraded to Fibre. A new Chest Freezer has been purchased thanks to a donation from a congregation member.

Also, the carpet in the Lounge has been replaced largely due to a donation from another congregational member.

The dishwasher has been repaired and the sound system has been reviewed including the purchase of a new headset microphone. The Wheel stops in the carpark have been painted and potholes in the carpark have been repaired.

We made an application to connexional Office under the Green Grant opportunity and were successful in receiving a Grant of \$49500 which we used to install Solar panels. This is operating successfully and providing a much-needed reduction in our power costs.

In addition, we applied to Synod, and were successful in obtaining, a Grant of \$26000 to install radiant heating in the Auditorium to replace the current underfloor heating in that area of the building. This is a much more efficient method of heating the area and is projected to reduce the cost of heating the Auditorium by 75%. It is being installed at the time of writing this report.

Health and Safety

In late 2022, after the government removed the majority of covid mandates, it was decided the health and safety committee no longer needed to meet separately unless it was required, and most health and safety issues would be addressed by the finance and property committee.

We have held two trial evacuations over the past year:

- In November an evacuation was held on a Tuesday morning and involved Laura and Tania as well as any visitors in our complex at the time.
- In May an evacuation was held with the Girl Guides

In November, St John replaced the pads in our AED machine, and more recently our AED machine has been replaced with a newer model.

We had a serious incident in May where the gas hobs in the kitchen were left on, resulting in the kitchen filling with gas, luckily the gas was detected and there was no serious harm to people or our property. We are taking the necessary steps to hopefully ensure this incident is not repeated.

We continue to have facemasks and covid RAT tests available from the Church office if anyone requires them.

Remember, if you injure yourself, are involved in an accident, or spot a potential hazard in or around our Church building, please report it using the forms in the foyer to ensure we continue to keep our building a safe place for all.

Houses

Miller Street. A quote to repair a leak and resultant damage has been accepted. The work will be done in approx. 2 months.

Waihopai Street. Security lights and Garage Door opener have been attended too. (with thanks to Neil and Bryon)

General

Our 5 year maintenance plan is currently being reviewed

Resignation. At our last meeting we received the resignation of Eddie Bremer. Eddie has served this Committee for many years and his contribution cannot be overestimated. We want to record in this report our sincere appreciation for all those years of dedicated service.

Finance. David reports separately to the AGM but the Committee does review the Parish Financial report at each meeting. While this year's deficit is lower than budgeted it is still a deficit and the ongoing deterioration of the parish finances is a concern to the Committee.

Cam McCulloch
Convener



Outreach Report 2023

The Outreach Committee has had a busy year. While fundraising continues to be a large part of our brief increasingly this is left to a smaller group of helpers as our community gets older and less able to do the physical tasks associated with our traditional fundraisers.

Our 2 big fundraisers have again been the Garage Sale and the Cheese Roll Drive.

Small amounts have been raised through other activities as indicated in the accompanying figures. However, most of those are designed as social activities and a small profit is not the priority.

Another fundraiser is our continuing provision of kitchen help for funerals. Although this has sat outside the Outreach Committee, we need to acknowledge the funds it provides. Thank you to all those who support us in all these activities and especially to the folk involved in their organization. Many hours of planning and preparation are involved.

Looking forward we need to find fundraisers that are less labor intensive and therefore can involve a larger number of our community while still helping to provide funds to keep our Church viable.

It is great to see new faces joining our community and it is essential these folk feel welcomed and included. One way we can do that is through the social activities we plan. Games afternoons, Quiz nights and Mid-Winter Dinner help to provide these social outlets.

A new venture is occasional after Church lunches at homes with small mixed groups as a means of getting to know folk we may not always talk with at Church. Again, our thanks to those who make all these activities a reality.

We often don't acknowledge the group who provide knitted goods for distribution through outside organizations such as Pregnancy Help, My Plac and the Neo Natal Unit at the hospital. They provide lovely warm articles for many children throughout the city, a quiet effective outreach.

Brown Bags also provide continuing outreach. This longstanding activity provides support to some of the most vulnerable in the wider community. The demand varies from month to month. We thank you for your continuing support with donations of goods and money.

Fundraising for year ending June 2023

Garage Sale: \$1801.00

Soup July/August 2022: \$335.62

Cheese Rolls: \$1154.87

Soup May/June 2023: \$105.71

Fundraising 2023

Soup July: \$300.00

Dinner: \$476.50



Tech Support Room Report

It has been another busy year for the tech support room team. Our team provides support to the preacher every Sunday morning, operating the sound system and PowerPoint, as well as helping those who read bible readings and the prayer book with the microphone.

As well as Sunday services we support a range of other services and events including funerals and providing sound for church quiz nights and dinners. We also help out with church groups as required when guest speakers have PowerPoints or require sound.

Some of our highlights from the past year have included:

Tech Support Room Upgrades:

The requirements for funerals have become more and more complex in recent years, which has made it necessary to upgrade some of our technology equipment and over the past year we have completed stage 1 of our long overdue upgrade programme.

Early in 2023 we replaced the computers we use for PowerPoint and Zoom with newer models, and also replaced the monitors.

Brendon has recently completed a lot of work with an registered electrician friend (who donated his time to the church), to upgrade the electrical wiring, and install a number of new power points in the tech support room to ensure all our equipment is safe and cabling is kept tidy.

We have also installed a new mini power switchboard which has helped us to "futureproof" the room for any future needs that may arise.

Zoom:

A newer addition to our work has been the streaming of services on Zoom, on a Sunday morning. We typically have anywhere between 2 and 7 people join our services by Zoom each week, and also record every service, enabling one of our congregation members who is not always able to join us at our regular service time to take part in our worship. Offering our services on Zoom is a valuable outreach to our community which we hope to be able to continue.

Sound:

We are aware of the constant struggles some congregation members have, hearing the service on Sunday mornings. We will be continuing our work in this area, and trying different ideas to ensure good sound quality is provided during all services.

The Tech Support Room team are on the lookout for more volunteers to help us operate the sound system, Zoom and PowerPoint on Sunday mornings. If you would like to join us and help provide this essential support on Sundays, please talk to Brendon or Darren.

Brendon Sparks and Darren Weston
Tech Support Room

Education-- Kids Club

Sherilee Shackleton had offered to continue taking Kids Club during the year until she returned overseas to Doha. She has done a wonderful job in teaching the children over the past two years. Her assistance has been much appreciated and we wished her well for the future as a congregation before Tania and Sherilee spend some time together at Kingston in the snow and other places before she departed the country.

After a considerable amount of prayer for a replacement teacher, our prayers were answered, as Abigail and Genevieve Hare, kindly offered to assist in teaching Kids Club, with Neil at this stage, teaching alternative weeks. We are so grateful for the Hare girls having volunteered to assist. Thank you girls.

But we are still looking for new teachers to assist us.

I asked that the congregation prayerfully consider assisting with Kids Club were possible this year, as this would help take pressure off those teaching and help "YOU", to get to know the children better.

Remember we are all in this together. So please pray about it and if you feel you are being called, please talk to Tania or Neil. Every little bit will help.

Anne Donaldson has stepped down as kids club convenor and Neil has stepped into this position in the meantime.

You will also remember the children's play at Christmas with the masks each child held up as the story was told. It was so good to see some of the younger children taking part for the first time. It was lovely to see them stepping out in confidence which I know the congregation really appreciated.

Worship

Earlier in the year it was with great sadness that Saint John's cooperating parish in Bluff, decided not to continue worshipping.

This was a Parish Committee decision and unfortunately leaves a vacuum for those who worshiped there.

But it was a decision they had made, and we can only pray they are still receiving spiritual strength and fellowship from our Lord amongst themselves, and we pray God's blessings upon them.

But all a brighter note, we welcome into our congregation Bradley Appollis, his wife Genine and children, Jayden, Blake and Braden. They have moved to Invercargill from Warkworth, where Bradley has taken up a position at Tiwai smelter. Bradley is a practicing lay preacher and is continuing his studies. So expect to hear more of his charismatic sermons which we look forward to.

So, we welcome him and his family to our congregation and ask God's blessings upon them all.

It is good to see Nicol Macfarlane back on his feet after his hip operation and back behind the pulpit. He is also preaching at Riverton on occasions.

Chris Powley is taking services at Lindisfarne and Cargill Court which is a blessing to them.

Tania is preaching at Lindisfarne and Vickery Court which she enjoys immensely.

And not forgetting Evelyn Cruickshank, Joan Farley, Heather Kelly and myself Neil Salter who all play a vital part of your preaching team.

So Please Pray and Support YOUR Preaching team.
Thank you team for all your hard work.

Preachers, Worship and education Convener,
Neil Salter.

LINDISFARNE METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL REPORT 2022 – 2023

This is the Group's 17th Annual Report which meets once a month on the 1st Thursday.

07th July – Meeting was held at Dorothy King's home where members talked about books they recently read. It was also decided to donate \$200.00 to the Charity Hospital and \$100.00 to the Hawthorndale Care Village.

14th August – A short meeting was held at 11.30 am on Sunday after Church. There was a unanimous approval of members to disaffiliate from the New Zealand Methodist Women's Fellowship and that no more money will be paid to National.

This group will be called METHODIST FRIENDSHIP GROUP in future and a new bank account will be opened.

01st September – We had a nice social afternoon together.

NCW Report – Betty, Mags and Dorothy attended, 'meeting the lady candidates' at the Ascot Hotel. A very interesting evening.

METHODIST FRIENDSHIP GROUP

This group meets on the first Thursday of each month in a Café for a coffee and friendship.

06th October – Tania spoke about her life both here in New Zealand and in South Africa.

04th November – we had a combined meeting with the LEGS ladies to make Christmas cards.

01st December – A nice social afternoon enjoyed by all. MYPLC – Betty and Mags attended their year-end graduation and was amazed at how well these girls were doing. A nice morning tea followed and later we went to have a look at the renovations taking place in their building.

02nd February – Group enjoyed getting back together and sharing their Christmas stories which was most interesting.

02nd March – A social afternoon enjoyed by all. MYPLC – Betty going to deliver lots of knitting.

Tuesday Prayer Hour

For now, we are small in number – "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (MATTHEW 18:20)

Our time together has a personal touch as we pray for those with ill health, challenges in their lives and the general well-being of our Congregation. We pray for those beyond our walls, who have lost touch with Church.

All are welcome to join us.

Evelyn Cruickshank

Combined Synod Christchurch 24-25 March 2023.

Tania and I flew to Christchurch to attend this combined synod meeting. On the Friday the 3 South Island Synods got to know each other. Starting with Nelson/Marlborough we heard of what these parishes - many Union Churches - are doing especially since Covid lockdowns. Most have an older congregation but they still are vibrant working in the community. Central South Island spoke as one and all have moved past earthquake repairs and Covid. David spoke for the Dunedin churches of the Otago/Southland

area, Elaine and Ross from Mosgiel spoke of their area, I spoke for Invercargill saying how welcoming the church is, about all the music in the services and the brown paper bags in the community. Alexandra and Clyde also had a speaker.

Saturday we had workshops. I attended Property and then Stationing. Tania went to Finance and Synod Nominations. We then heard about the amalgamation of the three synods, how it would work before we voted to become one synod. The next vote was for the new Superintendent and the Rev Dale Peach will be that person, starting in February 2024. Fellowship continued after dinner.

Church was back at Christchurch North and then it was time for Tania and me to fly back home happy with feeling that the South Island Methodist Synod is going well. I look forward to a return trip to Christchurch in late January 2024 to represent the Parish at the induction of the new Superintendent.

Barbara Richardson
Parish Steward

Lindisfarne Book Club

We try to meet fortnightly depending on other commitments within our group.

As well as sharing our reflections on a modest portion of each book we agreed to read in the past fortnight it has also been a lovely way to interact, get to know one another and share parts of our own stories.

Of course, it is compulsory to start with tea/coffee and scones to stimulate the discussion nodes of our brains!

Book titles have come from suggestions within the group and whilst mainly nonfiction a variety of thought provoking reads have been selected. Books read to date include: "The Choice", "A gentleman in Moscow", "Soul Survivor", "A Painted House", "A change of heart", "Wonder", "What's so amazing about Grace".

We usually take turns at reading short portions from an interesting short story after discussing our set reading. All in all it seems to be very enjoyable and there is no exam!

Chris Powley

Lindisfarne Methodist Church Choir **President's Report 2023**

"Music is the greatest communication in the world. Even if people don't understand the language, they still know good music when they hear it." – Lou Rawls

A big thank you to all our Choir members and to Raewyn Birss and Annette Little for their Leadership of Choir.

Our Christmas presentation on 11th December 2022 was the *"The Treasures of Christmas"* by Terri Hutchinson. Carols sung during this presentation were *"O little Town of Bethlehem, "O Holy Night", "Morning Star" and a "Child of Promise."* A very big thank you to Susanne Staples, Sarah Jenkin (Sops) and Sharron Taylor (alto) for their joining us.

Sing Fest. Our choir took part in this celebration at First Church on the afternoon of the 11th December. - unfortunately because of an outbreak of covid a number of Choirs were not able to take part. However, the afternoon was enjoyable and well attended. Our Caroling for Christmas 2022 was once again cancelled.

It is with regret that a number of our Choir folders have recently "disappeared" from our Library and like last time, to date have not yet been located.

We were sorry to say goodbye to Ann Donaldson from our choir but a big thank you to her for her work over many years as a Choir Librarian & her assisting me with the re- cataloguing of the entire library, was phenomenal.

Olive Ladbrook passed away on July 2nd 2023 - while not in our Lindisfarne choir she was a very loyal member of the Central Choir. Olive took part in many of our musicals including "The Healer," and "Jacob" It was a privilege to speak at Olive's service.

Another past Choir member was **Elaine Guise** who passed away in Napier on July 20th, 2023. Elaine was originally a member of Central, St Marks, and St Peters Choirs and for a while Lindisfarne.

To our Choir members and their partners who have had time out for varying reasons during this past year our prayers and thoughts are with you.

Raewyn Hunt
President
Lindisfarne Methodist Church Choir

Music Team Report to the AGM 2022-23

The music team has been running for over four years now in its current form. We continue to play on the second and fourth Sundays of each month for about 15 minutes before the service, and often during the service too.

This year, rather than learning lots of new songs, we have focused on consolidating our list of around 100 songs and we hope that the congregation is now getting to know these.

Our administrator Laura has been most helpful getting us access to the CCLI database of lyrics and open access songs, and due to this it is also now easier for her to report our song usage to CCLI each week.

Recently the lay preachers have led services on our rostered weeks; it has been wonderful deepening our connections with them and working together to make suitable song selections.

The choir have invited us to play and sing with them on a number of occasions, so we continue to have good synergy, which we enjoy.

In October 2022 we played for the "Jazz Vespers" service, which took us quite far out of our comfort zone but was very well received. The Christmas Eve carol

service was another “special” and we are grateful to Margaret Brass for accommodating us and playing some songs in a different key so we could have the brass instruments playing too.

Music team is blessed with a good number of members for the size of our congregation, but because some have work or family commitments outside Invercargill, we are vulnerable to having too few of us available at times. Disappointingly this meant we were unable to play at the recent midwinter dinner.

We would love to have new members join us, and welcome anyone who wants to attend rehearsal to see how we operate, or to discuss with us how they could fit in.

We hope the congregation continues to enjoy the range of music we play, and above all we wish to praise God and give Him glory.

Sarah Jenkin

Lindisfarne Ladies Evening Group, Report 2023

We have had a better year with an average of twelve members at every meeting. It is a lovely time to be together just enjoying each other's company.

We began the year with Cynthia Smith from the public library/ Richmond Grove.

We had a lively evening talking about our ancestry and funny moments of our past.

Christine Thomas came to tell us about the Youth Transition House and we decided to make donations of useful / practical use for them to use.

Yvonne Officer, a volunteer from victim support, gave us some idea of what they do to support people facing sudden death situations.

We joined with the Thursday fellowship ladies in making the parish Christmas cards.

Heather Robinson from the Hawthorndale Care Village spoke about the new complex being built in Tay Street.

Anne Donaldson got us making candle holders decorated with paua shell.

We enjoyed a Quiz evening on Southland.

Carolyn McDonald

Knitting and Craft Group

A small but keen group meets on two Thursdays each month.

During the year we have knitted beanies, booties, mittens, slippers, wool singlets, and lovely children's knitwear, knitted squares to make baby blankets for car seats and cot blankets in a lovely variety of colours.

We have knitted wool singlets for new babies at Kew hospital, whose mothers from overseas don't realise how cold it is here. Some of these are given to MYPLC murihiku young people's learning centre.

We give knitting for babies and young ones to Jubilee Budget Advisory Services, also to Red Cross for families.

All our knitting has been gratefully received. Any wool would be gratefully received.

Pastoral Care Team

Members - Rev Tania Shackleton, Betty Snell (convenor) Dorothy King, Mags Kelly, Muriel McCulloch, Jo Templeton, Judith Stevens, Noeline Szabo and Robyn Powley.

We maintain the pastoral lists adding and sadly deleting names. We visit in particular those who are unwell or less mobile than others.

We also have a visiting roster for each month. We cook meals and soup and deliver them when needed and put some in the deep freeze.

We organise and cater for mid-week communion service and lunch.

For visitors to Sunday Services, we prepare welcome bags with information about our church and Invercargill along with a small gift.

Leaving a legacy to our Parish

Once you have made provision for your loved ones, please prayerfully consider making a lasting gift to our Church. A gift in your Will is one of the most valuable and lasting ways you can continue to support its mission and its ministry and help transform its future.

Here at Lindisfarne Methodist Church, we promise to use your gift to make a difference in our parish. Our policy is to use money received from legacies to help fund significant development projects in the parish, whether buildings, equipment or people.

If you want to talk this through in more detail, please contact our Parish Treasurer, David Little, in confidence via the Parish Office.

No matter how large or small, your gift can make a significant and lasting impact.





