

**Howick  
Presbyterian  
Church**

# **The Torch**



**Winter Edition 2021**



### Next Quarterly Communion Service



**Thursday 3 June at 10 am**

**Sunday 13 June  
9.30 am in the sanctuary**

**Monthly Communion Services in the Chapel at 8.45 am**

6 June

4 July

1 August

5 September

Followed by Fellowship Tea in the foyer and

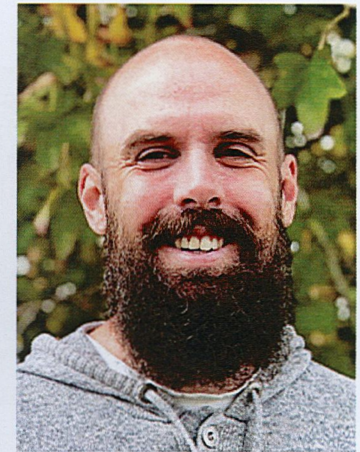
**10 am Café style Family Services** in the Sanctuary

### *Letter from Matt*

One of the highlights of the church calendar this year is Church Camp!

We will be at Totara Springs Matamata from the 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> of August, for a weekend of inspiration, relaxation, fun, and fellowship.

God has a way of using Church Camps to transform people's lives.



There's something about removing ourselves from our usual routines and places, and setting aside a time and a place to seek God with a group of like-minded people. Life gets busy, and routine is important, but the gift of rest, Sabbath, holiday and even pilgrimage is an important spiritual discipline.

Church Camp is an opportunity to take time to seek God together as a church family. To have fun together, to relax together and get to know each other better.

Our theme is "Up to the Mountain." Though we won't actually be doing any hiking, this theme reminds of the ways that people in the bible would often go to high places to seek and hear from God.

My hope and prayer is that this camp will be like a mountain top experience for us. A time and place where we intentionally seek God and discern what God is saying to us as a church. That when we leave camp, we will have a sense of being inspired, refreshed, and refocused on the exciting work God has for us.

I also hope that for many of you it will be a place of rest. The wonderful thing about this camp is that you can take it easy, or you can take part in the many exciting activities that are on offer. There is something for everyone, no matter what your personality type, age, or energy level!

Information for camp has been emailed to everyone, and there are also brochures available at the church.



We need your registrations by the end of June, and your payment by the end of July. We are so thankful to YCDT for helping subsidize the cost for our young people. If you are still finding the cost too tight on your budget, please get in touch with Elizabeth Tremlett and have a chat about some options/possibilities. We don't want anyone to miss out on camp because of cost.

In the meantime, may we all have expectant and open hearts for what we pray will be an inspiring and refreshing time away with God and with each other!

Grace and peace

*Matt*

## *From the Session Clerk*

Well I am back and what a great time we had away in the South Island. Liz & Geoff Foster did an awesome job holding the reins for me and I am incredibly grateful to have had such a wonderful opportunity to rest, recharge my batteries and come back to the Parish refreshed and ready to go again.

While I was away I had plenty of time to think and reflect on things. During my years as a counsellor, one of the things that I would find myself often talking to someone about was what we simply called the 5 ways to well being.



With these things in mind as we travelled I realised just how much it really helped to be taking notice of the world around me at not just the big picture moments (and I must have a 1000 photos of those!!) but the little things like a black South Island Robin hopping along a bush pathway with us as we explored, a bumble bee sitting on a sunflower, a beautiful dahlia perfect in its' creation, a dew drop on a leaf or a dragon fly pausing for a moment, Tiaki, the whale, flipping his tail as he headed for the deep ocean again.







Time and again these were my God moments! I realised that I don't make time to notice the little things as often as I should. Connecting was also important – we weren't in isolation alone in our van all the time as we travelled. We interacted with others.

We worshipped in new ways with different people. We renewed friendships and enjoyed family time with some of our closer family.

Being active did not mean we had to climb mountains! But there were

certainly lots of opportunities to walk and explore new places. Learning – well life is full of learning opportunities but it is easy to let those opportunities pass us by. I loved reading some of the signage that we found along the way.

*Dust if you must but there's not much time with rivers to swim and mountains to climb music to hear and books to read and life to lead*

*There is a way that nature speaks, that the land speaks. Most of the time we are simply not patient enough, quiet enough, to pay attention to the story.*

*Linda Hogan*

There were also God reminders all around. Footsteps in the Sand was one such reminder – God was certainly with us at all times and in all places. For once we were quiet enough and still enough and patient enough to really appreciate His constant closeness. I treasure those moments.

May God bless you as you seek to find Him in the everyday things around you.

With Love

*Cherie*

## Girls Brigade



Girls Brigade started off the year with our physical unit. We went on group walks at a variety of parks around East Auckland. We then finished off term 1 with a fun night at Rock Climbing.

*Danielle Smith*





## *Finance Report from Parish Council*

Financial summary for the 10 months ended 30 April 2021.

	Actual YTD	Budget YTD
<u>Income</u>		
Offerings	154,415	143,400
Property income	68,230	69,624
Opportunity shop	13,478	22,000
Other income	19,172	16,057
Total income	255,295	251,081

<u>Expenditure</u>		
Remuneration	107,989	112,617
Property expenses	67,682	102,957
Levies (PCANZ, Presbytery)	16,625	17,333
Other expenses	48,755	55,106
Total expenditure	241,051	288,013
Surplus (deficit)	14,244	(36,932)

### Comments:

Thank offerings of \$27,496 have been received. The budget for the thank offering for the current year was \$18,000. Thank you all for your response to this.

As you will no doubt be aware, most banks are no longer accepting cheques. We appreciate that this will cause concern and inconvenience for many. While this is outside our control, if there is anything we can do to assist or help you make alternative arrangements for payments, please contact me or email [finance@howpres.org.nz](mailto:finance@howpres.org.nz).

Please remember that a tax credit of up to 33% of your donations to HPC is available from IRD. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about how to access this tax credit. Please contact me if you need copies of receipts from previous years.

Property income includes rental from the church house (Vincent St), St Andrews Kindergarten Trust and users of the St Andrew's Church Centre facilities.

Significant budgeted property expenditure on the church house (electrical switchboard and wiring) and the large trees (trimming and removal of deadwood) has not yet been spent but we expect to complete both these projects before the end of this financial year.

If you have any questions about HPC finances/offerings, please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Elizabeth Tremlett*

(021 172 6555 or [elizabethtremlett@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethtremlett@gmail.com))

### *Breakfast Group*

St. Andrews Breakfast group continues to provide happy fellowship with a continental breakfast on the first Saturday morning of the month commencing at 8.am followed by a guest speaker. We appreciate a \$5 donation.

Last month's speaker, Matthew Brajkovic, chair of Howick Residents and Ratepayers, drew a good number of members from our Church family to hear an interesting overview, of the many changes and challenges facing Howick.

We welcome everyone, especially people outside of Church.

Our June 5th speaker is Ailsa Webster talking about her experience with Blue Water Sailing around the South Pacific.

July 3rd speakers are Irene and John McLaren talking on "In Pursuit of Martin Luther".

Our July meeting will be held in the downstairs cafe with Allan and Barry helping me prepare a cooked breakfast. Everyone welcome.

*Val Lott*



## KINGS KIDS REPORT

The year is dashing along at a fast pace and Kings Kids has had an average of ten lovely children coming most weeks, ranging from 3 to 11 years. We have painted pictures of God's creation, things that we really enjoyed in the summer holidays. We have talked about trees - ways in which trees teach us about God and how our lives can be like a strong and beautiful tree – we have decorated the fantastic wooden tree frame we have been given – we have learnt the 'fruits of the spirit' from Galatians.



We have been trying to write a verse into an exercise book each week and have a go at memorising them.

Carol's good idea.

We have celebrated Mother's Day by listening to the story of Hannah and Samuel and making shortbread for our mums, decorating tins and jars and packaging the shortbread up for them.



Last week Val took a great lesson in the new garden and then the children enjoyed thinking how to spend \$300.00 buying good gifts for needy families from Christian World Service.

Apart from our Sunday morning classes, we have had one social activity. Back in the beautiful weather of February we enjoyed 'A Swim and Sausage Nite' at Steph and Matt's pool and Merv and Heather's garden. This was very well attended and great fun. An annual event.

We would love you to come and have a look at our corner of the hall.

Best wishes,

*Heather, Carol, Val, Lepaola and Steph*





2021 has had a great start to the year at Mainly Music! Our preschool music group meets every Tuesday morning at 9.30am in the downstairs café. The sessions are high-energy and lots of fun. We have half an hour of singing, dancing, actions, scarves, props, instruments and lots of laughter and connection.

Our amazing, generous volunteers prepare morning tea for the

children and their caregivers each week as well as providing support during the session. They are very much appreciated and create the unique special character of a Mainly Music experience. Thank you Mary North, Margaret Guyan, Ruth Howe, Retha Kleynhans, Shellie Bell, Liz Foster and Aynsley Ross for your support.

Chérie Moran is doing a wonderful job of overseeing all things Mainly Music through providing support as a volunteer and being a place of contact for all team members and volunteers involved. Thank you Chérie.

Stacey Gwilliam is looking after the administrative side of things, setting up the welcome table each week and looking after enrolments. Thank you Stacey for your work.

This year Alana Basile has joined the team in leading the session. She is working on updating the program to include lyrics videos for parents to refer to during the session. This has been made possible by the purchase of the new Smart TV and stand. An excellent upgrade that is providing a more harmonious experience on the technology side of things both for the team and the parents and children attending.

We are very lucky each week to have Minister, Matt Chapman start the session with his handy guitar. The children and parents love the opportunity to sing and dance to some live music and enjoy the energy Matt brings to the session. Thank you Matt.

If you are ever at the Church on a Tuesday morning, pop in and see all the noise and excitement! We'd love to have you.

*Alana Basile*



## *A warm welcome to Daniel and Hachila Kumar and Kez Shruth*



On Sunday 11th April Kez confirmed her faith in Jesus Christ and became a member of our church. Her parents Daniel and Hachila also publically told us the story of their Christian journey and joined Howick Presbyterian Church. Mom and both daughters then sang to us. The elders came forward to pray blessings with the family. As seen in the photo.

There are others who, having attended Matt's "Belief, Baptism and Belonging" evenings have asked to be members of our church and we welcome these new members too.

We are blessed by this increase in our congregation and for their true faith.

### **God's Power**

By Doreen Gibson

God's power is still available  
To each surrendered heart  
His loving strength is freely given  
To us, to do our part.

So yield your very self to Him  
He will be always true  
He'll walk beside you every day  
And will take care of you.

He will make opportunity  
For you to share His love  
With all you meet on life's highway  
Then make a home above.



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May 2021

Hello everyone,

What an amazing term one at kindy. The children were able to participate in a number of different activities around special events. Some of the things we did:

**Water Safety** – we had a visit from a team member from Drowning Prevention Auckland. This is an educational programme, designed for younger children, that teaches them about being safe in and around water. They got to try on life jackets and learn how they work effectively.

**Easter** – wow! we had some wonderful learning experiences here! In addition to the beautiful stories that we could read about Easter, the children were also able to make their own Easter eggs and baskets from cardboard. We then put in two little real chocolate eggs for each child to enjoy. These were a real hit!

**Korean and Chinese New Year** – we had parents visit the kindy and teach the children about both the Korean and Chinese New Year. The children were able to dress in traditional Chinese and Korean clothing and experience the games, food and cultures. I think they loved eating the food that is made especially for the Chinese New Year.

**Science in a Van** – Emily from Science in a Van visited, bringing with her a range of bubble mixtures to create all sorts of bubbles using different shapes and strengths within the mixture. The children were enthralled with the size of the bubbles, and all got to try dipping the wands and shapes.

Lots of fun in the sandpit burying and finding different items, throwing soft, plastic balls onto the shade sails and watching to see where they would fall off, and creating huge towers using magnetic tiles. One morning, several children built a tower, with another child inside. We made a video and shared it with our families – lots and lots of laughter! The kids also created their own treaty by using tea bags to stain paper and a feather pen.

Our holiday programme at the end of term 1 also provided some cheerful enjoyment with the teachers engaging the children in baking and art-work and some hilarious videos of the kids just having heaps of fun. We have also started taking a small number of children to Mainly Music each week – this helps the children learn different songs and to be part of a wonderful group.

Term 2 sees us being in doors a little more with the weather, but any opportunities that allow the children to be outside are seized upon. The kids love the bikes in particular, and we really do have some possible athletes and gymnasts amongst our kids – they have amazing climbing and swinging skills on our outdoor equipment!

We hope you enjoy the below pictures; they make us smile and we hope they do the same for you.



Blessings

*Janine Leaming*  
 Finance & Operations Manager





## *From the Armchair – May 2021*

In Matthew 7 v7, we read 'Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you.'

My first understanding of this passage related to tangible, material things. However, over the years, I have realised that this passage is not about asking for ordinary things. It has nothing to do with asking or looking for a material possession.

Rather, I have come to believe that it is all about how we react to Jesus' call. If we ask Him to come into our lives, He will come. If we seek after Him we will find Him and if we knock on the door, He will open it and let us in. Traditionally, a church building was never locked. Anyone could enter at any time. In the same way, we can accept Jesus into our lives at any time. We don't even have to book an appointment.

I have also come to believe that once we have accepted Jesus into our lives, we are not alone and can ask for help at any time. Once again, it may not be material help. It may just be a sense that we can cope with the challenges that face us but it is help nevertheless. In a world where to be strong and confident is admired and where to show weakness is frowned upon, where body image is elevated to almost cult-like status, where we are faced with what may seem to be insurmountable health and climate-related issues, having that assurance that all we have to do is ask for help and it will be given to us is very comforting.

Sometimes it can be difficult to ask for help. We may feel that what is bothering us is not really important or that people will be too busy to respond to our request or that the request will be turned down but I have learned the validity of the saying 'nothing ventured, nothing gained'. As far as the passage from Matthew is concerned, taking a chance and accepting Jesus into your life will be worthwhile.

An example of how asking a question can have a very pleasant outcome comes from what a friend told me recently. They were faced with having to move a group of people from a venue in the city to the Ferry building in time for the ferry home. The distance was not far but members of the group were elderly and time was a little short. My friend asked at the desk at the entrance to the venue about public transport to the ferry. To her surprise, the staff chose to drive the group to the ferry so that instead of rushing, they were in plenty of time.

I need to remember that while I may often ask for help, there may be occasions where I am the one who is asked to help. In those situations, I should try to be like the staff at the venue and do more than is expected. That would be the least I could do.

*Ron Galliers*

## *Opportunity Shop*

The Op Shop is open for business again for another year. However with lockdowns its been a stop/go sort of start.

The lockdowns have come to produce large quantities of donations of clothes, kitchen ware, and other bric-a-brac as a result of folk sorting through their wardrobes and cupboards. We sometimes feel a bit overwhelmed on opening the door to the back room where all the sorting and pricing is done!

Fortunately we have two great teams of sorters and pricers that work approximately three hours every Monday and Wednesday morning.

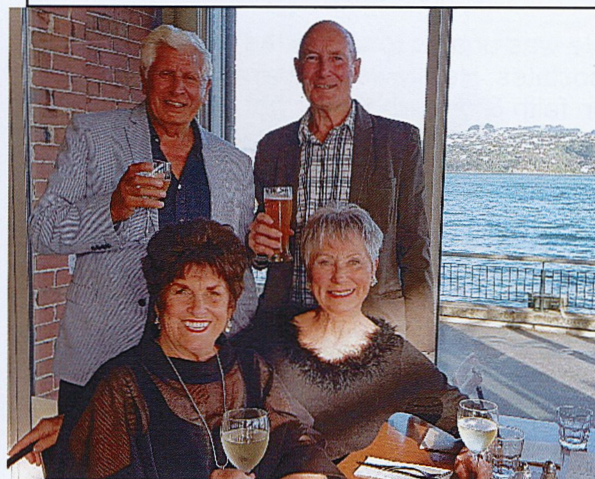
There are a good number of regular customers who know they are on to a good thing by shopping at our Op Shop. New customers are very agreeably surprised at the bargains.

We rely on our large sign on the corner of Ridge Road and Vincent Street and on the flag put out each day at the entrance to the car park to alert people of our presence. Other Op Shops would have more foot traffic.

As required in our Constitution, we are to give 10 % of our profit to worthy organisations in the Otara Area. Covid has also interrupted the distribution of these funds. However the last few have gone to; Rongomai Primary, Mayfield Primary, Launchpad (Bible in Schools) and Interchurch Hospital chaplaincy..

Please tell your friends and neighbours about our shop and ask them to spread the word too. Thank you.

*Margaret Guyan*



**While on a South Island holiday Alan Parker and Val Lott met with Rod and Sue Somerville in Dunedin.**

**The Somerville's were members of St Andrews Church several yeas ago and still visit us on their occasional trips to Howick.**

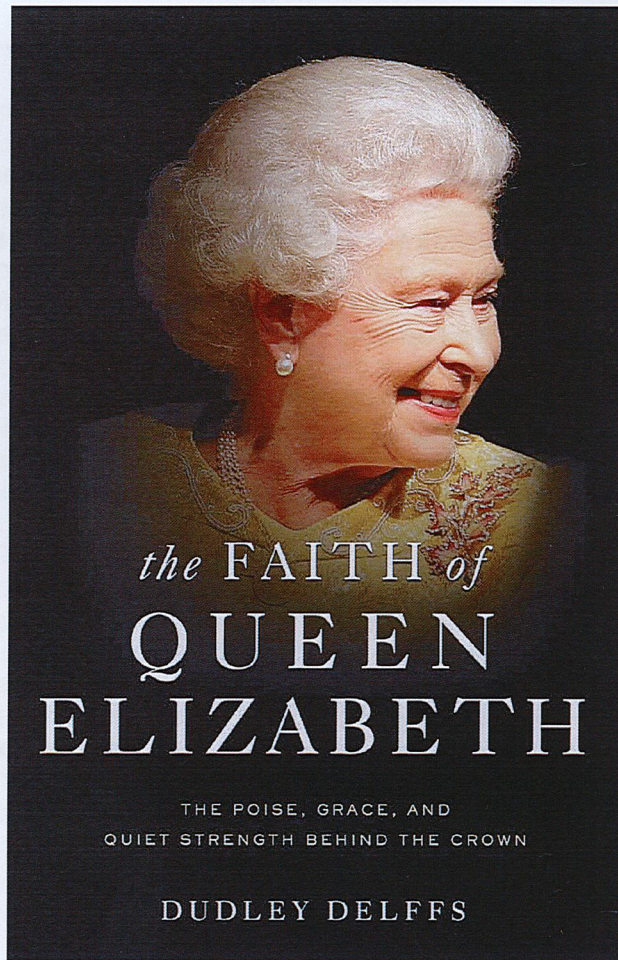


## Book Review

It was a typical damp lunch time in North London. A small, elderly woman entered an old, brick church in Islington. She settled in a pew at the front and took part in the service. It was a commemorative service marking 150 years since the inception of the Scripture Union movement. The lady had arrived by car, a flag flying on the front, had alighted onto the red carpet, been greeted by church officials, and conducted to her seat. She had no official part in the service but entered into every aspect of it. Her face is probably the most recognised in the world and she is Queen Elizabeth, Queen of England. Why was she here at this unimportant service? She is patron of Scripture Union and it holds a special place in her heart.

The book's author, Dudley Delffs, is an American author and English Professor, and has spent much time in England exploring his own Celtic roots. He was unable to talk to the queen but was able to speak to friends and associates. He draws a picture of a woman totally committed to her Christian faith & one who does not hesitate to speak of it in public when appropriate. The Christmas Broadcast always mentions the faith she holds and when she speaks following natural disasters, or tragedies such as accidents she never fails to invoke God's comfort and help to give people strength.

When she was crowned Queen, Elizabeth took on a role of life-long duty to the people of England but also to God. The Coronation Oath include commitment to uphold the laws of God and the true profession of the Gospel, as well as the laws of the land. Since then her life has been



governed by a deep sense of duty to her God and to the people of England and the commonwealth. She views that oath as binding because she vowed it before God.

I found this book enlightening as a look at the heart of a very private woman and her commitment to her saviour. Having read this I feel it is very unlikely that she would abdicate, as this would be breaking her oath. She may continue to step back, as she has been doing but I cannot see her abdicating. Her deep faith has given her great strength to live a life that has had its fair share of bad times, but I love the picture in the book of the Queen of England kneeling each night by her bed to say her prayers.

The Faith of Queen Elizabeth.

By Dudley Delffs.

I don't know if it is in the libraries, but I have seen it at Whitcoulls and I know Manna Books in Cavendish Drive has it.

*Heather Milnes*



Wahoo! You're engaged!\*



..What brilliant news!..

## Congratulations

Sam Archer and Danielle Smith became engaged recently. Danielle's Mom and Dad, Greg and Margaret Smith were delighted to share the happy news!



## *Kailakuri Health Centre, Bangladesh*

In a February 2015 interview, six months before he passed away, Dr. Edric Baker, founder of the Kailakuri Health Care Centre, said: *"If this project does not become almost entirely Bangladeshi in terms of funding and in terms of medical supervision, I will consider that my life has been wasted..... I am sure that there are Bangladeshi doctors who are waiting to find a place like this, but so far they have not found it. Well, we want to find them!"*

Six years later we can see Edric's dream of a Bangladeshi project coming true.

Kailakuri has become a fully registered and government sanctioned Bangladeshi Non-Government Organisation (NGO). Management and administration is being completely carried out by Bangladeshi staff. While Drs. Merindy and Jason Morgenson are home in the USA on furlough, medical oversight is being carried out by a Bangladeshi, Dr. Rishad, who on hearing of the need, volunteered to work at the centre while the Morgensons are away. This is a big breakthrough. In a country where 30% of the population is unable to access medical services, Kailakuri is seen as a beacon of light as a result of which local support is building up.

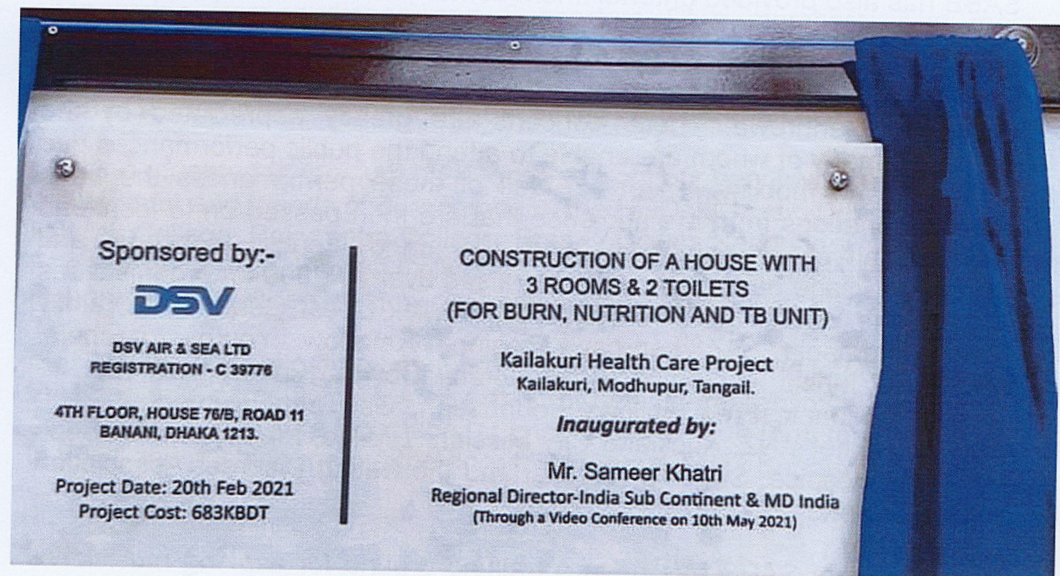
Pacific Pharmaceuticals Ltd., owned by a Bangladeshi family, is donating NZ\$6,000 of medicines per month free of charge. An Islamic bank donates blankets once a year. Groups of students are coming in and weeding the vegetable garden on a regular basis. The BNSB Mymensingh Eye Hospital come a couple of times a year and treat at no cost up to 1,000 locals with sight problems, including cataracts.

This month, one of the old tin sheds in-patient wards which was run down and badly needed repairs has been replaced with a new permanent materials building. This has been completely financed by the Bangladeshi branch of a Danish logistics and transportation company.

Meanwhile the health centre continues on as it always has, providing 'health services for the poor, by the poor'.

Edric's life was not wasted !

*Peter Wilson*





## ST ANDREW'S BIG BAND 2011 - 2021

St Andrew's Big Band (SABB) held their first rehearsal in May 2011 with 18 musicians that had attended or were currently attending High Schools in the Eastern Suburbs of Auckland. Since then the band has grown in size and reputation with membership currently standing at 30 instrumentalists and 2 vocalists who continue to rehearse on Sunday evenings at 7pm in the Sanctuary at St Andrew's Church Centre. The band has built up a very loyal Supporters Club who have followed them to a number of concert venues and events including Harlequin Theatre, Uxbridge Theatre, Howick Little Theatre, All Saints Thursdays at Seven, Howick Midnight Madness, Rafters Music Club, Rainbow's End, Botany Town Centre Community Day and an annual appearance at the Howick Lions Senior Christmas Luncheon. SABB has also enjoyed staging special performances at the Monterey Theatre performing an opening set before the screening of classic movies such as "The Glenn Miller Story", "The Benny Goodman Story", "Rhapsody in Blue", "Meet Me in St Louis" and "The Blues Brothers".

SABB has also provided entertainment at many retirement villages and rest homes in the community including Pakuranga Park Village, Highlands Met-life Village, Dannemora Gardens, Bruce McLaren Retirement Village, Edmund Hillary Retirement Village, Selwyn Heights Village and Elmwood Village in Manurewa. These concerts are greatly appreciated by the residents, many of whom are unable to attend the public performances due to health and mobility reasons. At all of these performances the band collects donations from the audience that are then passed on to local and international charities. Since 2011 the band's public concerts and retirement village performances have raised over \$75,000 for organisations such as the YCDT, SPCA, Red Cross, Howick Coast Guard, The Family Centre Romania, NZ Leprosy Mission, Rainbow Youth, Limapela, Raukauri Music Therapy Centre, Botany Downs Kindergarten, St Andrew's Foodbank, Fred Hollows Foundation, CanTeen, Dementia Auckland, Alzheimer's NZ, Auckland City Mission, Lifeline, Pillars, Cancer Society, Dove Hospice, Starship Hospital and the Eating Disorder Association of New Zealand.

Over the years SABB has been a training ground for aspiring musicians, many of whom have become professional musicians and music teachers. In recent years, some members have also begun to arrange music for the band and this has helped build up our music library that currently sits at over 80 pieces - all of which have been purchased courtesy of



sponsorship from audience and Supporters Club members. The most popular repertoire the band performs comes from the classic big band era of the 1930s and 1940s with artists such as Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Benny Goodman and Glenn Miller becoming cornerstones of every concert.

SABB is indebted to the support it receives from our very loyal audiences, the whanau and friends of our members, the HODs & Music Depts. of Howick College, Pakuranga College, Botany Downs Secondary College, Edgewater College, Selwyn College, Sancta Maria College as well as the Congregation & Elders at Howick Presbyterian Church.

Finally, I would like to thank my parents for encouraging me to pursue music teaching as a career; Zoe & Alex Arthur for helping me retain my youthful appearance, and Clare Robinson for encouraging me to form the band back in 2011 and pushing me out the door to rehearsal every Sunday night.

Ngā Mihi,

*Hamish Arthur*  
St Andrew's Big Band Musical Director



*The Passover Dinner to celebrate the  
Haggadah for Seder*  
27 March 2021



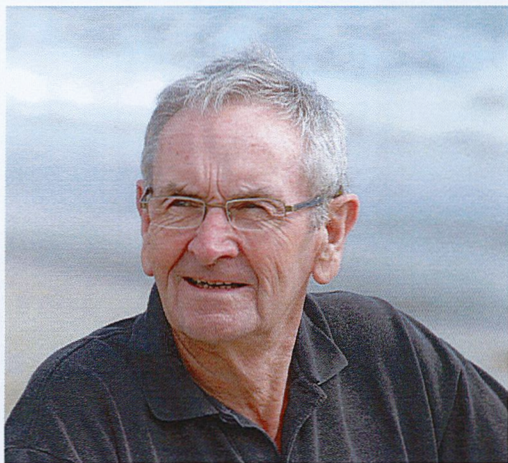
The main table with Robin—the host -and Elizabeth Georgeson and Elizabeth Bennett playing the harp for one of the songs.



The main table with Matt, Robin and Elizabeth and the organiser of the very successful evening, Sophie.Pabbruwe







## David Stewart

David Stewart was born in Bannockburn, Scotland in 1927. His family owned a long-standing joinery business. David served his apprenticeship in the 1940s and later became a master joiner taking over the business in his late 20s. He expanded the business to provide a full range of trades and undertook some very large contracts over many years.

As a young man, David's life was consumed by rugby at the local Stirling

County Rugby Club. He became Captain and played on occasions for Glasgow. He also curled, playing against teams from Canada and USA and reached the quarter-finals of the UK Championships.

David met Ethel in 1953 and a few months later they married. He was well known in the local press whose headlines included "Rugby Player Weds" and "Who will take over now as Stirling's most eligible bachelor".

David and Ethel had 3 sons. One of whom, Robin, died in a tragic accident in 1960. A challenging time, but supported by family and friends they moved on. They had a very close relationship with the Minister of the Allan Church at the time and were active in fund-raising and social events which helped.

They were very keen overseas travellers, holidaying in Europe every year and until eventually buying a villa in Spain in the early 70s. At home, they moved to Dunblane in 1971. Again they developed a large group of friends and became active supporters of Dunblane Cathedral, with whom they have kept in contact throughout.

In 1989, David and Ethel moved to Spain and lived an idyllic lifestyle for 12 years before eventually moving back to UK. That didn't last long though, as in 2001 they decided to move to New Zealand where their son David and his family had been living since the late 80s.

On arrival in New Zealand, they enjoyed a wonderful life with family, travelling around the country, and meeting many new friends at the Howick Presbyterian Church. Ethel volunteered at the Op Shop and David undertook gardening and other tasks for many years. Their involvement in the Church meant so much to them.

In the last few years David saw the arrival of 8 great grandchildren and enjoyed some lovely holidays with 4 generations travelling together.

David was diagnosed with Cancer 3 years ago and given a few months to live. But as usual, his determination and positive thinking just put it to the side and even since Ethel passed away a couple of years ago he stayed strong and fit, walking every day and taking up and loving bowls.

*David Stewart (Son)*

## Launch Pad

Our name - Launchpad comes from the idea that we are giving the children a firm foundation of Godly values from which to launch into life with all its ups and downs.

We have started at Mellons Bay School this term with a full team, of 11 presenters/teachers sharing the Launchpad programme with 262 students from y3-y6. How truly amazing is this, especially when a few days before we started the new team leader was told that a mistake was made another y3 teacher was needed. God surely provided and with the willingness of a teacher to move from y6 to y3, we did it.

We can share every Thursday morning for half an hour wonderful stories about and from the Bible, sing a Waiata [song] have a Karakia [prayer] and make the values in the stories applicable to the present time. How is that for Mission in our community? CEC had to cancel our usual training and anointing day due to Covid restrictions. They have put a lot of time into producing our teacher and pupil workbooks - being paid for by the YCDT. Thank you.

Please keep praying for us as many of you do especially on Thursday mornings at 9 - 9.40 a.m. We need your prayers. Also pray for the staff. Helen Eastabrook as the National School coordinator, BOT, CEO; Geoff Burdon, big and small group Presenters and that churches will be positive and supportive with finances and people.

There is waiting list in the country, for schools willing to have the program, but no volunteers to fill the vacancies. School chaplains are needed too.

If you feel God speaking to become involved, have a talk to Liz Foster, Heather Hoe, Bev Cox, or Bev Riley and I would love an assistant in my class, helping kids with their workbooks. No age restrictions, but you do need a Police vetting certificate valid for 3 years.

*Sophie Pabbruwe and Bev Riley*

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*Ryk and Retha Kleynhans* visited Cape Reinga, Tapotupoti DOC camp in April.



*Ryk and Retha Kleynhans* Matai Bay DOC Camp, Karikari Peninsula, Far North  
We had a lovely trip in our motorhome and discovered beautiful places!





*"The Tomb"  
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