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ANNUAL REPORT

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AGM Agenda

Chair: Grant Bayldon

Scribe: Helen Dallaston

1. Open
2. Adopt minutes from 2015 meeting (Grant)
3. Introduction to Annual Report (Stu)
4. Opportunity for feedback/questions on Annual Report
5. Financial report (Craig)
6. Prayer for our church ()
7. Voting on new Council members:
Vernon Rive (Community Leaders)
Nigel Smith (Community Leaders)
Sarah Heeringa (Management Team)
8. Expression of thanks to those concluding on Council
Helen Dallaston
9. Update on Health and Safety changes (Stu)
10. Membership Minimum age discussion (Stu)
11. Close

Minutes Annual General Meeting 2015

Present: Stu McGregor, Jenny De Leon, Derek McCormack, Kimberley Madden-Snoad, Sheryl Madden, Julianne McElDowney, Craig Drown, Hayley Drown, Ri Weal, Nicola Brehaut, Claude Dewerse, Holly Friis, Duncan Philips, Karen Plimmer, Michael Nonweiler, Joanne Nonweiler, Ross Bedingfield, Hyunsil Bedingfield, Mark Haines, Karen Haines, Nicki Maplesden, Helen Dallaston, Grahame Walker, Vivienne Walker, Craig O'Brien, Kirsten Malcolm, Vincent Heeringa, Saul Parkinson, Michelle Parkinson, Bronwyn Babbage, Sarah O'Brien, Fergus McKinlay, Evelyn Cornes, Mark Laurent, Brenda Laurent, Adee Wood, Alister Kitchen, Helen Bayldon, Nicky Gumbrell, Mark Prins, John Caning, Grant Bayldon

Non Member: Eleanor Harvey, Simon Yule, Rose Bayldon, John Bayldon, Kit Haines

Apologies: Danny & Gwen De Leon, Ian & Sandra Atkins, Sarah Heeringa, Duncan Babbage, Jeannie Cochrane, Chuck Norris, Matt Gumbrell, Juliet Drown

Chair: Grant Bayldon

Grant opened in prayer at 10.20am.

Minutes of 2014 AGM

Moved Grant, seconded Helen Dallaston, that these be accepted as a true and accurate record. - Carried.

We realised no one was taking minutes for 2015, so Ri was co-opted.

Election of Council Members

Grant and Stu explained that we have got out of step with elections, so that everybody will be due to retire at once. To get around this it was moved Stu, seconded someone:

That we that we provide an one off exception to the normal terms of appointment for Council where incumbent Council members are appointed for a term of one year. **Carried**

Nik Brehaut and Sarah O'Brien were appointed scrutineers.

Community Leaders: re-elected for one year: Helen Dallaston, Evelyn Cornes, Karen Plimmer

Newly elected for two years: Holly Friis, Nicki Maplesden, Grahame Walker

Management Team: re-elected for one year: Craig Drown, Saul Parkinson

Newly elected for two years: Claude Dewerse

Management Team Report

Jo Nonweiler stood down during the year and Claude Dewerse was co-opted on.

Saul presented the Financial Report. We have a \$19K surplus for this year, and finally \$10K in the maintenance fund. Previously we were only scraping by, but at current levels we might expect around a \$12K surplus for the next financial year.

Increased income was due to some one-off giving and a temporary rental boost while Sustainable Solutions was a tenant. Building costs were down \$5K as no large maintenance work was done, and staffing costs are down \$12K, largely because Stu is employed at 70%.

Current paid staffing is Stu, Kirsten (ChSp coord - 12 hrs/wk), Hyunsil (admin - 12 hrs) and cleaning (3 hrs). Additionally, in summer Ri did a large amount of tidy-up work to allow Hyunsil to start.

Rental income: ArtSpace has signed for another 2-year lease upstairs; Damaris from ArtSpace has started a 6-month trial of a downstairs room for band practice; we have some downstairs storage tenants and several semi-regular building users (yoga, music teacher, a Filipino church).

Claude presented a building update. We have a maintenance strategy focusing on the roof, painting and high use areas. This is what the \$10K maintenance fund is for.

Earthquake status: the building is earthquake prone. A proper report could cost \$30K, repairs up to \$100K. We have no financial provision for this, but we do have

20 years to reach compliance. The Baptist Union might loan funds but will not offer other financial assistance.

If anyone is aware of repair work that needs done, please let the Management Team know.

If you have experience with the building, or other expertise, and would be willing to give a second opinion or fill in some background, the Management Team would love to hear from you.

We are continuing to explore other ways to generate income from the building, such as maybe allowing ArtSpace to expand into the Xplorers' room.

Vince asked whether previous discussion on possibly converting part of the upstairs space to residential was continuing. This is still being informally discussed though not actively pursued. Auckland Council's new Unitary Plan would make it possible. Our Council would welcome anyone taking this on, but it is beyond their capabilities to follow up at present. Craig Drown has written a report on this; email him for a copy.

Future shape of Children's Space and Youth Leadership

Evelyn explained that the existing cohort structure was put in place to give us some holding time while the focus was on transitioning between ministers, but we have well outgrown the model we are working with. Also, our demographics are changing as more teens will be coming through. Additionally, Kirsten's role as ChSp coordinator will finish at the end of the year (by mutual agreement rather than contract).

Feedback and discussion so far suggests the need for a pastoral role (rather than coordinator) to oversee the new structures we put in place. The person(s) would take more leadership in the spiritual formation of the children and young people, rather than just coordinate. It was acknowledged that this would make a reality what Kirsten (and Helen B) already bring into the role.

The Baptist Union manual sets a non-registered associate pastor's salary at \$74K pa, thus \$37K if half time. We may also

need a further position (say 8 hrs/wk @ \$25 = \$10K) - a total of around \$48K. We currently spend \$12K on this area, leaving \$36K to find, some of which would come from the 30% of a full time pastor's salary that we are not paying Stu. (One of the reasons Stu chose to go part-time was to allow for co-pastoring options).

There was a question whether this would be likely to lighten Stu's load at all. He envisaged some "cross-pollination".

The following motion is intended to give Council direction to explore this more fully and work up a proper proposal. Moved Evelyn, seconded Helen Dallaston:

That Council, in communication with the community, explore the shape of a new pastoral role(s) including hours, budgetary requirements and all manner of other details, and bring these findings to a Special General Meeting, likely mid-October. **Carried.**

BUNZ Fight - Baptist Union Assembly motion re same-sex marriage

Grant as chair emphasised that this is a discussion on how we vote at Assembly, not on same-sex marriage (SSM) per se.

Stu presented the motion we will be asked to agree with at Baptist Assembly:

In light of the Working Party paper, Assembly Council moves:

The Baptist Union of NZ Assembly 2015 continues to uphold the sanctity of the biblical understanding of marriage understood as a lifelong commitment between a man and a woman.

Therefore, The Baptist Union of NZ Assembly 2015 agrees together that we will not conduct same sex marriages or allow our buildings to be used for same.

The issue here is that the Baptist Union (BU) doesn't have authority over churches but is a support body. Congregations are autonomous. As Baptists, we should be given freedom to see things differently from another congregation. The BU is founded by an Act of Parliament which includes 6 articles of faith, plus provision that each church can be self-determining in its application of scripture in its setting.

The BU introduced a definition of marriage 2 years ago at Assembly so there is no need for the first part of

this motion, except to pave the way for the second. This amounts to constitutional change by stealth, since it takes away the congregation's right to apply scripture in its own context - the "agrees together" would be binding on us.

The current issue is SSM, but it could be anything. This seems to be the first time the BU has tried to direct churches. Stu wants to see us protected as Baptists - this motion is not Baptist governance.

For this reason, the motion will almost certainly be amended at Assembly, so we need to give Stu and our other delegates direction in how to vote on our behalf, without tying their hands.

Grant reminded us that when the law was changed, Cityside discussed the potential for conducting a same-sex marriage and decided we were about 80% comfortable with the idea.

Derek noted that the Act allowing SSM contains a clause protecting people from prosecution for refusing to conduct SSM, if this "contravenes the religious beliefs of the religious body" (the BU). Therefore, part of the rationale for the BU motion will be to protect those of its members who do not agree with SSM.

Functionally, both our building and Stu's registration are held by the BU. Not all Baptist ministers are marriage celebrants, but all Baptist celebrants must be registered ministers. One option could be for Stu's registration as a celebrant to be through the registrar general, so he would remain a Baptist minister but his celebrancy role could be endorsed by the Cityside community. Stu pointed out however that he is not compelled by law to marry anyone.

Adee pointed out that the BU doesn't want to be dictated to by the state to perform SSM, but we feel the same way toward the BU's directives to us.

Derek summed this up as "protection yes, restriction no", then drew up a motion for us:

We are against any move by Assembly that restricts the autonomy of the local Baptist Church within the constitution of the Baptist Union of NZ as it currently stands.

Moved Derek, seconded Stu. **Carried.**

Votes of thanks

Helen Dallaston expressed votes of thanks on our behalf to:

- Hyunsil for admin and ChSp admin
- Mark for his work on the website and with ChSp
- Kirsten for ChSp
- Helen Bayldon for EBGBs work
- Dieneke for the Bits
- Children's Space volunteers
- Evelyn for her gifts of time (also spelled L-O-V-E)
- Service curators
- Musos and music curators, especially Adee and Bronwyn
- People on the morning tea rosters
- The various groups that meet - Contemplation & Conversation, Science & Faith, Monastics, Julianne's Centering Prayer
- All those who turn up on Sunday mornings!
- Fergus was presented with special thanks for his time on Community Leaders.

Grant was thanked for chairing the meeting.

Stu closed in prayer and the meeting closed at 12.05pm.

Minister's Report

Stu McGregor

Foundations

Isaiah 40 opens with the proclamation "Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God" and leads into a voice crying to the world from the wilderness, announcing a cataclysmic reordering of everything, a realignment of all things to God and God's goodness. It is a confronting reminder of God to exiles suffering an identity crisis. I suspect questions of 'who they were' and 'what they could be' were ever present but neglected by the need to 'just get on' with life. The chapter finishes with the beautiful words that are all too familiar:

Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

...
those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

It's as powerful as when the first beatitude was spoken on the mountain one famous day early in Jesus' ministry. In the presence of 'those who should know better' Jesus declares that the 'poor in spirit' are the ones who inherit the Kingdom of Heaven.

In both cases the words of Salvation are to those that the established power base considered valueless. This is good. This is very good.

I think an important reason for why any church exists is to be the "voice crying out in the wilderness"; calling people of all kinds toward God through Jesus Christ. It's not arrogance to believe we have something to offer the spirituality of our society, in fact, it's appropriate, because that is what we do (imagine that with a 'Harvey Specter'-esque emphasis).

Questions leading to Dreams

As a minister I think a primary role is for me to speak this 'call toward God' into our faith community. It's both a priestly and prophetic role, calling us to love and worship God and also posing the timeless question Francis Schaeffer asked in the 70s, "How then should we live?"

This question is a challenge to us individually that expresses itself corporately as we work out the answer. As we *form* this group, this body, this *New Emmanuel* (if you will), as we *form* ourselves both as participants in the whole and also as microcosms of the whole, we also *form* our presence in the landscape around us (both physically and metaphorically). So another question can be asked which goes beyond the hackneyed "what makes [Church X] attractive?", but "what makes Cityside significant?" in our surroundings.

As I ponder these questions, the following ideas bubble up to the surface. I want to explore creating public worship spaces, I want to explore how we can interact with local businesses, how we can become active in social justice issues and, of course, how we can speak well into the wider Baptist movement (I write this well aware that this may require better listening too!). I would love to see us continue with campaigning against poverty in New Zealand, advocating for a different kind of discourse in society and wrestling with the ethical dilemma of 'being middle class'. I think it is important that we find another issue that we can apply the same corporate treatment and process to as we did with Marriage Equality. And I also hope for us to maintain our deep care for one another, our openness and warm-heartedness, our acceptance and embrace of difference and the spaciousness for each other to live spirituality 'at our own pace and only as we can'. Both flow from and into each other.

It's my hope that as the "green shoots" we have been speaking of lately emerge, that we might be able to find or reorganise some energy to nurture our dreams and visions.

General observations

There have been some very significant shifts for Cityside in the last 12 months. We are now multi-staff, we have adopted a plan and vision from Kirsten and Helen as to how we can nurture our Children and Youth into the future, we have continued at trajectory of good, quality services with multiple input, we are establishing connection points for our older teen to twenty somethings.

Our building is starting to generate more income where the greater community sees us as a viable venue and we welcome them in— let our walls tell our story.

All in all, I think Cityside is positive and going well. The church is in good heart as shown by the content of the reports we have received, the new members we are welcoming and how newcomers are opting to stick around.

However, some challenges remain. The Governance structure I had proposed last year needs work, we are still down two Council members and we will have to work out how to continue adapting to the constant change of people in our faith community—whether that is through people maturing, coming in afresh or personal shifts in perspective. These are all quite manageable challenges though so I'm not too concerned by them.

Bullet points

Time for some quick fire bullet points then:

HIGHLIGHTS

Visitation and coffees. CafeTwenty Three ought to be giving me discounts by now :) I have had nearly 100 meetings/catchups with Citysiders and many other incidental ones. I enjoy our conversations and look forward to many more—you are such a pleasure to meet with! Thank you!

Advent in Art and the Christmas Eve service. Once again this tradition of ours was a beautiful and thoughtful time with Kate K, Grahame W and Michelle P/EBGBs sharing with us. Nigel's co-ordination of it all was outstanding and our SATB choir were awesome.

Morning tea: I've long thought that how a church chats after a service is an indicator of how well the community is connecting. I love the buzz afterwards. Having said that, I also recognise that this can be the most difficult time of the Sunday morning for some and it's always good for us to make an effort to include those who are on the fringes of conversation.

Danny's coffee cart: So proud of you Danny :) It's been great to watch your dream become a reality.

Serving with outstanding people on Council: The hard work that has gone into the way Cityside provides leadership and process is enormously beneficial. To have inherited a functioning, open and transparent model has made my transition into the role of minister both smooth and supportive. I am grateful for the wisdom that this group shows in working for the best outcomes for us all. I have also felt well cared for and supported with my own personal circumstances. Thank you.

Good Friday and Ash Wednesday services: It was nice to work with Fergus on some quieter and more creative services (always so much to learn after about mixing oil and ash....sigh). But these were great and I hope to provide more services like these in the future.

Easter Partnership with Ponsonby Baptist Church: This was an unexpected surprise as Jody offered her help for Easter. As we talked we realised we could share our resources and looked

at six stations of the cross. This worked remarkably well, both for us as ministers, but also for those who had prepared sermons/reflections being able to use the material at each church. The sharing of our talents was actually quite special. On top of that, it proved to be quite interesting to look at the stations through spoken word. I'm grateful for the many insights that were shared and also for the opportunity to preach on Easter Sunday morning (which is definitely a personal high point).

Hyunsil's administrative magic: Hyunsil deserves accolades for keeping things running on the admin side of things. How she manages to keep on top of so many things is nothing short of a miracle in my mind. Thank you Hyunsil.

Church Camp: I've written elsewhere about how cool this experience was for me, AJ and the church. It was nice to hang out with everyone and relive a bit of lost youth on the waterslides and music videos. It was a lot of fun and I am grateful to Helen B for making it happen.

Our curators: With me needing to pull back a bit, these wonderful people have really stepped up to the mark and have created a consistently high level of services for us. The thoughtfulness and the humility with which they have taken time to shape the services is not lost on me and nor is it lost on visitors who come to our church. Thank you!

Damaris becoming our hiring agent: I enjoy working with Damaris and we're starting to see the building get more use since she was engaged as our "hiring agent". We have her to thank too for the AV gear in the hall and those whopping big cupboards for putting the chairs in. I'm grateful for her integrity and desire to see our community do well.

LOWLIGHTS

Baptist Assembly 2016: To say I was disappointed with the outcome of the resolutions on Same Sex Marriage that were passed at Assembly is an understatement. We knew they were unconstitutional, we told people this and still, 4/5 of our movement voted for them anyway. Really disappointing and draining on emotional resources — for what in the end amounts to nothing. Now that we have a legal opinion from Mai Chen supporting our argument that the resolutions were

unconstitutional, the issue is now prolonged and even more energy will need to be invested by the churches in what should have been done and dusted by now. It's a tragic waste of time, money and resources. I'd love to see Assembly become a forum for trying to address the bigger issues in the world i.e. instead of forming a corporate response to Same Sex Marriage, why not be addressing bicultural concerns in New Zealand, inequality, climate change, denominational decline or even have a robust debate about how much benefit charismatic expressions of faith have been to our spiritual health. (Rant pending!)

I won't be attending this year for personal reasons but I have to say, it's not actually that inspiring.

The impact of my personal circumstances: It's been hard having to put some stuff on the back-burner for a bit while I try and work through things with my family. I often reflect during our benediction about how dreams and visions have been gifted to us, yet . . . life happens and they just seem to be beyond our grasp. It's frustrating to have to just let some things go but alas, we can only do what we can do. I've been frustrated too with how my head capacity has been full and I've not followed up on some things. It will improve of course, but I've got to wade through mud first.

Sickness, death and general sadness among us: I know it's a fact of life, but it still sucks to see what life throws at people. It's such a hard road for many of you and I wish it weren't so. I have a great deal of respect for how our community works together behind the scenes to care for one another. I am also grateful that many of you have allowed me in to share with your journey. Every Friday I light around 30 candles for various prayer needs and people, and I'm often struck with an ironic sense of the weight each flame represents. It's a privilege to be praying for you.

Seeds for the future

The Children and Youth programmes continue to be “second to none” in my opinion and we will continue working hard to integrate the teenagers into the community more.

I still have a concern for the historical treatment of Māori and some of the attitudes from non-Maori towards this. I’ve begun reconnecting with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei and joined the Tamaki Treaty Workers group (thanks to Natasha Hofmans/Allan). Next year I have signed up to an introduction to Te Reo course and if there are others who want to join me, let me know. It is one of the big issues for New Zealand and I would like for us to develop an effectual voice both as a church and as a wider community.

We are maintaining our voice with the wider Baptist movement in the sense of holding the Baptist Union to account on Marriage Equality. This is significant because it is my hope that we can help our movement to talk about the wider and more significant issues outlined above.

Next year I’d like to explore some public worship events around Easter. I’d like to set up a labyrinth in a public space (Mission Bay?) and also do something interesting using the outside of our buildings—Kirsten’s citrus garden is a terrific example where one day passersby may pick some juicy fruit from the trees that are growing there. On Easter Sunday we I dream of having hundreds of helium balloons tied around the building for people to take away. I would like to put a blackboard or some other mechanism outside for anyone to request prayer.

Those are some thoughts at the moment, put into a container that you can put your thoughts into too.

Thanks!

- I am grateful to Council for their support and care for me over this last 6 months especially, for their initiative with Health and Safety policy and procedure (oh my...Claude, Nicki, Simon, Hyunsil and Renée... as well as Kirsten and Helen for their areas, have put in so much time and energy to this—thank you!), for keeping on top of the care for our community and also for the care for our church buildings and spaces.
- I thank Kirsten and Helen for their deep care and mammoth effort to get the new Children/Youth work off the ground, take shape and embed. Thanks also to the many volunteers who assist with this.
- To the curators and contributors to our services: thanks for your dedication, thoughtfulness and hard work that has nourished the community so well this year.
- And Dieneke and Ri for collating the chaos of emails into what we know as Cityside Bits.
- Thanks also to those who provide food for us after services and at other times.
- Thanks to those who wrote to me disagreeing with some things we were doing and still have the grace to chat with me.
- And finally, thank you Hyunsil—thanks for holding so many loose ends together for us.

There’s plenty to be encouraged about at Cityside and my prayer is that we continue to carve out, and step into, our place in this world.

Arohanui

— Stu McGregor

Children and Youth Annual Report, 2016

Kirsten Malcolm

Kahikatea tū i te uru

The kahikatea tree stands in groves – there is strength in being together.

Kahikatea trees are magnificent. They don't usually thrive alone however, because although they are very tall trees they don't have deep roots and so they are vulnerable to storms. They need to grow in groves, where their roots intertwine and form a solid mat under the ground, providing mutual support. Together, they can grow straight and tall into forest giants.

This whakataukī can be a word-picture of the importance of our Cityside church community to all of us, and especially as an environment for nurturing the growth and development of our children and youth.

Why we do what we do

The things we plan for our children and youth at Cityside are designed to deepen connection with God, self and others. We aim for a spiritual formation ethos, where we are giving opportunity and support for children and youth to develop their own relationship with God and God's family at Cityside Baptist Church.

Highlights

This year we launched the new grouping structure that was proposed in 2015, and it seems to have been working well for most of our children and youth. The aim was to have defined yet fuzzy transition stages, different groupings for different purposes, and plenty of overlaps between groupings to promote intergenerational relationship.

Sunday mornings:

Quest and Odyssey (5-13 year olds)

Much, much gratefulness to the C&Y curators who put such a lot of thought and time into preparing Sunday morning sessions: Christina, Hayley, Helen B, Isa, Mark P, Michelle P, Sarah H and Shannon; and also to all the fabulous Citysiders who support as rostered helpers. Recent topic highlights include Narnian themes of forgiveness and choices, 'Life-changing meetings with Jesus', our Lenten gratitude practice and this term's Examen practice. We're presently exploring David Csinos' spiritual styles – how different people connect to God through word, emotion, space/symbol, and action/social justice.

Matrix (13-18 year olds)

Super exciting to be part of our lovely teens' lives and their growth, and for us as Citysiders to get to journey with them and both give to them and receive from them. This couldn't happen as well as it does without Helen B's loving and wise guidance, and all that she does to support this age-group in their lives and spiritual formation, and to help them connect with each other and other Citysiders.

Xplorers (2-5 year olds)

Our challenge with this group is that there are often only 2 or 3 children present on a Sunday. However, we have a keen team of teenage leaders who are very committed to demonstrating that our Under 5s are important to us at Cityside and to building relationship with them, even if there's only one child there. Thank you to Cara, David, Isaac, Jess, John, Michelle B, Mikayla, Rose, and Theo, and also to Caspian and Mitchel who have been training for the moment they turn 14. Thank you also to Evelyn, Esther, Shannon and Jo who have been helping with preparing creative response activities this year since we didn't find a full-time Xplorers facilitator as hoped, and to the other Xplorer parents for your support of your children on Sundays.

Not on Sunday mornings:

Fusion (15 to 20-somethings)

Ali and Adee launched Fusion in April, and this group meets weekly, usually on a Thursday evening. Adee and Ali have organised a variety of Citysiders to share their expertise in topics as diverse as Myers-Briggs and Enneagram, reflective and body spiritual practices, Science and Faith, and Love and Intimacy, as well as a range of social connection events. Ali has been facilitating the gatherings since Adee has been unwell.

Much gratefulness to Adee and Ali for the valuable gift of the container they offer our older teens and 20-somethings week after week, and to everyone else who has been involved in filling that container with fabulousness.

Connect (Year 6 at school upwards)

Connect meets on a Friday several times a term, and is one of my favourite groups of people to hang out with. Highlights the past year have been: camping at Ambury Farm, The Amazing Race involving train rides and running all around Cityside's neighbourhood, making music videos and candles, pool parties, games nights, Solstice up Maungawhau, and a visit to Hogwarts. Gratitude to Mark P who co-leads with me, and to Hayley and all the other people who help out so generously.

Kinetic (Year 1-6 children)

Kinetic has been led by Cara, and it has been great for this group of children to have events organised especially for them by someone they so much admire and love. It's important our children spend time together outside Sunday mornings if they are to develop friendships. That is difficult with our wide-spread community, so what Cara facilitates is very valuable. Much appreciation to the parents who also support the events with transport, supervision, venue provision and pack down help. Event highlights include: pyjama parties and a pool party and visits to Butterfly Creek and Jump.

Waypoint Sunday Evening Services

Waypoint services are twice a term, and have three main aims: to provide an intergenerational meeting point between contemplative and connective aspects of communal worship; to provide an opportunity for our talented teenage musos to develop something of their own to share; and to provide opportunities for Citysiders to share their stories with each other about how they are doing life. I've been enjoying experimenting with service elements, particularly including a meal as part of the service arc.

Huge thanks to everyone whose contributions have gone into Waypoints, and particularly to Mark P, Helen B and Hyunsil who underpin a lot of the organisational load, and to Cara, John, Michelle B and Rose who have been blessing us with their music.

Kia ora

I feel very grateful and privileged to have been appointed with Helen B in February as an Associate Pastor to help facilitate all the above into being, alongside so many wonderful people. I am grateful for being paid for 12 hours per week which means I can focus time and energy that I wouldn't have otherwise to this role – I know that this gift from Citysiders is precious, as is the trust and willingness to be open and vulnerable with our lives as together we seek connection with God, ourselves and each other.

The Children and Youth Planning Team are a powerhouse of wisdom and creative energy: please pray for them and express your gratitude directly to them, as much of what they collectively hold and do may be out of the public eye but it is a vital part of our church community. The C&Y Planning Team are Hayley, Helen B, Hyunsil, Isa, Mark P, Michelle P, Sarah H and Shannon.

Mark P, Helen B and Hyunsil – you are all three of you wonderful and it is a joy to do all this with each of you. Thank you for all the times you notice and see-beneath and take action, so graciously and generously.

Much appreciation to Stu and Council for all their support of things C&Y and me. Your holding of the whole is so important and appreciated.

And to all Citysiders: thank you for every time that you notice and include and connect with a child or youth; you are demonstrating God's love for them and weaving them into our

community of faith. Thank you too for every time that you are open to receive from them what they offer to our community.

An opportunity for us

I would love us to view Sunday morning teas as part of the arc of the service.

We begin our services by gathering all together in the auditorium and worshipping together, intergenerationally. We then usually transition with many people moving to different parts of the building and we continue the service in different rooms in ways suited to different ages and stages – we're not physically in one room together but we're still all part of and doing church. My hope is that morning tea could be a more intentional re-gathering together and an intergenerational book-ending of the service for us all.

I know the transition to a different room can be jarring if you feel established and safe in the auditorium, and that going into the hall is particularly intimidating for newcomers. However, the reasons we usually have morning tea in the hall are important too, and for me they are mainly around being inclusive: the hall is an environment that is more tolerant of a range of activity levels and needs, where younger members of our community have things to do and can be supervised without their parents missing out on interacting with other Citysiders when they may already have felt segregated for much of the service; the people providing the hospitality aren't excluded by being stuck in an unseen room doing dishes; and it gives the people who have been in the auditorium the whole time so far an opportunity for insight into what other Citysiders have been doing because they can see and talk with children and the leaders about the response stations in the hall. If everyone makes the effort to move sometime during the service, either when the C&Y programmes begin or when morning tea begins, it sends the message that all of us are willing to accommodate the needs of others at different points, because we are all important.

So here's my invitation to you...

How might you approach morning tea differently if you saw it as the regathering third-part of the service? Could it be an opportunity to demonstrate our valuing of the

Body of Christ re-gathered together, and an opportunity to connect with, in addition to your usual friends...

- a newcomer or someone you haven't met yet by inviting them to join you as you walk to the hall?
- a child or youth by asking about what they did during the second part of the service?
- a person standing awkwardly alone or doing the dishes by themselves (because we all hate being that person)?

No reira, mā te Atua e manaaki.

May the hospitality of God enfold you.

— Kirsten Malcolm

Matrix Annual Report, 2016

Helen Bayldon

The transition from EBGBs to MATRIX this year has been fun and exciting—with a steady intake of new recruits members and new challenges to rise to.

When our young people turn 13 they are welcome to join Matrix as they feel ready. During our times together we intentionally share and reflect on our experience of 'being church' wherever we have spent the previous hour and a half. The aim is to support and scaffold our youth to continue on their journey following Jesus, to challenge them to own their own faith, and to encourage them as they continue to develop their identities in these, sometimes turbulent, teenage years.

Our younger Matrix (matrices?) can chose to continue to be part of Odyssey, or stay in the auditorium during the service, before we gather below stairs for our Matrix session. Others of our teens work to build relationships by providing vital leadership for Xplorers and assisting with Quest. Many teens are growing in confidence as they participate in our services.

Connect to God, Connect to Self, Connect to Others.
Depth with God, Depth with Self, Depth with Others.
Love God, Love Self, Love Others....

It's what we aim for!

Our year has included (in no particular order) a Lenten gratitude and toothbrushing practice, collective art work, mindful macadamia nuts, pizza lunch on the slopes of Mt Eden,

peeling and grating a bucketful of apples, candle lighting, examen, curating, random acts of kindness, weeding in the rain, washing feet, bible reading, being the Body of Christ, listening to music and sharing our lives in small ways.

A big shout out of thanks to the Matrix youth who are all so fabulous. I love to spend time with you and watch you grow and develop. You are all so unique. It's such a blast!

I am ever grateful to Kirsten who works so tirelessly and thinks so deeply and is so generously creative in her support of Matrix and me. Thanks to Stu who shares his knowledge and encourages me in my fumbblings. Thanks to Grant for endless love and support. And a nod to my Emily, who has had to be so patient and is ever-so-nearly 13!

And to those of you in our community, who are further along on the journey, who look around and notice, and engage, and drive, and feed, and encourage and include, and talk to, and are interested in, and who give time to, and hold on to our amazing youth. I have deep excitement and relief as I realise anew that we are all seen, and held, and loved, by God (who sometimes looks like each other).

— Helen Bayldon

Cityside Financial Report

August 2016

Cityside Baptist Church

Balance Sheet

As at 30 June 2016

Shout outs

- **Hyunsil.** She's beavering away by herself a lot of the time, and she's doing a great job.
- **Givers.** Yes, you lot. It's easy for a financial report to be used as a tool to try and extract a little more. Not this one. Thanks everyone.
- **The underpaid.** Stu, Kirsten, Hyunsil, Helen. Maybe even the cleaner. Money can never repay, and we're making sure it stays that way.
- **The unpaid.** Thanks.
- **The forgotten.** Sorry.

Financial state of the Nation Community

We're in rude health aye! Actually, we're doing OK. There's a couple of pages of numbers attached if you care to look, but here's 3 key points

- We ended with a surplus of \$19,000, same as last year.
- We have \$60,000 set aside for building maintenance. If you look at our bank account and see loadsa cash, think "new roof", not "shopping!"
- The big expense is salaries. The year just finished only had 5 months of Kirsten and Helen working more. Stu has indicated he wants to stay at 70% (was going to drop to 60%). These changes mean that for the current year if income stays the same we will about break even or have a small deficit, rather than making the surplus of the last two years.

Other stuff

It would be nice to be able to spend a bit more on salaries. One person in particular does far more than she's paid for.

Rental income is stable. The Artspace lease has another year to run. Damaris has done a good job of expanding her role to include the band space downstairs and acting as a space rental manager. This is squashing us a little at times when booking clash with our own plans. We need to have a good discussion in the coming year to work out how we prioritise our own use of the space with the good we can do with the extra income from renting the space out.

We almost got through this without mentioning Health and Safety—it's meant some added expenses, but the main cost has been time. Lotsa time.

— Management Team

CAPITAL	This Year	Last Year End
Building equity	1,550,000.00	1,550,000.00
Retained Earnings	135,717.77	136,066.45
Profit and Loss	19,300.16	0.00
	<u>1,705,017.93</u>	<u>1,686,066.45</u>
Plus Current Year Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	19,268.17	19,300.16
TOTAL CAPITAL FUNDS	<u><u>1,724,286.10</u></u>	<u><u>1,705,366.61</u></u>
REPRESENTED BY		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cheque Account	29,795.15	42,473.40
Business First Oncall acc	50,992.15	10,782.10
Term Deposit (BSDS)	12,198.99	11,632.36
Marie Jamieson Trust	1,000.00	1,000.00
Equipment	1,890.64	9,722.60
Furniture & Fixtures	2,465.00	2,465.00
GST Paid	0.00	0.08
GST Holding (to/from IRD)	0.00	263.18
Accounts Receivable	3,376.03	3,047.73
	<u>101,717.96</u>	<u>81,386.45</u>
LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Equipment accumulated depreciation	637.76	9,453.96
Provision for Maintenance	60,000.00	50,000.00
GST Holding (to/from IRD)	228.22	0.00
	<u>60,865.98</u>	<u>59,453.96</u>
NET WORKING CAPITAL	40,851.98	21,932.49
FIXED ASSETS		
Church Property Land (QV)	1,350,000.00	1,350,000.00
Church Property Building (QV)	200,000.00	200,000.00
Building Alterations 2000	12,268.43	12,268.43
Building Alterations 2002-2005	31,822.79	31,822.79
Hall Renovations 2008	8,433.61	8,433.61
Exterior Upgrade 2010	81,492.13	81,492.13
Building accumulated depreciation	(6,519.36)	(6,519.36)
Offices Upgrade 2011	5,936.52	5,936.52
	<u>1,683,434.12</u>	<u>1,683,434.12</u>
NET ASSETS	<u><u>1,724,286.10</u></u>	<u><u>1,705,366.61</u></u>

Cityside Baptist Church
Income and Expenditure Report for Year to Jun:2015/16

	Actual	Budget YTD	% up+ down-	Actual Last Year	% up+ down-
Income					
41000 Offerings	119,109.80	117,996.00	1	110,179	8
43000 Designated Giving	660.00	0.00	-	2,586	-74
46100 Electricity Charged Out	1,221.70	0.00	-	1,065	15
46200 camp income	8,632.35	0.00	-	0	-
48000 Miscellaneous Income	479.78	0.00	-	548	-12
48100 Sale of Non-Capital Items	0.00	0.00	-	35	-100
49100 Rent Income	41,730.49	39,708.00	5	42,637	-2
49999 Unallocated Inc...(for importing)	140.00	0.00	-	400	-65
81000 Interest Income	882.43	0.00	-	909	-3
Total Income	172,856.55	157,704.00	10	158,359	9

Expenses

61010 Service Supplies	935.48	0.00	-	1,128	-17
61020 Hospitality (teas, lunch)	414.95	600.00	-31	608	-32
61030 Hospitality by Pastor	605.30	0.00	-	160	277
61040 Speakers Koha	250.00	240.00	4	100	150
61050 Music Expenses	387.39	0.00	-	287	35
61200 Children's Space Expenses	2,715.59	2,400.00	13	2,232	22
61210 Fusion Expenses	63.29	0.00	-	0	-
61300 Matrix Expenses	426.92	600.00	-29	235	82
61400 Art Installations	0.00	3,600.00	-100	108	-100
61500 Projects & Events	39.97	0.00	-	3,480	-99
61600 Resources (books)	0.00	0.00	-	108	-100
61700 Gifts & Koha	386.96	0.00	-	649	-40
61800 Camp Expenses	8,597.38	0.00	-	0	-
62020 Computer Consumables	510.00	0.00	-	0	-
62025 Depreciation Expense	637.76	0.00	-	0	-
62030 Office & Non-Capital Equipment	343.29	0.00	-	577	-41
62040 Phone & Internet	1,418.56	480.00	196	967	47
62050 Postage & Freight	152.17	0.00	-	148	3
62060 Housekeeping Supplies	604.61	480.00	26	517	17
62070 Print, Stationery, Photocopy	818.52	1,200.00	-32	2,174	-62
62080 Travel & Mileage	0.00	1,440.00	-100	411	-100
62090 General Admin & Miscellaneous	87.92	0.00	-	397	-78
63510 Rates	6,393.06	6,444.00	-1	5,765	11
63520 Electricity	3,376.75	3,600.00	-6	3,332	1
63530 Water	767.18	360.00	113	286	168
63540 Insurance	5,945.47	7,800.00	-24	6,716	-11

Cityside Baptist Church
Income and Expenditure Report for Year to Jun:2015/16

	Actual	Budget YTD	% up+ down-	Actual Last Year	% up+ down-
Expenses					
63560 Security, Safety & Compliance	2,641.77	0.00	-	2,167	22
63570 Cleaning	2,320.57	2,880.00	-19	2,661	-13
63575 Maintenance Accrual	10,000.00	10,008.00	-0	10,000	0
63580 Repairs & Maintenance	3,857.05	3,504.00	10	935	312
65010 Salaries	63,057.39	75,072.00	-16	57,641	9
65020 Housing Allowance	27,927.72	25,008.00	12	24,601	14
65040 Accident Compensation Levy	299.21	480.00	-38	419	-29
65050 KiwiSaver Empl...ont/Tax Credit	1,875.01	1,800.00	4	1,931	-3
65060 Payroll Administration	594.00	0.00	-	524	13
65065 Outsourced Administration	0.00	0.00	-	3,645	-100
65070 Employment Advertising	0.00	0.00	-	165	-100
65080 Professional Development	2,008.27	3,650.00	-45	931	116
66010 Rental Commis...vertising cost	486.27	0.00	-	0	-
66020 Baptist Assembly Expenses	526.08	504.00	4	0	-
66030 Baptist Assoc Fees (BUNZ, ABA)	126.09	0.00	-	0	-
66040 Books and Magazines	30.43	0.00	-	15	103
66230 Designated Expense	1,960.00	0.00	-	3,039	-36
Total Expenses	153,588.38	152,150.00	1	139,058	10
Profit (Loss)	19,268.17	5,554.00	247	19,300	-0

Cityside Annual Reports (General):

Name: Shannon

Citysider for 6 years.

Ways in which being part of Cityside in the past year has enabled my spiritual formation (i.e. helped me to follow Jesus in the world):

C&C, connecting faith with political events (candle lighting for refugees), sermons - particularly Esther's & Graeme's talks at relevant points in my own journey.

Other things I've liked about being part of Cityside this past year:

Children's space including Narnia

What I think we could do better:

Connect better with the 20 something bracket and people from other culture backgrounds/ethnicities.

New stuff I'd like to see us get into:

Not sure about this one. I'd like to see us just keep doing what we're doing but moving it to another level or in a slightly different direction.

Other:

I haven't been as involved this year as in previous years due to life circumstances and a need to 'pull in'. I still consider Cityside as my church home.

Name: Kimberley

Citysider for 17 years.

Ways in which being part of Cityside in the past year has enabled my spiritual formation (i.e. helped me to follow Jesus in the world):

Having a space every week to be with others thinking about God. Being inspired by the faith of others.

Other things I've liked about being part of Cityside this past year:

Great people!! Thought-provoking offerings from the front.

What I think we could do better:

Social events?

Name: Nigel

Citysider for 8 years.

Ways in which being part of Cityside in the past year has enabled my spiritual formation (i.e. helped me to follow Jesus in the world):

Kept reminding me of authentic ways to be faithful, kept giving me hints of the diversity that is out there, kept just being people that are encouraging and inspiring to journey with.

Other things I've liked about being part of Cityside this past year:

Seeing new folks coming along.

What I think we could do better:

Relaxing about who we are ;-)

New stuff I'd like to see us get into:

I don't have a particular thing I'm hankering after - but I am enjoying seeing the beginnings of a fresh generation's exploration of faith amongst us. I look forward to how things continue to emerge.

Other:

I have been more removed from church this year than for a long time. That has been ok in general as its part of a shift that has been necessary from an energy perspective. I still feel connected. I still think Cityside is a great place. Stu, Kirsten and Helen are doing a sterling job!

Name: Jenny DL

Citysider for 10 years.

Other things I've liked about being part of Cityside this past year:

Thoughts, sermons, words of thoughtfulness and insight from each other
Karen's contributions are awe inspiring/humbling
EVERYONE'S contributions are worthwhile, important and engage me.

What I think we could do better:

Nothing to offer here as I like the way CitySide is

New stuff I'd like to see us get into:

Sermons of even deeper, serious'er' theological argument. This may be divisive (?) in which case better not (?) or maybe - take the risk

Name: Michelle Parkinson

Citysider for 15 years.

Ways in which being part of Cityside in the past year has enabled my spiritual formation (i.e. helped me to follow Jesus in the world):

Regular (ish) times to be still, listen, contemplate God and the world and me. Prayer practices. Discussion with others about issues of faith.

Other things I've liked about being part of Cityside this past year:

The people. I say that every year. Citysiders are beautiful. Stu's relaxed, humorous but also deep manner. Children's Space - so cool seeing my kids come home with prayer stuff that they want to use. Thanks Kirsten! I like it when we have discussions in church, especially when our readiness to have discussions surprises guest speakers. That makes me proud - that

we encourage a variety of voices, and give permission for dissent. I really liked joining the (then) EBGBs on their protest march.

What I think we could do better:

Heating and cooling. Depending on the season church can be really uncomfortable. The Christmas Eve service is always Roasting hot (and amazing!). While I'm on the topic of the Christmas Eve service, I LOVE the choir we have, but I also want the opportunity to belt out some carols as well. The last few years I've felt a bit short changed in the carols department. Spread the load. People need to volunteer for stuff. We have a handful of awesomes doing all the awesomeness.

Name: Mark Laurent

Citysider for 18 years.

Ways in which being part of Cityside in the past year has enabled my spiritual formation (i.e. helped me to follow Jesus in the world):

I had a look back through my journal for the last few months & notice that every mention of Cityside is really positive, so that must be a good thing. I really value being part of you guys, having a community of faith that's in no way twee or 'religious', yet deeply committed to knowing God better. Sometimes just 'to be part of...' seems enough.

Other things I've liked about being part of Cityside this past year:

Thank you for using some of my songs as part of worship, both the grown-ups & younger church - that's very affirming, & good to see the stuff out there doing what it's made for. I've really enjoyed being able to contribute to a service now & then, so thanks for the opportunity.

What I think we could do better:

It'd be nice to hear us talk to God more directly. I'm not sure how to explain this exactly, but it might be something like this. I'm sitting in the kitchen at home. Brenda comes in and says, "I wonder if Mark would like a sandwich?", while I'm sitting there all along right beside her. It feels a bit like this is how we express to God sometimes at Cityside.

New stuff I'd like to see us get into:

It might be good to use the space for some more events (I'm thinking music, but I'm sure there are plenty of others) that could invite/draw more people into the Cityside environment & perhaps earn some extra koha along the way.

Other:

Thanks everybody for being there.

Name: Brenda

Citysider for 18 years.

Ways in which being part of Cityside in the past year has enabled my spiritual formation (i.e. helped me to follow Jesus in the world):

Every time I'm at Cityside is a precious chance to think, reflect, be challenged by intelligent people.

Other things I've liked about being part of Cityside this past year:

Getting to know people a bit better, morning teas(!), seeing the children grow and thrive.

What I think we could do better:

Not sure what the best way to deal with this is, but I sometimes think visitors/newcomers may feel we're a bit of a tight-knit family (which we are), and how will they find a place to belong? Needs thinking about.

New stuff I'd like to see us get into:

Also not sure what the answer is to this, but perhaps we need to be a bit more outward looking sometimes. Maybe a project of some sort that connects us to a group in our local community that needs help? A bit vague, sorry.

Name: Helen Dallaston

Citysider for 8 years.

Ways in which being part of Cityside in the past year has enabled my spiritual formation (i.e. helped me to follow Jesus in the world):

Sermons, friendships, honest sharing of struggles and joys, critical analysis of christian response to issues of our time(eg. sexual orientation)

Other things I've liked about being part of Cityside this past year:

People... Camp... seeing younger ones grow/learn/contribute. Honest facing up to difficult stuff.

What I think we could do better:

Keep building links in terms of people and ideas. Ensure all sermons have a practical application(eg. Trinity theology...)

New stuff I'd like to see us get into:

Have some 5 week study groups?

Name: Jordan Friis

Citysider for 2 years.

Ways in which being part of Cityside in the past year has enabled my spiritual formation (i.e. helped me to follow Jesus in the world):

Having a community of people that is available or present each Sunday to be able to come to.

Other things I've liked about being part of Cityside this past year:

The diverse beliefs and practices. The music during communion— good taste, Stu!

What I think we could do better:

make use of music & media more often, e.g soundtracks and video clips

New stuff I'd like to see us get into:

Yoga, Meditation, Climate change, Psychology, Sustainability, Communal living

Name: Jenny Sahng

Citysider for 0.5 years.

Ways in which being part of Cityside in the past year has enabled my spiritual formation (i.e. helped me to follow Jesus in the world):

A comforting, welcoming and non-judgemental space to explore faith indifferent forms

Other things I've liked about being part of Cityside this past year:

Relaxed services, hands on action stations, awesome music, something different each service, heaps of beautiful raw art, warm jokes+banter+ Benediction☺, Social justice focus!

New stuff I'd like to see us get into:

Really just loving it!

Other:

I will be very sad to be leaving at the end of this year when I move to Wellington. I wish I had found Cityside earlier!

Name: Saul

Citysider for 15 years.

Ways in which being part of Cityside in the past year has enabled my spiritual formation (i.e. helped me to follow Jesus in the world):

Can't think of specifics, but many things have been helpful. Thanks Craig D for sharing Liturgist podcasts.

Other things I've liked about being part of Cityside this past year:

CAMP - such a 'shot in the arm' of Cityside goodness! I cherish the community, and I've enjoyed being on council. Have loved seeing the community continue to change. New people, kids growing, new pastors and staff!

Other:

Have missed science and faith (& thanks so much V&S for all your work!) - sorry I haven't had the energy to organise something for the group myself.

Name: Craig O'Brien

Ways in which being part of Cityside in the past year has enabled my spiritual formation (i.e. helped me to follow Jesus in the world):

I have continued to appreciate Stu's presence in our Sunday gatherings. Intelligent conversation and considered disagreement. I have experienced Contemplation and Conversation and found it worthy. Waypoint is fantastic. And we have a candle-lighting ceremony every dinnertime courtesy of Cityside.

Other things I've liked about being part of Cityside this past year:

ChSp continues to be superb, and I think the widened leadership team and new groups are very exciting. Very proud of our stance in the wider Baptist community. Meeting some of the newer people. I loved the tone, words, thought and care expressed in our membership renewal service.

What I think we could do better:

Make Council more attractive / less scary.

New stuff I'd like to see us get into:

Brewing. I think it fits our contemplative facets very well.

Other:

There is nowhere else for me.

Cityside Annual Report Form, 2016

Please write, draw, scribble below, and put in the box at Cityside, or email your responses to admin@cityside.org.nz or [fill out this form here](#) by Wednesday 17th August.

Ways in which being part of Cityside in the past year has enabled my spiritual formation (i.e. helped me to follow Jesus in the world):

The safe container provided at Conversation + Contemplation has been a monthly touchstone for me this year. Discussions with my kids about what they are learning/practising at ChSP helps our family spiritual formation - Ignatian Examen!! The gratitude stones are still well used at our dinner table.

Other things I've liked about being part of Cityside this past year:

Many things - monthly Te Atatu dinners, the Waypoint services, Winter Solstice up Mt Eden, hearing many varied voices through the services. I very much enjoyed being part of the planning + curating of the Membership Renewal service - it was amazing to be up the front and feel the love and goodwill in the room.

What I think we could do better:

- Taking care of each other more intentionally - with busy lives (and less nannies at home these days) it's easy for practical care to fall through the cracks.
- Governance - there are too few on Council holding way too many threads.

New stuff I'd like to see us get into:

• Getting rid of some stuff - there seems to be lots of clutter around. I'm sure I say this every year, but I've been to keep talking about and exploring shared community housing spaces close to/on top of Cityside. Our meeting about this (this?) year was great - thanks Gary D + His K.

Other:

Citysiders are amazing, wonderful, flawed and perfectly imperfect human beings. I'm so grateful to be one among you.

Sarah O'Brien

your name (optional)

I've been a part of Cityside for 22 years (wrikey!)

Cityside Annual Report Form for Kids and Youth 2016

We'd love to know what you think about Cityside and your ideas for making things better! Just answer the questions you want to, and you can choose whether you put your name or not. You can answer with words or pictures. Doodles and cartoons would be great! Your answers will be published in our Annual Report book and shared with all Citysiders.

My name is: Alice O'Brien

I am 12 years old

What have you enjoyed about being part of Cityside this year? What are you grateful for?

I have enjoyed being a part of children's space and joining in the discussions. Also taking part in different fun, new stations scattered around the area. I've also really enjoyed all of the fun Connect sessions. One of my favourites was walking up Mt Eden for the winter solstice.

What at Cityside helps you to feel aware of God?

Joining in discussions and praying as a group helps me feel more aware of God. Also attending Waypoint services and talking with fellow Citysiders. 😊

How does being part of Cityside help you live your life?

I have become more aware of God during my every day life because of church. I have learnt to recognize God in other people and things around me.

What could we do better at Cityside?

The service could start later, say have a shared lunch and then start the service, so we can have a nice, long sleep in.

What's some new stuff you'd like to see us explore at Cityside?

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My name is: Jed O'Brien

I am 9 years old

What have you enjoyed about being part of Cityside this year? What are you grateful for?

I have enjoyed walking up mount eden.
I am grateful that we have an option
to go to children's space (explorers, quest, and odyssey.)

What at Cityside helps you to feel aware of God?

Joining in discussions and
stating my opinion to the group.

How does being part of Cityside help you live your life?

It helps me concentrate on my
school work. It also helps me make
friends and connect with others.

What could we do better at Cityside?

Different activities in children's
space like: Book reading and
Psalms.

What's some new stuff you'd like to see us explore at Cityside?

Tramping and more physical activity's.

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You can answer with words or pictures. Your answers will be published in our Annual Report book and shared with all Citysiders.

My name is: Maive
#5 in a hive

I am 5 years old

What do you like best about being part of Cityside? praying, and

Draw a picture of you doing something at Cityside that helps you feel close to God.



Do you have any ideas for us to do at Cityside?

yes I have
west and spring idea for
and going to kinetic.
wave. going to west

Name: alister

Citysider for 24 years.

Ways in which being part of Cityside in the past year has enabled my spiritual formation (i.e. helped me to follow Jesus in the world):

If I didn't go to Cityside I probably wouldn't go to church.

Other things I've liked about being part of Cityside this past year:

The people, parties, the christmas carol night, advent choir, Yoga make me feel healthier
Doing the fusion group has been great and I enjoy it
I liked sitting around in the sun a few weeks ago after church talking
If camp was this year (and I can't remember if it was or not) I really enjoyed it
Have really appreciated people helping with meals with Adee sick
The Integral sessions

What I think we could do better:

I'm not very good at being rostered for morning tea.

New stuff I'd like to see us get into:

Now that council has, yesterday, approved the Recommended Unitary Plan it is possible to move ahead with investigating community living upstairs which could be interesting

Name: Kirsten

Citysider for 20 years.

Ways in which being part of Cityside in the past year has enabled my spiritual formation (i.e. helped me to follow Jesus in the world):

He tangata, he tangata, he tangata — for me, it's always the people. I am grateful for the vulnerability, depth, realness, thoughtfulness, intentionality and care that Citysiders invest in their faith journeys, and their willingness to share all that with others in our Cityside community.

Other things I've liked about being part of Cityside this past year:

- I have got a lot from the range of curators and voices in the parts of the services I am there for - thank you to everyone putting themselves out there.
- The monthly rhythm of checking in with the regulars at Contemplation and Conversation.
- LOVING Cityside yoga with Rosie T. Never knew I could be a bendy balancy person.
- Camp was awesome and its effects long-reaching. Yay for Camp Mum and her trusty band of camp-creators!

What I think we could do better:

Keep practising awareness of those who are in need or who may feel like Other when among us, and of our responsibility to social justice and outward focus - the transformative presence of Christ in the world.

New stuff I'd like to see us get into:

I'd value another group artwork/discussion series like the Beatitudes and Lord's Prayer, maybe around the 'Love is...' in 1 Corinthians 13? Peaceful garden spot as a gift to passers by?... redevelop the triangle garden space on Mt Eden Road with a comfy bench, bird-attracting or scented plants, maybe a finger labyrinth or simple prayer walk through the plants?
Other:

Name: Chris McKinlay

Citysider for 15 years.

Ways in which being part of Cityside in the past year has enabled my spiritual formation (i.e. helped me to follow Jesus in the world):

Keeping focus and perspective during a busy phase of life; ongoing interaction with monastics and others about contemplative spirituality; really value the variety of contributions in services and honest discussions

Other things I've liked about being part of Cityside this past year:

Great community - couldn't have survived the past few weeks of family ailments without your support. With Michelle and me not driving, it's been nice that our kids are happy to go to church without us and that we can be confident they will be well looked after. Awesome children's programme - LWW brilliant!
Children's music group.
Young adults taking services.
Connect and Kinetic have been great for strengthening friendships.

What I think we could do better:

I'm not sure but I suspect we're still a bit light on pastoral care, and so looking out for people in need should be an important ongoing community focus.

New stuff I'd like to see us get into:

No, keep going

Other:

Thanks Citysiders

Name: Anonymous

Citysider for 6 years.

Ways in which being part of Cityside in the past year has enabled my spiritual formation (i.e. helped me to follow Jesus in the world):

Interestingly, I would not say that I am aiming to follow Jesus in the world. (The bracketed part of this question text) However, I am frequently refreshed on my own spiritual journey by seeing and hearing about the journeys of others. I really appreciate the approach that there is no right answer..

Other things I've liked about being part of Cityside this past year:

I also appreciate the warm community spirit and the culture of participation.

What I think we could do better:

Sometimes I think we celebrate cynicism too much. Let's be honest, but no need to be cynical about everything.

New stuff I'd like to see us get into:

I am happy with the current mix.

Other:

Thanks for the more tidy auditorium and focus on health and safety. It is a good move away from a casual approach to these things. We serve each other well by caring for the physical environment.

Name: Jeannie Cochran

Citysider for 13 years.

Ways in which being part of Cityside in the past year has enabled my spiritual formation (i.e. helped me to follow Jesus in the world):

It continues to be a privilege to me to be part of the inspiring and diverse community that Cityside is. I've appreciated the Sunday services this past year. I have found much to reflect on from the different voices heard and topics presented. I have a feeling that I would only know the depth to which being part of Cityside has enabled my spiritual formation if it were not to be part of my life for a period of time for any reason.

Ways in Which, Things, and Other

Today
And for a time
I am a ship
On an ocean
Somewhere quelque part
Without a port
And the navigator
Is on the deck
Smoking
In the sunshine
I carry cargo
Rich treasures
And spices
And goods
Going somewhere
To a harbour
Pas encore connu
The chart
Was put away
Some time ago
Il y a un peu
The engine room
Is en grève
The crew
Is in the library
There are no passengers
Sauf the captain
Who is
Temporarily redundant
Except for
Conversations infrequentes
On the deck
In the soleil

Un lexique:

quelque part – somewhere
pas encore connu – not yet known
il y a un peu – a little while ago
en grève – on strike (faire la grève – to strike)
passagers – passengers
sauf – except (for)
infrequentes – infrequent
soleil – sun

My name is, my name is Evelyn. I've been part of Cityside for 16 years.

Other things I've liked about being part of Cityside this past year:

I love the relaxed and extended morning tea times with the chance we have to connect with one another. I've also enjoyed being part of the monthly pot luck dinners with other Citysiders from Te Atatu Peninsula (or very close by, as in my case.) I really like having our young people participate in the services in a variety of ways and just having them around as part of our community given they are such a great bunch of youths. And it always puts a smile on my face and joy in my heart when I am welcomed at the door on a Sunday by one or more of our younger members- they do it so well and so genuinely. I very much appreciate Stu's leadership among us and his contribution to our Sunday services. I value the work Hyunsil does in the office- I know from past experience all the work she puts in behind the scenes. And I continue to appreciate the great work Kirsten and Helen do with the children and youth.

What I think we could do better:

Explore ways to be the body of Christ in the midst of our geographical spread. And explore ways in which we can be the body of Christ when so many people find themselves stretched to capacity with work and family commitments, where church life can feel like another task to squeeze into an already overloaded schedule.

Name: Ian

Citysider for 12 years.

Ways in which being part of Cityside in the past year has enabled my spiritual formation (i.e. helped me to follow Jesus in the world):

By allowing expectation-free conversations with others

Other things I've liked about being part of Cityside this past year:

The way we accept each other

What I think we could do better:

Take God seriously, in other words, as being real, and as our creator, and that we are made in God's image.

New stuff I'd like to see us get into:

Not sure

Other:

I have great appreciation for the endless work that Kirsten in particular puts into our younger ones. But also appreciation for council/leadership and their efforts seen or not. And lets not forget Hyunsil - always busy doing highly productive stuff. And Stu—may this year be one of newness for you.

Name: Sandra

Citysider for 12 years.

Ways in which being part of Cityside in the past year has enabled my spiritual formation (i.e. helped me to follow Jesus in the world):

I'm not sure about that. That bothers me.

Other things I've liked about being part of Cityside this past year:

Being graciously given a time to let go of things. Thank you. Having a holding space. Fergus's thoughts on confession recently. Thoughtful, care-full curating.

What I think we could do better:

Sitting with people in hard stuff (staying connected). Even though we value being, we are very good at doing. Hard to get away from, sadly. And even harder to be around when you are dis-abled for awhile.

New stuff I'd like to see us get into:

Ask me again, in another year :)

Other:

I wonder how we could better hold one another prayerfully and would like to see us hold a wait/prayer space more. Our prayer times are often response orientated. I really like them. And I know there is always space to be still in those times. But I also see a value in corporate waiting - to not move on from a moment too quickly, and to be - for a moment- outside the tick of time.

Cityside Annual Reports (Children and Youth (and others) edition):

Name: Seraphine

I am 10 years old.

What have you enjoyed about being part of Cityside this year? What are you grateful for?

I'm grateful for the awesome community

What at Cityside helps you to feel aware of God?

The interactive activities e.g ice cube and grape prayer.

How does being part of Cityside help you live your life?

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What could we do better at Cityside?

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What's some new stuff you'd like to see us explore at Cityside?

Books???

Name: Caspian

I am 13 years old.

What have you enjoyed about being part of Cityside this year? What are you grateful for?

The positive community and the relationships that you build with people. Also all the creative and interesting services that the curating team make.

What at Cityside helps you to feel aware of God?

The diverse ranges of topics for services and interesting sermons and the Matrix group.

How does being part of Cityside help you live your life?

It helps me feel more connected to God and notice that people care about me and want to care and serving other people.

What could we do better at Cityside?

Get people more involved with the service.

What's some new stuff you'd like to see us explore at Cityside?

Different ways to do communion

Name: AJ

I am 12 years old.

What have you enjoyed about being part of Cityside this year? What are you grateful for?

The community has been really good to me, that is what I'm grateful for.

What at Cityside helps you to feel aware of God?

The service

How does being part of Cityside help you live your life?

Its made me happy!

What could we do better at Cityside?

Nothing

What's some new stuff you'd like to see us explore at Cityside?

Nothing

Cityside Annual Report Form for Kids and Youth 2016

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My name is: Mahalia



I am 10 years old

What have you enjoyed about being part of Cityside this year? What are you grateful for?

All the nice people and awesome children space activities

What at Cityside helps you to feel aware of God?

The quiet spaces

How does being part of Cityside help you live your life?

It explains stuff about Life

What could we do better at Cityside?

What's some new stuff you'd like to see us explore at Cityside?

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My name is: Zoe

I am 5 years old

What do you like best about being part of Cityside?

I like doing the things at Quest, like the activities.
I like Kinetic because we do lots of fun things
and we go to lots of fun places.
I like the colouring sheets.

Draw a picture of you doing something at Cityside that helps you feel close to God.

These ^{are} my highs and lows ~~tags~~ tags.



Do you have any ideas for us to do at Cityside?

Sometimes we should have church in the basement
where the people older than Dobby meet [Matrix]
So we could all be closer together because that
room is smaller than the big other one, and also there's
stuff you can play with more than 'cos there's a name

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My name is: Pascale Rive

I am 8 years old

What have you enjoyed about being part of Cityside this year? What are you grateful for?

I am grateful for the people who helped out in the Narnia series and
CAMP!!!!!!!!!!!!

What at Cityside helps you to feel aware of God?

The way that the activity's help us (the kids) connect to God.

How does being part of Cityside help you live your life?

It helps me to no that God is always with me.

What could we do better at Cityside?

New ways to connect to God

What's some new stuff you'd like to see us explore at Cityside?

Nothing (sorry)

Name: Hannah

I am 13 years old.

What have you enjoyed about being part of Cityside this year? What are you grateful for?

I'm grateful for the people. Everyone at Cityside is one big family and everyone is super friendly and supportive. I've enjoy connecting to people and getting to know them better.

What at Cityside helps you to feel aware of God?

I get to learn about God at Kidspace(Odyssey/Matrix?Connect) which helps me to notice God's presence more often.

How does being part of Cityside help you live your life?

It helps me to understand Christ and love others more.

Name: Nico

I am 9 years old.

What have you enjoyed about being part of Cityside this year? What are you grateful for?

Wonderful organisers, such as : Kirsten, Mark and Cara

What at Cityside helps you to feel aware of God?

Little cards they give me with verses or liturgies on them.

How does being part of Cityside help you live your life?

Reminding me of God at hard times.

What could we do better at Cityside?

Make the table tennis available again!!

What's some new stuff you'd like to see us explore at Cityside?

You know how we did Narnia. Well Harry Porter would be pretty cool.

Name: Sophie

I am 11 years old.

What have you enjoyed about being part of Cityside this year? What are you grateful for?

I am grateful for Connect because every time we do fun activities together is feels like we all connect together.

What at Cityside helps you to feel aware of God?

when we do response stations

How does being part of Cityside help you live your life?

For me it feels like I belong in a community that I love

What's some new stuff you'd like to see us explore at Cityside?

Maybe sometimes some of the older - Odyssey kids that want to could organise some services not just Matrix.

Name: Brian

I am 11 years old.

What have you enjoyed about being part of Cityside this year? What are you grateful for?

I have enjoyed Connect and Odyssey and all the work and time put into them.

What at Cityside helps you to feel aware of God?

The way were different from other churches and it isn't as serious.

How does being part of Cityside help you live your life?

What could we do better at Cityside?

Not much.

What's some new stuff you'd like to see us explore at Cityside?

Every things good!

Name: Jess

I am 14 years old.

What have you enjoyed about being part of Cityside this year? What are you grateful for?

I enjoy taking part in the Service and being allowed to have an opinion

What at Cityside helps you to feel aware of God?

The Christ candle and the stations help me feel more aware of God but at the end of the day I feel like its up to us to find our own relationship with God.

How does being part of Cityside help you live your life?

It helps me to realise that there is not only one way to live our christian lives and God may be a different person to some people.

What could we do better at Cityside?

Maybe wifi but we don't come to church to go on our phones so I guess everything is fine and get more evolved with the service eg. talent quest

What's some new stuff you'd like to see us explore at Cityside?

Bungy cords of the ceiling and different ways to evangelise. Fill the baptism pool with dirt and make a mini forest

Name: Elsie

I am 13 years old.

What have you enjoyed about being part of Cityside this year? What are you grateful for?

Craft Stuff

What at Cityside helps you to feel aware of God?

Prayers

How does being part of Cityside help you live your life?

It's relaxed and has purple carpet.

What could we do better at Cityside?

Have bubbles and chocolate at the Easter service.

What's some new stuff you'd like to see us explore at Cityside?

More couches for the auditorium, they are more comfy and encourage different people to sit together.

Name: Anonymous

I am 45 years old.

What have you enjoyed about being part of Cityside this year? What are you grateful for?

the option of filling in a kids form ... many participants of many ages camp ... artistic and creative services ... Narnia! new people and continuing to get to know people who've been around for a while ... youths leading worship

What at Cityside helps you to feel aware of God?

our art on the walls ... our services especially creative stations, music, prayers for others, the Benediction ... the huge amounts of goodwill, inclusiveness, and care for others

How does being part of Cityside help you live your life?

it reassures me that it is ok to think and ask questions, to not know, to have a range of styles and thoughts, and it inspires me to believe in the collective as a way that God shows herself so that as people we need to be in (sometimes messy) relationship to each other

What could we do better at Cityside?

tell stories of hope ... and good news ask God for miracles, healing, guidance (how would we do this?)

What's some new stuff you'd like to see us explore at Cityside?

see above ...