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## JOURNEY IN HOLINESS

*Greetings St Barnabas Family*

**'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'** This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: **'Love your neighbour as yourself.'** (Matthew 22:37-39.)

Our way of life - loving God and loving others - could be called a 'Journey in Holiness'. I have named the Lent Studies that (our focus is on the 7 deadly sins, and 7 heavenly virtues). I wondered about calling it a 'Journey to Holiness', but that suggested that holiness was a destination. Perhaps holiness is a destination, but it is also a process and a way of living that grows holiness within us and demonstrates holiness to those around us. The word 'in' suggests that holiness is already present, within us and around us, and we journey in that, going deeper in relationship with God and with others on the way. Our Journey in Holiness will continue beyond Lent, following where God leads us.

Since arriving at St Barnabas in September 2019, I have been learning about the parish and who is who and how this wonderful community operates. It is a privilege to be here, and I am enjoying meeting with you as I work through the parish list arranging visits and many cups of tea/water/coffee/wine (depending on the occasion and the time of day!). There are many strengths in this parish and I am very impressed with the hospitality, the commitment to music and liturgy, the way you care for one another and the way you



*The Reverend Cath Growcott*

take responsibility for your roles in the parish (agreeing to do something and actually doing it!). I hope that together we can continue to strengthen these.

Highlights since September have included - having Bishop Ellie with us, going with Ben to Ohakune for Synod, Community Carols led wonderfully by Steph and Mark, Christmas Mass (midnight and Christmas Day) including Christmas Lunch, two weddings in January and preparing for four more, the retreat weekend to Hiruharama and so many more.

For 2020, I hope to:

- encourage vestry to continue their great work in leading this parish so well;
- continue with pastoral visiting and praying with people;
- work with others in the parish to coordinate pastoral care, so that it can continue to be a strength of our community;

- support our children's ministry leader as she begins her role, and encourage the children on to youth group at All Saints when they are old enough
- encourage discipleship within the parish – moving from the Lent study to something further after Easter. Encourage newer members of the parish to be part of

this, to go deeper with God, and grow relationships with others in the parish.

- encourage all in the parish to continue to use their gifts and talents in and outside our community.

In our Eastern Suburbs Church cluster (led by Mark Johnson from St Thomas' Newtown) this term we are working on strengths, weaknesses,

opportunities and threats, in the context of our own mission units/parishes. I look forward to thinking and praying about those things for our St Barnabas community.

With love and blessings, as we continue our journey in holiness,

Rev Cath



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORTS

### PEOPLE'S WARDEN'S ANNUAL REPORT

The 2019 year began very positively with the St Barnabas Parish Meeting. A day set aside to set parish goals. From the goals a Parish Profile was developed. The Profile guided the publication of an updated advertisement for a new parish priest.

The monthly publication of the Parish Bulletin by Cathy Downes has so much improved the communication within the Parish, and is hugely popular.

Father David Tannock took responsibility for the pastoral leadership at St Barnabas from May until August, while we were without a priest. The leadership for services was also shared between Father Derek Lightbourne, Pippa Christmas and Michael Doherty.

In June a Parish Retreat Day, led by Joy Cowley, entitled "The Potter and the Clay" was held.

St Barnabas parishioners were heavily involved in the planning of the Anglo Catholic Hui in August. Hosting meals, participating in the choir and offering hospitality to visi-

tors helped make the event a real success.

August was devoted to the process of selecting a new priest. In early September it was a delight to have the Rev Cath Growcott installed as our priest.

Throughout October and November meetings were held to discuss a way forward for Children's Ministry within the Parish. In February, 2020 we were pleased to appoint Olivia Knox, a young woman associated with All Saints, Hataitai to the position of Children's Ministry Leader.

The above is an outline of the "exceptional" milestones that have occurred at St Barnabas over the past year. Below is a list of what happens routinely at St Barnabas on an ongoing basis:

- Weekly Thursday evening Services and meals
- Bi-monthly Vestry meetings
- Choir rehearsals
- The knitting of beanies for the Mission to Seafarers
- Drives to provide food for the City Mission

- The Loved for Life Programme
  - Multiple services held during Easter and Christmas attracting visitors in large numbers
  - Working bees when St Barnabas parishioners join with members of the Korean Letter of Christ Church for work and fellowship
  - Tables of Eight gatherings
  - Community Christmas Carol service and Community Christmas lunch
  - Community Anzac Service
  - Annual Visit to "Jerusalem" on the Whanganui River
  - The spectacular after service morning teas and occasional lunches
- You may be able to think of others.....Thank you to all who work so hard to ensure our community thrives!

Ann Coffey

People's Warden



## DIRECTOR OF MUSIC'S REPORT

Firstly as ever a huge thanks to our loyal and devoted band of choir members particularly for their contributions during the busy time of Holy Week and Christmas.

Their presence each week hugely enhances our worship and we would be the poorer without them.

I also thank them for their graciousness in allowing our various guests over the year to join us and I know that our visitors all say how welcome they feel and how much they enjoy being with us.

I would like to acknowledge the huge debt I owe to John for deciphering and type-setting all my assorted scribblings each week as **needed. Thank you and I don't** know how you do it as I can barely read them myself.

It is also a great blessing and relief to have had Annette and now Cath who both value and enjoy the significant importance that

music plays in St. B's worship, and I thank them for their support and vocal contributions.

Last but not least a huge thank you to the congregation who without doubt produce the finest singing to be found in Wellington on a Sunday morning. Your openness and willingness to explore new repertoire and to indulge me in my assorted scribblings is not something that every congregation would do and I hope to provide some new settings in the not too distant future...

Looking to the future I am hopeful that we will recruit some more members to the Choir and it has been especially wonderful to have young Nate join us and hopefully we might get to hear him on the organ sometime later in the year too.

This has mercifully been a better year for our mighty ever-ageing Allen organ but it will not last forever and is already past its expected use-by



date .....

We are very blessed to have members able to step in in my absence and I thank Michael, Christina, Thomas and David in particular for so ably leading and look forward to and thank Judy Dumbleton for helping us out in the future.

Lastly I cannot imagine a more loving and caring church family than **the one I am blessed with at ST B's** and you can sing too and bake up a storm ....

Love and God Bless, Mark.

## PROPERTY REPORT

After a very busy 2018 in the property portfolio for St Barnabas, 2019 seemed to be have been relatively pedestrian. We had issues with the heating towards the end of the year thanks largely to rodent residents of the hill. While the heating unit has been fixed we are still seeking a long term solution to the cause. This will include a combination of physical barriers and life shortening paraphernalia.

Congratulations to the St Barnabas community on your perfor-

mance in the fire drill recently and thanks to Michael for facilitating it. There is an ever increasing need for the community to meet health and safety requirements that are part of the diocesan policy and process manual. While this may seem onerous to some and box ticking to others it is important for us to keep our community, visitors and contractors safe! We appreciate your support is identifying issues and bringing maintenance matters to our attention.

Apart from the need for background maintenance on the church, lounge and vicarage to preserve the assets the main issue looming in the building portfolio is the vicarage driveway and retaining wall supporting it along the fence line. We will advise when we have a costed plan in place and appreciate your support and patience as we get this work done.

Blessing  
Mark Williams.



## LENT FOOD COLLECTION

Throughout the season of Lent we will be collecting food for the Wellington City Mission to assemble Christmas food boxes for those in need. Can you help please? Collection boxes will be

placed in the church Narthex. Tinned vegetables and fruit, pasta, toiletries etc. would be very welcome. Please direct any questions to Janet Brown ( 022 1761633 ) or Jane Hill ( 027 9797732.) Thank you.

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# TREASURER'S REPORT

From a financial point of view, 2019 was a very satisfactory year at St Barnabas. With the roof expenditure of 2018 behind us and no priest in charge for some of the time, we were able to build up cash reserves.

There are many people at St Barnabas who give generously and sacrificially and it has been great to have new people sign up to give regularly. If you want to set up a regular payment the bank details are on the weekly bulletin.

The 2019 Statement of Financial Performance (showing the difference between what was given or earned and the expenses we incurred), for the first time in my memory we obtained a surplus after depreciation.

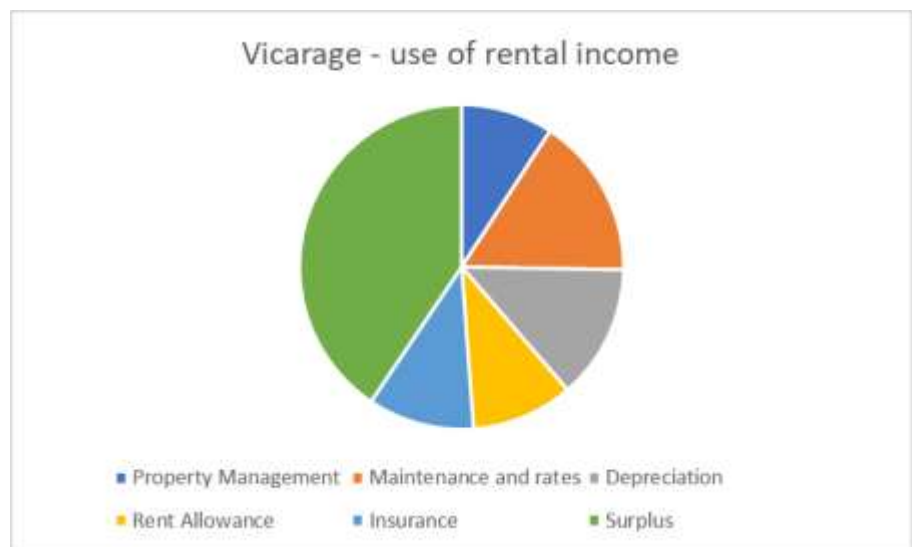
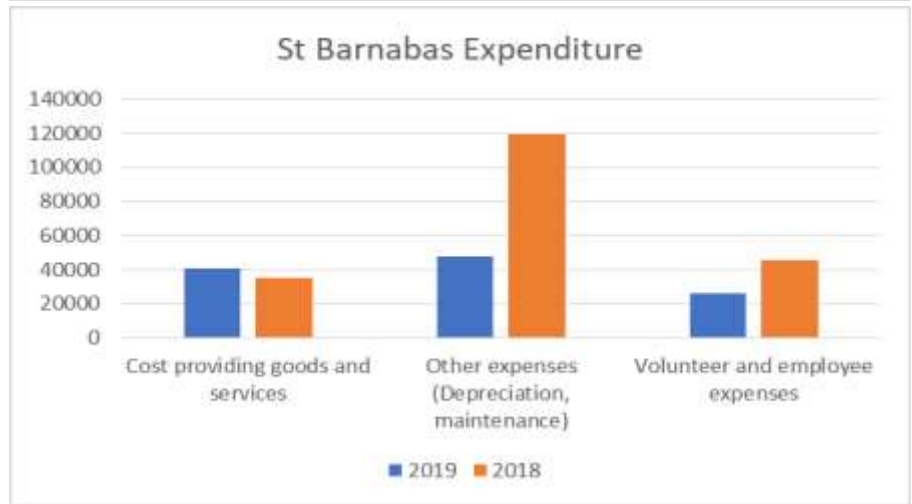
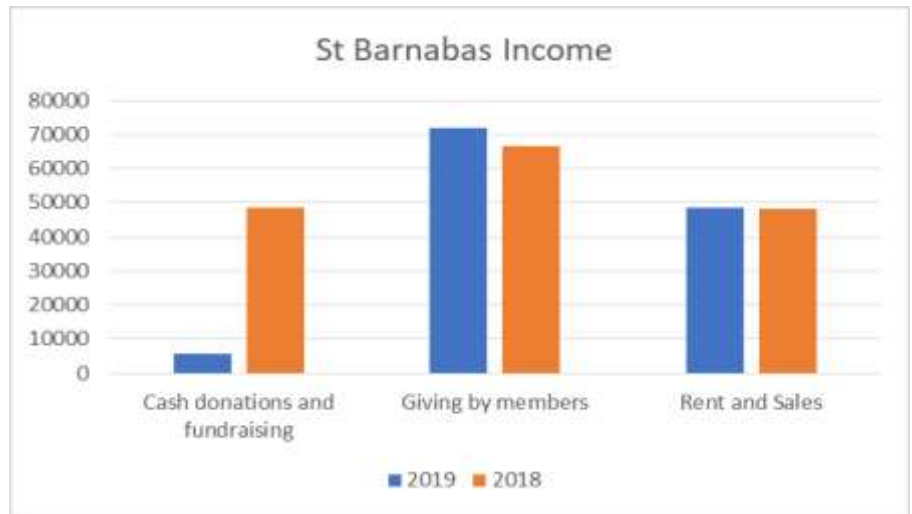
In terms of Parish's Balance sheet, (the resources at St. Barnabas' disposal and any debts it has), the biggest resource we have are the land and buildings which were revalued in 2006. We are awaiting direction from the Diocese as to when these should be revalued, but even at 2006 values they are extremely valuable.

Cash is the next most significant resource. The \$20,000 Maintenance is set aside for major projects such as work on the driveway. The non-profit organisation account contains monies bequested to St Barnabas and will be used when a significant project comes along. Since year end Vestry has put \$40,000 on term deposit.

The Vicarage is one of the resources that contributes a surplus for general use but there are certain expenses which have first call on the funds.

Special thanks to John Fulton for his tireless work as recorder and banker of Sunday takings. Thanks to Ann Loveridge who steps into the breach when John and I are away.

Please feel free to ask me any questions you have regarding the



finances or the financial statements. I can be contacted at: J.D.Heslop@Massey.ac.nz or phone me during the day 04 979 3486.

The full financial statements are available at the AGM and these are

also provided to the Diocesan Office under Schedule B.

James Heslop



# LENTEN STUDIES 2020 JOURNEY IN HOLINESS

**FORGIVENESS/COMPASSION**  
**FAITHFULNESS/CHASTITY**  
**ADMIRATION**  
**ABSTINENCE**  
**GENEROSITY**  
**HUMILITY**  
**ZEAL**

Come on a journey towards Holiness this Lent, a journey to turn the seven deadly sins towards the seven heavenly virtues.

Each Wednesday evening 6:00PM for 6:30PM in Lent (04, 11, 18, 25 March and 01 April) come and join in this year's Lent Studies in the Parish Hall.

Each week, led by the Rev. Cath, we will look at 1-2 of the sins and virtues, take in some ancient and modern theological perspectives, share our personal stories and thoughts about what each means in our lives, and what we can do to journey away from each sin and journey towards each virtue.

**ANGER**  
**LUST**  
**GLUTTONY**  
**SLOTH**  
**TANTALIZATION**  
**ENVY**  
**PRIDE**

We will start each week's studies with a supplied pot luck meal and each study will be completed by 8:00PM.

## THE SAD PASSING OF FATHER DES — SHARE YOUR STORIES

It was with great sadness that the news came out that Father Des Britten has died. While he is remembered for his years of dedicated service to the Wellington City Mission, for many here in the Parish, he was also our Parish Priest. I know there are many stories that you will want to share about him. For next month's edi-

tion of the Bulletin, I would like to feature these stories. Please consider writing even a few sentences and sending them to me, ([gwytherstick@gmail.com](mailto:gwytherstick@gmail.com)) so that we can all join in remembering his joy of life, his delightfully naughty humour, his parable sermons, the way he connected with us and swept us up in his energy and enthusiasm.



# A HAPPY WEDDING DAY FOR DAVID AND KAT!



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## REMEMBER THESE DATES

### SERVICES

Sunday Masses 08:30AM/10:00AM

### SPECIAL SERVICES

05 April – Palm Sunday 08:30/10:00AM  
 09 April – Maundy Thursday Mass 7:30PM  
 10 April – Good Friday Mass 12:00PM Midday  
 11 April – Easter Vigil Mass 7:30PM  
 12 April – Easter Day Mass 08:30AM/10:00AM

### SAINTS/FEAST DAYS

19 March – St Joseph of Nazareth  
 24 March – Gabriel, Archangel  
 25 March – Annunciation of Our Saviour to the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass



*The Temptation of Christ  
 Ary Scheffer 1795-1858*

## PREPARATIONS FOR EASTER

### CHURCH CLEANING—9:00AM SATURDAY 11 APRIL

**"M" to 007: "Bond, bring your broom, your Aston Martin Mops, your Detergent-loaded Walther PPK, your Diamonds are Forever Dust-clothes, we have a church to clean! Volunteers are needed to spruce up the Church for Easter Day.**



### FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH

Donations are needed to help our florally-creative team really light up the Church with nature's glory for Easter Day. Please see Ann Coffey as soon as you can so that a great flowers order can be placed.



## KEBLE'S FOURTH ADVENT POEM

*Of the bright things in earth and air,  
 How little can the heart embrace!  
 Soft shades and gleaming lights  
 are there—  
 I know it well, but cannot trace.*

*Mine eye unworthily seems to read  
 One page of Nature's beauteous book:  
 It lies before me, far outspread—  
 I only cast a wishful look.*

*I cannot paint to Memory's eye  
 The scene, the glance, I dearest love—  
 Unchang'd themselves, in me they die,  
 Or faint, or false, their shadows prove.*

*In vain, with dull and tuneless ear,  
 I linger by soft Music's cell,  
 And in my heart of hearts would hear  
 What to her own she deigns to tell.*

*'Tis misty all, but sight and sound—  
 I only know 'tis fair and sweet—  
 'Tis wandering on enchanted ground  
 With dirty brow and tottering feet.*

*But patience! There may come a time  
 When these dull ears shall scan aright  
 Strains, that outring Earth's drowsy  
 chine,  
 As Heaven outshines the taper's light.*

*These eyes, that dazzle now and weak,  
 At glancing motes in sunshine wink,  
 Shall see the King's full glory break  
 Nor from the blissful vision shrink.*

*Till thou art duly trained and taught  
 The concord sweet of Love divine;  
 Then with that inward Music fraught,  
 For ever rise, and sing, and shine.*